

## **Gavin Boyles, Esq.**

I am a graduate of Haverford College and Vermont Law School. I began my legal career clerking for Chief Justice Reiber, for whom I had interned during law school. After clerking, I transitioned to private practice in Burlington, focused primarily on land use and insurance. In 2011, I returned to Montpelier and spent the next five years in the Environmental Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office. In October 2016, I accepted a position as Assistant General Counsel with the Department of Financial Regulation. Since February 2018 I have been the Department's General Counsel, supervising eight attorneys and one paralegal.

I was on the board of the VBA Young Lawyers Division from 2009 through 2017 and served as Chair of the Division in 2015-2016. I also served on the VBA Board of Managers from 2014 through 2017. This year I have served as VBF Board President, and I have been a member of the VBF Board since 2017. As a member of the Board, I've seen that the VBF's mission and work align closely with my values and that serving on the VBF Board is deeply satisfying.

I live in Montpelier with my wife and our two children, ages 12 and 16 (and four guinea pigs and a steady stream of toddlers at my wife's home daycare).

### Statement of Interest -

I am honored to be considered for re-election to my position on the VBF Board. As a member of the VBF Board for the last four years I've seen that the VBF's mission and work align closely with my values. I have found serving on the VBF Board, including this past year as Board President, deeply satisfying. I will continue be a reliable and diligent board member and plan to serve also as a co-chair for the Access to Justice Campaign for Washington County.

My hope is to continue my work enabling the Foundation to raise more money for worthy causes, to continue to establish and formalize relationships with other organizations to enable that work, and to broaden and deepen the Foundation's fundraising efforts. It has been so rewarding this past year to see the benefits of hiring a fulltime development director. I look forward to being involved in the process of planning for and navigating Debbie Bailey's retirement after decades of dedicated service to the Foundation.

I have had a personal connection to the Poverty Law Fellowship program since 2008, when my then-co-clerk Grace Pazdan was awarded the first fellowship. The Fellowship in Grace's case kept an excellent young lawyer in Vermont, resulted in lasting and positive change to the Vermont foreclosure landscape, and improved the lives of countless Vermonters facing foreclosure. As a Board member and participant in the 2017 and 2019 Fellow interview processes, what I have seen of subsequent Fellows' work has been similarly positive. I think it is vitally important that the Fellowship become a permanent institution. It has been and would continue to be an honor to do that work.

It's clear to me that the VBF's work in all its aspects is essential to making Vermont a better place. Thank you for your consideration.