

**APPLICATION FOR 2020 MONTANA FIELD SEMINAR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School & Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List your three most recent overnight camping trips (include place, difficulty, degree of self-sufficiency, i.e., did you cook for yourself, sleep in a tent, were there showers?)

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What do you hope to gain from taking the class?

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What would you contribute to the class experience?

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Have you taken: \_\_\_ Environmental Law \_\_\_ Admin Law \_\_\_ Fed. Nat. Resources  
\_\_\_ Other relevant courses: (List) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical, medical or emotional conditions that might affect your safety, the safety of others, or your ability to travel in the backcountry? If so please describe:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Are you in good physical condition, able to hike 10 miles with a backpack?

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Do you have allergies to bee/wasp/hornet/yellow jacket stings (anaphylaxis)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Musculoskeletal/orthopedic injuries? \_\_\_\_\_

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at the Environmental Law Center by March 1, 2020.**

I certify that I have discussed this class with a former course member, understand the financial, physical and academic commitment required, and if accepted will attend barring unforeseen circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

I certify that all of the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. \_\_\_\_\_ (sign and date)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a limited enrollment class. Before applying, please consider the costs and logistics of getting to Montana, as well as the demands of a class that meets in the wilds of Montana, rain or shine.

For more information, contact Courtney Collins at [ccollins@vermontlaw.edu](mailto:ccollins@vermontlaw.edu).

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## **ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of and as a condition of Vermont Law School (“VLS”) approving my participation in the Public Lands Management: Montana Field Study summer session program (the “Field Study”), **I hereby agree as follows:**

### **Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks**

I understand and acknowledge that the Field Study involves risks that may not be present when I am studying at the VLS campus in Vermont. I understand that the type of outdoor activities that are undertaken are a necessary part of the Field Study and can be physically challenging. These include but are not limited to the following activities: hiking, camping, cooking outside, scrambling off trail, travel in remote locations and travel in passenger vans. I understand that medical care and/or evacuation may be unavailable for extended periods of time in the event I am injured or become ill. The activities undertaken in conjunction with the Field Study have an inherent degree of risk and danger in them. These activities are conducted in the out-of-doors which provides additional dangers and risks, including but not limited to inclement weather, forest fires, lightning, cold temperatures and natural hazards like loose rock, cold water, wild animals, biting insects, and rough mountainous terrain. I understand and accept that neither Vermont Law School nor the faculty and other leaders of the Field Study can guarantee my safety, and I understand that I am solely responsible for assessing my own ability to participate safely in the Field Study.

I agree to assume all of the risks associated with Vermont Law School’s Public Land Management: Montana Field Study and consent to my participation in such activities. I have made my own inquiries and investigations into such risks, and am willing to accept them as a condition of my participation in the Field Study. I enter into this Assumption of Risks with knowledge and understanding of the activities undertaken during the Field Study. My participation in the Field Study is entirely voluntary.

I acknowledge that I am required to have medical insurance coverage for the duration of my participation in the Field Study, and I agree to comply with this requirement.

I certify that I am in good physical condition for this course. I know of no disabilities, allergies, diseases, physical conditions or ailments, or any other physical or mental condition, that will hinder my ability to participate in the Field Study. I agree that I will advise VLS of any change in condition that could impact my ability to participate or participate safely in the Field Study.

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**Acknowledgement of Terms and Conditions of Participation**

I understand and agree that the terms and provisions of the VLS Student Handbook, including but not limited to the Code of Conduct and the Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Policy, are fully applicable during my participation in the Field Study, and I may be subject to the VLS disciplinary process for any violation of those provisions and policies during the time I am participating in or associated with the Field Study, to the same extent I would be at other times while enrolled as a VLS student.

**Release Agreement**

Having examined and understood the above, I (for myself and my heirs, executors, estate, next of kin, administrators and assigns) hereby release, discharge, and waive any and all rights or claims of any description for personal injury, illness, or death, loss of or damage to property, and consequential damages, in connection with any aspect of the Field Study, due to any cause whatsoever (including but not limited to the risks described above, which I hereby accept), that I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me or on my behalf against Vermont Law School, its trustees, officers, insurers, employees or agents, including but not limited to Chelsea Colwyn, David Colwyn, Pat Tucker, Bruce Weide, any other co-instructors or TAs, and the employees, agents, or insurers of each of them.

I understand the terms of this Release, and have had the opportunity to seek legal advice for any portion of it which I do not understand. I sign it knowingly and voluntarily, of my own free will.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

Emergency contact person and phone:

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