**SBA Election for Academic Year 2019-2020**

SBA elections for *1L Representatives* (5, 1 per section),  *LLM Representatives* (3), *Transfer Representative* (1), *2L Representative* (1), and *3L Representative* (1) will be held from Tuesday, Sept. 24 @ 9:00AM – Wednesday, Sept. 25 @ 5:00PM. If you are interested in running, please print a packet and complete the steps contained in the attached rules. **Packets are due on Monday, September 16th at 5:00PM.**

**Important Dates:**

**Monday, September 16th at 5:00PM:** Printed Signature Packets are due in the Student Group Reimbursement Box by the lockers in Kushner Lounge (VH 110B). Personal statements (500 words or less), along with scans of your signature sheet, are due via email to (law.sba@nyu.edu) by 5:00PM on Monday, September 16. BOTH ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.

**Tuesday, September 17th at 9:00AM:** Campaigning begins and is allowed through the end of election balloting

**Tuesday, September 24th at 9:00AM — Wednesday, September 25th at 5:00PM:** Election balloting is held via online voting. The end of election balloting will be on Wednesday, September 25 at 5:00PM.

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

**Want to know more about a position you’re applying for?** Reach out to the Current SBA board!

**Executive Board:**

Kevin Tupper, President

Safeena Mecklai, Vice-President

Rebecca Rosen, Secretary & Communications Committee chair

Adam George, Treasurer
Elie Lipnik, Social Chair

Siena Cornacchini, Social Chair

Samuel Ison, Student Senator & Campus Climate and Bias Committee co-chair

**Representatives:**

Cara Buchicchio, 3L & Financial Aid Committee chair

Michael Quinn, 3L & Academic/Governance Committee chair

Jack Shaked, 3L & Student Life Committee co-chair

Rebecca Papilsky, 2L & Advocacy Committee chair

Neha Mehta, 2L & Student Life Committee co-chair

Garrett Heller, 2L & Campus Climate and Bias Committee co-chair

**Nomination Form for 2019-2020 SBA Positions**

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

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

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

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

This petition applies to all candidates.

**Petitions for Executive Board require fifty (50) signatures.** (SBA President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chairs (2) and Student Senator.)

**Petitions for Class Representative require twenty-five (25) signatures.** (3L Representative , 1L Representatives, LLM Representatives).

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 **5:00PM on** **Friday, September 13th**

**Along with the petition, candidates must submit a one-page statement and (optional) photograph via email to** **law.sba@nyu.edu** **by 5:00PM on Friday, September 13.** 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, scanned signature sheets, and optional photo 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

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# Election Rules

**Voting**

All JD and LLM Students may vote for the SBA Officers on the Executive Board. Only current 3Ls may vote for the 3L representatives and only current 2Ls may vote for the 2L representatives. Only transfer students in their first semester as transfer students at NYU may vote for the position of transfer student representative.

# Petitions

Completed petitions must be returned to the Student Group Reimbursement box in Kushner Lounge by **5:00PM on** **Friday, September 13th.** 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.

# Leafleting

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. 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, 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. 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!***