

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2025



VERMONT
LAW & GRADUATE SCHOOL

Friday, June 27 – Sunday, June 29

South Royalton, Vermont

2025 ALUMNI WEEKEND

ADDRESS

Vermont Law and Graduate School is located at 164 Chelsea Street in South Royalton, Vermont.

DRIVING AND PARKING

Please observe the 25 MPH speed limit and posted stop signs on and around campus. Parking is available in designated VLGS lots. Please do not park on or near the South Royalton Town Green.

WIFI ACCESS

Network: VLGS Guest

Password: L3tsg0swans! (Note: the "0" is a zero)

LIBRARY HOURS

The Julien and Virginia Cornell Library is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

CAMPUS STORE

Barrister's Book Shop will be open on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Alumni receive 15% off with the code **AlumniWeekend2025**. The store also sells coffee, lattes, baked goods, fruit, and other refreshments.

FITNESS CENTER ACCESS

Alumni are welcome to use the 24-hour fitness center after signing a waiver at registration. Want early access? Email alumni@vermontlaw.edu to coordinate a pass.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found will be managed at the registration table on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, it will be available at the brunch with Vice President Shirley Jefferson JD'86.

CHILDCARE AT CAMP VLGS

Childcare for potty-trained children under 13 will be available Friday from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. and Saturday from 5:15 to 9:15 p.m. Food, drinks, and activities will be provided.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

There are several taxi services in the area. Any associated costs are the responsibility of individual guests.

- **Door to Door:** Lebanon, New Hampshire • 603-448-0538
- **Payless Taxi:** Montpelier, Vermont • 802-476-4097
- **AA Transportation:** Winooski, Vermont • 802-227-2776

SECURITY

- **Royalton Police Department** • 802-763-8961
- **Vermont State Police (Bethel/Royalton)** • 802-234-9933
- **In an emergency, please dial 911.**

QUESTIONS?

Visit the check-in table in Chase Breezeway
or email alumni@vermontlaw.edu.

MORE INFORMATION

You can find all the details about Alumni Weekend 2025 at connect.vermontlaw.edu/alumni-weekend-2025, or simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera.





Friday, June 27

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Alumni Work Space

Dearing House • Multicultural Center

Open all day for email checks, phone calls, and downtime between events.

11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. • Check In and Registration

Chase Breezeway

Pick up your name tag, schedule, and swag. Staff will be on hand to answer questions.

11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. • In Memoriam: A Space for Reflection (Drop In)

Debevoise Hall • Belfry Tower

Stop in for quiet remembrance of classmates who have passed away.

12 to 1 p.m. • CLE 1 – Trial Advocacy: How to Use the Media to Your Advantage

Debevoise Hall • Map Room

Join **Mario Gallucci JD'90**, a veteran criminal defense attorney and frequent guest on CourtTV and "Dateline," for a dynamic CLE session exploring each phase of trial, from jury selection to verdict. Learn real-world strategies for openings, cross-examination, summation, and courtroom presence. Vermont CLE credit available; alumni in other states should check with their jurisdiction. Open to all alumni.



1:15 to 2:15 p.m. • CLE 2 – Conservation Easements and Charitable Giving: A Tax Update

Debevoise Hall • Map Room

Join **Kristy Caron JD'00**, partner at Caron Law LLC, for a timely update on legal and tax issues related to charitable donations of real property and conservation easements. Learn about IRS enforcement trends, common pitfalls, and best practices for attorneys working with land trusts or conservation clients. Vermont CLE credit available; alumni in other states should check with their jurisdiction. Open to all alumni.



**2:30 to 3:30 p.m. • CLE 3 – Employment Law in the Real World:
Immigration, Litigation, and Labor Trends**

Debevoise Hall • Map Room

Arturo Hernandez JD’07, attorney at McMahon Berger P.C., leads a CLE session on employment and labor law with insights on business immigration, litigation strategy, and workplace compliance. Drawing from experience in both public defense and private practice, he’ll share practical tips for attorneys advising employers or handling disputes. Vermont CLE credit available; alumni in other states should check with their jurisdiction. Open to all alumni.



3 to 4 p.m. • Energy Clinic 10th Anniversary Celebration

Eaton House

Join the Institute for Energy and the Environment, along with faculty, staff, students, and alumni, to honor the legacy of **Professor Kevin Jones** and connect with professionals in energy and sustainability.



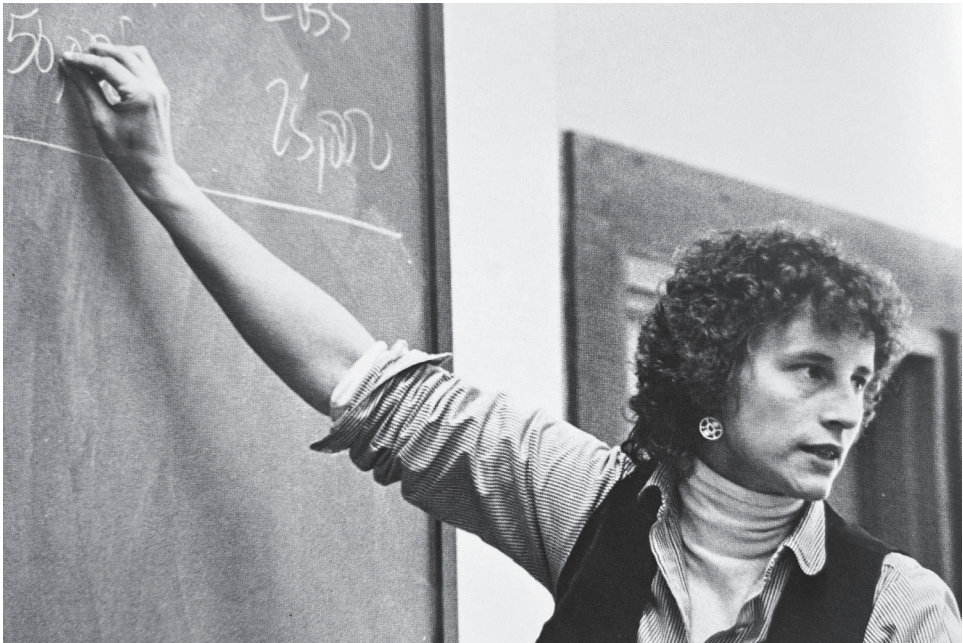
3 to 4 p.m. • Campus Tour

Departs from Library Quad

Led by our admissions team. Explore new additions to campus and revisit favorite spots.

4 to 5 p.m. • **Celebration of Stephanie Willbanks**
Debevoise Hall • Yates Common Room

Celebrate the retirement of longtime professor and tax law scholar **Stephanie Willbanks** as we gather to reflect on her remarkable career.



5 to 6:30 p.m. • Welcome Back Party
Debevoise Hall • Back Lawn

Join us for hors d'oeuvres and drinks as we toast to a weekend of reconnection and celebration.

7 to 9 p.m. • Milestone Class Dinners
Various Locations

Gather with your class at your reserved location:

- CLASS OF 1980** SAAP, Randolph, Vermont
- CLASS OF 1985** Worthy Burger, South Royalton, Vermont
- CLASS OF 1990** The Prince & The Pauper, Woodstock, Vermont
- CLASS OF 1995** Revo Casino and Social House, Lebanon, New Hampshire
- CLASS OF 2000** Thyme, White River Junction, Vermont
- CLASS OF 2005** Snax, Lebanon, New Hampshire (Gathering at 6 p.m.)
- CLASS OF 2010** Carpenter & Main, Norwich, Vermont
- CLASS OF 2015** Carlita's Cantina, South Royalton, Vermont
- CLASS OF 2020** Yates Common Room, VLGS Campus



Saturday, June 28

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Check In and Registration

Chase Breezeway

Pick up your name tag, schedule, and swag. Staff will be on hand to answer questions.

9 to 10 a.m. • Memorial Service

Banks of the White River

Join **Frank Twohill JD'85** and fellow Swans for a heartfelt gathering to honor VLGS alumni, faculty, and staff who have passed. Though they are gone, their impact and presence live on in our community.

9 to 10 a.m. • Campus Tour

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9:30 to 10 a.m. • Coffee with the Deans

Chase Community Center

Join **Dean Beth McCormack** and **Dean Dan Bromberg** for coffee and conversation.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. • In Memoriam: A Space for Reflection (Drop In)

Debevoise Hall • Belfry Tower

Stop in for quiet remembrance of classmates who have passed away.

10 to 11:30 a.m. • State of the School

Chase Community Center

Join **Dean Beth McCormack** and **Dean Dan Bromberg** for an update on the state of Vermont Law and Graduate School. Alumni in attendance will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Backyard BBQ with Alumni Association Leadership

Debevoise Hall • Back Lawn

Join us for barbecue, drinks, and lawn games as you catch up with old friends and make new ones! This event is hosted by the VLGS Alumni Association Board of Directors who look forward to connecting with you at this casual gathering.

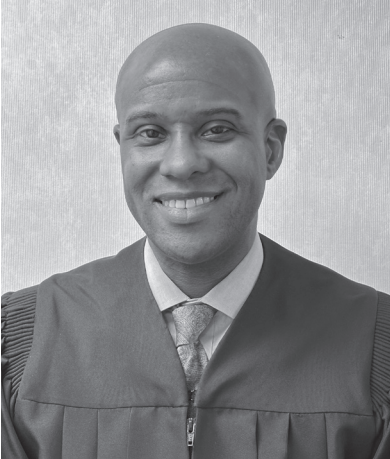
1 to 1:30 p.m. • Milestone Class Photos

Debevoise Hall • Front Steps

Gather in front of Debevoise Hall for an all-alumni photo. If your class year ends in a zero or five, we'll also be taking milestone-specific class photos.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. • Alumni Awards Ceremony
Debevoise Hall • Back Lawn

Join us as we celebrate **The Honorable Jerry Edwards JD’05**, the 2025 VLGSAA Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, and **Lou Helmuth JD’84**, the 2025 Alumni Service Award recipient. There will also be special recognition of the milestone classes’ philanthropic efforts as part of the #CountMeIn Challenge.



**The Honorable
Jerry Edwards JD’05**
*VLGSAA Distinguished
Alumni Award*



**Lou
Helmuth JD’84**
*Alumni Service
Award*

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. • Multicultural Center Open House
Dearing House • Multicultural Center

Enjoy sweet treats and conversation at the VLGS Multicultural Center, hosted by Interim Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion **Siu Tip Lam**.

3 to 5 p.m. • SoRo Pub Open House
53 Park Street • South Royalton

Take a stroll down memory lane and enjoy light refreshments as you reminisce with classmates and friends.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. • Deans’ Reception (Invitation Only)
Debevoise Hall • Yates Common Room

This event recognizes the institution’s most generous supporters who give back to VLGS in myriad ways.

6:30 to 9 p.m. • Celebration Dinner

Debevoise Hall • Back Lawn

Gather with alumni, families, faculty, and staff for the signature event of Alumni Weekend 2025. With dinner, drinks, live music, and a retro photo booth, you definitely don't want to miss out on this one!

Sunday, June 29

9 to 11 a.m. • Kent's Ledge Hike

Departs from Library Quad

Join other Swans as you experience the beautiful Upper Valley scenery during a morning hike up Kent's Ledge. VLGS representatives will serve as guides. Meet in the library quad, and please bring a water bottle and any clothing layers you may need.

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Brunch with Vice President Shirley Jefferson JD'86

Debevoise Hall • Yates Common Room

Join former dean and current vice president **Shirley Jefferson JD'86** and other Swans for a delicious brunch with bottomless mimosas.



12:45 to 2:30 p.m. • Tubing on the White River

Departs from Library Quad

End Alumni Weekend with an adventure by tubing down the White River! We'll meet outside the Julien and Virginia Cornell Library to catch the shuttle to the starting location. Tubing ends once you have reached the South Royalton bridge.



There are many meaningful ways to stay connected and give back as a volunteer. You can help organize and engage alumni in your region, serve as a class volunteer to stay in touch with classmates, support prospective JD or master's students through admissions outreach, or provide career guidance to current students in partnership with Career Services. If you're interested in mentoring a JD student, we encourage you to sign up for the Legal Mentor Network. Scan the QR code and let us know what your interests are!



**Through their devotion and hard work, members of our
milestone class committees helped make their class
reunions and Alumni Weekend a success.**

We couldn't have done it without you!

Scott Cameron JD'80

Michael Kessler JD'80

Gail Nichols JD'80

Jessie Roberts JD'80

Steve Pisini JD'85

Frank Twohill JD'85

Andy de la Rocha JD'90

Ben Dominguez JD'90/MSEL'95

Mario Gallucci JD'90

Andy Kessler JD'90

Pam Pescosolido JD'90

Eric Broadway JD'95

KJ Moore JD/MSL'95

Sheilagh Smith JD'95

Kristy Caron JD'00

Margaret Darby JD/MSEL'00

Kasey Sturm JD/MSEL'00

Carolina Curbelo JD'05

Jerry Edwards JD'05

Stacie McHale JD'05

Aaron Melville JD'05

Meg Munsey JD'05

Kelly Singer JD/MSEL'05

Kira Bryers JD'10

Cara Cookson JD'10

Andy Delaney JD'10

Don Hayes JD'10

Sean Williams JD'10

Crystal Abbey JD/MELP'15

Matt Accardi JD'15

Ellen Czajkowski JD'15

Johanna de Graffenreid MELP'15

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Emily Simmons JD'15

Matt Trapeni JD'15/MELP'16

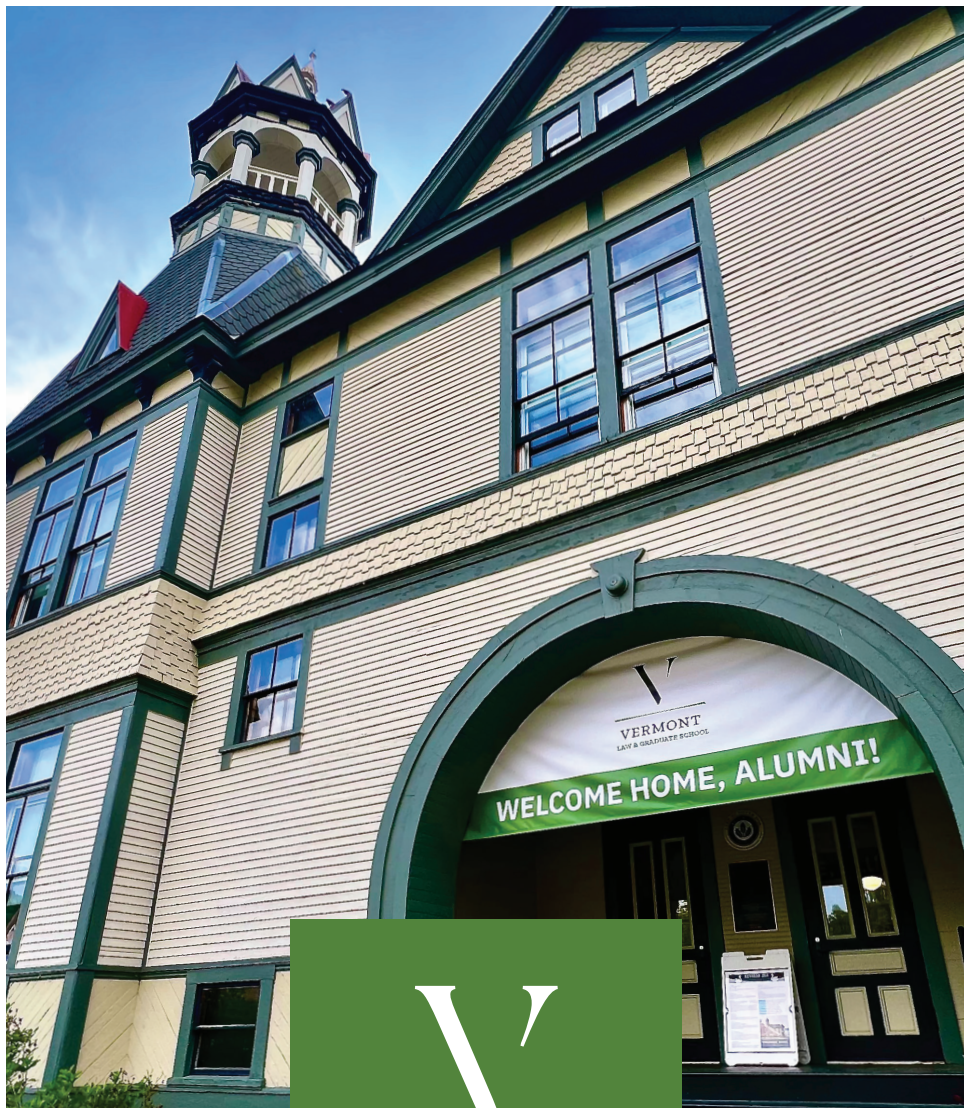
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