

Candidates for Fall 2010 1L, LLM, and Transfer Representatives (Bios and Pics Below):

1L Representative, Section 1 (Only Section 1 may vote, voters select one candidate):

- \* Vanish Grover
- \* Amber Rudolphi

1L Representative, Section 2 (Only Section 2 may vote, voters select one candidate):

- \* Cora Fanning
- \* Ashley Harrington

1L Representative, Section 3 (Only Section 3 may vote, voters select one candidate):

- \* Neel Chemburkar
- \* Leonard Laurenceau

1L Representative, Section 4 (Only Section 4 may vote, voters select one candidate):

- \* Eli Avery Fuchsberg

1L Representative, Section 5 (Only Section 5 may vote, voters select one candidate):

- \* Micah Brooks
- \* Mark Bulliet

LLM Representative (Only LLM class may vote, each voter may select up to 3 candidates):

- \* Gabriel Cifuentes
- \* Guillermo Bayas Fernandez
- \* Benjamin Guelfi
- \* Juan Wills

Transfer Representative (Only transfer students may vote, voters select one candidate):

- \* Joshua Nemser
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## **1L Representative, Section 1**

**Vanish Grover**



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My name is Vanish Grover and I am running for the position of 1L Representative of Section 1. I feel that I am a great candidate for a position like this because of my diverse leadership experience (granted, all of your resumes are quite impressive as well, otherwise you wouldn't be reading this statement). In college, I was president of a group that designs and builds water treatment facilities in the global south (of which we currently have 6 sustainable, electricity free and locally built plants operational). On the other end of the spectrum, I was part of the convocation committee that secured Nancy Pelosi as the keynote speaker of our college graduation. Finally, I have experience in the real world. By taking 8 months off during college to work full time as an environmental engineer and consultant, I gained the skills necessary to move projects forward and how to represent a client's needs and wants.

In addition to having the skills necessary to get things done, I feel that I would best represent you, section 1. The first year of law school is stressful enough without having to worry about SBA and your role in it. We have a great section that deserves to be heard in this forum. If you see me in the library, gym, or at the SBA bar nights, feel free to ask me any questions or just get to know me! I would love to be an advocate on behalf of our section, and I will certainly make sure that our concerns, ideas, and voices get heard.

**Amber Rudolphi**



Dearest fellow Section 1'ers,

First of all, let me clarify something on all of our minds. Yes, the sections are ranked according to intelligence, good looks, charm, sophistication, etc. etc. Please inform all deluded Section 5'ers of this truth.

Some reasons you should pick me to be the rep for our section:

1. I like beer/wine/liquor/Kool-Aid (I don't discriminate) and know that you do, too, so will make sure you get it as often as possible for free this year.
2. I like food and know that you do, too, so will make sure you get it as often as possible for free this year.
3. Insert "fun, socializing, progress, debauchery, naps, kittens, rainbows, class\*, hook-ups\*\*" or whatever else you like into the third word of the sentence structure above and I will make sure you get it as often as possible for free this year.

Some random facts about me so you what you're getting yourself into by voting for me:

1. I grew up in the only house on a two mile long gravel road in one of the least densely populated counties in Illinois. I clearly know how to interact with and relate to others.
2. I moved to China last year without knowing a single word of Mandarin. I came back a year later knowing three words of Mandarin. (Wo yao pijiu). I learn fast.
3. I have broken a skydiving world record. In the event that it comes down to me jumping out of a plane for Section 1, you don't have to ask twice.

In all seriousness, I'd like to represent you guys, because I want to be your voice to the administration this year as we all go through this crazy thing called 1L together and will make sure our 1L year in no way resembles that book by the same name.

\* I have been informed tuition will not be waived due to unenforceable campaign promises made by 1L SBA section representative candidates.

\*\*Obviously made possible by our wonderful Thursday night SBA mixers.

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## **1L Representative, Section 2**

### **Cora Fanning**



Hey Section Two-ers!

For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Cora Fanning and I'm the South Carolinian Brit in the section! I'm really excited by the opportunity to represent us all in SBA for both the social and school-related aspects. It is so important that our section has a way to come together and be heard on issues across the board and also to feel as though each individual has that same opportunity. Our section is our community and I would thoroughly love to be an important part of making that community fun and functional.

I really enjoy interacting with people and would look forward to getting us all together both as a section and with the rest of the law school to blow off some steam fairly regularly. I also would like to open myself up as a means of communication and a way to get heard by administration. Having such a weird combination of backgrounds, I'm used to feeling like a fish out of water and have learnt to use this to help others who are experiencing the same thing. I would make myself as available as possible to accommodate concerns or just be around for support when you need it!

I am wide open to any questions or ideas that anyone may have, and I would embrace the opportunity to sit down with anyone who would like to know more about my specific ideas or past experiences. Please, talk to me around campus, e-mail or facebook me! I'd really enjoy being the liaison between Section 2 and the SBA and promise to do my best to make our 1L year as smooth and fun as possible – we're in this together!

-Cora

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## Ashley Harrington



**Hometown:** Chapel Hill, NC

**Undergrad Institution:** UNC – Chapel Hill

**Experience:**

*Chair*, Town and External Relations Committee of the Executive Branch of Student Government (2007-2009)

*Chair*, Greek Affairs Committee of the Executive Branch of Student Government (2009-2010)

**Why You Should Vote for Me:** I have been a dedicated member of student government since high school. I believe it is vital that students take an active role in how their education is administered. As 1L Representative for Section 2, I will be open, accessible, and attentive to any concerns. Should issues arise, I will be a vocal participant in dealing with those issues. I will also make it a priority to keep our section abreast of SBA doings and decisions. A representative should voice and promote the views and desires of their community and that is what I plan to do. Let's work together to make this a successful, and FUN, 1L year!

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## **1L Representative, Section 3**

### **Neel Chemburkar**



I am confident enough to speak up and assert myself on behalf of our section and our student body whenever it is necessary. Honestly though, what's more important to me than speaking up is listening. I'm a person who genuinely enjoys and is fascinated by people, I love listening to people, I love learning about people and absorbing as much as I can from their life experiences. I strongly believe that everyone has something of value to offer, some people's outstanding qualities may be a little harder to see at first, but that's no excuse for not trying to uncover them. I will stand firm in advocating for students I represent, but I think working towards conciliation and common sense agreement is just as important as having beliefs. If I'm given the opportunity to represent our section I will be friendly and open to ideas, criticism, and advocacy, we have so many smart people at this institution that I firmly believe it is to everyone's advantage to involve as many capable minds as possible. At the end of the day I still believe that being a nice person is one of the most important things in life, and I refuse to compromise that in the interest of success.

### **Leonard Laurenceau**



Hello, members of Section 3,

Look at your 1L representative. Now back to me. Now back to your representative. Now back to me. Sadly, he isn't me, but if you vote for Leo Laurenceau, he could be me. Look down, back up, what are you doing? You're voting for me as Section 3 Representative.

What's that you have there? A complaint that you want heard by the Student Bar Association? Not to worry, for I share all of your concerns and vow to bring them forth. What's in your hand? Back at me. I have it. It's an issue with law school life that you want addressed, and I am just the man to get the job done. Look again. The complaint is now a drink ticket for this week's SBA party. And a wonderful party it will be, full of those things you like, if I have a hand in planning it.

How are you? Fantastic. What is that noise? Are there people claiming that Section 3 is anything but the single greatest 1L section to stride through these halls? Preposterous. And with me as your representative, they will never utter such nonsense again. No, Section 3 will make its voice heard. Anything is possible when your representative is Leo. Do I wear a tie? Yes. Is it magnificent? Of course. Is it made of diamonds? Perhaps. Am I the person who you most desire as your 1L representative? Naturally. Do the right thing. Vote for Leo Laurenceau for Section 3 1L representative. I'm on a horse.

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## **1L Representative, Section 4**

**Eli Avery Fuchsberg**

Dear fellow first-year law students,

My name is Eli Fuchsberg and I would be honored to be your 1L representative for the Student Bar Association of New York University (SBA).

If elected I will be a vocal proponent at all SBA meetings and work to bring to the administration's notice any issues arising from the 1L student body. While the quality of life at NYU remains high, there is always room for improvement. Issues such as early gym access, extended library hours, and being able to purchase a small soup at the cafeteria (without half a sandwich) remain important to me.

I promise to remain accessible to all one 1L students and take any opportunity to improve school shwag. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas on how to improve the school, please feel free to contact me by email at [eli.fuchsberg@gmail.com](mailto:eli.fuchsberg@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Eli Fuchsberg, 1L

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## **1L Representative, Section 5**

### **Micah Brooks**



Hey NYU Section Fivers, Check this out!

My name is Micah Brooks and I am a 1L here at NYU. One of the main reasons I decided to pursue my legal education at NYU was because of its highly diverse, extremely intelligent, and socially active student body. I have thoroughly enjoyed these past three weeks of classes and, as your 1L representative, my goal will be (among other things) to ensure that you enjoy your time here as much as is possible, all the while knowing that I would be available to help resolve any and every issue you may face during your 1L year.

Law school is a stressful process filled with ups and downs, excitements and disappointments. At times, it can seem like an emotional roller coaster. However, I don't believe that law school is something that you suffer through – it should be something that you are able to enjoy, knowing that if you ever have an issue there is someone available to help resolve that issue. My desire is to be that person who is there to help you resolve whatever problems you may encounter during your 1L year. If you ever need a stress-reliever, just know that I am willing to sing and dance in an embarrassing manner to ensure that you get a few laughs out of it. If you have issues with your classes or professors, I am more than willing to talk to the right people to ensure that your concerns are addressed in hopes that they will be resolved. Finally, if you like flag football . . . well, if you're not in Section 13 Lawyering, then you're S.O.L. because we're going to dominate all!

I hope y'all decide to vote for me. If you don't, I'll be thoroughly depressed and will probably become a social recluse. Feel free to contact me via one of the many forms of communication we have come up with – phone, e-mail, or facebook. No, I don't tweet.

### **Mark Bulliet**



Section Fivers,

I am running to be your SBA Rep because stuff happens.

Chances are, nearly all of us won't have any serious problems that demand we interact with the administration. But it's also likely that a few of us may have issues that threaten to interfere with our ability to attend class or sit for exams — personal problems, conflicts with professors, bereavements, housing glitches.

When and if stuff happens and it happens to you, I want to be the person you can count on for help.

As an undergrad, I had my own conflicts with my college's administration — I had left college for a year and discovered, to my dismay, that I'd lost my rights to on-campus housing when I returned. I remember how angry I was that there was no one to turn to, no one whose interests aligned with my own, no partisan for *me* in the process of trying to return to on-campus housing.

With a fellow student in the same predicament, I started a group to help the surprisingly large number of people in the same situation, many of whom had often taken time off school to earn the funds they'd need to pay tuition. We made some noise to change the policy, but, ultimately, we were too ad hoc, too outside the power structure of the university to get anywhere.

That's why I seek this job. We don't know what challenges we might face, but we can face them together, as a section.

In addition, the SBA Rep can get funds to throw a section party. I would propose going a bit further off campus than most other law-school events, maybe even as far away as the Lower East Side, so we can all try drinking around people who don't wear collared shirts.

Finally, as to policy, I'd like to see the library stay open later (not everyone does their best studying before 11:30!) and I'd like to work with the administration and the section on two issues that seem to come up a lot related to the library — coldness and dimness.

The squeaky wheel gets the grease. I would be honored to be your squeaky wheel.

Mark Bulliet

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## LLM Representatives

### Gabriel Cifuentes



My name is Gabriel Cifuentes. Probably you may have seen me in the library or in the faculty corridors or even in your same classes. As you may guess, I come from Colombia -as many of our colleagues- and I am running for the SBA (Student's Bar Association).

This year we are sharing probably one of the most exciting experiences in our life. The LLM program is not only an amazing opportunity to learn specific law skills but also a chance to get to know people from all around the world in one of the most vibrant cities. Nevertheless, I have found that many of us have concerns about several issues related with our academic life. The fact that I am one of those who have concerns may be one of the main reasons why I am running for this representative position.

My proposals are based upon two main standpoints. The first relates to some academic concerns. The second relates to all sorts of integration activities beyond our LLM classmates.

#### Academic proposals

- Most of us are interested in pursuing either a law experience in the US or a more deep study concentration at NYU (JSD), but not everyone is aware of all the tasks that have to be completed in order to achieve one of those goals. Moreover, not all of us know from where to begin!!! I want to implement an integrated system that I have called EASY PATH in which the student receive an individualized help by the University in order to accomplish their career goals.
- I have also noted that students receive a lot of e-mails per day, much of them of no interest for them. Therefore, my proposal is to add in our login page an option in order to spam all the mails that we are not interested in receiving.
- Many of the LLM program students are interested in presenting the New York Bar exam. I think that many colleagues are confused about dates, preparation, difficulty and utility. What I intent to propose as a representative is to create spaces in which LLM feel free to ask any question any time. This proposal can be included in a much wider project that I have called LLM BAR CANDIDATES PROGRAM (LBCP) which also intends to be a

helpful networking system that puts in contact LLM students and JD students with people who already pass the BAR exam and that can actually give tips and advices.

- After the economic crisis of 2008 many law firms were unable to hire graduate LLM students. I am aware that the SBA cannot give a practical solution, nonetheless it can improve the procedure that has been implementing during non-crisis years in order to increase the University efforts in the job-finding process.

### Integration proposals

- Living in New York and specially at Greenwich Village make students want to enjoy the city and what it has to offer. I am sure, because I was president of the activities for the law school committee back at my University in Colombia, that I have the full experience to organize events headed not only to integrate LLM students among each other, but also to help integrate them with JD students in order to create friendship bounds and also an important professional networking.
- As many those who know me, I am given to social activities such as parties, dinners and student events. I want to set forth a full range of social activities, not only on Sundays (like the sunset cruise) but also during the week and weekend days. Parties, museums, art collections, concerts, are some of the activities that can be engaged at NY.
- As a last proposal, I would like to ask all the students that support my candidacy to raise our voices to ask for a mattress change in the dorms!!!!

### Guillermo Bayas



Dear fellow LL.M. students,

There are no magic formulas to being a good representative of a students' body. I've had the chance to represent my peers both in high school and at University, where I was elected spokesperson of my class and later served as students' rep in the Law School Council. It was during those years that I learned that you can promise many things, but in the long run the only reason justifying the confidence of your classmates is being and behaving as just what you are, a delegate. That is, someone who has been elected to convey the voice and needs of his or her peers, not to use the position as a platform to advance personal interests.

However, it goes without saying that I have some ideas on what the Law School should be and how it could be more useful for the LL.M.s. Here are some of them:

The LL.M. Program shall never be just a way of boosting the finances of the Law School. We LL.M.s have excelled in our Law studies, both in the USA and around the world, and endured a tough selection process to secure a place in NYU. Moreover, the foreign LL.M.s bring NYU the international image it is so proud of. Our voice deserves to be heard with the same strength as the voice of the JDs.

One of the main concerns of an LL.M. is job prospects. We acknowledge NYU makes an effort to propel us in the job market, but there's much more to be done. Are there enough staff to manage the work counseling for 450 LL.M.s? Why are there so few offers for LL.M.s in the Career Services Management system? Does OCS stress to potential employers that most LL.M.s have, as opposed to JDs, legal work experience in top law firms, national and international organizations, and academia?

In some courses there are over 70 students. Is that reasonable bearing in mind our matriculation fees? Isn't it possible to offer more sections of the same course?

\$3.45 for a coffee latte? Are you kidding? Food, which is provided in Vanderbilt Hall and Furman Hall by a well-known international company, is more expensive than in businesses in the surrounding area. What factors does NYU use to award the cafeteria service in its premises?

Constitutional Law (Sullivan), 17th ed, new: NYU Bookstore \$178, Amazon \$142.40, Barnes and Noble (paperback) \$40.45. Geez! I actually thought NYU Bookstore was the place where books were *cheaper*, at least for NYU students! Shouldn't students have at least a discount on the cover price? Why doesn't our Bookstore have paperback editions of the recommended books, which would substantially lower our book expenses?

Maybe you've asked yourselves these same questions, and you certainly have many other queries that can be tackled through the Student Bar Association. I encourage you to let me know about them!

After all, it is the role of a representative to pose these questions and to struggle to receive satisfying answers from the institution that we all cherish. These are the duties that I'd like to fulfill in the SBA, and I would be honored to have your support for this challenging task.

Regards from your colleague,

Guillermo  
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## **Benjamin Guelfi**



To all my LL.M. colleagues, please allow me to give you a brief introduction about myself and about what I'd like to do for you as your LL.M. representative at the Student Bar Association.

My name is Benjamin Guelfi, I am Italian/Uruguayan and I have lived the past five years in France where I did my Law School. I can't say I have a strictly defined program. I do believe however that as LLM students we share a considerable number of preoccupations and look forward to materialize these demands into concrete actions. Although I have worked as representative of my fellow students during my previous Law School, being an LLM representative represents a major challenge for two reasons. First of all, because it will require getting to know all of you and all of your needs as NYU students in just a few months. Secondly, because as LLM we are sometimes considered as passing-by students whose interests are not seriously taking into account by the Academic Community.

I am convinced that through hard work, determination and communication we can considerably improve our NYU experience and maximize our professional perspectives for the aftermath. As you may already know, LLM representatives have no access to the Executive functions in the SBA. Our major goal would be to change the SBA constitution in order to give LLMs a voice among SBA's officers.

The most important activity as LLM representative is establishing a communication channel with the University authorities that will allow us to place our interests in their Agendas. I see our coming months as a unique opportunity to meet people from all over the world in a wonderful atmosphere while enjoying New York. I am committed to provide all my energies to constantly and creatively provide events, whether these are parties, conferences, get-togethers throughout the city, etc and off course, whatever initiative any of you may find interesting for the LLM community.

Enjoying this year also requires preparing ourselves for after the LLM. Regarding the Bar Exam, some LLMs being foreign trade attorneys feel uncomfortable and think that they lack some precious information. I would like to make the Bar preparation easier and more transparent for LLMs by putting into place a support structure that would include hosting informal meetings with attorneys and former LLMs that have passed it.

As LLM representative I will seek to improve our contacts with U.S.'s Law Firms that might be interested by LL.Ms. We know that finding a job next year in the US will be difficult, especially for those who studied abroad. I believe that creating a network among us and organizing meetings with local firms, will maximize our chances of getting a job.

Overall, I see an LLM representative as someone who works hard, who communicates well both towards the students and the University, and who holds an accountability with the student community that gave him the opportunity to represent them.

This is why I ask you to trust me with your vote.

Yours truly,

Benjamin Guelfi.

### **Juan Wills**



To my fellow LL.M students:

My name is Juan Wills and it would be an absolute privilege to represent such a fantastic group of people in the Student Bar Association. This year in New York University is meant to be a year for great academic progress but also a year to enjoy what New York City has to offer. My goal as representative is to ensure that together we achieve this goal and to guarantee that your LL.M year becomes the unforgettable experience it should be.

As a former student representative during my undergraduate studies, I achieved important academic and social goals. I believe that success as a representative lies in understanding student's needs and concerns and successfully transmitting them to the SBA in order to carefully address them and solve them. As representative I'll be at your entire disposition to listen to any comments or suggestions you have during the year and making sure your voice is heard.

I believe that this year is about achieving the perfect mix between your academic and social activities in order to fully enjoy the NYU experience. Therefore, here are some of my ideas for making this year great:

#### **Academic Issues:**

1. Most LL.M students will be sitting for the Bar Exam in the summer. Although information is available, I believe that through the SBA, a support and informative group could be assembled in order to provide useful tips and information to people wishing to sit for the bar. The opportunity to talk to people who have successfully sat for the exam might help in preparing for this challenge.
2. Computers and Technology: As some of you may have noticed, printers and computers in the residence halls don't work correctly. I want to work with the SBA to figure a way of improving this situation.
3. Academic Integration: Achieving academic success depends greatly on a good study group. It is my intention to assemble study groups for certain classes where people generously share information and can meet to discuss and review the assignments. A group created by the SBA might help ease the tension of looking for people to study with and would prove very useful for most LL.M's
4. Finally, I'm open to any other comments or suggestions you have regarding academic issues or events you want to address during the year.

## **Social**

1. I believe the SBA has done a great job establishing a weekly social event with great deals for NYU students. Therefore, as a representative I will make sure to continue this event and to try and find diverse venues for it.
2. New York City has a broad cultural offering and we should all profit from it. Therefore I will keep up with this events to let you know what's going on in the city and to try to get good deals for students.
3. As we all know, networking is a key issue in succeeding professionally after graduation. Therefore I will establish a directory that will help all the LL.M's stay in touch and offer fellow classmates important professional and social opportunities.

These are some of the ideas I have for the academic year. I hope to hear more from you and to work together in building a friendly and accessible SBA.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and hopefully you'll give me the honor of representing you in the SBA.

Juan Wills

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## **Transfer Representative**

**Joshua Nemser**



Hello. I'm Josh, and I'm running for the SBA transfer rep position. I'm running because I want to do my part to make NYU such a great place to be. I was involved with my old law school's SBA, was elected Vice President of the Law College Council, and had a great time addressing the needs of the student body. I'd like to do that here. I see myself focusing mostly on the bar review nights, probably doing whatever I can to get maximum funding for those events. Still, I run as a man of the people. What you want, I want. It'd be great to have your vote. Thanks.