

DAYNA L. SMITH
VERMONT LAW & GRADUATE SCHOOL
Associate Director, Academic Success Program
Associate Professor of Law

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT, May 2020

J.D.

- Vermont Journal of Environmental Law, Editor in Chief (Vol. 21)
- Moot Court: Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, 2020; Debevoise Moot Court Competition, 2019

Western Illinois University, Chicago, IL, Aug. 2016

M.S. Biology

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, May 2014

B.S. Biological Sciences, Minor in Sustainability

EXPERIENCE

Vermont Law & Graduate School, South Royalton, VT, Aug. 2022 – present

Associate Director, Academic Success Program and Associate Professor of Law July 2024 – present

Associate Director, Academic Success Program and Assistant Professor of Law Oct. 2023 – July 2024

Assistant Director, Academic Success Program and Assistant Professor of Law Aug. 2022-Oct. 2023

Teaching Responsibilities:

Bar Exam Skills and Tactics (online & residential); Bar Exam Test Taking Extra Review (online); Civil Procedure; Essay Writing for Exams (hybrid); Foundations of Legal Analysis; Legal Methods; Torts; Independent Research Projects; Advanced Writing Requirements

Service:

AALS Faculty Representative (elected 2024); Academic Advisor; CLEO Mentor; Hiring Sub-Committee; National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition Team Coach; Next Generation Bar Committee; Vermont Journal of Environmental Law Faculty Advisor

Departmental Responsibilities:

Organize and Present at Jump Start Pre-Orientation Program; Develop and Present Academic Skills Workshops; Track Bar Exam Developments; Track and Report Bar Pass Data; Develop and Implement Bar Exam Initiatives

University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, 2021 –2022

Visiting Law Coordinator, Graduate & International Programs Office

Adjunct Professor

JD Advising, 2021 – 2022

Bar Exam, Law School, MPRE Tutor

Attorney Content Creator

The Collins Law Firm, Naperville, IL, 2019 –2021

Associate, Jan. 2021 – June 2021

Law Clerk, May 2019 – Jan. 2021 (promoted upon bar admission)

Vermont Law School Academic Success Program, South Royalton, VT, 2018–2020
Teaching Assistant & Student Mentor

The Appellate Advocacy Project, South Royalton, VT, 2020
Student Clinician

Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, South Royalton, VT, 2019
Student Clinician

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Montpelier, VT, 2018
Law Clerk

SCHOLARSHIP

Law Review Articles

- Dayna Smith, *PFAAS Litigation and Industry “Science”*: Combating Deceptive Industry Practices, 47 W. NEW ENG. L. REV. ____ (in publication).
- Dayna Smith, *Close the Gate! A Daubert Argument for Excluding Industry-Funded “Science,”* 71 Drake L. R. 45 (2024).
- Dayna Smith, Note, *The Final Straw? Evaluating Possible Challenges to Single-Use Plastic Straw Bans*, 50 Tex. Envtl. L. J. 331 (2020).

Online Publications

- Dayna Smith, *4 Things You Should Do If You Failed the Bar Exam*, ABA STUDENT LAWYER BLOG (Nov. 15, 2023), https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_students/resources/student-lawyer/bar-admissions-and-exam/4-things-you-should-do-if-you-failed-the-bar-exam/.
- Dayna Smith, *4 Bar Exam Study Tips*, ABA STUDENT LAWYER BLOG (May 16, 2023), https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_students/resources/student-lawyer/bar-admissions-and-exam/four-bar-exam-study-tips/.
- Dayna Smith, *5 Time Management Tips for Bar Studying*, ABA STUDENT LAWYER BLOG (Mar. 8, 2023), https://www.americanbar.org/groups/law_students/resources/student-lawyer/bar-admissions-and-exam/5-time-management-tips-for-bar-studying/.
- Dayna Smith & Mark Latham, *From Civil Rights to Nuisance: Novel Approaches to Battling Climate Change*, VT. J. ENVTL. L., <http://vjl.vermontlaw.edu/topten/civil-rights-nuisance-novel-approaches-battling-climate-change/>.

External Presentations

- Dayna Smith, *Academic Support in an Online World: Adapting to Meet Remote Needs*, Northeast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals (Dec. 15, 2023).

Other

- Alison Zachritz et al., *Bioaccumulation of Mercury in Lake Michigan Painted Turtles (Chrysemys picta)*, 196 Envtl. Monitoring & Assessment 75 (2023) (coauthor).
- Dayna L. Smith et al., *Body Burdens of Heavy Metal Contaminants in Lake Michigan Wetland Turtles*, 188 Envtl. Monitoring & Assessment 1 (2016).

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Vermont Mar. 2023 – present (inactive status)
- Illinois Jan. 2021 – present (inactive status)

MEMBERSHIPS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Association of Academic Support Educators, Aug. 2023 – present
- Board Member, Magic Mountain Childcare Center, June 2023 – present
- Member, Vermont Bar Association, June 2023 – present
- Member, Association of American Law Schools, Aug. 2022 – present
- Member, American Bar Association, Aug. 2022 – present
 - Section Memberships: Academic Support; Civil Procedure; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Professionals; Evidence; Teaching Methods; Torts and Compensation Systems

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Learned Hand Award for Academic Excellence, Vermont Law School, May 2020
- Marc Mihaly Environmental Leadership Award, Vermont Law School, May 2020
- Best Oralist in Courtroom, Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, Feb. 2020
- Academic Excellence Award for Highest Grade, Vermont Law School: Legal Writing II (2018), Environmental Law (2018), Criminal Practice and Procedure (2018), the Environmental and Natural Resources Clinic (2019), Evidence (2019), and Family Law (2019)