

SBA Elections for Academic Year 2017-2018

Elections for *SBA Executive Secretary* (1), *1L Representatives* (1 per section), *LLM Representatives* (3 available positions), and a *Transfer Representative* (1) will be held from Tuesday, Oct. 3 @ 9AM – Thursday, Oct. 5 @ 12PM. If you are interested in running, please print a packet and complete the steps contained in the attached rules. Packets are due on Friday, September 29 at 5PM.

Important Dates:

Friday, September 29 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) by 5PM on Friday, September 29.

Friday, September 29 at 5:01PM – Campaigning begins, and is allowed through the end of election balloting.

Tuesday, October 3 at 9AM—Thursday, October 5 at 12PM (Noon) – Election balloting is held via online voting. The end of election balloting will be on Thursday, October 5 at 12PM.

**Questions? Concerns? Email the Elections Committee:
law.sba@nyu.edu**

Nomination Form for 2017-2018 SBA Positions

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

This petition applies to all candidates. **Petitions for ALL positions require twenty-five (25) signatures.**

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 on Friday, September 29.**

Along with the petition, candidates must submit a one-page statement and (optional) photograph via email by 7PM on Friday, September 29.

This statement and photo 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. The SBA Constitution is available online at:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/students/studentbarassociation/foundingdocuments/constitution/index.htm>.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, NOMINATE

AS A
CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF

<i>Printed name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
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Printed name

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Election Rules

Voting

LLs 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.

Because the SBA Executive Secretary position has remained open after two election cycles, that position will be selected by the SBA Board from the pool of available applicants. All students are encouraged to apply.

Petitions

Completed petitions must be returned to the Student Group Reimbursement box in Kushner Lounge by **5PM on Friday, September 29, 2017**. Students may sign petitions for more than one candidate for the same position. Candidates must sign their own petition to evince that they have read the election rules and understand that any 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 Hayden, D'Agostino, Vanderbilt, and Furman). 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.

Leafletting

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

Email

Emailing your friend to ask or remind them to vote for you is permitted. However, mass messages (defined as any written content systematically communicated, whether by email, mail-merge, or otherwise, to any group of students) are **restricted to five times** during the campaign period. A group consist of two or more students. 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 (whether or not sent by the candidate), count toward the limit, so please use sound judgment. A mass e-mail sent on a candidate’s behalf will count towards the candidate’s e-mail limit; this includes emails from Student Groups in support of specific candidates.

Parties

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. The SBA defines “election parties” 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, Instagram, and Twitter (or functional equivalent) status messages reflect their candidacy. Candidates may create Facebook Groups or Event Pages, 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 five mass message limit. Wall postings do not count as messages, but please do not make multiple wall postings. Be courteous.

Chalking and Classroom Announcements

Candidates are permitted to chalk classroom boards 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. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. 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.

Clarification of Election Rules

Any candidate seeking clarification of specific provisions of these elections rules may submit any question to the Elections Committee (law.sba@nyu.edu), the Elections Committee will respond within 24 hours.

Grievance Procedure and Violations

Any student can bring a case against a candidate, or a candidate's supporter(s), for violating the election rules. The Elections Committee shall have jurisdiction to review cases involving alleged violations of election regulations under the SBA Constitution. The Election Committee is comprised of all 3L and LLM students currently on the SBA.

Any grievance must be filed in writing and submitted to the Elections Committee (law.sba@nyu.edu) within twelve (12) hours following the end of election balloting (i.e., by 12AM on October 5). Within seventy-two (72) hours from the filing, the Elections Committee must conduct a

hearing on said grievance and issue an opinion. The Elections Committee may not publically announce the election results until any potential grievance procedure is satisfied.

A student called before the Elections Committee as a respondent has the following rights: the right to review the petition; the right to present information challenging the complaint; the right to a hearing; the right to present witnesses who have information relevant to the case; the right to be present at the hearing; and the right to appeal the final decision to the Dean of Students. At the hearing, the petitioner and respondent will have the opportunity to present their cases and witnesses in support of their version of the allegation. The Elections Committee will have the final determination in all matters.

Any violation of these election rules may result in the disqualification of a candidate or other sanction, whether the violation is performed by the candidate or by a candidate supporter.

Good luck!