

The following are the candidates for the Student Bar Association 2012-2013.

PRESIDENT (Choose One)

Lance Polivy

Helen Poitra-Chalmers

VICE-PRESIDENT (Uncontested)

Vanish Grover

TREASURER (Uncontested)

Chase Dalton

SECRETARY (Choose One)

Matthew Ahn

Sharon McDonald

SOCIAL CHAIR (Choose Up To Two)

Joel Tevelowitz

Benjamin Steinberg

SENATOR (Choose One)

Leo Laurenceau

Eli Fuchsberg

Patrick Totaro

3L REPRESENTATIVES (Uncontested)

Hannah Rodgers

Gabriel Hopkins

2L REPRESENTATIVES (Uncontested)

Charlotte Slaiman

Adam Saper

Stew Gilson

President (Choose 1):

Helen Poitra-Chalmers



I am running for SBA President because I think we need to hit a “restart” button on student governance at NYU Law. We need to reconsider how the SBA can use the tools and institutional authority it possesses to be a representative advocate for our fellow students.

As students, our priorities while in law school are (a) getting a quality legal education and (b) leveraging that education to land us employment opportunities. As a liaison to faculty and staff at the law school, I will use every opportunity to emphasize the importance of these priorities, and make sure that the various departments across the school are responsive to our needs as students.

I believe that the SBA affords us as law students a unique opportunity to put our advocacy skills to the test within the law school bubble. I intend to make sure that principles of good governance and best practices inhere in everything that we do. This includes maximizing efficiency and transparency regarding how we run our meetings and how we disclose our financial information. It also means opening lines of communication with constituent student groups to ensure that the SBA is effectively representing a broad spectrum of student interests.

Having served on the boards of REACH, CoLR, Law OM, and NLG- ICOP, and having partaken in clinic and term time internship opportunities, I have significant breadth of experience that affords me an insightful perspective into the needs and interests of NYU Law students.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Lance Polivy



My name is Lance Polivy and I'm running to be your next SBA President. Over the past year as an elected SBA Representative, I've worked hard to implement new ideas like the **puppy program**, computer and phone charger rentals, library chairs, and the student fridge. I've also been involved in broader initiatives like achieving **gender parity and diversity in admissions**. Next year, I want to build on the relationships I've formed with students and the Administration to continue working tirelessly to make the school a better place.

I'm running on my record. Over the past year, this is what I've been up to on SBA:

- **PUPPIES!!** In the weeks leading up to finals, we will have dogs on campus that you can play with to reduce stress and improve mental health. You'll be able to take the dogs on walks in Washington Square Park, hang out with them in the Courtyard, or just see how adorable they are in the Vandy first floor lounge.
- **CHARGERS**. It's so frustrating when you're at school and realize you forgot your charger at home. That's why we developed the charger rental program. Now you can go to the library circulation desk and rent out a phone or computer charger here at school. No more Coases emails for chargers!
- **LIBRARY CHAIRS**: The library chairs were so uncomfortable. For anyone who hated having the frames of those old chairs digging into you while you were trying to study, we made sure to get them fixed for you.

This coming year I want to build on these kinds of programs to bring broader institutional changes to the law school. For instance, did you know the Class of 2014 is only 40% female and that we fall significantly below our peers on gender parity? **Women deserve an equal opportunity** and we should be working harder with Admissions to help level the playing field for all applicants. More broadly, Admissions can only be the beginning. We should stay true to our roots as a University committed to public service and progressive values.

I want to build a **stronger sense of community** here at the law school. That starts with making the law school a place where we would hang out. First off, we should have more social events at school. The "Keg in the Courtyard" party we did in the Fall was one of the best events of the year. Also, I'm already working with the Administration to re-do the first floor lounge in Vandy. It seriously looks like a middle school classroom, and while law school can feel like middle school sometimes, it shouldn't look like it! We're

working to put in a TV, more comfortable chairs, and smaller tables to make it feel more like a space where law school students want to spend time.

Thanks so much for your consideration. Just remember: a vote for me is a vote for adorable puppies!

Vice President (Choose 1):

Vanish Grover



Fellow Students,

My name is Vanish Grover and I am running for SBA Vice President.

Being part of student government these past two years has been an incredible ride.

In the past, I've brought up issues to the SBA and Administration which affect every student – these include getting printers in Furman Hall, upgrading technology on Mercer computers, and fixing school clocks. As a 3L, I'll feel comfortable raising issues such as these and also going to bat for you regarding serious issues that we face as a law school – including what we think of hiring and admissions practices, term time internships, and what we can do to have NYU Law better serve us in the legal market

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you have at Vanish.Grover@nyu.edu. I look forward to speaking and hope to be helping you next year.

Secretary (Choose 1):

Sharon McDonald



The Student Bar Association is the most recognized and influential student-led group at NYU School of Law. As the official voice of the student body, the SBA has the ear of the Deans, administrators and faculty. I would like to become a member of this well-established organization. I humbly submit my candidacy for the SBA Secretary.

The SBA secretary, in my view, could do much more than take notes. A secretary is a behind-the-scenes manager, who helps the President and Vice President stay organized and keeps other board members on task. My experience as the Chair of the Women of Color Collective (WoCC) has made me fully aware of how difficult it can be to coordinate the independent efforts of board members. As Secretary, I will use this experience to help me facilitate communication between board members, and especially between board members and the student body.

In fact, my main goal as Secretary will be to increase the transparency of SBA. Students should know all the great things that SBA is doing and how they can be involved. SBA does far more than simply plan where we are all going to drink on Thursday nights. This organization is able to provide resources that make student life more enjoyable, such as the chargers in the library and the fridge in the student lounge. The organization is also a vehicle for change. If SBA is to be the true voice of student body, then it should not be deaf to its own members. The only way to prevent this is by creating a space where students feel that their voice can be heard.

As SBA Secretary, I feel that I would play an indispensable role in helping students engage more actively in the organization by increasing its transparency. Also, if you have ever had a class with me, you know that I am a great note taker. I hope that you will vote for me. I cannot promise you the moon, but I know with absolute certainty that I will not let you down.

Matthew Ahn



To the tune of TLC's Waterfalls

Lonely 1L gazing out over Golding
Staring at the masses ordering soup
If at any time they have concerns, he'll be there for them
Any damage he'll make sure that they recoup

But socializing just ain't helping at all
'Cause he can't seem to help but think he's a gunner
So he goes out and shirks his reading the best way he knows how
Another duty to take on past this summer

Listen to me
Don't vote for some strange unknown
Please stick to the crazy candidate you can talk to
I know that I'm gonna be neurotic in fulfilling your goals
But that's how I jump on the task

It's not stress, it's just a knack for obsession
When you ask, he'll quickly try to see
There's no request he won't know who just might handle
Even if it's one with which he disagrees

One day he'll sit down and he'll have to take minutes
They'll be detailed and folks will be wowed
His fingers hover over keyboards and type
No one will be nearly as eager or as loud

Y'all don't you hear me
Don't vote for safe and banal
Please stick to the weirdo that you always can talk to
I know that you think he's awkward and he is not that tall
But...well I guess I'm not that tall

Don't vote for safe and banal
Please stick to the weirdo that you always can talk to
I know it's not good as an endorsement from Steven Seagal
But at least I won't be typecast
Come on

I seen the ways of SBA, and so many scandals come and gone
Leading to haste on many confusing days
Is it because the law school's in disarray?
No way: it may go astray, but that's why we're here to guide its way

And when I promise, it's true: just like that time I ate glue
So lest I get misconstrued, I want to help us pursue
Things that you have all been wishing for
Why's that not a massive surprise? Logic, it defies

My only current hope is for the folk who won't vote
For such a loony campaign 'cause they know they'll have to then complain
You would claim someone mundane over the insane?
What a shame, even a tame one needs to set some flames

You blame SBA for this baby chimin' in with crazy rhymes
I say your wisdom will assist in making this climb
Dreams are hopeless aspirations in hopes of coming true
Believe in your sec-retary; he's just here for you

Don't vote for whoever calls
Please stick to the flaky dude you know you can talk to
I know that the fact that this is in verse might leave you appalled
But I think I'm up to the task

Come see Law Revue: March 28-31
Come see Substantial Performance: April 18
Come see Law and Film events generally
Special thanks to Section 3, the 2014s, and EVERYBODY

Treasurer (Choose 1):

Chase Dalton



If elected SBA Treasurer, I want to make the funding process for student organizations more transparent. Talking to classmates this year, particularly those leading student organizations, I found that a lot of them expressed concerns about the level of funding they received and a frustration that they did not know how SBA decided to fund one project or event over another. Obviously SBA, and NYU, only has so much money to spend each year, but improving transparency would put everyone on a more even playing field and help explain how these tough choices are made. I think it would be great if NYU was more open about how our tuition money was spent, but since we as students can at least control this portion of the budget I want to make it as open and accountable as possible.

My professional experiences in accounting and fiscal management have prepared me well for serving as Treasurer and improving accountability. While I was earning my undergraduate degree in finance and accounting, I studied personnel management, tax, and financial and managerial accounting. I also interned with the Management Section of the U.S. Embassy in Albania, primarily in the finance department. There I spent a significant portion of my time analyzing and auditing the credit card purchase process in order to design a better procedure that improved oversight and accountability. After college, I worked for an accounting firm helping hundreds of clients to get their finances back on track after they had fallen [way] behind on their taxes. Managing the financial documents from so many clients and preparing hundreds of returns required precision and detailed organization.

I'm not running for Treasurer just because I think I am well-qualified and am interested in improving SBA's financial transparency. I also want to improve the law school outside of SBA. Therapy dogs and more comfortable chairs in the library are awesome and I am

really glad that there's been progress on these fronts. But NYU is at risk of losing ground in other, more important areas. More and more women admitted to NYU Law are choosing to attend other schools. The passing of Derrick Bell and the departure of Deb Ellis have left holes in the fabric of the law school that will not easily mend. If we want to maintain our reputation as an exceptionally welcoming academic environment and continue to be the premier public service law school, we need to act now. I want to help NYU students, faculty, and administration coordinate to continue our leadership in these vital areas.

Social Chair (Choose up to 2):

Joe Telowitz



I told my dad I was running for Social Chair. He asked if that was for law school, or my sorority. Parents just don't understand.

My father's zing has not discouraged me - I am still running for Social Chair. I believe I can make law school social events more accessible and appealing. Things like Bar Review, Fall Ball, Spring Fling, and Summer Slumber (this should be a thing -- sleep over in Vandy, footie pajamas, Prof. v. Student pillow fight) provide a nice reprieve from all the law learning. I am well aware that some people haven't attended any of these events, or have come out only once or twice. Socializing is not always a priority, especially with reading, briefing, and sleeping to catch up on, but NYU Law is awesome because of the different types of people with interesting backgrounds, all coming together in one place. So for me, I think the goal is to have events, venues and times that appeal to as many people as possible. With that in mind, I'm going to solicit lots of ideas, not just for new (or repeat) venues, but also for new events. Barrister's Ball? That sounds like a thing. Someone mentioned a jazz show to me. I'd be down. Hang outside Anderson Cooper's house and try to get a new profile pic? Will look into possible legal ramifications.

I've done my best this year as the lucky 1L who gets to represent Section 1. I've always tried to make myself available to talk, listen to all suggestions and answer any questions/concerns people might have. If you want to know how I did, ask any Section 1-ers. They're all cool to talk to. I also was fortunate to learn from and work with some 2Ls and 3Ls as part of the All-University Games squad, where attendance increased,

NYU Law participated in every event for the first time, and our brave men and women dominated the Dodgeball Finale with a championship win over the ridiculously buff Nursing squad. Seriously, those guys were scary.

What I plan to do as Social Chair is the same thing I've done as Section 1 Representative -- work really hard to make as many law school students as happy as possible. I'm a pretty social person. I've organized my share of parties, kickbacks, shindigs, pre-games, box socials, and hootenannies. I've been invited to some parties. I crashed a couple. I had a bar mitzvah. It was chill. I don't anticipate reinventing the wheel as Social Chair, but I know that I can make the surface that wheel runs on as slick and accommodating for NYU traffic as possible.

As Social Chair, I will take it as a challenge and privilege to do what I can for the law school community, listen to suggestions, work with student groups and plan social events that more people than ever look forward to. Then, I'm going to call my dad and rub it in his stupid dad face.

Ben Steinberg



Hello colleagues and friends. My name is Ben Steinberg, and for the past six months I've had the privilege of serving as Section 2's representative to the SBA. I've had the opportunity to meet many people, and learn a lot about how the SBA and the administration function. I've learned what works, and what doesn't. But most of all, I've learned that despite all of our rhetoric, NYU Law students lack a strong sense of community. I want to change this, and it is for this reason that I hope to be one of your new SBA Social Chairs.

There are numerous changes that I plan to make as Social Chair, beginning with what many people view as the main part of my job: Bar Review. We're fortunate enough to be located in one of the city's most vibrant areas, but I think that it's important that we venture out of the Village as well. As Social Chair, I will do my best to balance the number of events close to home with those in other areas of the city. I hope to bring back past events like The Frying Pan, and even organize a weekend bar review event at the Brooklyn Brewery.

I also think that there's been a big piece missing from SBA social events. When I was an undergrad, I served as both Social and Community Service Chair for the Penn Hillel, and as your Social Chair I hope to combine these two passions again. My plan is simple: to incorporate more community service initiatives into the social calendar. With the help of other students, this initiative has already begun. A few weeks ago, several students led by Running From The Law participated in a charity 5K, and the SBA held an open bar afterwards for the participants. Additionally, I am currently working with another 1L to organize the first NYU Law Relay for Life team. As Social Chair, I will plan more events like these to get students involved in our community. Whether it's participating in another 5K or asking people to bring a can of food to Bar Review in exchange for their drink ticket, there are tons of ways we can turn social events into events that give something back.

Finally, I think that there are several groups of students that have been left somewhat on the periphery of this year's social events. Specifically, I want to plan more events that cater to the LLM and transfer students, and hopefully grant them budgets to plan events for themselves as well. Diversity is what makes NYU Law special, and as such, I want to give different student groups the opportunity to collaborate and partake in the planning of social events, and make NYU Law the cohesive community I know it can be. Give me the opportunity, and I promise I will work hard to make all of these ideas a reality. Thank you for your time, and don't forget to exercise your right to vote.

Student Senator (Choose 1):

Leo Laurenceau



Law School students: get ready for some serious knowledge. Did you know that there are OTHER schools at NYU? That's right, there are people who can also call themselves NYU Violets (yeah, we're actually the Violets...) who know nothing about cold-calling, EIW, or Above the Law scandals. How do I know about this unusual factoid? Because I'm running for Student Senator for the Law School, an organization made up of student senators of all the various schools here at NYU.

I've had the privilege of serving on the SBA for the past two years, having served as the backup Student Senator for the bulk of this one. Despite the fact that we tend to not have any real interaction with the other schools, the Senate is where we as law school students can let our voice be heard in the context of general NYU problems.

"Whoop Dee Doo," you must be thinking. "And I should vote for you...why?" Well, that's an EXCELLENT question. Like I said, I've been on SBA for two years now and have the experience that you want your Student Senator to have. As the backup Senator this year, I have the benefit of understanding what the Senate does, how it works, and will be able to really shake things up. And by shake things up, I mean, most likely sit there and listen to undergrads complain about the lack of food in the meal halls or whatever it is these kids worry about these days.

All joking aside, this year I've been able to help get the SBA back on its feet after the snafus that began the year, attend the bulk of the Student Senators Council meeting and even co-chair this year's Public Service Auction. I believe I am the best candidate to truly make the Student Senator position work to the benefit of the law school and will do everything in my power to make sure our voices are heard. If elected, I will make sure that we are not forgotten amongst all the other schools here at NYU and make sure that we ourselves are aware of our place in the greater NYU community. Having the experience as the backup Senator I have the knowledge to really make sure it's not simply a wasted spot on our executive board. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve for two years, and hopefully I'll have one more year to be of use to you all. Vote Leo Laurenceau for Law School Student Senator.

Eli Fuchsberg



Eli Fuchsberg, Candidate for Student Senator

Dear NYU Law Student Body,

My name is Eli Fuchsberg and I am running to be your Student Senator!

As I collected signatures for my SBA nomination petition, many students were kind enough to sign before inquiring, “What is a Student Senator?” The Student Senator represents NYU Law by attending and participating in University-wide senate meetings to ensure that University policies benefit fellow law students.

As a 1L SBA representative I had the opportunity to represent the law school at a number of these meetings as an “alternate,” and saw the potential benefits of increasing the interaction of the law school with the university at large. Law students should be encouraged to take advantage of being part of the largest private university in the Country, comprised of a most diverse set of programs and students. I would like to see more events with other graduate schools as well as increase the law school’s participation in current university-wide events, such as NYU’s All-University Games. As a Student Senator I would also be in charge of the Student Groups Committee. The Student Groups Committee works to foster resource sharing, event collaboration, and other beneficial student group coordination.

Last semester I had the honor of serving as a 2L representative and succeeded in implementing a proposal for laptop and cell-phone chargers to be on loan at the library. As a first year law-student I proved a vocal proponent for the concerns of fellow classmates (ensuring small soups at the café) and organized section-four social events.

If elected Student Senator, I promise to remain accessible to all NYU Law students and bring any suggestions or concerns to the attention of the University at large. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas on how to improve the school, please feel free to contact me by email at eaf333@nyu.edu.

Sincerely,

Eli Fuchsberg

Patrick Totaro



Friends, classmates, some third arbitrary grouping, my name is Patrick Totaro and I am running for student senator.

Student senator is a fascinating position because it is the only office which focuses outside the Law School. The student senator sits on the Student Senate Council; the lone voice of the law school's student body to the rest of the University. The student senate makes up part of the University Senate, along with the faculty and administrative councils. These are the deliberative bodies of NYU.

The Student Senate has been involved in some serious, issues, such as banning Coca-Cola on campus for several years and being knee-deep in the formation of the Graduate Student Organization Committee. NYU was the first private university to have such a union. However, NYU also stopped recognizing the union years ago. This is a terrible turn of events for the "private university in the public service."

Since lists are in this year, here is part (though not all) of my platform:

1. Increased transparency: You deserve to know what the Student Senate is doing, especially when it affects you. Considering our student senator is required by the SBA's by-laws to create, at *minimum*, two reports a semester on Student Senate activity, this should not be hard. This will include following tuition money given to the University as a whole (i.e. the "law school tax").
2. Support public interest issues: Are you getting the feeling the Law School, and NYU in general, are focusing on public interest less and less each year? You're not the only one. There is a growing band of students pushing to make the school's actions match its mission of being a "private university in the public service."

3. Create a legal support program for all University students: This is an idea I'm stealing from my undergraduate school. Lawyers were kept on retainer, and law students from the attached law school were given internships, to provide free legal support to all fee paying students. Taxes and landlord-tenant disputes were two common issues dealt with, but any time a student needed legal help, they had a major, unified, resource. I don't know what form such a program would take at NYU, but I think it's something all students need. Go to their website to see what was done: www.legalservices.ku.edu/
4. What you want: I can't think of everything, but more importantly, I represent you to the entire University. If there is something you feel strongly about, and the Student Senate can help, I will present your issue and back it strongly.

Serious issues require serious deliberation and action. The Student Senate was very active in pushing NYU's mission of being the "public service" university, and can be that active again. Here at the Law School, the commitment to public interest is strong and there is no reason we cannot bring this zeal back to the rest of the University.

My name is Patrick Totaro, and I approve this very long message.

3L Representative (Choose up to 4):

Gabriel Hopkins

I'm running for 3L Class Representative. For my first two years here at NYU, I've not been especially involved in things beyond my classes. But during those two years I've also talked to a lot of people who have been frustrated and dissatisfied with their time here. Some of this is the difficulty and stress of law school; some has to do with the experience of going to NYU specifically. I'm not under any illusions about the power of the SBA to make sweeping changes, however, I think that the SBA is a way for students to exert influence over their law school experience. I'm running because the more I have thought about this issue, the more I feel that it's worth it to try to pull on those levers of power and do whatever is possible.

Perhaps you are thinking, "What's the point? We're all going to be 3Ls and we'll be gone within a year. What's the point of changing the school now?" Well there are many answers to that question. First, we still do have a full year left, probably our most important year. Second, just because we may not feel the immediate benefits of changes that happen at the school, doesn't mean we don't have a stake in making our alma mater a better place. Finally, as 3Ls, we'll be the most experienced members of the student community and it behooves us to apply our experiences to improving NYU Law for all students.

I look forward to the chance to represent all of you in working to make our school a better place.

Thank You,

Gabriel Hopkins

2L Representative (Choose up to 4):



First, I would like to address head on the recent Fox News story criticizing the launch of my Super-Pac, "Freedom Isn't Free." Bill O'Reilly suggested this was hypocritical since I have gone on record all year as being against Super-Pacs. As I have consistently said, however, I do not agree with the Supreme's Court's decision in Citizens United, but it is unrealistic to expect my entire 2L Rep campaign to just unilaterally disarm. I hope to amend the Constitution as soon as possible to free our political process of Super-Pacs, but until that I day I have a duty to my constituents to run a competitive campaign.

Moving on to the real issues, my goal as an SBA representative is to continue to build a strong sense of community within the law school. There are two important ways I hope to accomplish that. First, I want to continue to provide social opportunities for people to meet outside the classroom. This past year as the Section 5 representative, I worked with our SBA President and my fellow 1L representatives to set up an open bar for all 1L's at the start of the second semester. Given that alcohol is a useful catalyst for getting people to meet classmates outside their section, we hope to do more events like that this spring. Additionally with help from "Running from the Law," I organized a group to run a charity 5k near the law school. I would like to continue to help the SBA find new activities like the 5k so that we can provide a greater variety of social opportunities.

Secondly, I think diversity and gender parity are extremely important in building the type of community NYU aspires to. I have already met with representatives from some of the student groups concerned with promoting those issues at the law school. One of my goals as a 2L representative would be to create an SBA committee with representatives from the various student groups concerned about diversity and gender parity so that we could present a more unified voice to the administration. Prior to law

school, I spent three years working in public education. That experience taught me how to navigate bureaucracies and also showed me the importance of providing educational opportunities to all communities.

Lastly, I realize my campaign took a hit recently when the media construed my comments about being friends with NASCAR owners as evidence that my wealth has put me out of touch with ordinary Americans. I would like to clarify that the friends I was referring to were fellow 1L's Mark Young and Kadeem Cooper who still keep large collections of miniature NASCAR toy cars in their dorm rooms. They would also like me to clarify that their collections are both "totally sweet" and "completely normal." I am confident that this misunderstanding will not be a major setback for my campaign and hope to continue to represent our class on the SBA next year.

Adam Saper



Hello Rising 2Ls, the Superstars of Washington Square South!

As we look forward to next year, full of clinics, actual electives, and, *gasp*, new classmates, I am excited to take on the position of 2L Class Representative. I look forward to working with the invariably talented and motivated Student Bar Association to ensure that the Student voice is given its due place in the administration of NYU Law.

While our second year presents increasingly broad opportunities to explore the legal landscape, I am enthusiastic about representing the collection of our continually evolving academic, social, and professional interests. As a 2L Class Representative, I am eager to act as a conduit through which you can feel comfortable raising comments, questions and concerns to the SBA and administration.

Our all-too-brief tenure at the Law School does not imply that we should sacrifice our say in the administration of our legal education. Rather, it requires that our desires, our

voices, and our positions command the immediacy of attention that each of us deserve. In providing this voice for the 2L class, I welcome engagement with all individuals, including public interest students invested in the future of PILC, global program participants excited about burgeoning international opportunities, traditional career seekers concerned by a turbulent economy, and all those with yet-undefined professional or academic interests.

It is this diversity of students and interests that makes NYU Law such an incredible legal institution. It is this same diversity I strive to nurture by providing a vehicle through which all organizations and associations can expect to be supported and encouraged in their endeavors.

I look forward to representing you and your classmates on the Student Bar Association from 2012- 2013. I appreciate your support, encouragement and recognition of the importance that we, as the new 2L class, can play in our own legal education. Thank you for your vote, and congratulations on (almost) making it through life as a 1L!

Charlotte Slaiman



Hey Class of 2014!

It's that time again. Time to elect the fellow students who will represent you at the SBA for the coming year. I was so excited when Section 4 gave me the opportunity to represent them this year, and I hope that you all will elect me again to keep working hard for you in the SBA as your 2L Representative. I promised my section that I would defend them from zombies this year, and any honest observer will note that there was not a single zombie incident at NYU this year. If that's not enough to convince you to vote for me, I don't know what is. Well, maybe an explanation of what else I did this year and what I plan to do next year if elected?

My job is to be your voice in the SBA. Throughout this year, I've advocated for ideas important to the students I represent. It's **your** ideas that have brought us such awesome additions to the law school as the commuter fridge and library puppies (coming soon to a library and dorm near you!). I hope those of you who don't know me yet will also get to know me as a great listener and a proponent of your ideas for how to keep improving the law school experience. I hope you will feel comfortable dropping me an email, catching me after class, or grabbing a beer to share your thoughts.

My main focus in SBA has been and will continue to be representing you and your ideas, but I also want to tell you about some of the things I think are important. I'm concerned that the class of 2014 is not as diverse as previous classes. To try to address

this issue, I've joined the Admissions Committee of the SBA and I'm working as a Student Ambassador, showing admitted students around the law school and encouraging them to come to NYU. I was dismayed to hear that Deb Ellis, who has done so much for us in the Public Interest Law Center, is leaving NYU. I think the PILC office is very important to our school, so I've joined the PILC Town Hall Committee to help set up a forum for students to get involved in making it as strong as possible in the future.

Most importantly, the SBA is here to make your 2L experience awesome. I'm looking forward to having lots of fun next year, and I want to make sure you do too. I hope you won't hesitate to stop me in the hallway and tell me what you think of what the SBA is doing and how we can be better. Or ask for advice on how to keep your section as awesomely zombie-free as Section 4. I'm happy to help with that too.