DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES ENHANCE THE CLASSROOM CONVERSATION
and foster shared values of tolerance, respect and mutual support.

Ask any student: What sets Virginia Law apart from other top law schools is
the extraordinary sense of community found here.

At Virginia, a rigorous and academically challenging professional education is paired
with a collegial environment in which all voices are heard and all views considered.

It is a better way to learn — but equally important,
it’s better preparation for the legal profession.

Teamwork, cooperation, respect for different points of view, skilled communication
and an understanding of varied perspectives are all an integral part
of a profession that serves an increasingly diverse society.

VIRGINIA HAS MORE THAN 60 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Each year the STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION sponsors a DIVERSITY PLEDGE, a statement
of respect and tolerance signed by hundreds of students, faculty and staff during Diversity
Week. SBA Diversity Chairs WILL HINTON ’21 and CHRISTINA LUK ’21 hold the 2020 pledge.

MANY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS focus on bringing together students of different racial, ethnic, socioeconomic
and religious backgrounds, as well as people of different sexual orientations and political affiliations.

KEY GROUPS INCLUDE:
Advocates for Disability Rights
American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
Black Law Students Association
The Federalist Society
Feminist Legal Forum
Jewish Law Students Association
Korean American Law Student Association
Lambda Law Alliance
Latin American Law Organization
Law Christian Fellowship
Law Republicans at UVA
Middle Eastern and North African Law Student Association
Minority Rights Coalition
Muslim Law Students Association
Rex E. Lee Law Society
St. Thomas More Society
South Asian Law Student Association
Virginia Law Democrats
Virginia Law Families
Virginia Law First-Generation Professionals
Virginia Law Veterans
Virginia Law Women
Women of Color
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Students and faculty participate in COMMON LAW GROUNDS, an organization in which participants seek to understand diverging points of view as a first step toward finding common ground.

RECENT EVENTS

REFLECTING ON THE RISE IN VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS, featuring UVA Law faculty and sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and Virginia Law Women

UNPACKING PRIVILEGE: AN EXPERIENCE-BASED DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY, sponsored by the Student Bar Association as part of Diversity Week

TEACHING RACE IN K-12 SCHOOLS? CULTURAL, LEGAL AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race and Law and the American Association of University Professors

STUDENT-PROFESSOR PASSOVER LUNCH, sponsored by the Jewish Law Students Association

WOMEN IN BIG LAW AND WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE, sponsored by Virginia Law Women

NOWruz CELEBRATION, with the Middle Eastern and North African Law Student Association

SERVING THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN BIG LAW, with attorneys from “Big Law” firms

50 YEARS OF TITLE IX, with Suzanne Goldberg, U.S. Department of Education

BLSA BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICKOFF, with Chief Judge Roger Gregory of the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

THE PEER ADVISOR PROGRAM

Through the Peer Advisor program, run through the Law School’s Office of Student Affairs, second- and third-year law students help entering students acclimate to law school by offering friendship and support.

UVA LAW’S BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION has won national chapter of the year honors six times since 2002.

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