

# 1L Representatives

## **Tamara Cesaretti– Candidate for Section 1 Representative**

I want to start out by saying that I am so excited to be running for Section 1 representative! The most important responsibility of the section representative is to represent all of you to SBA, and I would be honored to be able to do this. I will make my position in SBA a priority. I will always have an open-door policy with you, communicating with you in any way you find most convenient and making time for anything you want to share with me. This will give you someone to talk to about your ideas who will also be fighting for those ideas in the SBA meetings.



Another responsibility of the section representative is to participate in one of the SBA committees. I have had extensive experience with student government during my time at USC, serving on the academic affairs committee, the university affairs committee, the judicial committee, and the elections committee. Because of this experience, I am prepared to participate in any SBA committee successfully.

The last responsibility of the section representative is to use the \$2,000 1L budget with the other section representatives. I have had ample experience planning events through being elected Vice President of Membership Programming of my sorority in college. This was a one-year executive position in which I used funds to plan events for our chapter of more than 100 members. This makes me fully prepared to work with the other section representatives to plan the best events possible for our 1L year. I will also be a great advocate for any ideas you have for these events because of my policy of open communication with all of you.

To summarize, this position aligns exactly with all of my interests and experience, so I know I would be the best representative for our section. Please let me know if you have any questions about my candidacy, and remember to vote for Tamara!

**Andrew Gerst – Candidate for Section 1  
Representative**

I am running for 1L Representative, Section 1, because I want to advocate for our section to help make our time at NYU Law the best possible experience. I am dedicated to listening mindfully to student concerns, putting forth changes, and working together with other student representatives, faculty, and administrators to make our visions a reality.



A few of the issues I am passionate about include ensuring that the quality of our instruction is high, ensuring that low-income students and students of color feel they are fairly represented and heard, and ensuring that our campus feels safe and secure for all. Some specific changes I'd like to see SBA implement right away include the following:

- Improve the quality of facilities at D'Agostino Hall, which has been subject to regular elevator outages, damaged refrigerator units, and flooded stairwells.
- Ensure that professors or assistants verify course reading lists with the NYU Bookstore one week before the start of class, to prevent confusion and mistakes.
- Ensure Mercer Residence bedbug and mouse issues are dealt with promptly.
- Research the efficacy of specific lecture-based teaching methods for learning.
- Provide clearer information on electronic sources of information prior to Orientation, such as the mandatory Sexual Respect course and syllabi.
- Offer an Orientation session with best practices for law school success.

We are privileged to attend one of the greatest law schools in the world. I would be honored to help continue to make NYU Law an amazing place as the Section 1 1L Representative. Thank you and have a wonderful day.



## Jason Warrington -- Candidate for Section 2 Representative

To the students of Section 2,

My name is Jason Warrington, and I am running to be our 1L SBA representative. It was brought to my attention late in the nomination process that there are no nominees for our section, so I have decided to put myself on the ballot to ensure that we are represented.

While this is my first time running for a student government position, I believe that the leadership skills that I developed in past entrepreneurial, athletic, and undergraduate student group experiences have prepared me for this role. I view our section as a team whose collective goal is to excel in law school while having the most enjoyable experience possible. As our SBA representative, I will do my best to ensure that SBA supports each and every one of us to the fullest extent possible in our pursuit of this goal. Necessarily, I see myself as a representative who would be very open to having individual or collective discussions with members of our section to ensure that our various legal interests, hobbies, and life experiences are properly advocated for.

For those who may not know me yet, I think it is important to know that I am person with a diverse set of experiences. I was born here in New York City, but I spent a large portion of my life living in other places such as Atlanta and Philadelphia. I graduated from Princeton University and returned to New York City to work after a brief stint as an entrepreneur. I came to law school to gain a skill set that would prepare me to go into the renewable energy field, so my legal interests span both the public and private sectors. My hobbies include watching and playing sports, cooking and eating good food, listening to music, and spending time with people.

To sum it up, my only goal in entering this race is to guarantee that someone will advocate for us. I believe that some of the experiences laid out above will help me to connect with you all and see things from your perspective, which will be crucial to ensuring that our individual and collective desires are properly represented. I hope that you all will vote for me, but if nothing more, know that I am someone that you can come and talk to.

Thank your for your time and consideration.

Jason



**Hey Section 3! My name is Kayla Vinson, and I would like to represent our section on the Student Bar Association.**

Several of the things that attracted me to NYU Law are now reasons why I want to serve as the Section 3 1L Representative for SBA. I want to make sure that each of us gets to benefit from the things that make NYU Law the ideal place to be a law student.

First, NYU Law is a place where students manage to be both law students and happy people. SBA plays an important role in building a culture and community of happiness at NYU, and I want to help continue that reality. The student culture here is one of collegiality, where we work together as collaborators, rather than compete as opponents. I want to ensure that, like so many 1L sections before us, Section 3 builds a sense of community will enrich our time as law students and serve our legal careers as well. Through SBA, I will be able to work with individual students and student groups to make sure that the law school positively touches our lives through activities outside of the classroom. This includes intellectual activities, and, equally important, leisure activities that will help us maintain a healthy study-life balance.

It is also important to me that each of us feels supported as we figure out what type(s) of law we want to practice. NYU Law has the resources to support all types of careers in law, and I want to ensure that we know how to access and use those resources during our time here. Also, as our class develops its own personality and legal interests, I want to help ensure that the law school's resources are used in ways that are meaningful to us.

Last, but not least, a little about me since I have not gotten the chance to get to know everyone in our section yet. I am originally from Atlanta, GA, but have been living in New York City for three years. I graduated from college in 2011 and taught high school then middle school. I came to law school because I think legal training helps to create the types of thinkers we need to solve the challenging problems of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. I can't wait to get to know each of you better!





### Nicolas Duque-Franco -- Candidate for Section 3 Representative

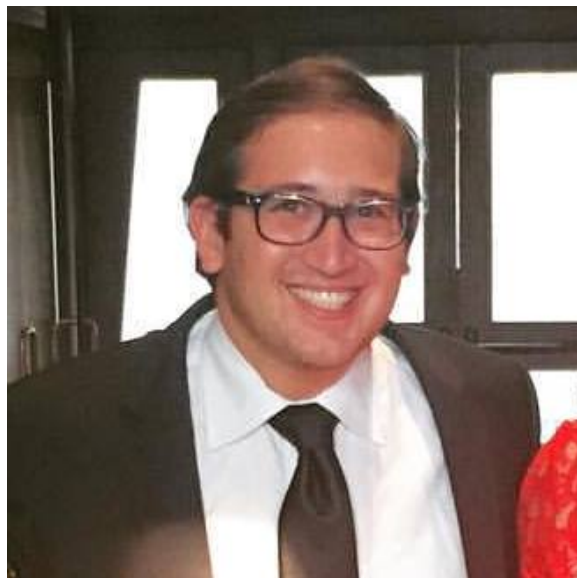
The Section 3 1L Representative is your voice to the larger student body, sharing the dual responsibility of representing Section 3 through SBA, and making sure the university is working on our section's behalf to maximize our 1L experience.

Vote for me and you can count on electing a representative that will do just that by focusing on these four areas:

- ***Putting the Fun Back in 1L Year:*** New York is expensive and classes will only become more demanding. Between our classes and budgeting, it's easy to feel that the city can be inaccessible at times. However, the University has the network and funding to make it more accessible. Vote for me and you can count on a representative who will work to organize events, funded by SBA, to make sure that
- Section 3 really gets to know NYC as 1Ls.
- ***Making Life a Little Easier:*** I want to make sure life is as easy as possible here so that we can focus on what matters in and out of the classroom. There is no reason that the AC should regularly shut off in classrooms, that the library should feel more like an igloo than a study space, or that microphones should ever fail on us. Vote for me and you can count on a Section 3 representative who will help address these problems head-on throughout the year.
- ***Bringing a Voice to the Big Issues:*** Between academic and university programming, there are a lot of big initiatives on campus. As your Section 3 1L Representative, I will be there to make sure we have a voice in these big issues. I'll push for greater diversity in academic hiring, a student-centric focus in NYU's administrative committees, and personalized academic and professional counseling. Vote for me and you can count on a Section 3 1L Representative who will give us a voice in the issues.
- ***Supporting Students Groups:*** Every year, SBA allocates \$200,000 to student groups in the annual funding process. As future student leaders, we will need a voice in SBA to make sure Section 3's student groups get the support they deserve. Elect me to represent the interests of Section 3, and you can count on someone who will be there for our student groups every step of the way.

Before NYU, I was a consultant for Deloitte. My job consisted of taking tough problems and convincing executives to act on them. At the University of Chicago, I was on the executive boards of four student groups. I founded a new organization and helped grow two of the largest on campus to unprecedented heights. I know what it takes to be a strong advocate and a strong student leader. I want to put those skills to work to make this the best possible year it can be for all us, and I hope you will grant me that privilege by electing me as your Section 3 1L Representative.

**Kevin Beckoff -- Candidate for Section 3 Representative**



Dear Fellow Members of Section 3,

Please allow me to properly introduce myself: My name is Kevin Beckoff. I am originally from Fair Lawn, NJ (Read: NYC suburb) and I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where I studied Psychology and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, in 2013. For the last two years, I worked as an Investment Funds paralegal at the New York office of Akin Gump. I love schmoozing, laughing, giving hugs/high fives, watching movies, running, reading about behavioral economics and evolutionary psychology, and sleeping on couches (see my [website!](#)) Like all of you, I am so thrilled to be here at NYU Law!

If you have read this far, then presumably you realize and it goes without saying that I am running for Section 3 representative to the Student Bar Association (SBA), the law school's student government. I am no stranger to student government. At Penn, I served on my College House's Student Senate and headed several committees within the Penn Hillel. I have organized bakeoffs, weekend retreats, banquet auctions, secret santas, and panoplys, to name but a few. I have also served on various advisory boards within the Penn Hillel. In short, I know what it takes to get the job done while also making sure it is fun for everyone involved.

I envision NYU Law as a place where every single student has a say in running the community. The way that I see it, the SBA's decisions should always reflect the will of the majority of the students. I firmly believe that student input is the only way for the SBA to best serve the needs and wants of the community as a whole. We should invest our resources in things people actually want.

How do I plan to find out what people want? I will make sure to make myself available for meetings to discuss any issues or suggestions that may arise. I welcome you all to add me on Gchat: [kbeckoff@gmail.com](mailto:kbeckoff@gmail.com).

I value your personal input. I know that our collective brainstorming can take the NYU Law community to new heights. It would be a true honor to put your ideas into action. I hope I can count on your vote!

Sincerely,  
Kevin Beckoff



**George Harris -- Candidate for Section 4  
Representative**

Hello! My name is George Harris, and I would like to represent Section 4 on the SBA.

Fortunately, I've had the chance to meet a lot of you already, but for those I haven't gotten a chance to talk to, here's a little about me.

I'm from Gainesville, FL, and I grew up in Atlanta, GA. I went to college at Yale, where I served as an Intramural Secretary, Class Representative, and Freshman Counselor before graduating in 2011. After that, I worked at Yale for a year, spent time working on the 2012 Obama Campaign in South Florida, and then worked at a healthcare consulting company in DC for the last two years.

I don't want to talk about myself too long, so I'll move on to what I want to do as a Section Representative on SBA. I won't make any promises that I can't keep, so I won't guarantee that Bar Review will never run out of tickets, or tell you that we'll get microphones for all the people that whisper their comments in lecture.

But I can guarantee that if you ask me a question, I'll do everything I can to get you an answer. If you make a request for an event or service, I'll figure out how we can get it done, and if it's not possible, I'll tell you why. And I can promise you that I'll fiercely advocate for things that I believe will help Section 4 and the law school at large.

Thanks for reading, and I hope I can count on your vote!

**Evan McCants-Goldman -- Candidate for Section 5 Representative**

My name is Evan McCants-Goldman and before you decide to vote for me, I'd like to tell you a bit about who I am, why I am running, and share my vision of the future of Section 5. I was born on a calm autumnal night in October of 1991 in the vibrant quasi-metropolitan city of Allentown, Pennsylvania. After the successful-yet-slightly-complicated delivery the doctor held me up, gazed into my wrinkled, distraught face and proclaimed, "Hmm, that's an odd place for dimples!". The rest is history. Since that day my life has been a series of adventures. With a little luck, a bit of brains and many beers these adventures have brought me to NYU Law. I am not a man who makes many promises, but if you elect me to be your Section 5 Rep I promise you will *never* regret that choice. I want to be your Rep because I will help make Section 5 the undeniably best section this school has ever witnessed. I want to put Section 5 on the map. I will make sure we are the *sole* leader amongst our peers when it comes to any and all activities. These include but are not limited to: studying, outlining, lawyering, shot gunning, reading, writing, drinking, intramural sporting, bar reviewing, socializing, balling, and many more. Our beautiful section is already great, but I think we can be legendary. Many years in the future, when we are all successful lawyers with varied pay rates and strong networks, the current 1Ls will look to this year's Section 5 as the golden standard of what this school, and all of America, is really all about. I wish you all the best, even if you decide not to cast your vote in my favor. But please remember; a vote for Evan is a vote for freedom, chutzpah, and the American Dream.





# LLM Representatives

## **DYLAN S. GLAZIER**

Running For: LL.M. Representative  
Program: LL.M. in Corporation Law

*Sorry for the cheesy photo, it's the only "headshot" I had available that seemed worthy of an election.*

By way of introduction, my name is Dylan Glazier and I am a Canadian currently pursuing my LL.M. in Corporation Law. I grew up in a small town in Northern British Columbia, Canada, called Prince George. How I ended up here is a long story I won't bore you with, but one that I'm happy to share over a beer. Long story short is that I complete my LL.B. in Law and Business at Trinity College Dublin in Ireland before moving here to New York.



The reason I am running for the position of LL.M. Representative with the NYU Student Bar Association is two-fold. First and foremost, NYU's first impression has without question changed the way I look at the College/University experience. The school has been tremendously welcoming and inclusive of all students, and the Student Bar Association has played an equal role in this. Being a student who moved to New York without knowing any locals, having these resources and organizations played a fundamental role in meeting other students. Having been educated in what is now three jurisdictions, I am tremendously fortunate to have experienced, both first hand and through the law school application process, how successful law schools operate, and how those which do not lose admiration quickly. NYU is without question, amongst the best. It is truly an honour to be a member of this institution, and it would be my hope in being elected to the NYU Student Bar Association to be able to give back in a meaningful way. As the core student body in the Law School, this organization acts as a medium for the School, Faculty, and Students. It would be my intention therefore to ensure that the voices of all students are represented fairly, equally, and meaningfully.

Secondly, the LL.M. class has continued to amaze me every day. We are fortunate to have students from all over the world in our program (50ish countries.... I think?). I've met many amazing students in this first month, and I would be proud to be able to represent them as a whole. Additionally, I can't stress enough how unfortunate it is that the interaction between JD students and LL.M.'s is as limited as it is. We have all worked tremendously hard to earn our place in this institution, and there exists consequentially a mutual respect amongst us all. In this regard, the Student Bar Association is an important outlet to act as an example of greater communication between the LL.M. and JD programs. Being able to work with and alongside the JD students would, I hope, give us the opportunity to enrich each other's experiences here, and also to bring a wider variety of opinions to the table in order to ensure NYU retains its worthy reputation.



### **Femi Gbede -- Candidate for LLM Representative**

My name is **'Femi Gbede**, friend of all, foe to none. I put myself forward to serve as one of your representatives at the Students' Bar Association ("SBA").

NYU is a diverse institution and we have come from far and near to acquire a world class education. Doubtless, we all deserve the best possible learning experience whatever our background or individual challenge. Mine is an idea of an all-encompassing hub, where every voice counts. I offer myself to serve you with a unique sense of purpose and vision.

I write you this day, not only as a candidate, but also as your friend. And like a good friend, I will be honest with you and tell you all I can say. I can say that I have all it takes, given my antecedents, to effectively represent your interest. I can say that your mandate which I believe to be sacred, is safe with me. I can say I will keep you all informed at all times, of happenings at the SBA. But I cannot say I am the best there is amongst all LLM students. I have had the benefits of sharing thoughts with very many of us, and I have no doubt in my mind that we are all qualified to lead in whatever capacity. But as it is always the case, the mantle cannot be with all. Democracy has evolved overtime, and it now demands that many give the mandate to represent, to a few. I present myself to you as one of the three LLM representatives, to be your eye, and to be your voice at the SBA.

If you entrust your mandate in my care, the SBA will become the platform to voice your concerns, a medium to project envisioned solutions, and a forum for constructive debate. Through collective actions, we shall turn obstacles into stepping stones – stepping stones that will create even more opportunities for all LLM students of this great ivory tower.

My accomplishments and credentials as exemplified by my past roles as the Class Captain at the elementary school through to high school, and ultimately to the university as Class Governor for five (5) years, as the Public Relations Officer of the Law Students' Society, as a Senator representing the Law Faculty at the Students' Union Government ("SUG"), and as the Chair of the Constitution Review Committee of the SUG, amongst many other important positions held, are eloquent testimonies of my unparalleled commitment and unwavering passion for service.

I look forward to learning about your views, suggestions, and concerns.  
Together, we will deliver! "None of us is as smart as all of us"- Ken Blanchard.

Thanks for your votes.

Yours sincerely!  
**'Femi Gbede**



### **Ramón de la Torre Medina -- Candidate for LL.M Representative**

It is a great honor to participate as a candidate for the position of LL.M. Representative with the Student Bar Association (SBA) at New York University's School of Law (NYU).

I am a Mexican lawyer currently enrolled in NYU's International Taxation Program with a group of the most talented people in the field. During the last few months I have had the opportunity to meet outstanding people and form great friendships that I'm sure will last a lifetime. However this would not be possible without the support of my family, friends and organizations such as the Fulbright Program and the Mexican Government (CONACYT and BANXICO).

Alongside my work as a lawyer, my interest in public issues was, and remains, strong. Back in Mexico I was elected for the University Council regarding the representation of UNAM's Law School and afterwards I started an NGO with some friends that encourages youth citizen participation.

I strongly believe that the best way to learn is by associating with smarter people and NYU's School of Law clearly gives us that opportunity. Our LL.M. generation consists of students from nearly fifty countries that enrich each other with different cultural backgrounds and prior experiences. In this regard, NYU remarkably encourages diversity and, moreover, student organization.

The SBA is involved with more than eighty student groups by engaging in the budget allocation, reviewing budget increases and discussing new group proposals. It also acts as a connection between the administration and students. Therefore our participation as LL.M. students is of great relevance to improve our LL.M. experience and to strengthen our Law School community.

Now, through the representative position, I intend to participate, get involved and influence as much as possible in NYU's Law School community and specifically in the student groups. Acknowledging that the LL.M. is a short-term experience, which requires plenty of effort and a great investment of time and money from ourselves and our families; I propose to be available to welcome all insights and experiences that you would like the SBA to address and also to share the activities and discussions of the SBA.

Through these ideas, I plan to act as someone who may help you make the most out of your LL.M. experience!

