



# HEALTH LAW

**THE DISTINGUISHING FEATURE** of the Law School's program in health law is its collaboration with the University's School of Medicine and its Medical Center, which is consistently ranked among the nation's top hospitals.

At Virginia, law students can study health law in the clinical setting, interacting with medical students and physicians from all medical specialties, including pediatrics, neurology, internal medicine and psychiatry.

Law faculty teach in the School of Medicine, and Medical School professors teach Law School classes. This collaboration extends to health policy experts in the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, the Darden School of Business, and the Schools of Architecture, Arts & Sciences, Engineering and Nursing.

*STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM VIEWING THE REGULATORY CONTEXT through the eyes of physicians, inventors, health care administrators and experts from a variety of fields.*

*THIS INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH is further borne out through institutes and centers at UVA that allow students to study and work on pressing issues in health care, biotechnology, research, genetics and moral philosophy:*

**INSTITUTE OF LAW, PSYCHIATRY AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**VIRGINIA CENTER FOR TRANSLATIONAL AND REGULATORY SCIENCES**

**INSTITUTE FOR PRACTICAL ETHICS AND PUBLIC LIFE**

**CENTER FOR BIOMEDICAL ETHICS**

**CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY**

**CENTER FOR GLOBAL HEALTH**

## **J.D.-M.P.H. (PUBLIC HEALTH) PROGRAM**

In conjunction with the Department of Public Health Sciences at the School of Medicine, the Law School offers a dual degree

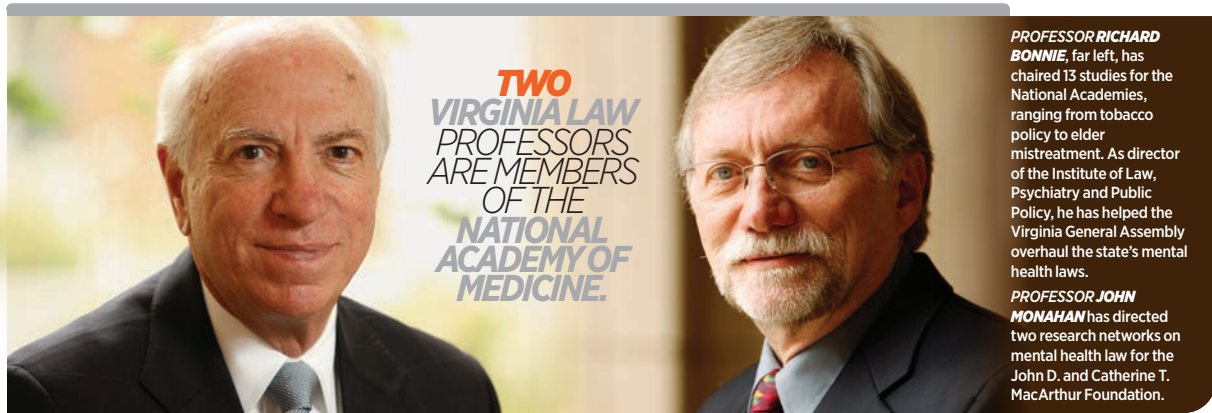
in public health through a program directed by Professors Ruth Gaare Bernheim and Richard Bonnie. Students have access to graduate courses in health policy and management, health economics, ethics, global

health, social and behavioral health, environmental health and research methodology.

Instituted in 2003, the M.P.H. program offers concentrations in generalist practice and research, health policy, and law and ethics,

and includes field placement options in global health, health policy and public health sites.

The program takes four years to complete and requires a minimum of 116 credits.



**TWO  
VIRGINIA LAW  
PROFESSORS  
ARE MEMBERS  
OF THE  
NATIONAL  
ACADEMY OF  
MEDICINE.**

**PROFESSOR RICHARD BONNIE**, far left, has chaired 13 studies for the National Academies, ranging from tobacco policy to elder mistreatment. As director of the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy, he has helped the Virginia General Assembly overhaul the state's mental health laws.

**PROFESSOR JOHN MONAHAN** has directed two research networks on mental health law for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

**NOOREEN REZA '21** is working with the Legal Council for Health Justice in Chicago to provide legal services for communities facing health inequities. Her work is funded through the Law School's Powell Fellowship in Legal Services.



**PROFESSOR CRAIG KONNOTH** a 2024 Greenwall Faculty Scholar, teaches and writes about issues related to health and civil rights, health data regulation, and health law and sexuality.



### J.D.-M.D. PROGRAM

Designed to educate the next generation of health leaders, the J.D.-M.D. program allows students to complete law and medical degrees in six years, instead of the seven years normally required if the degrees were pursued separately. Students spend the first three years and the summer of year five in classes at the School of Medicine,

and years four and five at the Law School. In the final year, one semester is spent in each school. Students are required to secure admission separately to the School of Medicine and UVA Law.

### HEALTH AND DISABILITY LAW CLINIC

Students in the yearlong clinic help represent mentally ill and

elderly clients in negotiations, administrative hearings and court proceedings. The legal matters may involve civil rights, mental health care in jails and prisons, disability benefits claims, access to health or rehabilitative services, creating wills and other testamentary documents, and advance directives.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND EXTERNSHIPS

Students may apply for funding from the Law School's health law fellowship program to work in a variety of settings. Students have worked for employers such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Law Program and the Food and Drug Administration.

### COURSES AND SEMINARS

Advanced LawTech  
Aging and the Law Lecture  
American Food Governance  
Bioethics and Law Internship  
Seminar: Health Policy and Administration  
Bioethics and the Law Seminar  
Current Issues in Law and Psychological Science

Current Topics in Law, Medicine and Society  
Disability Law  
Drug Product Liability Litigation Seminar  
Drug Product Liability Litigation: Principles and Practice  
Exercises in Rule-making – Society, Technology and the Law  
Food and Drug Law  
Genetics and the Law  
Health Care Marketplace:

Competition, Regulation and Reform  
Health Law Survey  
Law and Ethics of Biotechnology  
Law, Psychiatry and Military Justice  
Lessons From COVID-19  
Localism and Health Care Seminar  
Medical Malpractice and Health Care Quality  
Medicare Practice Seminar  
Mental Health Law  
New Frontiers in Health Law and

Clinical Ethics  
Public Health Law and Ethics  
Reproductive Ethics and Law  
Topics in Health Care Reform

### CLINIC

Civil Rights Clinic  
Health and Disability Law Clinic

These courses represent the 2019-22 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.

For the sixth consecutive year, the UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA MEDICAL CENTER was ranked the NO. 1 HOSPITAL IN VIRGINIA by the U.S. News & World Report (as of July 2021).

### FACULTY:

Leading scholars in the fields of public health, bioethics and health law

Professors Richard Bonnie, Margaret Foster Riley and Christopher Ruhm are working to address various aspects of the opioid crisis. Bonnie chaired a study for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine that offered recommendations for curbing the problem. He and Professor Ruth Gaare Bernheim have co-authored casebooks on public health law and ethics.

A wide range of professors and doctors teach courses in the program or on related subjects.

For example, Lois Shepherd, the author of "If That Ever Happens to Me: Making Life Decisions after Terri Schiavo," teaches bioethics and reproductive ethics at the school.

#### SCHOOL OF LAW

**RICHARD J. BONNIE**  
mental health law, health law, aging and the law, bioethics, public health law

**NAOMI CAHN**  
reproductive technologies, aging and the law

**DEBORAH HELLMAN**  
bioethics

**CRAIG KONNOTH**  
health and civil rights, LGBT health

law and bioethics  
**KIMBERLY D. KRAWIEC**  
taboo markets (such as organs, commercial surrogacy)  
**JULIA MAHONEY**  
reproductive technologies  
**GREGORY MITCHELL**  
law and psychology  
**JOHN MONAHAN**  
mental health law  
**MARGARET FOSTER RILEY**  
bioethics, biotechnology, food and drug law, health law

#### SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND UVA

**RUTH GAARE BERNHEIM**  
public health, bioethics  
**DONNA CHEN**  
psychiatry and bioethics

**BRUCE COHEN**  
psychiatry  
**DEWEY CORNELL**  
psychology  
**REBECCA DILLINGHAM**  
global health  
**CAROLYN ENGELHARD**  
health policy  
**RICHARD L. GUERRANT**  
infectious diseases  
**DREW HARRIS**  
medical-legal partnerships  
**ROBERT J. MEYER**  
food and drug law, regulatory science  
**DANIEL MURRIE**  
psychiatry  
**LOIS SHEPHERD**  
disability law, health law and bioethics  
**JANET WARREN**  
psychiatry  
**CAMERON WEBB**  
health law and equity

#### BATTEN SCHOOL AND UVA

**CHRISTOPHER RUHM**  
economics, health policy  
**RAYMOND SCHEPPACH**  
politics, health policy

#### VISITING FACULTY

The Sadie Lewis Webb Visiting Professorship brings to the Law School eminent scholars such as **EZEKIEL J. EMANUEL** of the University of Pennsylvania, **TIMOTHY S. JOST** from Washington and Lee University, and **R. ALTA CHARO** from the University of Wisconsin law and medical schools.



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