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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)	OMB No 1545-0047 2008
	The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2008 and ending 06-30-2009

B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Termination ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization Vermont Law School	D Employer identification number 23-7251952		
		Doing Business As		E Telephone number (802) 831-1000	
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO Box 96	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 28,012,236	
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 South Royalton, VT 05068			
F Name and address of Principal Officer Andrea Symonds PO Box 96 South Royalton, VT 05068		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (3) ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If "No," attach a list See instructions)			
J Web site: ☒ www.vermontlaw.edu		H(c) Group Exemption Number ☐			
K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ trust ☐ association ☐ other ☐		L Year of Formation 1973	M State of legal domicile VT		

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities To educate students in a diverse community that fosters personal growth and that enables them to attain outstanding professional skills and high ethical values with which to serve as lawyers and environmental and other professionals in an increasingly technological and interdependent global society		
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	<u>31</u>
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	<u>30</u>
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	<u>286</u>
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	<u>0</u>
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C) . . .	7a	<u>139,493</u>
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . .	7b	<u>-245,266</u>
Revenue			Prior Year	Current Year
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	2,673,306	3,617,686
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	21,863,435	23,566,316
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	475,969	276,483
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	433,814	461,187
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	25,446,524	27,921,672
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	3,035,566	3,907,286
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	13,119,910	15,099,485
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		50,372
	b	(Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 <u>947,617</u>)		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	9,475,618	8,952,770
	18	Total expenses—add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))	25,631,094	28,009,913
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-184,570	-88,241
	Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Year
20		Total assets (Part X, line 16)	41,709,280	38,712,636
21		Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	14,719,066	14,627,750
22		Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	26,990,214	24,084,886

Part II Signature Block

Please Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge				
	*****		2010-02-11		
	Signature of officer		Date		
	LORRAINE ATWOOD VP OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature		Date	Check if self-employed ☒	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		Sullivan Powers & Company 77 Barre St PO Box 947 Montpelier, VT 05601		EIN
					Phone no (802) 223-2352

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (See instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

To educate students in a diverse community that fosters personal growth and that enables them to attain outstanding professional skills and high ethical values with which to serve as lawyers and environmental and other professionals in an increasingly technological and interdependent global society

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 22,814,497 including grants of \$ 3,907,286) (Revenue \$ 23,566,316)

Vermont Law School seeks to provide the best in legal and environmental education The school offers exceptional opportunities through its Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, South Royalton Legal Clinic, Institute for Energy and the Environment, Environmental Tax Policy Institute, Land Use Institute, Vermont Law School/SunYat-sen University Partnership for Environmental Law in China, Climate Legacy Initiative, General Practice Program, Semester in Practice, and Alternative Dispute Resolution Program The international and comparative law programs enable students to study or work abroad in France, Spain, China, England, Russia, and Italy The law school hosted over 200 symposia, speakers, and other presentations during the academic year In 2009, 601 full-time students were enrolled in JD and other advanced degree programs Vermont Law School awarded 278 JD and other advanced degrees

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses \$ 22,814,497 Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	Yes
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable 	11	Yes
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12	Yes
13	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 	13	Yes
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I 	14b	Yes
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II 	15	Yes
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III 	16	No
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I 	17	Yes
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II 	18	No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III 	19	No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II 	21	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III 	22	Yes
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J 	23	Yes
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25 	24a	Yes
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	Yes
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	No
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	No
b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(Continued)*

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> 	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> 		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> 		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
36	501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	1,534	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	286	
b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . Note: <i>If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.</i>	2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?	5c		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	<i>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</i>			
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?	7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	0	
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		No
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h		No
8	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</i> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		No
9	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</i>			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		No
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		No
10	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11	<i>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</i> Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b		
12a	<i>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</i> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

1a

Enter the number of voting members of the governing body

1a

31

1b

Enter the number of voting members that are independent

1b

30

2

Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?

2

No

3

Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?

3

No

4

Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

4

No

5

Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?

5

No

6

Does the organization have members or stockholders?

6

No

7a

Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?

7a

No

7b

Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?

7b

No

8

Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following

8a

the governing body?

8a

Yes

8b

each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

8b

Yes

9a

Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

9a

No

9b

If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?

9b

10

Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990

10

Yes

11

Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O

11

No

Section B. Policies

12a

Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No", go to line 13

12a

Yes

12b

Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

12b

Yes

12c

Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done

12c

Yes

13

Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

13

Yes

14

Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

14

No

15

Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision

15a

The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?

15a

Yes

15b

Other officers or key employees of the organization?

15b

Yes

Describe the process in Schedule O

16a

Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?

16a

No

16b

If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

16b

Section C. Disclosure

17

List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed

18

Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
☐ own website ☒ another's website ☒ upon request

19

Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.

20

State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.
Andrea Symonds
PO Box 96
South Royalton, VT 05068
(802) 831-1209

Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee

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Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514		
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,646,385				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,971,301				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 251,438						
	h	Total (Add lines 1a-1f)		3,617,686				
	Program Service Revenue	2a	Student Tuition	Business Code 611,600	23,369,963	23,369,963		
b		SoRo House	722,100	139,493		139,493		
c		Student Laptop Sales	611,710	56,860	56,860			
d								
e								
f		All other program service revenue						
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
		\$ 23,566,316						
Other Revenue		3	Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts)		273,495	273,495		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
			93,552					
			90,564					
			2,988					
	d	Net gain or (loss)		2,988	2,988			
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000	a					
			b	Less direct expenses	b			
			c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000	a					
			b	Less direct expenses	b			
			c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
			b	Less cost of goods sold	b			
			c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory				
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
	11a	Other	611,600	461,187	461,187			
	b							
c								
d	All other revenue _____							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
	\$ 461,187							
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		27,921,672	24,164,493	139,493	0		

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).					
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	3,840,542	3,840,542		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	66,744	66,744		
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	697,395	46,886	620,177	30,332
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	11,698,201	9,952,856		484,842
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	668,570	547,747	92,729	28,094
9	Other employee benefits	1,200,816	921,827	214,278	64,711
10	Payroll taxes	834,503	679,501	121,506	33,496
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	25,530		25,530	
c	Accounting	54,220		54,220	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17	50,372			50,372
f	Investment management fees	35,000		35,000	
g	Other				
12	Advertising and promotion	158,475	31,238	127,228	9
13	Office expenses	766,523	208,091	483,977	74,455
14	Information technology	486,395	403,287	70,397	12,711
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	28,709	28,709		
17	Travel	785,728	693,306	53,497	38,925
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions and meetings	488,780	255,761	200,556	32,463
20	Interest	497,955	413,302	84,653	
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	945,919	814,716	114,364	16,839
23	Insurance	185,791	9,810	175,981	
24	Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	Library Resources	898,778	898,778	0	0
b	Student Insurance	895,609	895,609	0	0
c	Plant Allocations	761,981	631,784	110,283	19,914
d	Food Service	357,538	357,538	0	0
e	Consultants	300,513	229,025	70,488	1,000
f	All other expenses	1,279,326	887,440	332,432	59,454
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	28,009,913	22,814,497	4,247,799	947,617
26	Joint Costs. Check ☐ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

			(A)		(B)	
			Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	36,026	1	406,150	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	6,291,581	2	6,918,706	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	846,508	3	688,246	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	176,246	4	167,458	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		5		
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	2,939,167	7	2,775,076	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	238,487	9	312,774	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis	10a25,592,524			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>	10b8,274,174	17,428,914	10c17,318,350	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11		
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i>	12,879,491	12	9,201,185	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i>		13		
	14	Intangible assets		14		
	Liabilities	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i>	872,860	15	924,691
16		Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	41,709,280	16	38,712,636	
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,259,299	17	1,272,573	
18		Grants payable		18		
19		Deferred revenue	1,392,043	19	1,523,833	
20		Tax-exempt bond liabilities	9,720,260	20	9,493,450	
21		Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>		21		
22		Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		22		
23		Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	20,098	23	10,528	
24		Unsecured notes and loans payable		24		
25		Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>	2,327,366	25	2,327,366	
26		Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	14,719,066	26	14,627,750	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
		27	Unrestricted net assets	19,421,096	27	16,736,766
		28	Temporarily restricted net assets	2,289,124	28	1,926,348
		29	Permanently restricted net assets	5,279,994	29	5,421,772
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31		
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	26,990,214	33	24,084,886	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	41,709,280	34	38,712,636	

Part XI

Financial Statements and Reporting

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990	☐ cash ☒ accrual ☐ other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes	
c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?	3b	Yes	

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization Vermont Law School	Employer identification number 23-7251952
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization)

1	☐	A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i) .
2	☒	A school described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) . (Attach Schedule E)
3	☐	A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) . (Attach Schedule H)
4	☐	A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) . Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
5	☐	An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) . (Complete Part II)
6	☐	A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v) .
7	☐	An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part II)
8	☐	A community trust described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part II)
9	☐	An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See Section 509(a)(2) . (Complete Part III)
10	☐	An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See Section 509(a)(4) . (See instructions)
11	☐	An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See Section 509(a)(3) . Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III - Functionally Integrated d ☐ Type III - Other
e	☐	By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
f	☐	If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
g	☐	Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons? (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization? (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above? (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
h	☐	Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add line 1-3						
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		☐

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total Add lines 1-5						
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
cTotal of lines 7a and 7b						
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6						
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b						
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15	Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16	Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27g	16	

Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17	Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18	Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27h	18	
19a	33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b	33 1/3% Tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
20	Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

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Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate Contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate Grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes☐ No	

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of certified historic structure☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes☐ No

6

Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing easements during the year ▶

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes☐ No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization’s financial statements that describes the organization’s accounting for conservation easements

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1▶ \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X▶ \$

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1▶ \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X▶ \$

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Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV

Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

1c

Beginning balance

1d

Additions during the year

1e

Distributions during the year

1f

Ending balance

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance	12,757,548			
b	Contributions	111,773			
c	Investment earnings or losses	-2,648,748			
d	Grants or scholarships	157,742			
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs	390,392			
f	Administrative expenses	35,000			
g	End of year balance	9,637,439			

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 52 000 %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 3 000 %

c

Term endowment ▶ 45 000 %

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations

3a(i)

☐ Yes ☐ No

(ii)

related organizations

3a(ii)

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

☐ Yes ☐ No

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		455,240		455,240
b Buildings		19,145,078	4,426,571	14,718,507
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		5,470,544	3,637,923	1,832,621
e Other		521,662	209,680	311,982
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				17,318,350

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other Equity Fund	5,391,262	F
Other Real Estate Fund	398,324	F
Other Life Insurance	53,949	F
Other Mutual Fund Bonds	24,507	F
Other Mutual Fund Equities	745,536	F
Other Common Fund Short Term Fund	1,168,527	F
Other Government Securities Fund	1,419,080	F
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	9,201,185	

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Refundable Advances	2,327,366
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	2,327,366

Schedule D (Form 990) 2008

Part XI

Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	27,921,672
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	28,009,913
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-88,241
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-2,817,087
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-2,817,087
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-2,905,328

Part XII

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	21,200,028
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-2,817,087
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-2,817,087
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,017,115
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	3,904,557
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	3,904,557
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	27,921,672

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	24,105,356
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,105,356
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	3,904,557
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	3,904,557
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	28,009,913

Part XIV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	To provide Scholarships and Financial Aid to students

SCHEDULE E

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. To be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.

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		YES	NO
1	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	Yes	
2	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	Yes	
3	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe If "No," please explain The School's non-discrimination policy is published in all brochures and advertising materials	Yes	
4	Does the organization maintain the following? a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)	Yes	
5	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to a Students' rights or privileges? b Admissions policies? c Employment of faculty or administrative staff? d Scholarships or other financial assistance? e Educational policies? f Use of facilities? g Athletic programs? h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		No
			No
			No
			No
			No
			No
			No
			No
6a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	Yes	
6b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 6a or b, please explain using an attached statement		No
7	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	Yes	

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000 ☐ ☐
Use Schedule F-1 if additional space is needed.

[illegible]

2 Enter total number of organizations that are recognized as charities by the foreign country or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter 1

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ►

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Schedule F (Form 990) 2008

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Name: Vermont Law School

Form 990 Schedule F Part II - Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside The United States

(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
		East Asia & the Pacific	Legal Training	66,744	Wire Transfer	0		

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Must be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, and by organizations that enter more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1

Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

a

☒

Mail solicitations

b

☒

Email solicitations

c

☒

Phone solicitations

d

☒

In-person solicitations

e

☒

Solicitation of non-government grants

f

☒

Solicitation of government grants

g

☒

Special fundraising events

2a

Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities?

☒ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Harry Ashe	Consulting		No	0	38,150	0
Iva Kaufman	Consulting		No	0	9,000	0
S Rosenberg	Consulting		No	0	9,000	0
Total ▶						

3

List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II

Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts			
	2	Less Charitable contributions			
	3	Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)			
Direct Expenses	4	Cash Prizes			
	5	Non-cash Prizes			
	6	Rent/Facility costs			
	7	Other direct expenses			
	8	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d) ▶			
	9	Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d). ▶			

Part III

Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Non-cash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
Direct Expenses	6	Volunteer labor			
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶			
	8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶			

		Yes	No
9	Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____		
a	Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b	If "No," Explain _____ _____		
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b	If "Yes," Explain _____ _____		
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12	Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

		Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a	The organization's facility 13a		
b	An outside facility 13b		
14	Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ► _____			
Address ► _____			
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____		
c	If "Yes," enter name and address		
Name ► _____			
Address ► _____			
16	Gaming manager information		
Name ► _____			
Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____			
Description of services provided ► _____			
☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor			
17	Mandatory distributions		
a	Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a	
b	Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____		

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Vermont Law School

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the U.S.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.

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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 if additional space is needed ☐

1(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

- 2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations
- 3

Enter total number of other organizations

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
Scholarships and other student aid	553	3,840,542			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.
See Additional Data Table

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U S	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 VERMONT LAW SCHOOL AWARDS STUDENTS FINANCIAL AID FROM INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS, FEDERAL WORK STUDY, AND FEDERAL LOAN PROGRAMS BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS - STUDENTS ARE AWARDED MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON THEIR LSAT SCORE AND UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE GPA THERE IS NO APPLICATION FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE CREDITED DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENT'S TUITION BILL THE BUSINESS OFFICE MONITORS THE CREDITING OF THESE FUNDS TO THE ACCOUNT TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE BEING USED FOR THE PROPER PURPOSE - PAYING FOR TUITION AND FEES FEDERAL WORK STUDY - STUDENTS ARE AWARDED WORK STUDY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE FAFSA IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A QUALIFYING JOB ON OR OFF CAMPUS UPON SECURING A JOB, THE STUDENT PROVIDES A COMPLETED STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM TO THE PAYROLL OFFICE SIGNED BY THE JOBS SUPERVISOR BI-WEEKLY TIMESHEETS, SIGNED BY THE STUDENT AND SUPERVISOR, ARE SUBMITTED TO THE PAYROLL OFFICE CHECKS ARE GENERATED FOR PAYMENT OF HOURS WORKED IN THAT TIME PERIOD THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE MONITORS THESE EARNINGS TO ENSURE THAT THE STUDENT DOES NOT WORK MORE THAN THEIR AWARD AMOUNT FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS - STUDENTS ARE AWARDED A PERKINS LOAN BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR FAFSA IF THE STUDENT ACCEPTS THE AWARD, THEY MUST COMPLETE A PROMISSORY NOTE AND TRUTH IN LENDING STATEMENT WHICH ARE STORED IN THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE THESE LOANS ARE CREDITED TO THE STUDENT'S TUITION BILL THE BUSINESS OFFICE MONITORS THE CREDITING OF THESE FUNDS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE BEING USED FOR THE PROPER PURPOSE - PAYING TUITION AND FEES FEDERAL STAFFORD AND GRAD PLUS LOANS - STUDENTS ARE AWARDED THESE LOANS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR FAFSA THE STUDENT'S INDICATE TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE HOW MUCH OF THESE LOANS THEY WISH TO BORROW THE STUDENTS THEN COMPLETE A PROMISSORY NOTE THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TRANSMITS THESE REQUESTED LOAN AMOUNTS ELECTRONICALLY TO THE LENDER THE STUDENT CHOOSES THE LENDER TRANSMITS THESE LOAN FUNDS ELECTRONICALLY TO THE BUSINESS OFFICE AND THE FUNDS ARE CREDITED TO THE STUDENTS TUITION BILL THE BUSINESS OFFICE MONITORS THE CREDITING OF THESE FUNDS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE BEING USED FOR THE PROPER PURPOSE - PAYING TUITION AND FEES IF, AFTER ALL FINANCIAL AID IS CREDITED TO THE STUDENTS TUITION BILL, THERE IS A CREDIT IN THE STUDENTS ACCOUNT, THIS CREDIT IS REFUNDED TO THE STUDENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING LIVING EXPENSES

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
	☒ First class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	Yes
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	Yes
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply		
	☒ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a		
a	Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?	4a	No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-8.		
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a	The organization?	5a	No
b	Any related organization?	5b	No
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a	The organization?	6a	No
b	Any related organization?	6b	No
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	Yes
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	No

Part II

Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
Geoffrey B Shields	(i) (ii)	278,417				24,904	303,321	
Stephanie Willbanks	(i) (ii)	164,395	3,000			20,147	187,542	
David Firestone	(i) (ii)	157,264	2,000			17,389	176,653	
Marc B Mihaly	(i) (ii)	147,879	3,000			20,763	171,642	
Michael Dworkin	(i) (ii)	146,068	4,500			15,960	166,528	
Kinvin L Wroth	(i) (ii)	140,301	1,000			17,902	159,203	
Pamela J Stephens	(i) (ii)	136,391	1,250			13,143	150,784	
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information

Schedule J (Form 990) 2008

Schedule K (Form 990)	Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds	OMB No 1545-0047
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To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a.
Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Schedule O.

Name of the organization Vermont Law School	Employer identification number 23-7251952
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Part I

Bond Issues (Required for 2008)

(a) Issuer Name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date Issued	(e) Issue Price	(f) Description of Purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On Behalf of Issuer	
						Yes	No	Yes	No
A Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency	23-7154667	9241603W2	06-19-2003	1,020,000	Finance Buildings and Equipment		X		X
B Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency	23-7154667	9241603Z5	06-19-2003	3,940,000	Finance Buildings and Equipment		X		X
C Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency	23-7154667	9241603X0	06-19-2003	2,165,000	Finance Buildings and Equipment		X		X
D Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency	23-7154667	9241603Y8	06-19-2003	3,045,000	Finance Buildings and Equipment		X		X

Part II

Proceeds (Optional for 2008)

		A		B		C		D		E	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Total Proceeds of Issue										
2	Gross Proceeds in Reserve Funds										
3	Proceeds in Refunding or Defeasance Escrows										
4	Other Unspent Proceeds										
5	Issuance Costs from Proceeds										
6	Working Capital Expenditures from Proceeds										
7	Capital Expenditures from Proceeds										
8	Year of Substantial Completion										
9	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?										
10	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?										
11	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?										
12	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?										

Part III

Private Business Use (Optional for 2008)

		A		B		C		D		E	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?										
2	Are there any lease arrangements with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?										

Part III Private Business Use *(Continued)*

	A		B		C		D		E	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a Are there any management or service contracts with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?										
3b Are there any research agreements with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?										
3c Does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts or research agreements relating to the financed property?										
4 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government										
5 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government										
6 Total of lines 4 and 5										
7 Has the organization adopted management practices and procedures to ensure the post-issuance compliance of its tax-exempt bond liabilities?										

Part IV Arbitrage *(Optional for 2008)*

	A		B		C		D		E	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Has a Form 8038-T been filed wth respect to the bond issue?										
2 Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?										
3a Has the organization or the government issuer identified a hedge with respect to the bond issue on its books and records?										
b Name of provider										
c Term of hedge										
4a Were gross proceeds invested in a GIC?										
b Name of provider										
c Term of GIC										
d Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?										
5 Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?										
6 Did the bond issue qualify for an exception to rebate?										

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Non-Cash Contributions

To be completed by organizations that answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
Attach to Form 990

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Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	2	233,698	Price on date of Trade
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution (historic structures)				
14 Qualified conservation contribution (other)				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
CHEF 25 Other (describe SERVICES)	X	1	17,740	ACTUAL AMOUNT PAID
26 Other (describe)				
27 Other (describe)				
28 Other (describe)				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement				290

30a

During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

30a

Yes

No

b

If "Yes", describe the arrangement in Part II

31

Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

31

Yes

32a

Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?

32a

Yes

b

If "Yes", describe in Part II

33

If the organization did not report revenues in Column (c) for a type of property for which Column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

► **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		Copies of the final return will be submitted electronically to the full board prior to the filing date

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		An annual statement is required from each trustee (usually at the annual meeting in October) The board secretary reviews for compliance

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		Compensation for the Deans and other highly compensated employees at Vermont Law School is set and reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The Committee reviews comparison data in setting the salaries. The President and Dean has a contract which sets an initial salary and states that the salary may be adjusted annually at the discretion of the board. Salaries for all employees are determined by market comparability studies done by the Director of Human Resources using the service of a third party and multiple commercial surveys. The annual increase for the President and Dean as well as all other employees is annually reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees who recommend the budget in total to the Full Board of Trustees for approval.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 18		The Law School's form 1023 is available upon request. The forms 990 and 990T are available on the Guidestar website.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		The Law School makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy and financial statements available to the public upon request.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		The Law School had an annual audit performed for 2008 and 2009. The process for review of the audit and the selection of the auditors has not been changed.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule G, Part I, Line 2b, Column (v)	Explanation of Fundraising Payments	The above payments to the professional fundraisers were due to consulting services that were provided in regards to the soliciting of funds.

Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

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Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return Vermont Law School	Business or activity to which this form relates Form 990 Page 10	Identifying number 23-7251952
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6		
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 .▶	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	945,918

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A		
17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here▶		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instr	22	945,918
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? ☐ Yes ☐ No						24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) A mortization period or percentage	(f) A mortization for this year
42 A mortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions)					
43 A mortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year				43	
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Geoffrey B Shields , Dean & President of Boar	60 00	X		X				278,417	0	24,904
J Scott Cameron , Chair	5 00	X						0	0	0
Ed Mattes , Vice Chair	5 00	X						0	0	0
Cara Cookson , Student Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Aaron Lotlikar , Student Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Colleen H Connor , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
John W Kessler , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Glenn J Berger , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Randolph Brock , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Christopher Dutton , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Perez Ehrich , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Edwin Colodny , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
M Jerome Diamond , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Janice A Forgays , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Sheppard Guryan , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Peter Hall , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Jimmy Hanson , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Randy Hertz , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Gerry Jones , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
William Lytton , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
William Leckerling , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Lori Malloy , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Matthew Matule , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
George McKann , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Kevin Mendik , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Robert Rachlin , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Norman Redlich , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Charles Rick Shafer , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Mary Wilson , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Fran Yates , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0

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Richard Ayres , Trustee	5 00	X						0	0	0
Lorraine Atwood , VP of Finance & Admin/Tr	40 00			X				120,033	0	20,321
HELEN MCCARTHY , SECRETARY/SPEC ASSIST TO	40 00			X				52,063	0	14,114
Stephanie Willbanks , VICE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC A	40 00				X			167,395	0	20,147
David Firestone , Professor of Law	40 00					X		159,264	0	17,389
Marc B Mihaly , Associate Dean for Envir	40 00					X		150,879	0	20,763
Michael Dworkin , Director of Institute fo	40 00					X		150,568	0	15,960
Kinvin L Wroth , Director of Land Use Ins	40 00					X		141,301	0	17,902
Pamela J Stephens , Professor of Law	40 00					X		137,641	0	13,143