

Seat #1

Amber L. Barber

Amber Barber earned her B.A. degree, cum laude, from St. Lawrence University and her J.D. degree from Albany Law School of Union University. Amber is a managing partner at Barber & Waxman. She concentrates her practice in matrimonial and family law.

Ms. Barber previously served as treasurer for the Chittenden County Bar Association. She also is a past-president and former member of the Board of Managers for the Vermont Board Association. Prior to that, Ms. Barber served as a member and past-president on the Board of Managers Young Lawyers Division. She has also served as a Board member for the Vermont Bar Foundation from 2014 to present and is also a past-president of its Board of Directors.

Ms. Barber is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a Diplomate of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers. She is a frequent lecturer on all aspects of family law, including complex litigation. Ms. Barber also serves as a guardian ad litem for family court cases and teaches pro se education classes for the family court.

Seat#2

Renee Mobbs, Esq.

Renee is a native Vermonter. She grew up in Burlington and Hinesburg, and attended CVU, St. Michael's College, and Vermont Law School. She majored in English at St. Mike's and received Departmental Honors from the English Dept. as well as the Valedictory Award for graduating first in the class of 2005. In 2009, she graduated cum laude from VLS with a Certificate in General Practice. Renee is now a Director and Shareholder at Sheehey Furlong & Behm P.C. in Burlington, where her practice focuses on business and transactional matters and commercial litigation. She regularly represents banking/financial services institutions and health care organizations, including residential care homes and nursing homes, on regulatory compliance, day-to-day operations, and collections matters. She also regularly represents businesses and individual clients in probate and general civil litigation.

Statement of Interest:

I am interested in joining the VT Bar Foundation Board because, representing mostly business clients, I do not often get the opportunity to assist low-income Vermonters with their legal needs. I do volunteer to represent persons in need of guardianship in Chittenden Probate Court on a low bono and pro bono basis, and I serve as a volunteer Guardian Ad Litem for children who have been victims of abuse or neglect and are part of proceedings in Chittenden Family Court, but I feel that serving on the VT Bar Foundation Board is another high-level way for me to contribute to access to justice in Vermont. I know from experience representing businesses in litigation matters that it is always better for me and for my clients when the adverse party is represented by counsel. I feel much more comfortable in the process and outcome of cases when all parties are advised of and understand their rights and options, and it is unfortunate when inability to pay gets in the way of that. I am therefore grateful for and proud of the many amazing ATJ causes which the Foundation supports. It would be an honor to serve the mission of the VT Bar Foundation and help examine and select for funding the many worthwhile non-profits whose missions align with the Foundation's and who provide real access to justice on the ground in our Vermont communities.

Zoë Sajor, Esq.

Zoë Sajor is an associate with Dunkiel Saunders Elliott Raubvogel & Hand, and supports a wide range of the firm's practice areas, including, civil litigation, energy and public utilities, environment, and business and corporate transactions.

Zoë graduated from Boston University School of Law, where she contributed to an amicus brief in support of the Affordable Care Act, and interned with the non-profit organizations Health Law Advocates and Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice. After law school, Zoë practiced in New York City for a large multinational law firm, and in the Washington, DC metro area for a boutique firm. She gained valuable experience in maritime and insurance arbitration and litigation and retail real estate transactions. In 2017, Zoë returned home to the Lake Champlain region and joined the firm.

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I am honored to be nominated for the Chittenden County seat on the VBF Board. The core mission of VBF greatly resonates with me and is in line with my personal mission to ensure that legal services are accessible to all who need them. In law school, as the co-president of the Public Interest Project ("PIP") I was charged with managing fundraising efforts to provide grants to students who chose unpaid non-profit, government, and pro bono internships. That year we successfully funded all grant applicants for their summer positions. Later, when I practiced in Washington, DC, I was fortunate enough to volunteer with the Volunteer Lawyers Project ("VLP") as a guardian ad litem. VLP provided important legal aid to women and children who otherwise would have had to navigate a difficult and overburdened legal system on their own. Such an experience only strengthened my resolve to contribute to initiatives that expanded access to legal services. When I learned of the opportunity with the VBF Board, I was both humbled to be nominated and excited for the opportunity to contribute to such an impressive and important organization. I thank you for participating in this process and appreciate your consideration.