

**Press Release: Vermont Bar Foundation Hires New Executive Director and Elects New Board Chair  
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**Montpelier, VT** – The Vermont Bar Foundation (VBF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Hannah King as its new Executive Director. King previously served as the Deputy Campaign Manager and Finance Director for Congresswoman Becca Balint, as well as the Business Development and Communications Director for the Lake Champlain Chamber.

“I am thrilled to take on this role during such a pivotal time for the Foundation,” said Hannah King. “I am proud to work alongside a Board of dedicated individuals who have a shared passion for expanding access to justice for our most vulnerable neighbors.”

The VBF is also excited to announce that Bonnie Badgewick, Esq., has been elected as the new Board Chair following Amelia Darrow’s term.

“As my term as Board Chair ends, I reflect on all that we have accomplished,” said Amelia Darrow. “We have a board of dedicated people, deeply committed to making a difference for Vermonters. Access to justice is served not just by the programming of many incredible people around the state; it is also served by sustainable funding and a bar willing to listen and learn from our neighbors who experience poverty, harm, discrimination, and basic insecurities. The VBF has tackled difficult problems with integrity. We established the Beth Dannon Permanent Fund to ensure that we can continue to support our grantees during lean times. We have a keen eye on covering administrative costs without impacting grantmaking, and we have been amplifying the stories of those who need and receive civil legal services from our grantees. I’m so proud of our work, and I know we can do more. We are in a great position to do so.”

Looking ahead, Bonnie Badgewick expressed her excitement about the transition: “I am honored and humbled to be the incoming President at such a pivotal time for the Vermont Bar Foundation. The Board enthusiastically welcomes Hannah to the role of Executive Director of the VBF. We are looking forward to the year ahead with renewed enthusiasm for all the amazing and necessary work of the VBF in providing avenues of access to justice for those Vermonters in need. As we embark on this exciting new era, the scope of the Foundation’s grantmaking and its impact on low-income Vermonters will continue to grow.”

The Vermont Bar Foundation remains committed to its mission of creating a just community by funding legal services for the disadvantaged and developing programs that enhance the understanding of and access to the Vermont legal system. With these new leadership changes, it is poised to enhance its impact statewide.

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