



CRIMINAL Law

AN UNDERSTANDING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE is fundamental to any lawyer's education.

At the University of Virginia, the nation's leading criminal law faculty offer an in-depth array of courses on both the substantive criteria of guilt or innocence and the procedures used in the arrest, prosecution and punishment of offenders.

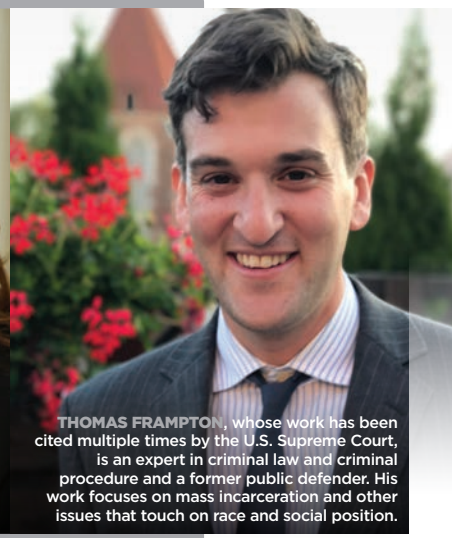
Working under the auspices of the school's Center for Criminal Justice, which serves as a hub for scholarship and activities involving criminal law, the faculty are engaged with research designed to help make a more just society.



PROFESSOR DARRYL BROWN, a former public defender, is the author of "Free Market Criminal Justice: How Democracy and Laissez Faire Undermine the Rule of Law," which focuses on how the U.S. criminal justice system is marked by faith in free markets and the political process.



A former U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT prosecutor focusing on hate crimes and official misconduct, **PROFESSOR RACHEL HARMON'S** work examines policing and its regulation. She is the director of the Law School's Center for Criminal Justice.



THOMAS FRAMPTON, whose work has been cited multiple times by the U.S. Supreme Court, is an expert in criminal law and criminal procedure and a former public defender. His work focuses on mass incarceration and other issues that touch on race and social position.

THE LAW SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTS ITS CURRICULUM with a wide range of extracurricular activities dedicated to criminal law, including a journal devoted to criminal law and an active innocence project.

VIRGINIA STUDENTS DO NOT STUDY CRIMINAL LAW ONLY FROM A DISTANCE. They also enroll in clinics that offer hands-on involvement in juvenile justice, criminal prosecution or defense, and innocence cases.

COLLECTIVELY, THESE EXPERIENCES LEAD VIRGINIA GRADUATES to coveted positions in the U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program, in U.S. attorneys' offices, and in district attorney and defense offices across the country.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Advanced Criminal Law: From Theory to Practice
Advanced Criminal Procedure Seminar
Advanced Issues in Criminal Justice
Advanced Topics in the Law of the Police
Balancing Public Safety and Civil Liberties: Law Enforcement

Policymaking
Computer Crime Law
Criminal Adjudication
Criminal Investigation
Criminal Justice Policy
Criminal Justice Reform Seminar
Criminal Law Simulation
Criminal Procedure Survey
Criminology
Cryptocurrency Regulation
Education Inside U.S.

Prisons
Eighth Amendment
Death Penalty Law
Federal Criminal Law
Beyond U.S. Borders
Federal Criminal Pretrial and Trial Practice
Federal Government Oversight: The Role of the Watchdog
Federal Litigation Practice
Federal Sentencing
Gender-Based

Violence: U.S. Law and Policy
International Trade and Investment
Law and Psychology: Wrongful Convictions Seminar
Law of Corruption
Law of the Police
Legislation and Regulation
National Security, Human Rights and the Courts
Plea Bargaining

Race and Criminal Justice
Rethinking Criminal Justice
Sentencing
Social Science in Law
Trials of the Century: Literary and Legal Representations of Great Criminal Trials
Understanding Police Use of Force: Investigation and Litigation Concepts
White-Collar Investiga-

tions and Corporate Compliance

CLINICS

Civil Rights Clinic
Criminal Defense Clinic
Holistic Juvenile Defense Clinic
Innocence Project Clinic
Prosecution Clinic

These courses represent the 2018-21 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.



THE INNOCENCE PROJECT at UVA Law recently helped free **Rojai Fentress, who served 24 years in prison** from the age of 16 for a crime another man has since confessed to. *“I really can’t say enough about what an incredible experience it was to be a part of,”* said clinic student Grace Powell ’20, who worked on the case.



CLINICS

CIVIL RIGHTS

Students provide relief and legal support to people and communities that have been harmed by the criminalization of poverty and other forms of discrimination or deprivation of rights.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE

The semesterlong Criminal Defense Clinic allows students to represent defendants in criminal cases in local courts under the direct supervision of an experienced local criminal defense attorney.

HOLISTIC JUVENILE DEFENSE

Students represent juvenile clients on delinquency matters, as well as related school discipline and special education matters, in order to help keep youth in their homes, schools and communities with appropriate supports.

INNOCENCE PROJECT

Students in this yearlong clinic investigate three potential wrongful convictions of incarcerated individuals in Virginia. One of the three cases has forensic evidence (usually DNA) that could potentially be

tested, and two are non-DNA cases.

PROSECUTION

In this yearlong clinic, students work with prosecutors to try cases in local jurisdictions. Students explore a range of issues involved in the discharge of a prosecutor’s du-

ties, including the exercise of discretion in the decision to initiate, prosecute, reduce or drop charges; interaction with defense counsel, investigative agencies and law enforcement personnel; and dealing with victims and other witnesses.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW

This student-edited journal is one of only a handful at leading law schools focused on criminal law. The journal, which also sponsors legal symposia and conferences, publishes twice a year.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

This pro bono student organization educates the Law School community about domestic violence and monitors domestic violence-related criminal justice proceedings in local

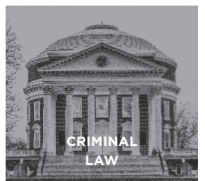
jurisdictions. The project assists the commonwealth’s attorney offices of Charlottesville and of Albemarle County in their prosecution of these cases by interviewing victims of domestic violence.

VIRGINIA INNOCENCE PROJECT PRO BONO CLINIC

Students assist clinic attorneys in evaluating claims of innocence by prisoners in Virginia and assessing the appropriate avenues of legal relief available.

VIRGINIA LAW IN PRISON PROJECT

This student organization sponsors speaking events, pro bono experiences and educational opportunities on correctional practices and policy.



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