Life at Scalia Law

Scalia Law is a tight-knit and collaborative community, located in the heart of Arlington, Virginia, an important historical and economically thriving county.

With 11 Metro stops, Arlington is car-optional and pedestrian friendly. Arlington boasts a lively restaurant, music, and bar scene, as well as many bike paths and beautiful parks. In addition, Scalia Law students are just minutes away from national treasures such as the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), Arlington National Cemetery, and the Pentagon Memorial.

Arlington is the new home to Amazon’s HQ2. In addition to the incoming Institute for Digital Innovation (IDIA) on Mason’s Arlington Campus, Scalia Law is at the center of the hottest new technology region in the nation. Scalia Law students are situated to become engaged with cutting edge issues as they arise in the tech sector.

Over 30 student-run organizations in which to become involved.
Offering a top-tier legal education, Scalia Law teaches students to critically evaluate prevailing orthodoxy and to pursue new ideas. With an intensive four-semester legal research and writing program, as well as robust course offerings in various substantive areas of the law, Scalia Law provides the highest level of legal training and prepares students to hit the ground running upon earning their law degrees.
“Justice Scalia will go down in history as one of the most important Supreme Court justices ever, and also as one of the greatest. His articulation of textualist and originalist principles, communicated in that distinctive, extraordinary prose, did nothing less than transform our legal culture.”

- THE HONORABLE ELENA KAGAN
  Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
  (From her speech at the Scalia Law School dedication, October 6, 2016)

Two Enduring Legacies

GEORGE MASON | 1725-1792

George Mason, a Virginia planter and politician, was the principal author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, adopted by the Virginia Convention in 1776, and a document that later inspired the United States Bill of Rights. As a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Mason refused to sign the Constitution and lobbied against its ratification, believing it gave too much power to a central government, and was incomplete because it did not include a bill of rights to guarantee individual liberty. His dissent arose in part from what he perceived as the Convention’s reluctance to deal more harshly with the institution of slavery.
Scalia Law is proud of its faculty who are not only renowned scholars in their respective fields, but who are also sought out by journalists, lawmakers, technology titans, and government leaders for their legal expertise and experience. In addition to the full-time faculty, many accomplished practicing attorneys, as well as judges and justices of the Supreme Court, teach courses as members of Scalia Law’s adjunct faculty.

World-Class Centers

Scalia Law is home to a number of research centers and institutes that offer students opportunities to learn from some of Washington’s leading policymakers, journalists, military leaders, intelligence officials, and federal court judges—including U.S. Supreme Court Justices.

RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

- C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of the Administrative State
- Center for the Middle East and International Law
- Center for Intellectual x Innovation Policy (C-IP²)
- Corley Institute for Diversity and Inclusion Education
- Global Antitrust Institute
- Law & Economics Center
- Liberty & Law Center
- National Security Institute

The Corley Institute for Diversity & Inclusion Education offers a certificate program designed to educate students about the social and economic benefits derived from diversity and inclusion and to give students a working familiarity with fundamental aspects of diversity and inclusion efforts in the legal profession. Scalia Law also offers the Diversity & Inclusion Predictive Analytics course, which examines employee data to uncover hidden patterns, correlations and other insights. This course equips students to better understand a series of analytics that will provide insight into whether, and to what degree an organization is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

Dynamic Faculty

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Academic Programs

Students at Scalia Law explore a wide range of substantive areas of law to gain a broad and well-rounded legal education. However, individuals who have very specific interests may choose to focus their studies by pursuing an area of focus.

**AREAS OF FOCUS AND CONCENTRATIONS**

- Antitrust Law*
- Business Law and Financial Regulation
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Cyber Law*
- Environmental & Energy Law
- Immigration and Human Rights Law
- Intellectual Property
- International and Comparative Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Law & Economics
- Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- National Security Law and Policy*
- Family Law and Estate Planning
- Patent Law*
- Public Interest Law*
- Administrative Law and Government Regulation
- Tax Law*

*Students may declare a concentration after completing 5 or more courses.

“No other place could have better prepared me for a career in antitrust law. Scalia Law has the most cited scholars in the field, offers the most relevant courses, and presents the most valuable career advancement opportunities, in D.C. or anywhere else in the world. I am grateful for the brand-name recognition that my law school has brought me as I start out in the profession.”

- ANORA WANG, CLASS OF 2019
  Associate, Winston & Strawn, LLP

**JOURNALS AND ADVOCACY**

- Civil Rights Law Journal
- George Mason Law Review
- International Law Journal
- Journal of Law, Economics & Policy
- National Security Law Journal
- Trial Advocacy and Moot Court
Our students are encouraged to get hands-on experience in the field to advance their career goals and strengthen their legal and practical skills. Students can participate in one or more of our in-house clinics or work for public and private sector employers through a multitude of externships.

**CLINICS AND SUPERVISED EXTERNSHIPS**

- Administrative Law Clinic
- Arts & Entertainment Advocacy Clinic
- Bankruptcy Supervised Externship
- Capitol Hill Supervised Externship
- Federal Indian Law Clinic
- Free Speech Clinic
- Immigration Litigation Clinic
- Innovation Law Clinic
- Law and Mental Illness Practicum
- Mason Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic
- Poverty Law Clinic
- Regulatory Comments Legal Practicum
- Separation of Powers Clinic
- Supreme Court Clinic
- Virginia Practice Supervised Externship

**Graduates**

2020 Career Paths and Bar Passage Rates*

- **97%** SCALIA LAW GRADUATES FIRST-TIME PASSAGE RATE Class of 2020

*Reported data as of October 1, 2020.

**Career Services & Legal Skills**

Faculty and staff in the career services and legal skills team provide individualized attention to Scalia Law students to ensure that they enjoy success in their legal studies and achieve their career goals.

- **Academic Skills Programs**
- **Access to National Job Banks**
- **Alumni, Faculty & Student Mentors for Bar and Career Support**
- **Application Review**
- **Bar Exam Tutoring**
- **Bar Exam Skills Course**
- **Character & Fitness Guidance**
- **Clerkship Training**
- **Communications Training**
- **Course Planning Advice**
- **Dedicated Study Space for Bar**
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Trainings**
- **Employer Panels**
- **Etiquette Training**
- **Interview Training**
- **Leadership & Professional Development Training**
- **Networking Events**
- **One-on-One Counseling**
- **Private Sector Recruiting Programs**
- **Professional Headshots**
- **Public Service Job Fair**
- **Strengthfinder Assessment**
- **Summer Research Bank**
- **Wellbeing Programs**
"I am something of a contrarian, I suppose. I feel less comfortable when everybody agrees with me. I say, ‘I better reexamine my position!’ I probably believe that the worst opinions in my court have been unanimous. Because there’s nobody on the other side pointing out all the flaws.”

― THE HONORABLE ANTONIN SCALIA
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (From an interview published in New York Magazine, October 6, 2013)