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**Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos and Vermont Bar Association Partner on Poll Worker Recruitment**

*Montpelier, VT* – The Vermont Secretary of State's Office and the Vermont Bar Association (VBA) are pleased to partner together to enlist lawyers and law students to volunteer as poll workers at their local polling stations in November.

Many of our traditional poll worker volunteers may not be in a position to participate in person at their polling stations this Fall due to COVID-19 and being an at-risk population, so lawyers and law students who are able to participate in person are being asked to contact their Town Clerk offices to help fill the need.

"Election workers are an integral part of our democracy," said Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos. "This partnership with the Vermont Bar Association will help state and local election officials by filling a critical need if the COVID-19 situation in the fall presents a challenge to poll worker recruitment, and will help enable voters to cast their ballots on Election Day."

"Serving as a poll worker is integral to assuring a free and fair election this November, and lawyers are especially suited to help," said Elizabeth Novotny, VBA President. "This is an opportunity for lawyers, and soon-to-be lawyers, to step up and serve."

Any Vermont lawyer or law student who is interested in volunteering to be a poll worker in November should contact their local Town or City Clerk's office to provide their contact information and to undertake the necessary training. A listing of Town and City Clerk contact information can be found at <https://sos.vermont.gov>.

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