

## **IN MEMORIAM: KEVIN B. JONES**

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, the energy community and Vermont Law and Graduate School lost one of its leaders. Kevin B. Jones, Director of the Institute for Energy and the Environment and Professor of Energy Technology and Policy, passed suddenly while teaching. Kevin leaves behind his partner of nearly three decades, Rachel Levin, and two beloved Old English sheep dogs. He is survived by his three siblings, Deborah, Mark, and Andrea, and three nieces and nephews.

Kevin received a PhD from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Lally School of Management and Technology, a master's from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, and a BS from the University of Vermont. Kevin's professional life was spent working in the electricity industry. He started at Central Vermont Public Service Corporation working on rates and planning, before serving as the Director of Power Market Policy at Long Island Power Authority; Associate Director of Energy Practice at Navigant Consulting Inc./Resource Management International; and Director of Energy Policy for the City of New York. During his time at LIPA, Kevin was instrumental in the development of the Cross Sound and Neptune Cables.

Kevin spent fourteen years working at and leading the Institute for Energy and the Environment. He arrived as a DOE-funded Smart Grid Fellow in 2010, before becoming the Deputy Director in 2012, and assuming the position of Director in 2018. Under Kevin's leadership, the IEE cemented its position as the nation's leading clean energy law and policy program. Kevin created and led the Energy Clinic for a decade, providing services to clients seeking to meet local energy needs with reliable, clean, and affordable resources. He created and led the annual Global Field Study class to Cuba, where students learned how the country is transforming its agricultural and energy systems to be more sustainable. He revamped the summer energy program, adding classes on offshore wind permitting and clean transportation. He also helped create the annual Alumni in Energy Symposium to bring together VLGS alumni working in the energy field.

Kevin's legacy is seen in the legion of students that he taught and mentored. His advocacy, teaching, and mentorship changed lives. Many of his former students were introduced to energy law by him and stayed in energy law because of his passion and commitment to making a more just and equitable world. His door was always open to any student who had a question, a request, or just needed someone to listen.

Kevin worked tirelessly to help graduates land their first and second jobs. He leveraged his considerable contact list to make connections and offer recommendations. He knew that the world needs more just, clean energy advocates and made it his mission to help his students make good change.

Vermont Law and Graduate School has established the Kevin B. Jones Fund to support the continued development and advancement of America's clean energy leaders. The fund will support student academic and professional development opportunities.

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