



First and last name:

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

To continue the progress the Board has made in the last several years. The VLSAA has increased the donation rate which helps with rankings. For the VLSAA to continue to provide input regarding the execution of the strategic plan. To build on alumni engagement through restarting regional group events after two years of the pandemic. Another goal is to leverage our alumni network to assist summer associates and graduates of VLS in identifying employment opportunities.

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

I have served in leadership positions with the ABA, Pennsylvania Bar Association and Philadelphia Bar Association focusing on membership and recruitment of members in addition to practice specific groups.

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

Through personal outreach to individual alumni in addition to promotion of regional events, alumni webinars, and virtual events.

List and describe your alumni service.

I have served on the VLSAA Board as a regional representative since 2015 and this last year as Secretary. Prior to serving on the Board I helped plan alumni events for the Philadelphia Region and recruited summer associates to my firm and the area.

List your activities as a VLS student.

Intramural Basketball and Rugby. Organization and participation in Winterfest activities.

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

My experience with national and local bar associations, especially membership committees, helps inform working with the Board and VLSAA committees. This experience also helps with planning local alumni events and webinars.

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

I currently serve on the Regional Groups and Alumni Engagement Committees. I also assist with Development.

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

I have my own practice which has given me the flexibility to attend in person Board meetings as well as prioritizing my work with committees.