**SBA Elections for Academic Year 2015-2016**

Elections for 1L Representatives (1 per section), 2L Representatives (2 available positions), 3L Representatives (1 available position), LLM Representatives (3 available positions), Student Senator[[1]](#footnote-1) (1), and a Transfer Representative (1) will be held from Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015. If you are interested in running, please print a packet and complete all relevant steps explained in the attached rules. The packets are due on Friday, Sept. Sept. 18 at 5pm.

**Important Dates:**

**Friday, Sept. 18 at 5PM –** Packets are due in the Student Group Reimbursement Box by the lockers in Kushner Lounge (VH 110B). Personal statements are due via email (law.sba@nyu.edu), both by 5PM.

**Friday, Sept. 18 at 5:01PM –** Campaigning Begins

**Wednesday-Thursday Sept. 23-Sept. 24. –** Elections Held (online voting)

**Questions? Concerns? Email the Election Coordinator: law.sba@nyu.edu**

**Nomination Petition for SBA Positions**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This petition applies to all candidates. **1L, 2L, 3L, Transfer, LLM Representative and Student Senator positions require 25 signatures from eligible voters.** Students may sign petitions for more than one candidate for the same position. See election rules for who may sign petitions for each respective position.

Completed petitions **must** be returned to the Student Group Reimbursement box in Kushner Lounge (VH 110B) by **5PM, Friday. Sept. 18th**

**Along with the petition, candidates must submit a one-page statement and (optional) photograph via email**. This statement will be made available to the electorate. Photographs deemed inappropriate by the Elections Committee will not be made available to the electorate.

Please direct any questions and **send your personal statements** to the Election Coordinator at **law.sba@nyu.edu****.** Submission of a petition indicates knowledge by the candidate of all relevant election rules and an intention to abide by them. Copies of the SBA Constitution are available at: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/students/studentbarassociation/foundingdocuments/constitution/index.htm>.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, NOMINATE \_

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AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF \_

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*Printed name*:  *Signature:*

**Election Rules**

**Voting**

1Ls may cast one vote for a candidate to represent their section. LLMs may vote for 3 candidates to represent the LLM class. Transfers may vote to elect one transfer to represent the transfers.

**Petitions**

Completed petitions must be returned to the Student Group Reimbursement box in Kushner Lounge by 5PM on Friday, September 18. 2015. **1L, LLM, Transfer Representative, and Student Senator positions require 25 signatures from eligible voters to qualify as an eligible candidate.** Students may sign petitions for more than one candidate for the same position. Nominees must sign the petition to evidence that they have read the election rules and understand that violation of the rules is grounds for disqualification.

**Personal Statements**

Candidates are also required to submit a personal statement via email to law.sba@nyu.edu. Personal statements for positions must be no more than 500 words in length. They can be as short as the candidate would like. Candidates may include a photo of themselves in the email for publication along with their personal statements. All of the personal statements and photographs will be made available to the student body before and during the election.

**Posters**

Candidates are allowed a maximum of four posters, each no larger than 11" by 14" (one each for Mercer, D'Agostino, Vanderbilt, and Furman). Candidates must follow each building's posting policy in Mercer and D'Agostino to post their posters. If candidates wish to share poster-space with other candidates, then their number of posters is correspondingly increased—i.e. two candidates who share all of their posters are permitted to post a maximum of 8 posters, with the same rules applying to location distribution; if two candidates produce two joint posters, then each candidate may also post three "solo" posters.

**Phoning**

Telephoning individual students is permitted. Telephoning students on behalf of a candidate is not permitted. Mass texting by, or on behalf of, a candidate is also not permitted.

**Leafleting**

Any form of leaf letting is **NOT** permitted.

**Email**

Emailing your friends to ask or remind them to vote for you is permitted. However, mass messages (defined as emails directed to 10 or more students) are restricted to three times during the campaign period. A Coases listserv or any other listserv posting constitutes one mass message. In sending mass emails, candidates must "cc" **law.sba@nyu.edu.** Note that all e-mails sent by, or reasonably interpreted to be on behalf of the candidate, count toward the limit, so please use sound judgment. A mass e-mail sent on a candidate’s behalf will, at the discretion of the Election Committee, count towards the candidate’s e-mail limit.

During the election period (from when petitions are available until after the election), candidates are NOT permitted to hold, or have held on their behalf, election parties. Election parties are defined by the SBA as those parties where candidates, or others in support of those candidates, post or distribute campaign materials, give a speech on behalf of any individual’s candidacy, or where groups of 10 or more students gather to plan campaigning activities.

**Facebook, Gmail, Twitter, NYU Listservs**

Candidates **may** make their Facebook, Gchat, and Twitter (or equivalent) status messages reflect their candidacy. Candidates may create Facebook Groups, but Facebook Messages are governed by the same rules as mass messages for e-mails. Any mass message via e-mail or Facebook will count towards the 3 mass message limit. Wall postings do not count as messages, but please do not make multiple wall postings.

**Chalking and Classroom Announcements**

Candidates are permitted to chalk classroom boards once during the period leading up to the election. However, please be respectful of classroom decorum and mindful of other groups that use chalkboard space to advertise their events. Do not take up more space than is necessary. Additionally, should any campaign messages be deemed inappropriate by the Elections Committee, a candidate may be disqualified. Campaign messages, chalking, or announcements may be deemed inappropriate for referencing other candidates or individuals.

Classroom announcements are permitted, subject to the discretion of the professor. Please note that professors are **NOT** required to allow campaign announcements during class. Written permission for a classroom announcement must be received from the professor prior to class, and a copy of this must be submitted to the SBA via email at law.sba@nyu.edu. This will help ensure that the election process does not hinder the learning environment, which should always be the first priority for classroom activities during scheduled class times.

**Violations**

Any violation of these election rules may result in the disqualification of a candidate, whether the violation is performed by the candidate or by a candidate supporter. Complaints regarding violations should be submitted in writing and will be considered by the Elections Committee. Complaints or questions should be emailed to **law.sba@nyu.edu.** The Election Committee has the final decision on election matters.

***Good luck!***

1. Candidates for the Student Senator position must be available to attend weekly SSC/UCSL meetings on Thursday evenings from 4-8PM in addition to weekly SBA meetings. This is in order to represent the Law School within the NYU community. Meetings are generally held in the Kimmel Center. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)