

GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Law grads work in professional roles in every branch of American government - at the local, state, and federal level - such as placements in government agencies, staffing for an elected official or a legislative committee, or serving on a political campaign. Law grads also work in roles where they research, draft, analyze, and lobby for the policy priorities of their clients, or for public and private-sector employers. A closely related function is managing fundraising, public education, communications, and grassroots organizing around advocacy efforts, especially on issues that are prominent in the public discourse.

Resources:

- The Balance Careers, [*10 Great Jobs in Politics*](#) (November 2020)
- Chambers Associate Career Guide on [*Government, Public Interest, and Regulatory*](#) and [*Becoming a Government Regulatory Lawyer*](#)
- [*Government Executive*](#) Magazine
- [*U.S. Government Manual*](#)
- [*Virginia Public Access Project*](#)
- [*Equal Justice Works*](#)
- [*Leadership Connect*](#)
- [*Legistorm*](#)
- Opportunities in Public Affairs [*Capitol Hill Job Guide*](#)
- PSJD [*career-building resources and practice area guides*](#), [*resources to learn about public sector career paths*](#), [*postgraduate fellowships guide*](#), and a searchable list of all [*career-building resources*](#)
- [*National Academy of Public Administration*](#)
- [*Open Think Tank Directory*](#) and [*Harvard Kennedy School Think Tank Directory*](#)
- [*Community Foundation for a greater Richmond*](#) and their [*ConnectVA Nonprofit Directory*](#)
- American Bar Association [*Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division*](#) and [*Section of State and Local Government Law*](#)
- Richmond Law's *Government Agencies and Public Interest Career Paths* [*compilation of resources*](#)

Recommended Richmond Law Elective Courses:

- Administrative Law
- [*Civil, Criminal, In-House, and Judicial Externship Programs*](#)
- [*D.C. Externship Program*](#)
- Legislative Advocacy
- Local Government Law
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public Policy Research and Drafting
- Regulatory Law Practicum
- Refer to the [*Richmond Law course catalog*](#) for courses that will provide subject matter expertise in a number of issue-areas

See Kathy Greenier in the Career Development Office for more information, including lists of job boards, professional associations, and opportunities for certifications and credentialing related to these career areas.