



SCHOOL of 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 on all aspects of criminal justice, including the substantive criteria of guilt or innocence and the procedures used in the arrest, prosecution and punishment of offenders.

THROUGH THE SCHOOL'S **CENTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE**.

the faculty are engaged with research designed to help make a more just society.



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**

Criminal Justice Advanced Crimes and Defenses (JAG) Advanced Topics in Law of the Police Balancing Public Safety and Civil Liberties: Law Enforcement Policymaking Computer Crime Law Criminal Adjudication Criminal Investigation Criminal Justice Reform

Seminar **Criminal Procedure** Survey Criminology Critical Analysis of the Military Justice System (JAG) Cryptocurrency Regulation Death Penalty Law **Decriminalizing Mental** Illness Education Inside U.S. **Prisons Seminar Evolution of Holistic** Defense

Federal Criminal Pretrial and Trial Practice **Federal Government** Oversight: The Role of the Watchdog Federal Litigation Practice Federal Sentencing Financial Crime: Risks, **Risk Management and** Compliance Gender-Based Violence: U.S. Law and Policy **Global Business** and International Corruption

History and Evolution of Victims' Rights (JAG) **Internal Investigations** International Criminal Law Law and Psychology: Seminar

Wrongful Convictions Law of Corruption Law of the Police Legislation and Regulation Plea Bargaining **Race and Criminal**

Rethinking Criminal

Justice

Justice Rights of the Accused (JAG) Social Science in Law Understanding Police Use of Force: Investigation and **Litigation Concepts** War Crimes and Atrocity Law (JAG)

CLINICS

Civil Rights Clinic Criminal Defense Clini Decarceration and Community Reentry Clinic

Clinic
Federal Criminal
Sentence Reduction
Clinic
Holistic Juvenile
Defense Clinic
Innocence Project Clinic
Project for Informed
Reform Clinic
Prosecution Clinic







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.

DECARCERATION AND COMMUNITY REENTRY CLINIC

This clinic works to stop the cycle of incarceration by assisting formerly incarcerated people with resolving the collateral consequences of arrests and convictions, and creating sustainable and effective reforms in their communities.

FEDERAL CRIMINAL SENTENCE REDUCTION

Students work directly with clients to file motions in federal district courts to reduce both the custodial and noncustodial (community supervision) portions of a client's sentence.

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.

PROJECT FOR INFORMED REFORM

This clinic aims to provide facts and data

to inform criminal justice reform, and takes on collaborative projects with organizations seeking change.

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 duties.

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.

