



VERMONT  
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## 47<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023  
10 A.M.

The Town Green, South Royalton, Vermont

**LEX PRO URBE ET ORBE**

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**ORDER OF EXERCISES**

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| <b>Presiding</b>  | Glenn J. Berger JD’78<br><i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>  |
| <b>Processional</b>   | Bagpiper Benjamin L. Montross MSEL’07<br>Student Marshals<br>Faculty<br>Degree Candidates<br>Trustees   |
| <b>Welcome</b>  | Glenn J. Berger JD’78<br><i>Chair, Board of Trustees</i>  |
| <b>Remarks</b>  | Rodney A. Smolla<br><i>President, Vermont Law and Graduate School</i>   |
| <b>Graduate Address</b>   | Kai DeAndre Hardy JD’23   |
| <b>Posthumous Degree</b>  | Beth McCormack<br><i>Dean, Vermont Law School</i>   |
| <b>Awards</b>   | Rodney A. Smolla<br><i>President, Vermont Law and Graduate School</i><br><br>Meagan T. Munsey JD’05<br><i>President, Vermont Law and<br/>Graduate School Alumni Association</i>   |
| <b>Introduction of Commencement Speaker</b>   | Rodney A. Smolla<br><i>President, Vermont Law<br/>and Graduate School</i>   |
| <b>Commencement Address</b>   | The Honorable Nancy J. Waples<br><i>Associate Justice, Vermont Supreme Court</i>  |
| <b>Presentation of Candidates for the Degree<br/>of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa</b> | Rodney A. Smolla<br><i>President, Vermont Law<br/>and Graduate School</i><br><br>N. Bruce Duthu<br><i>Samson Oocom Professor and Chair of Native<br/>American and Indigenous Studies at Dartmouth College</i><br><br>The Honorable Nancy J. Waples<br><i>Associate Justice, Vermont Supreme Court</i><br><br>Donald C. Baur, In Memoriam<br><i>Adjunct Professor, Vermont Law and Graduate School<br/>Partner, Perkins Coie LLP (Environment, Energy &amp; Resources)</i> |

**Conferring of Honorary Degrees**

Glenn J. Berger JD'78  
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**Presentation of Degree Candidates**

Joseph Brennan  
*Vice Dean for Students*

**Juris Doctor**

**Master of Environmental Law and Policy**

**Master of Energy Regulation and Law**

**Master of Food and Agriculture Law and Policy**

**Master of Arts in Restorative Justice**

**Master of Laws in Environmental Law**

**Master of Laws in Energy Law**

**Master of Laws in Food and Agriculture Law**

**Master of Laws in American Legal Studies**

**Conferring of Degrees**

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**The National Anthem**

Anja Smolla

**Recessional**

Bagpiper Benjamin L. Montross MSEL'07  
Student Marshals  
Trustees  
Graduates  
Faculty

**Members of The Royal Towne Brass**

David Ellis, Trumpet  
David Heintz, Trumpet  
William Keck, Tuba  
Patrick Kennelly, French Horn  
Stephan Shires, Trombone

**Student Marshals**

**JD Class Marshals**  
Brooke Catalano, Mason Fagotti,  
Madison Gaffney, and Boebin Park

**Master's Class Marshal**  
Ashley C. Nunes

**LLM Class Marshal**  
Ashley Pinkney



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Around 11:20 a.m., we will hear the whistle of the train as it passes through South Royalton. In memory of Thomas Fennell JD/MERL'23, kindly observe a moment of silence until the train has passed.

# AWARDS AND DEGREES

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**The Learned Hand Award for Academic Excellence**, endowed by a gift from the late Judge Sterry R. Waterman, is the symbol of Vermont Law and Graduate School's goal of contribution to the larger community through the pursuit of academic excellence. Each year it is awarded to the graduate with the highest cumulative average (as of the end of the fifth semester) as the representative of those who have striven for academic excellence, following Learned Hand's example.

**The Maximilian W. Kempner Award** was established in 1996 to honor the fifth dean of the law school. As a practicing lawyer, member of numerous groups and organizations seeking to improve our administration of justice, and dean of Vermont Law School, Max Kempner brought dignity and civility to the profession. By personal example, he sought to hold the profession and its members to the highest standards of competence, integrity, respect, fair-mindedness, and public service. The award is given each year to the graduate who best exemplifies these attributes.

**The Lex Pro Urbe et Orbe Award** was created in 1979 by the Vermont Law and Graduate School Alumni Association (VLGSAA) in recognition of the many contributions that students make within the campus community. This award is given annually to a graduate who is selected by the VLGSAA Board of Directors, in honor of the individual's thoughtful interest in, and dedication to, enriching the VLGS community.

**The Jeff and Genie Shields Prize** was created in 2012 by generous donors in recognition of Jeff and Genie Shields' many contributions to Vermont Law and Graduate School. The prize is awarded annually to a member, or members, of the VLGS family (students, staff, faculty,

trustees, friends, parents, or alumni) in recognition of their creativity and ingenuity in encouraging philanthropic support to Vermont Law and Graduate School. Each year, the selected recipients have the opportunity to allocate a financial stipend from this endowed fund to a VLGS priority program.

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## JURIS DOCTOR

The Juris Doctor (JD) degree is the first professional degree in law and is an appropriate credential for admission to the practice of law in all United States jurisdictions. In addition to the skills, values, and substantive knowledge necessary for responsible and successful practice, the curriculum at Vermont Law School seeks to provide students with a thorough understanding of the nature and function of law in society and equip them to serve their communities in positions of leadership and responsibility. Thus, students are encouraged to become sensitive to the relationships between law and other disciplines and to emphasize questions of process, policy, and principle in all of their work, pursuing—in the words of Roscoe Pound—"the learned art in the spirit of a public service."

## MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

The Master of Environmental Law and Policy (MELP) is a program in environmental law, policy, science, and ethics. MELP students learn the underlying values of environmental law and the ways that multiple disciplines come together to form environmental policy.

### **MASTER OF ENERGY REGULATION AND LAW**

The Master of Energy Regulation and Law (MERL) is a program focused on law and policy governing energy use, production, and transmission. The MERL program responds to the rapid growth of the alternative energy sector as well as the environmental problems associated with traditional energy production.

### **MASTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE LAW AND POLICY**

The Master of Food and Agriculture Law and Policy (MFALP) is a program in food and agriculture law. MFALP students learn to create the legal tools needed to innovate and support sustainable food and agriculture systems, preparing graduates for careers in food and agriculture policy and advocacy.

### **MASTER OF ARTS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

The Master of Arts in Restorative Justice (MARJ) program was created for students who want to address deficiencies in our justice system and become the next generation of justice leaders. The curriculum combines traditional law courses with restorative justice courses, simulations, and experiential learning opportunities to prepare graduates for careers in restorative justice. The program is poised to train students who want to develop new approaches to criminal justice.

### **MASTER OF LAWS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

The Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law—a professional degree awarded to post-JD candidates—offers a deep concentration in environmental law. This degree prepares the lawyer for specialized environmental law practice in public service or private firms, and for law school teaching.

### **MASTER OF LAWS IN ENERGY LAW**

The Master of Laws (LLM) in Energy Law degree is for post-JD students who wish to pursue intensive study in energy law. The program prepares students to practice energy law in the public or private spheres or pursue careers in teaching, research, or public policy.

### **MASTER OF LAWS IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE LAW**

The Master of Laws (LLM) in Food and Agriculture Law is a professional degree awarded to post-JD students who wish to pursue intensive study in food and agriculture law. This program prepares students to specialize in law and policy relating to sustainable food and agriculture systems.

### **MASTER OF LAWS IN AMERICAN LEGAL STUDIES**

The Master of Laws (LLM) in American Legal Studies is an advanced professional degree. Available only to international students, this LLM prepares the returning lawyer or recent law graduate with the skills and knowledge required for transnational practice or other legal work.

# 2023 GRADUATES

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**Juris Doctor,  
Joint Juris Doctor—Master of Environmental Law and Policy,  
Master of Energy Regulation and Law,  
Master of Food and Agriculture Law and Policy,  
Master of Arts in Restorative Justice**

*Julia Maria Alvarez Ramirez, Juris Doctor*

*Courtney Lynn Ayon, Juris Doctor<sup>#</sup>*

*Sara Chiyo Babcock, Juris Doctor*

*Jordan M. Barker, Juris Doctor<sup>\*\*</sup>*

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*Stephanie Arvella Bing, Juris Doctor*

*Aiden L. Black, Juris Doctor*

*James Dunbar Brien, Juris Doctor<sup>\*\*\*</sup>*

*Olivia Grace Brooks, Juris Doctor*

*Peri Jo Buck, Juris Doctor<sup>\*</sup>*

*Erika M. Calderón, Juris Doctor<sup>\*</sup>,  
Master of Arts in Restorative Justice<sup>#</sup>*

*Caitlin Rose Carroll, Juris Doctor<sup>\*\*</sup>*

*Clelia Casciola, Juris Doctor<sup>\*\*\*</sup>*

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*Adriney M. Chepeian, Juris Doctor*

*Brooke Chmura, Juris Doctor<sup>\*</sup>*

*Katie Ann Clukey, Juris Doctor*

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*Liam Paul-Thierry Datres de la Blotier, Juris Doctor*

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*Emily A. Davis, Juris Doctor<sup>\*\*\*</sup>*

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*June F. Dietrich, Juris Doctor<sup>\*</sup>*

*Elizabeth Arelt Drinkwater, Juris Doctor,  
Master of Arts in Restorative Justice<sup>†</sup>*

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*Mercedes Simone Fagan, Juris Doctor*

*Alexander Mason Fagotti, Juris Doctor,  
Master of Environmental Law and Policy*

*Vanessa J. Fetter, Juris Doctor<sup>\*\*\*</sup>*

*Sarah E. Finley, Juris Doctor*

*James Patrick Flynn, Juris Doctor*

*Vaughn Ford-Plotkin, Juris Doctor*

*Mary Lynn France, Juris Doctor<sup>\*#</sup>*

*Katherine Devon-Abra Silver Frederick, Juris Doctor, Master of Arts in Restorative Justice<sup>#</sup>*

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**Benjamin Silliman Gray, Jr.**, Juris Doctor<sup>\*</sup>, Master of Environmental Law and Policy<sup>\*</sup>

**Zachary Irving Handelman**, Juris Doctor<sup>\*\*</sup>

**Kai DeAndre Hardy**, Juris Doctor<sup>\*</sup>

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**Grant Rockwell Hart**, Juris Doctor, Master of Energy Regulation and Law<sup>#</sup>

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**Brian Patrick Holmes**, Juris Doctor

**Heidi E. Johnson**, Juris Doctor<sup>\*</sup>

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**Rebecca Isabelle Kimmel**, Juris Doctor<sup>\*\*</sup>

**Meagan Kirby**, Juris Doctor<sup>†</sup>, Master of Environmental Law and Policy<sup>†</sup>

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*Elizabeth Wiggins<sup>†</sup>*

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## Master of Laws in Energy Law

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