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Jes Olsen
Vice President, VLSAA

Re: Self-Nomination for VLSAA Director

Dear Ms. Olsen,

This letter serves as my self-nomination as a Director member of the Vermont Law School Alumni Association. My name is Cole Konopka and I am class of 2016. I believe that the education and values at VLS are comparable to any law school. While VLS tends to promote more public practice, I am hopeful that VLS will create a pathway for more students desiring careers in private practice. I would like to see VLS continue to foster passionate students without jeopardizing its acceptance and educational standards. I have been in contact by a handful of VLS students wishing to join private practice and am always excited to assist them with their dreams. I would like to continue helping students be the best version of themselves, whether private or public practice.

In addition to practicing public finance and real estate in Houston, I volunteer for various legal nonprofits. My love of the outdoors has not withered and I remain active in promoting social justice and environmental equality. My goal is to see VLS prosper, both financially and educationally. The Mentoring Committee is my choice of committee, but I am happy to help in any way I can. I believe mentoring students and helping students obtain quality careers is vital to the future success of the school.

I have the means to attend VLS meetings and am always available by phone or email to discuss issues pertaining to VLS and its future. While I am sure there are many great candidates, I hope you consider me for a Director position.

Very truly yours,

Cole Konopka

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