

PLACE

Program in Law, Communities and the Environment

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES ARE RARELY SIMPLE. From climate change to local conservation, the challenges of sustainability and long-term environmental health raise complex scientific, ethical, economic and political questions that defy easy answers.

PLACE at UVA empowers students to confront these questions so they can build the practical skills, analytic tools and hands-on experience needed to effect change as environmental leaders in government, business and the not-for-profit sector.

The program combines outstanding legal teaching with opportunities for interdisciplinary study, clinical experience and scholarly inquiry.



Students in the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLINIC, led by PROFESSOR CALE JAFFE '01, recently worked on issues concerning clean energy, climate policy and the Atlantic Coast pipeline.

Interacting with faculty who research and shape the law at the local, regional and global levels, students at UVA Law experience environmental law firsthand as it is practiced today, and study how it can better meet the next generation of challenges.

With a wide range of courses, conferences, student groups and opportunities for independent study, students are part of a vibrant intellectual community that crosses boundaries of academic disciplines and between practice and scholarship.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Clean Water Act: History, Implementation and Enforcement
Climate Change Law and Policy
Conservation Planning and Law

Construction Law
Energy and Environmental Products Trading and Commodities Regulation
Energy Regulation and Policy
Environmental Ethics
Environmental Law
Foundations of Climate Change Law and Policy

International Environmental Law
Land Use Law
Law of Place and Place of Law
Law of Public-Private Partnerships
Modern Real Estate
Natural Resources Law and Policy

Race, Law and the Southern City
State and Local Government Law
Theory/Practice of Biodiversity Conservation
Urban Law and Policy
Urban Legal History
Wildlife Law

CLINIC

Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic

Representing 2018-21 school years.
Not all courses are offered every year.



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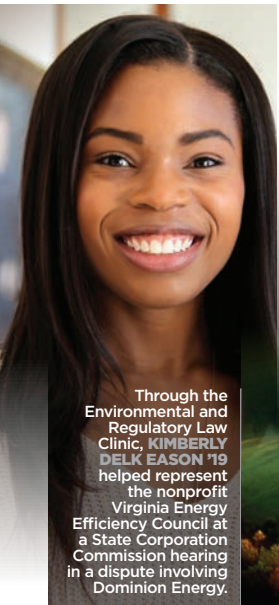
PROFESSOR JONATHAN CANNON leads the Program in Law, Communities and the Environment (PLACE). The author of "Environment in the Balance: The Green Movement and the Supreme Court," Cannon previously served as general counsel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL LIVERMORE is one of the nation's leading experts on regulation and using cost-benefit analysis to evaluate and promote sound environmental policies. He is the co-author of "Retaking Rationality: How Cost-Benefit Analysis Can Better Protect the Environment and Our Health."

PROFESSOR LEON SZEPTYCKI led the Water in the West program at Stanford University, and was a Professor of the Practice at the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment before rejoining the UVA Law faculty in 2019. He previously worked at Trout Unlimited and the Justice Department.

PROFESSOR JASON JOHNSTON is an expert in natural resources law as well as law and economics, and teaches courses on climate change and natural resource law and policy, among others.

PROFESSOR CALE JAFFE '01 directed the Virginia office of the Southern Environmental Law Center before joining the Law School to direct the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic.



Through the Environmental and Regulatory Law Clinic, **KIMBERLY DELK EASON '19** helped represent the nonprofit Virginia Energy Efficiency Council at a State Corporation Commission hearing in a dispute involving Dominion Energy.



NESTLED IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, Charlottesville and surrounding Albemarle County provide a beautiful and uniquely fruitful setting for the study of land use and environmental issues.

UNIVERSITY COURSES

Students may receive Law School credit for related graduate courses offered by other departments and schools in the University, including classes on topics such

as preservation planning, land use policy, ecology, climatology and business-government relations. Students can obtain joint degrees in law and land use planning, business or environmental sciences.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLINIC Students in the clinic represent environmental nonprofits, citizens' groups and other community organizations seeking to protect and restore the environment of

Virginia and other parts of the country. The clinic works closely with lawyers at the Southern Environmental Law Center, a preeminent environmental public interest law firm headquartered in Charlottesville.

Students participate in a range of activities on environmental matters. They comment on administrative rules, participate in permitting proceedings, advocate before state administrative agencies and boards,

and contribute to factual investigations and litigation.



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BEYOND THE CURRICULUM THE LAW SCHOOL'S SUPPORT FOR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW GOES DEEPER THAN COURSE OFFERINGS.

SYMPOSIA Over the past dozen years, the Law School has sponsored national conferences on growth management, nature conservation, environmental contracting, revitalization of contaminated land, transboundary watershed management and climate change. Law students help plan these conferences and edit and publish the papers that emerge from them.

VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL Founded in 1979 and managed and edited by students, the journal is a leader in environmental legal scholarship.

VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FORUM This popular and active student group hosts speakers and networking events, and sponsors law students who participate in environmental moot court and negotiation competitions. The forum, in cooperation with the Law School's Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center, also provides pro bono opportunities to students interested in environmental law.

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