



# CLASS OF 2012 PROFILE

## FAST FACTS

- Median LSAT:** 170
- 25%-75% LSAT:** 165-171
- Median GPA:** 3.85
- 25%-75% GPA:** 3.54-3.92
- Average age:** 24 (range is 18 to 45)
- 368** students enrolled from among **7,880** applicants
- 194** men (53%), **174** women (47%)
- 98** identify themselves as minority students (27%)
- 141** directly from college (38%)
- Average number of post-college years:** 2
- 44** have graduate degrees (12%)

## GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

Students come from 40 states, the District of Columbia, and 10 foreign countries. In addition to Virginia, the following states are represented by five or more students:

New York	23	Ohio	10
Florida	19	Utah	10
Washington, D.C.	17	North Carolina	9
California	16	South Carolina	7
Texas	16	Massachusetts	7
Maryland	15	Alabama	6
Georgia	15	Connecticut	6
New Jersey	12	Tennessee	5
Pennsylvania	11	Illinois	5

## Foreign Students

International students come from Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, France, Iran, Sierra Leone and South Korea.

**THE CLASS OF 2012** was selected from the largest applicant pool in the Law School's history. Not surprisingly, the undergraduate grade-point average of entering students also reached new heights this year. Equally important, the Class of 2012 is the most diverse class on record: women comprise 47 percent of the class, and 27 percent of the class identify themselves as minority students.

## LIFE BEFORE LAW SCHOOL

### Testing the Legal Waters

Members of the Class of 2012 have worked at law firms as paralegals and interns, but many obtained perspective on lawyering and public policy from positions with institutions such as the European Parliament, the World Bank, The Hague, the U.S. Supreme Court, Congress and the White House.

### Federal Public Service

Members of the Class of 2012 worked for the U.S. departments of State, Treasury, Homeland Security, Commerce, Labor, Health and Human Services, Justice, Energy, Defense and Education. Others have served in the Army, Navy and Air Force, some with recent duty in the Middle East. One entering student was a staff ops specialist with the FBI.

### Local Public Service

Some entering students worked in governor's offices in Alabama, Virginia, Utah, Florida and Minnesota; public defender's and prosecutor's offices in New York, California, Texas, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Virginia; and the chambers of federal and state judges across the country. Several incoming first-year students have taught at the



**"I WAS LOOKING** for schools that would understand not only large national issues, but also local issues. I found that a lot of schools don't really extend that far outside of their own environments, but I thought UVA would be a good fit."

—EILEENE BRAXTON worked to improve the lives of rural Appalachians before deciding to go to law school.





**“THE REFRAIN I HEARD** over and over again, is that UVA is the place to get a humane legal education. Charlottesville is a great place to raise children and have a family life.”

—ANDREW PEACH was a philosophy professor at Providence College before joining the Class of 2012.

elementary, secondary or college level, including as an associate professor of philosophy.

### Private Industry

Many members have been analysts, consultants or researchers with private-sector firms, think tanks, institutes, and foundations. There are industrial, electrical, chemical, computer and mechanical engineers. Several have been editors, interns, writers, production assistants and columnists for local, national and international newspapers. Others worked as a hip-hop radio show host, an EMT, a registered nurse, a flight paramedic, a veterinary technician, a freelance musician, a surgical aide, a bus operator, a professional stage and film actor, a light-rail train operator, a merchandise planning coordinator, a private investigator, a real estate agent, a nursing home manager, a Chinese interpreter and a pastor.

### Academic Backgrounds

Class members have undergraduate and graduate degrees in journalism, international relations, history, health sciences, foreign languages, education, business administration, accounting, American civilizations, anthropology, art history, art design, biology, biomedical engineering, chemistry, classics, finance, religion, psychology, linguistics, political science, chemical engineering, civil engineering, policy studies, sociology, music, communications, economics, public affairs, electrical engineering, physics, zoology, criminal justice, marine sciences, industrial engineering, English, drama, mathematics, philosophy, film production, mechanical engineering and computer science.

### IN THEIR SPARE TIME

#### Volunteers

Entering students have participated in a variety of volunteer and extracurricular pursuits. These include service and advocacy on behalf of children, the environment, the mentally and physically disabled, the homeless, the orphaned, the hospitalized, the wrongfully imprisoned, senior citizens, victims of domestic or sexual abuse, people battling addiction and migrant farm workers. Others served as youth-sports coaches, saved lives as volunteer firefighters, tutored and mentored students, taught English and other languages in the United States and abroad, served as missionaries, and fundraised and campaigned for political candidates at the local, state and national level.

## UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS

Members of the Class of 2012 come from 145 undergraduate schools. Schools with five or more alumni include:

University of Virginia	38
Brigham Young University	15
Princeton University	11
Georgetown University	9
University of Florida	9
Duke University	8
University of Miami	8
College of William and Mary	7
Cornell University	7
Dartmouth College	6
George Washington University	6
Yale University	6
Amherst College	5
University of California-Berkeley	5
University of Georgia	5
University of Maryland	5
University of North Carolina	5
University of Southern California	5
University of Texas	5
Virginia Tech	5

### For Fun

There are very few couch potatoes in a class whose members have enjoyed dancing (swing, salsa, tango, ballroom and hip-hop), rodeo, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, rugby, pole vaulting, muay thai, snowboarding and roller hockey. Entering students have devoted themselves to playing musical instruments (including Scottish snare drum), acting, collecting vintage records, filmmaking, competitive chess, dragon-boat racing, baseball umpiring, and singing in a capella, blues, funk and rock groups. Some have spent their free time on photography, Ukrainian cross-stitching, watching Bollywood films and composing music, poems, plays, screenplays and computer programs. One member of the Class of 2012 played a principal role in 10 national commercials, appeared on “Frasier” and performed voice-overs in “Stepmom” and “Stuart Little.”

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