ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES ARE RARELY SIMPLE.

From climate change to local conservation, they raise complex scientific, ethical, economic and political questions that defy easy answers.

The Environmental and Land Use Law Program at the University of Virginia empowers students to confront these questions during law school so they can build the practical skills, analytic tools and hands-on experience needed to make their mark 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL and Land Use Law

Interacting with faculty who research and shape the law at the local, regional and global levels, students at the University of Virginia 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 at the University of Virginia are part of a vibrant intellectual community that crosses boundaries of academic disciplines and between practice and scholarship.

### COURSES AND SEMINARS

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Administrative Law: Rulemaking
- Advanced Environmental Law
- Climate Change Law and Policy
- Conservation Planning and Law
- Energy and Environmental Products Trading and Commodities Regulation
- Energy and the Environment
- Energy Regulation and Policy
- Environmental Ethics
- Environmental Law
- Federal Lands, Energy and Natural Resource Law
- International Environmental Law
- Land Use Law
- Literature, Law and the Environment
- Movement Lawyering for Global Justice: Human Rights and the Environment
- Science and Policy of Biodiversity
- Conservation State and Local Government Law
- Sustainable Development Theory and Practice
- Urban Law and Policy

### CLINIC

- Environmental and Regulatory Law Clinic

These courses represent the 2015-18 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.
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 REGULATORY 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, advocate before state administrative agencies and boards, and contribute to factual investigations and litigation.

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.

BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

The Law School’s support for learning opportunities in environmental and land use law goes deeper than course offerings.

PROFESSOR JON CANNON leads Virginia’s Environmental and Land Use Law Program. Cannon, the author of “Environment in the Balance: The Green Movement and the Supreme Court,” 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 MAUREEN “MOLLY” BRADY’s scholarship undertakes historical analyses of legal rules and land use policies, which she uses to account for developments in eminent domain law and to explore how different institutions respond to problems in city planning and governance.

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 and Regulatory Law Clinic.

SEVREN GOURLLEY ’17 helped fight a legal battle in federal and state courts over mining uranium in Virginia. Through the Environmental and Regulatory Law Clinic, Gourley worked with the Southern Environmental Law Center to support a state moratorium on uranium mining that is being challenged by landowners.

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