

**DAYNA L. SMITH**  
VERMONT LAW SCHOOL  
Assistant Director, Academic Success Program  
Assistant Professor of Law

**EDUCATION**

**Vermont Law School**, South Royalton, VT, May 2020

*J.D.*

- Vermont Journal of Environmental Law, Editor in Chief, Vol. 21; Staff Editor, Vol. 20
- Moot Court: National Environmental Moot Court Competition, 2020; Debevoise Moot Court Competition, 2019

**Western Illinois University**, Chicago, IL, Aug. 2016

*M.S. Biology, Certificate Zoo and Aquarium Studies*

- Thesis: Dayna L. Smith, *Olfactory Enrichment in Amur Leopards* (2016) (ProQuest Database).

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

*B.S. Biological Sciences/ Minor in Sustainability*

**EXPERIENCE**

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

*Assistant Director, Academic Success Program & Assistant Professor of Law*

**University of Illinois**, Champaign, IL, July 2021 – July 2022

*Visiting Law Coordinator, Graduate & International Programs Office*

**JD Advising**, May 2021 – July 2022

*Bar Exam, Law School, MPRE Tutor*

*Attorney Content Creator*

**The Collins Law Firm**, Naperville, IL, May 2019 – June 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, Aug. 2018–May 2020

*Teaching Assistant & Student Mentor*

- Civil Procedure I & II (2018–2020), Legal Writing II (2019), and Evidence (2020)

**The Appellate Advocacy Program**, South Royalton, VT, Spring 2020

*Student Clinician*

**Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic**, South Royalton, VT, Spring & Fall 2019

*Student Clinician*

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources**, Montpelier, VT, May –Aug. 2018

*Law Clerk*

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Dayna Smith, *The Final Straw? Evaluating Possible Challenges to Single-Use Plastic Straw Bans*, 50 Tex. Env'tl. L. J. 331 (2020).

- Dayna Smith & Mark Latham, *From Civil Rights to Nuisance: Novel Approaches to Battling Climate Change*, VT. J. ENVTL. L., <http://vjel.vermontlaw.edu/topten/civil-rights-nuisance-novel-approaches-battling-climate-change/>.
- Dayna L. Smith et al, *Body Burdens of Heavy Metal Contaminants in Lake Michigan Wetland Turtles*, 188 *Envtl. Monitoring & Assessment* 1 (2016).

## **BAR ADMISSION**

### **State of Illinois**

*Jan. 2021 – present*

## **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, National Environmental 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)