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Dear LL.M., J.S.D., and Exchange Students,

On behalf of the entire student body, welcome to NYU School of Law! We are delighted that you chose to continue your legal education here with us, and we look forward to getting to know all of you in the coming weeks. My name is Erica Iverson, and I am honored to serve you as this year's President of the Student Bar Association (SBA).

The SBA is the student governing body of NYU Law and every student automatically becomes a member of the organization upon enrollment. The SBA's core roles include acting as a liaison between students, administrators, and faculty members; and disseminating student information around campus. We are both a resource and advocate for the student body. Not only does the SBA distribute funds to every student-run organization at the law school, but we also frequently interact with the NYU Law administration to lobby for student needs and interests. The SBA also serves a social function, hosting weekly events throughout the city that are open to the entire student body.

I sincerely hope you will take advantage of the SBA throughout your time at NYU. It can be difficult to get acclimated to a new law school environment and it is not always obvious where to turn with questions or concerns. I encourage you to contact me or any other member of the SBA with any issues you may have. We are passionate about representing and advocating on behalf of individual students and groups, and we take our positions very seriously.

Indeed, working with student groups is one of the most vital functions of the SBA, and I anticipate that you will take advantage of the diverse array of activities available to you as a student at NYU Law. We have over sixty student-run organizations in our community, and new group ideas are constantly being exchanged and developed. During the first few weeks of school, many of these groups will host welcome events, so keep your eyes peeled for posters and e-mails. Feel free to stop by the Student Group Fair in early September or sign up for a group's listserv through the "Forums" link on your NYU Home page. You can find a list of NYU Law Student Groups at:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/studentorgs/sba/organizations.html>

And of course, if you are interested in playing a larger role in the SBA, look out for our election materials, which will be available during the first few weeks of the fall semester. I highly encourage anyone looking to get involved in student life to take an active role on the SBA Board.

Lastly, as you will likely be overwhelmed with a whirlwind of information in the coming weeks, I want to remind you to take a deep breath, relax, and enjoy your experience at NYU Law. Our community is a welcoming and vibrant one and I hope that

you will come to love it as much as I have over the past few years. As you prepare for the upcoming year, please let me know if there is anything I, or the SBA, can do to help. The SBA e-mail address is law.sba@nyu.edu and my personal e-mail address is eri204@nyu.edu. I am thrilled that you decided to come to NYU, and I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you this year.

Cheers!

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SBA President