



CLINICAL TRAINING

LAW STUDENTS AT VIRGINIA enjoy an array of clinics and courses that offer a wide range of practical training options.

Virginia's 24 clinics, many of which offer contact with clients, build experience with real-world problems.

Students also advance their skills through courses in public speaking, trial advocacy and professional responsibility, as well as extracurricular moot court and mock trial competitions.

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE PROGRAM

A curricular innovation that is the first of its kind in the country, the Principles and Practice Program teaches students to apply legal theory in real-life situations. The program teams law professors with practitioners, judges and other distinguished professionals to teach courses. The program melds the insights of theory with those of contemporary practice, giving students a more sophisticated and useful understanding of a field than either perspective can yield on its own.

TRIAL ADVOCACY COLLEGE

The Trial Advocacy College is an intensive eight-day experience offered annually between the fall and spring terms. Third-year students are enrolled with participants from some of the nation's best litigation units in an intensive practice program with a faculty comprised of some of the best lawyers and judges in the country. This selective program supplements the 12 sections of trial advocacy offered each academic year.



STUDENTS IN THE ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW CLINIC act as general counsel for startup companies run by MBA students at the Darden School of Business.

Students in the **DECARCERATION AND COMMUNITY REENTRY CLINIC** helped Whitmore Merrick Jr., center, and his friend petition to restore their Second Amendment rights. Merrick, who was originally convicted for marijuana possession, later had to serve time for riding in a car where a gun was found. **MEREDITH KILBURN '22**, left, and clinic director **KELLY ORIANS**, right, assisted in his case.



RESTORING CIVIL RIGHTS

Students gain hands-on experience helping the formerly incarcerated rejoin their communities.

CLINICS Under the supervision of an attorney, students perform the lawyer functions associated with their cases, including client and witness interviews, factual development, legal research, preparation of pleadings and negotiation. *Students with third-year practice certification may also be responsible for courtroom advocacy.*

APPELLATE LITIGATION

Students brief and argue one or more appeals before a federal appeals court.

CIVIL RIGHTS

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

DECARCERATION AND COMMUNITY REENTRY

This clinic assists formerly incarcerated people with resolving the collateral consequences of arrests and convictions, and with creating sustainable and effective reforms in their communities.

ECONOMIC AND CONSUMER JUSTICE

Students work with clients who have problems that are covered by various consumer protection laws, mainly those governing debt collection and other debt-related issues.

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

Teams of students

act as consultants and legal advisers to community activists.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Students represent defendants in criminal cases in local courts, and develop a working familiarity with grand jury proceedings, indictments, pretrial motions, discovery, plea bargaining, motions and objections, evidentiary issues, sentencing and protecting the record for appeal.

ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW

Students provide legal counseling and draft basic corporate documentation for startup companies.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Students represent and counsel environmental nonprofits, citizens' groups and community organizations seeking to protect and restore the environment.

FEDERAL CRIMINAL SENTENCE REDUCTION

Through a unique opportunity to

practice in federal court, students work to reduce the sentences of indigent federal inmates.

FIRST AMENDMENT

In conjunction with the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, students undertake projects in First Amendment subject areas.

HEALTH AND DISABILITY LAW

Students help represent mentally ill and elderly clients in negotiations, administrative hearings and court proceedings.

HOLISTIC YOUTH DEFENSE

Students represent juvenile clients on delinquency matters, as well as related school discipline and special education matters.

HOUSING LITIGATION

Students handle eviction cases, rent escrow cases, grievance hearings and other enforcement of residents' rights.

IMMIGRATION LAW

Students may work with clients to appeal denials of applications

for status and special categorization or procedures.

INNOCENCE PROJECT

Students investigate potential wrongful convictions of Virginia inmates through interviewing potential clients and witnesses, and searching and reviewing pertinent case files and records.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Students gain experience in human rights advocacy under the supervision of international human rights lawyers.

NONPROFIT

Students work with local nonprofit organizations on matters such as initial formation, tax-exempt status, ongoing legal compliance and good corporate governance.

PATENT AND LICENSING

These clinics train students in patent drafting as well as the negotiation and drafting of patent and software license agreements.

PROJECT FOR INFORMED REFORM

This clinic takes on collaborative projects with organizations interested in criminal justice reform, with the goal of producing supportive research and reliable data.

PROSECUTION

Students undertake a prosecutor's duties, including exercising discretion in the decision to prosecute, interacting with law enforcement, dealing with victims and witnesses, and establishing relationships with defense counsel.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY

Students engage with government agencies and legislators in the development of policies and legislation at the state and local level in Virginia.

SUPREME COURT LITIGATION

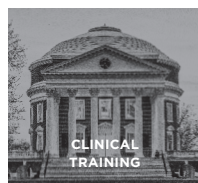
Working in teams, students handle actual U.S. Supreme Court cases, from seeking review to briefing on the merits.

WORKPLACE RIGHTS

Cases may include wrongful-discharge actions, unemployment compensation claims, employment discrimination charges and other claims.

YOUTH ADVOCACY

Students represent children involved in legal issues in the areas of education, foster care and social services, mental health and developmental disabilities, and delinquency.



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