



First and last name:

Robert "Bob" Maxwell

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

JD'86

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

Threefold:

1. To greatly increase the endowment to support VLS and provide a foundation for financial stability.
2. Invest in the South Royalton campus and remove any doubt it is the primary VLS home...something that, if lost, would decimate the school's uniqueness.
3. Increase joint programs with the University of Vermont and continue to develop unique graduate degrees to stimulate continued growth.

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

35 years of national practice with corporate clients and over 100 jury trials to verdict.

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

Alumni participation may be stimulated through decentralized events outside of Vermont and combining these events with other recreational activities (i.e.- sporting events, cultural activities, etc.).

List and describe your alumni service.

My service has involved pro bono work for litigants normally outside the legal system with 10% of my total time donated.

List your activities as a VLS student.

- Managing Editor of the Vermont Law Review
- Member of the Moot Court Board
- Class representative for the Student Bar Association

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

In addition to those listed above, judging national moot court competitions and mentoring junior lawyers for their first year of practice for the State Supreme Court. I have also represented Fortune 500 companies in products liability cases for 35+ years and currently serve as national or regional counsel. I have tried over 100 jury trials to verdict in 10+ states and have been elected to the advocate level of the American Board of Trial Advocates. This experience gives me a national base of connections that can be used to broaden VLS's exposure outside of New England and the eastern seaboard.

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

The regional activities and fundraising committees would be the ones in which my skills would be best utilized.

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

I am a senior attorney and have adequate time and resources to make service to VLS a priority.