Students’ educational, extracurricular and career opportunities to expand their horizons are plentiful.

UVA Law is one of a small group of leading academic institutions worldwide invited annually to submit candidates for the International Court of Justice Traineeship Program, which takes place at the court’s seat in The Hague, Netherlands. (The selected clerk receives a fellowship for travel and living expenses from the Law School.) Students have routinely been chosen as Salzburg Charler Folows, a national program designed to expose participants to emerging issues in international law and develop their expertise in the field. And Law School programs such as the Monroe Leigh Fellowship in International Law and Public Interest Law Association summer fellowships also fund opportunities for students to work abroad.

Students compete each year in the Jean-Pictet International Humanitarian Law Competition and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court competition. They have also participated in the Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competition, the International and European Tax Moot Court competition, and annual workshops at the Law School co-sponsored by the American Red Cross.

The Law School is headquarters for the Center for National Security Law and the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, led by Professor John Norton Moore.

Students can choose to study abroad for a semester through the school’s international exchange program, which offers eight locations at universities in Germany, Spain, Australia, South Korea, Israel, New Zealand, Australia and Japan. A dual-degree option with the Institut d’Etudes Politiques du Paris (Sciences Po) allows students to earn both a J.D. and a master’s in economic law. Students can also design their own study abroad or externs program, or just dip a toe in by taking a weeklong January Term course in Paris or Israel.

The J.B. Moore Society and the Virginia Journal of International Law are driving forces in international law activities at the Law School, including as organizers of an annual symposium.
The U.S. Supreme Court heard on March 27 a case being litigated by UVA law students that could change where patent infringement cases are heard. The court rejected Duffy’s argument and reaffirmed its own precedent, which permits venue wherever a federal court would have personal jurisdiction over a defendant company, not just where the company is headquartered or has its chief executive officer. In a March 11, 2016, argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Duffy said the Federal Circuit should follow the approach set forth in the Supreme Court’s 2017 decision. The court rejected Duffy’s argument and reaffirmed its own precedent, which permits venue wherever a federal court would have personal jurisdiction over a defendant company, not just where the company is headquartered or has its chief executive officer. In a March 11, 2016, argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Duffy said the Federal Circuit should follow the approach set forth in the Supreme Court’s 2017 decision. Duffy argued that, since under a 1992 precedent of the Supreme Court, patent venue is controlled by a federal court where the infringer was served with the complaint, Duffy maintained the second article, “The California Heartland,” to publication. He is the Samuel H. McCoy II Professor of Law, and has served as a director on the American Law and Economics Review’s advisory board. He previously served as an associate editor of the AALS Section on Real Estate, Probate & Property magazine and high-lighted as one of the most-downloaded ar-ticles of 2016 by Land Use Prof blog. Duffy co-chaired the American Society for Legal History Program Committee this year, which includes organizing and selecting panels for the society’s annual conference.
plausible to post costs in order to pursue civil litigation in that island’s courts; a prisoner’s First Amendment right to a grievance over prison conditions without being retaliated against for doing so; and concern about the constitutionality of the federal courts’ jurisdiction with respect to habeas corpus. Lastly, in Harman v. District of Columbia, the court considered the constitutionality of the District of Columbia’s law criminalizing sexual orientation.

In December, the American Law Institute completed a facsimile investigation for UVA Law’s participation in the CAPE-NET Forensic Science Center of Excellence, which involves collaboration with statisticians, psychology and forensic scientists.

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The petition calls on governments to take immediate action to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and transition to renewable energy sources. It also calls for the establishment of a global carbon tax and the protection of nature reserves to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

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In his response to the petition, the president of the United Nations, António Guterres, said: “We have less than 12 years to act. We need to transform the way we do business. We have a responsibility to ensure that this generation does not leave the planet in ruins.”

The petition has been signed by leaders from across the world, including former U.S. President Barack Obama, former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and former German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

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An op-ed by George Yin on Congress’ legal authority to obtain and release President Donald Trump’s tax returns inspired more calls among politicians and the public to make it happen. When Trump addressed a joint session of Congress on Feb. 28, Yin attended as the guest of Rep. Bill Pascrell of New Jersey. Yin formerly served as chief of staff of the U.S. Congress’ Joint Committee on Taxation (2003-05), one of the most influential tax positions in the government.

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With more than 50 consecutive years served, adjunct professor ROBERT “BOB” WEINBERG has been cheerfully doing time at the Law School.

Weinberg has taught his Criminal Procedure Seminar every year, either in the fall or spring, since 1965. The seminar is geared toward students who seek to prosecute or defend criminal cases during their careers.

“I’ve enjoyed the 50 years, and still do,” Weinberg said. “It’s a great field, a challenging field.”

Weinberg’s services were highly sought after as a founding partner of the prominent Washington, D.C., law firm Williams & Connelly. He also ran twice as a U.S. congressional candidate in Virginia’s 10th District.

“Before he was a lawyer, he was an expert in exonerating the falsely accused who has gone on to prominent careers as U.S. attorneys and defense attorneys, can thank Bob for their defense motions. For the last class of the term, the defense motions. For the last class of the term, they argue the motions they’ve written.”

Weinberg plays the trial judge for the oral arguments.

Among his many career accomplishments, Weinberg was president of both the District of Columbia Bar and the Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

In law school at Yale University, he was notes and comments editor of the Yale Law Journal, and a member of Order of the Coif. He also received a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics.

His son Jeremy Weinberg is a 2006 graduate of UVA Law.

“Generations of students, many of whom have gone on to prominent careers as U.S. attorneys and defense attorneys, can thank Bob for their first introduction to the inside workings of federal criminal practice,” said Professor BRANDON GABBE, an expert in exonerating the falsely accused who has been a guest speaker in Weinberg’s class.

—Eric Williamson