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VLSAA Board of Directors

Re: Self-Nomination for VLSAA Director

To Whom This Concerns,

This letter serves as my self-nomination as a Director member of the Vermont Law School Alumni Association.

- 1. Name:** Cole Konopka
- 2. Year(s) of graduation and degree(s):** Class of 2016, JD
- 3. Vision for VLS:** 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.
- 4. Skills:** 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. I have also served on the VLSAA Board since 2018.
- 5. Increase Alumni Participation:** To increase participation I would continue to reach out to classmates and alumni requesting that they get involved with the school financially or on a different level, like mentoring.
- 6. Alumni Service:** I have been serving on the VLSAA Board of Directors since 2018 and am Chair of the Mentoring Committee and sit on the Development Committee.
- 7. Professional Activities:** 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.

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8. **Committees:** The Mentoring Committee is my choice of committee since joining in 2018, 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.
9. **Resources for Attendance:** 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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