



First and last name:

Jeffrey Fucci

VLS degree(s) and class year(s):

JD/MELP'14

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

Vermont Law School faces the challenge of retaining alumni support while it re-envisions itself as a law school and graduate school for the first time, however, this is a worthy mission to undertake, as the environmental and reformative justice direction of the school aligns very closely to the values that VLS alumni share, whether they had them when they first came to the school, or developed the values during their time at VLS.

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

As a student, I was deeply invested in the school's mission and promoting its strongest features to many communities, as a Student Trustee to the Board, Vice President of the Student Bar Associate, Clinician at Vermont State agencies, and Student Ambassador. Whether or not it is an official title, I still consider myself an ambassador today, in the New York metro area where I work and practice, of VLS. In addition to being a practicing attorney and small business owner, I have served on many nonprofit boards and in alumni leadership roles at academic institutions, including being founder of the Setonian Newspaper Alumni Association at Seton Hall University and Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Saint Joseph Regional High School.

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

I would actively explore the various affinity bases on which alumni could connect, encourage frequent cross class and cross generational contact and engagement, and work hard to keep the institution as the heart and soul of these connections.

List and describe your alumni service.

At VLS, I have remained engaged by judging Appellate Advocacy, attending Homecoming/Reunion events most recently in June 2022, and making financial contributions when possible.

List your activities as a VLS student.

Student Trustee to the VLS Board of Trustees; Chair and Vice Chair, Phi Alpha Delta; Vice President of Student Activities, Student Bar Association; VLS Volunteer Coordinator, White River Partnership; Teaching Assistant for Contracts; Teaching Assistant for Civil Procedure I & II; Student Ambassador 2L and 3L years.

List any appropriate professional and community activities, and please describe how that experience would serve you as a board member.

Since returning to New Jersey in 2014, I have provided guided ecological cruises of the Hackensack River to the public, and served as a board member on the Teaneck Creek Conservancy and a local school. I have also supported several local campaigns and myself ran for local political office as a Council member. I believe these roles embody a spirit of volunteerism with focuses on the local environmental and community issues. I want to dedicate these skills, this ability, and this passion to an institution in which I very much believe.

Having reviewed the standing committees on the VLSAA Board, which committee(s) would you choose to serve on and why?

I believe that based on prior experiences, I could positively impact development, alumni engagement and mentoring, but I am open to serving in the areas of greatest need.

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

Yes, I can firmly pledge my time, talent, and financial contribution to VLS. In truth, I would like to think I have done so since first receiving a fateful acceptance letter from Dean Jeffrey Shields in the spring of 2011. However, with other dedicated Swans on this Board, there are more and greater chances to make a difference. Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if I may provide any further information.