

Vermont Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors
Nomination Submission

Name: S. Mark Sciarrotta

Year of Graduation and Degree(s): 1996 JD

Statement of interest answering/addressing the following:

What is your vision for VLS in the next five years?

- My vision of VLS is that the school will continue to maintain and improve its openness of community and its while making strides in academic excellence, diversity in all senses, and leadership development. At the same time, the school will need to learn to be leaner and develop innovative and better ways of delivering legal education to its students.

What skills do you bring to the VLSAA to accomplish these priorities?

- I bring organizational experience and know-how, diplomacy, budget/finance skills/experience, relationship building skills, and institutional knowledge.

How would you galvanize the energy and enthusiasm of alumni to increase their participation in VLS events and giving?

- Among other things, I go out of my way to attend regional events when traveling for work, and I always take the opportunity to spend some time discussing the school's opportunities and challenges when working with alum colleagues in Vermont and elsewhere.

List/describe your alumni service.

- I have served on the Alumni board since the early 2000s, served as President of the Alumni Board, served a term as Alumni Trustee, chaired Class of '96 reunion committee, regularly volunteered for numerous panels and events at the school, spoken at commencement and other functions, and mentored a lot of VLS students and recent alums in internships. I am a member of the Leaders Circle.

List/describe your VLS activities.

- President of the VLS Fighting Swans Men's Rugby Club for two years.

List/describe your professional and community accomplishments.

- President Young Lawyers Division of Vermont Bar, Director on Vermont Bar Association Board, Member Champlain College Environmental Program Steering Committee, and youth hockey coach.

Discuss whether you have the resources and ability to make the Board a priority over the next three years.

- I live and work not far from South Royalton and my past history of active involvement and leadership on the VLSAA Board, as Alumni Trustee, and as an active volunteer alum generally, all demonstrate my ability and commitment to keeping VLS as a high priority.

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