

SBA Elections for Academic Year 2013-2014

Elections for 1L Representatives (1 per section) LLM Representatives (3 total), and a Transfer Representative (1) will be held from Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013. 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. 20 at 4pm.

Important Dates:

Friday, Sept. 20 at 4pm

Packets are due in Student Group Reimbursement Box by the lockers in Kushner Lounge (VH 110B). Personal statements are due via email (law.sba@nyu.edu), both by 4pm

Friday, Sept. 20 at 4pm

Campaigning Begins at 4:01pm

**Wednesday-Thursday
Sept. 25-Sept. 26.**

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, Transfer, and LLM Representative 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 **4pm, Friday, Sept. 20.**

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.

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

AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF

Sign here:

Print name here:

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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 Loung by 4:00 pm on Friday, September 20, 201. **1L, LLM, and Transfer Representative positions require 25 signatures from eligible voters in their election.** Students may sign petitions for more than one candidate for the same position. Candidates 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'Ag, Vanderbilt and Furman). Candidates must follow the building's posting policy in Mercer and D'Ag to get their posters up. If candidates want to share posters with other candidates, then their number of posters is correspondingly increased - i.e. two candidates who share all of their posters get a maximum of 8 posters, same location distribution; if two candidates have two joint posters, then each candidate can also have three "solo" posters.

Phoning

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

Leafletting

Any form of leafletting is **not** permitted.

Email

Emailing your friends to ask them or remind them to vote for you is permitted. However, mass messages (emails directed to 10 or more students) are restricted to three times during the campaign period. A Coase's listserve or any other listserve posting counts as one mass message. On mass emails, candidates should "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 good judgment. A mass email on a candidate's behalf will, at the discretion of the Election Committee, count towards the candidate's email limit.

During the election period (from when petitions are available until after the election), candidates are NOT permitted to hold or have held for them election parties. Election parties are defined by the SBA as those parties where candidates or others in support of those candidates post or hand out 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 Listserves

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 emails. Any mass message on email or Facebook will count towards the 3 mass message limit. Wall postings do not count as messages, but please do not make a lot of wall postings.

Chalking and Classroom Announcements

Candidates are allowed 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 should be submitted to the SBA. 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 classtimes.

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!