



First and last name:

Breanna Weaver

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

JD/MELP'17

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

In my first self-nomination, three years ago, I stated that my five-year vision for VLS is “one of outreach to alumni and reconnection to the campus.” At the time, that meant getting alumni back to campus for events to reconnect with what made VLS special to them. Like everything else in the past two years, this vision has shifted given the COVID-19 pandemic. After years of virtual meetings and remote work, we have seen just how connected we can be – from home. This time around, my vision statement remains the same, but post-pandemic, the outcome exists differently.

VLS has been through many changes in the past few years. Alumni need to reconnect and see that the school they love is still thriving in South Royalton. In my last statement, reconnection to the law school looked like bringing alumni back to South Royalton. While that is still an option, we now have 2 years of virtual-learning technology which will allow alumni to connect to the school from their home.

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

The skills I bring to accomplish these goals are a strong work ethic and dedication to the school. I am willing to put in the time to attend meetings, organize events, and perform outreach to the VLS community.

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

I believe that the best way to increase participation is by tapping into the positive memories folks have of VLS. To that end, I would galvanize the energy and enthusiasm of the alumni by sharing my own good experience at VLS and encouraging others to do the same. I believe that by sharing my own good experiences, it will encourage others to do the same.

List and describe your alumni service.

As an alumni, my activities include:

- 1L Tutor
October 2020 - Present

- Appellate Advocacy Judge
Fall 2018
- Lawyer Mental Health Well Being Committee
Alumni Member, 2018
- Light in the Dark, Mental Health Committee
Speaker

List your activities as a VLS student.

- Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic
Student Clinician, 2016
Advanced Student Clinician, 2017
- Center for Applied Human Rights
Student Fellow, 2017
- Barrister's Board of Directors
Member at Large 2014-2015
Secretary 2015-2016
Vice President 2016-2017
- Alliance
Member at Large 2014-2015
Co-Chair 2015-2016
Publicity Chair 2016-2017
- Curriculum Committee
SBA, Student Member
- Gender Inclusivity Task Force
Student Member
- Student Ambassador, 2015-2017
As an ambassador, I worked mostly with incoming students. However, one of my proudest accomplishments is a service project I facilitated that benefitted Have Justice Will Travel, a VLS alumni founded non-profit, which helps victims of domestic and sexual violence. After a weeklong drive collecting toiletry items, students came together to put together packets for women going into shelter.
- Women's Law Group
Director, Vagina Monologues 2016-2017

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

I believe my professional and community activity will help me serve as a Board member due to my range of experiences as a student and graduate. I believe I could help the school serve students, whatever career path they may choose. As a student, I worked in multiple student clinics on VLS and since graduation, I have worked in a large, corporate law firm as well as a non-profit. My experiences are listed below:

- Barber & Waxman
Associate Attorney, Beginning August 2022

- Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Staff Attorney, 2018- June 2022
- Boies, Schiller, Flexner LLP
Staff Attorney, 2017-2018
- Safeline Advocacy Organization
Hotline Advocate, 2017-2018

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

After serving on committees as a board member, I remain proud to serve wherever needed. However, I am eager to continue work with the Mentoring Committee and Alumni Engagement Committee. I am both extremely passionate about helping prepare VLS students to be ready to join the legal community while helping alumni maintain a connection to VLS.

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

Finally, I have the resources and ability to make the Board a priority over the next three years. After graduation, I remained in Vermont – approximately 40 minutes from the school. I will be able to make most meetings in person. I would also be able to attend other events on campus as a Board member. I also work in Burlington, and could attend and participate in regional events.