

Candidate for Vice President of Alumni Affairs

Pranav Lokin

My name is Pranav Lokin and I am running for Vice President of Alumni Affairs. I wish to bring a different perspective to this role previously unseen at Emory Law. I would like to reach out to our alumni base throughout the country rather than just pockets in Atlanta or New York, to come back and speak with students. I also want to create a list of our alumni and their positions throughout the country to make it easier for our students conducting mass mailings for jobs or interested in positions that are not represented in our OCIs. I, myself, am the first Emory Law student at my firm in Texas and would like to broaden such opportunities for students who may be interested in reaching out to markets that are underrepresented at Emory. After speaking with Nicole El-Murr at length, I want to add a networking mixer prior to the start of Trial Techniques that could help bring connections or new job opportunities for the students interested. I envision working with the Department of Alumni relations closely as well as the E-Board who have done so much with planning Firm sponsored Kegs and alumni lunches. I was the 1L rep last year and bring an awareness of this law school and the student's needs that will greatly benefit me in this role if I am elected. I hope to have your vote! Don't be Jokin' vote for Lokin!

Candidates for 1L Representative

Lauren Firestone

Hi all,

My name is Lauren Firestone, and I am running to be one of your 1L representatives. Some of you may know me as the girl who lost her voice less than three hours into orientation. Others of you may know me as one of those "extra" people who sits in the front row for every class. But most of you, I presume, do not actually know me yet, let alone know how to find half of the stairwells in this overwhelming place that will become our home over the next three years

I can't imagine many of us can truly predict the sort of concrete impact that a 1L Rep for any organization might have, as this sort of knowledge usually only comes through a developed familiarity and understanding of the inner workings of that organization. But, what I do know is how much I have enjoyed events like the Bar Reviews that the SBA has already put on, and how excited I am about the prospect of making a mark like this on events to come this year. As an RA in college, it was not difficult to see that our most widely attended and nuanced events were always the ones involving collaboration between different student organizations. If elected, I intend to advocate for these types of partnerships when it comes to planning events, and to maintain relationships with the various student organizations in order to best accommodate each of their respective needs.

I am also excited about the prospect of working closely with the faculty and university-wide committees, as I hope to serve within the administration or general counsel of a university at some point in my career. During undergrad, I was lucky enough to serve as the student representative for two of Emory College's faculty senate committees, as well as sit on a hiring

committee for the Office of Undergraduate Education. I derived so much happiness from serving in these various positions that aligned very closely with many of the duties required by a member of the SBA, and can guarantee you that I will bring this very same enthusiasm and dedication to the 1L Rep position. I can also guarantee you that I will be receptive to the ideas and suggestions you may develop as unexpected issues arise, and as we grow more settled in our roles at this school.

Thank you so much for your consideration, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or just want to chat!

Alyssa Landow

Hello, I'm Alyssa Landow and I am running to be your Student Bar Association 1L Representative. First and foremost, I would like to share that I feel very fortunate to be an Emory Law student! Also, my event planning background has led me to think of ways that, I believe will help our class continue to expand upon the friendships we've made and to connect with the overall Emory Law Community. With my enthusiasm and creativity, I believe I am an excellent choice to serve as a friendly advocate for our 1L class.

Born and raised in the Washington D.C. area, I have had work experience in political and social event planning. I truly enjoy creating interesting and fun opportunities to bring people together for many purposes such as networking, fundraising and entertaining. I am excited by the prospect of continuing Emory Law's long-lasting traditions such as Scarrister's Fall Ball and Barrister's, while offering new ideas designed to increase participation and spirit.

SBA Recess serves as a great time to spend with fellow students and even professors. Encouraging professor attendance at Recess would help students build closer rapport with teachers outside of the classroom. Who wouldn't mind potentially "Pie-ing Your Professor" or water balloon fight—carefully timed around finals, of course! Building comradery with professors would help to make professors more approachable and perhaps less intimidating for some.

Furthermore, I feel that I am an approachable candidate who would welcome any thoughts as I help to aid student organizations as they develop programs to pursue various legal interests. The wide array of student organizations was one of the many reasons I chose to attend Emory.

Like many of you, I made the choice to attend Emory to learn from renowned scholars, further my legal career, and to "Advance the Study of Law!" (at least that's what the Emory Law banners tell me). During the past couple of weeks, I have been impressed by the range of interests, passions and goals of the people I have met. As we all tackle the challenges of 1L, I hope to be your representative with the Student Bar Association.

Juan Martinez

My name is Juan Martinez. I was born and raised in Atlanta. I attended Georgia State University for my undergrad where I studied political science and graduated summa cum laude. During my time at GSU, I worked at the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless serving as a client advocate to prevent evictions for indigent clients and help people experiencing homelessness to obtain ID, employment, and housing. On an internal level, I worked closely with the executive director to

organize events, create and distribute flyers, and organize guest lists. I also volunteered at my local legal aid office assisting attorneys. I've always had a desire for helping disadvantaged communities. I've heard it said that the 1L year is the hardest in law school. Being a 1L feels like trying to jump onto a treadmill going 100 miles an hour. You try your best to keep up but you fall down several times trying to get the hang of it (at least that's my experience). Eventually we'll (hopefully) get the hang of law school but having a voice in our student government makes the experience easier and I want to be a part of that process. I want to be a 1L rep to help 1Ls adjust to life at law school and make sure that the clubs and activities at Emory law reflect the wants and needs of the 1L students.

Emily Oakes

You need a 1L Representative in the Student Bar Association who has your interests in mind, has knowledge and experience, and is decisive. I, Emily Ann Oakes, possess those exemplary qualities and more.

Having a group's interests in mind begins with the acknowledgement of individual and collective needs. As your representative, I will do my best to be a listening ear and guiding eye in what goes on in our class. Individually, I will make myself available to you as a friend should you ever need support, motivation, or a judgement-free conversation. Collectively, I will remain loyal to the 1L class and support putting our best foot forward. Every decision will be made on your behalf to serve your interest.

Knowledge and experience are necessary elements to any elected position. Having previously studied at both a community college and public university, I have encountered many different forms of community. In experiencing those forms, I have learned how to better foster growth and inclusion by acknowledging we are all unique and present for a reason. At the public university, I served as the President of the Pre-Law Society and as a Justice on the Student Judicial Board. Those interactions taught how to selflessly approach situations with an open mind and kind heart. As your 1L Representative, I will be able to apply my prior knowledge and experience to our diverse class in helping create a strong, inclusive community.

A decisive leader knows how and when to make decisions. Having owned diverse private businesses, I have learned how and when to make a myriad of decisions ranging from financial to personal. Your 1L Representative will have voting rights; hence, you need a constituent familiar with the process of collective debate and decision. I will exercise my abilities in those areas to best represent our 1L class for you.

As you know, you are an important piece of the Emory College of Law puzzle. You need a 1L Representative who knows how to enhance your importance and values the collective puzzle. As one of the puzzle pieces too, I will gladly represent you and your interests in the Student Bar Association.

Olayeni Odumosu

As you consider me for your 1L rep keep in mind that I am many things, but cowardice is not one of them. I am never scared to give voice to controversial topics that wish to be swept under the rug and I am never afraid to face a challenge head on. With this established, the mental health of Emory Law students is an issue that, while barely

discussed, needs to be addressed by Emory Law and the primary connection between the administration and the students formerly known as SBA.

If you vote for me as your 1L SBA representative I will put all my efforts into ensuring the mental health of my peers is not only strongly considered but also specifically tailored to. I want to advocate for programs that provide undoubted support for those who already feel defeated. Those students who feel small in this gigantic world we call Emory School of Law need to realize their worth is measured beyond their GPA. While grades are vital, it is important to remind students that they are not just numbers used to increase law school rankings. This fear of failure is damaging and it is evident within the student body. I will push for more mental health programs hosted by SBA and monthly alumni panels focused on the struggles they went through in Law school and how they overcome them.

Vote for someone who can relate to your struggles not just someone who mirrors this unrealistic view of constant perfection. My imperfections coupled with my wide array of life experience have made me confident enough to fail. Yes you read right! I grew enough courage to fail. I wish to serve as a constant reminder that failure doesn't come from falling down rather it comes from not getting up. Thank you and remember kids, vote for Olayeni to be your 1L Rep. Goodbye for now.

Lex Sanicola

Lex Sanicola v Other 1L Reps
SBA Court
Atlanta, GA (2018)

Rule of Law: During election season, a candidate must persuade those to vote for that said candidate.

Relevant Facts: The Plaintiff, Lex Sanicola, decided to run for 1L representative. However, it's her first year and many do not know of her qualifying factors. Thus, she wrote a very lame and nerdy "case brief" as her campaign statement. What do you need to know?

- Social girl
- Organized and efficient ~with some leeway for some me-time~ **nobody's perfect
- Loves *The Office*
- Has held related office positions (i.e. class representative, alumni relations chair, and president of a student club) ~boring fact~

Issue: Should you vote for Lex Sanicola?

Holding: Yes, you should vote for Lex Sanicola.

Legal Reasoning:

- I love meeting new people and getting their perspectives on current situations. It's a way to stay open-minded and informed. Additionally, dialogue is a fundamental aspect of creating and maintaining a healthy and happy community. Thus, you can always trust that your voice will be heard and your thoughts will be brought to the table. Always feel free to come up to me and introduce yourself. NOTE: This applies even if I ~lose~.
- I know that I will be able to allocate sufficient time between school work and being a 1L. However, don't be surprised if you find me taking "continuous and systematic" breaks by chatting it up with people in the midst of doing homework. Don't worry. I do this outside of the second and third floors of the library.
- Michael, Dwight, Jim, and Pam have shown me exactly what to do and what NOT to do in professional environments. More importantly, they demonstrate how to have fun whilst working -- not everything needs to be serious and formal. Yet, I understand there is a time to be serious (i.e. Stanley having a heart attack and the CPR training that ensues).

I will leave you all with this statement that embodies my political philosophy:

"Would I rather be feared or loved? Both. I want people to be afraid of how much they love me."

The philosopher,

- Michael Scott – Lex Sanicola

Abigail Van Horn

Hello, my name is Abigail Van Horn and I am running to be one of the 1L representatives of the Student Bar Associate. I have yet to be at a school where I felt that those who were student representatives were approachable or people who I could have an honest conversation with. I am preemptively trying to avoid that situation here, at Emory, by running for an office myself. I have been assured by multiple people that I am as intimidating as a chihuahua and thus feel that I am the perfect point person for you to go to with your thoughts and concerns.

I neither have large objectives for the position nor do I promise to accomplish a grandiose and unrealistic goal like bringing Chick-fil-a to the law school. I do, however, commit to always being up to go get a coffee, to get to know you, to listen to your frustrations and needs and to use that information to better represent the 1L class. Or if you just want to catch up and discuss Good Mythical Morning, that's fine too.

Candidate for 3L Representative

Randy Williams

Hello Classmates! My name is Randy Williams, I'm a 3L, and requesting your support in the upcoming SBA election. I had the honor of serving on SBA as a representative last year and I welcome the opportunity to continue being of service to my fellow classmates.

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Representatives with their vote serve as a check on the authority of the Executive Board and helps to ensure that an atmosphere of fair and inclusive representation permeates SBA.

An effective Representative listens to the opinions of others, ensures he is accurately reflecting the views of the constituency, communicates effectively, and addresses important topics timely and candidly. I possess each of those qualities and will use those abilities to ensure your voice is heard. I hope I can earn your support in this election!

I am available by email to answer any questions.

Candidates for JM Representative

Renee Shaw

My name is Renee Shaw and I seek the honor of becoming the next Student Body Representative for the Juris Master (JM) program. JM scholars represent the evolving paradigm of legal education. The vast majority of us are working professionals looking to supplement our careers with first class training in jurisprudence. While most of our class is older than the traditional JD student, we are no less capable. Our combined knowledge, skills, and abilities represent over a half century of experience in fields such as law enforcement, government, higher education, health care, business, science, and technology.

Emory's Juris Master students are fiercely competitive, focused, and goal oriented. Our needs and interests may be slightly divergent from that of the recent college graduate. I hope to be the mouth piece to convey the needs and interests of Emory's Juris Master students.

As the Juris Master Student Body Representative, I look to:

1. Dispel myths about the value of Emory's Juris Master program
2. Serve the Emory and Atlanta community through volunteering initiatives
3. Protect the integrity of the Emory College of Law reputation
4. Serve as a liaison of both the online and on campus Juris Master student concerns to the main Emory Law community.

Sarah White

Students of Emory Law School!

Super excited to introduce myself to everyone and hopefully, make new friends along the way!

Who is Sarah...

Sarah White is a law student who is working to further her education in the law and who intends on graduating with her Juris Master in May of 2019 from Emory University School of Law. From there, she hopes to continue giving back to the community. Sarah has spent many years working on committees, both communal and political, as the liaison between citizens and cabinet members, which had guided her current endeavors.

In graduate school, Sarah's activities included participation in Alpha Phi Omega, Exchange Family Center, and the national criminal justice honor society, Alpha Phi Sigma. Sarah was a

constant name on the chancellor's and dean's list and graduated from the University of Mississippi, Cum Laude. In addition to schooling, she has enjoyed volunteering at Marshall County Correctional Facility, with mixed custody level inmates, feeding the less fortunate, and building houses with Habitat for Humanity. She loves working in the community, as she believes being involved is essential to personal growth.

When she is not participating in volunteering in the community or at school, Sarah enjoys spending time traveling, as it is a dream of hers to one day work abroad.

Sarah wants you to know, if elected Student Bar Association Juris Master Representative, she will continue in this spirit and address some the specific areas that many of you voiced you'd like to see improve, in other words, the voice of our class. I believe I would make a difference in the Juris Master body.

I would appreciate your vote, see you at the voting booth!

Candidates for LLM Representative

Lerato Oguntoye

Hi, I'm Lerato Oguntoye and I'm running for the position of LLM representative on the SBA. I'm an international student from South Africa. I believe that a student representative should hear and act upon student problems, suggestions and ideas, as well as, advocate passionately on behalf of students. I know I am the right person for the job. I have extensive experience sitting on elected representative committees and advocating for the interests of my peers both professionally and from my time as an undergraduate student.

(Please come chat to me if you want to hear more about my experience. Yes – this is my roundabout way of getting some one-on-one facetime with you.)

I recognise the unique challenges that domestic and international LLM students face. I want to make sure my peers' voices who are part of the LLM program don't get lost and that our concerns regarding vocational, academic and student life are actively addressed. I intend to be a representative for all my peers and I will conduct myself in such a manner that I ensure everyone I engage with feels respected and heard.

I look forward to serving my peers.

Vote for Lerato on September 13th and 14th.

Anna Size

My name is Anna Size and I would love to be your choice for LLM (master of Laws) student representative. I am a hard working individual who loves to take part in university experiences and leadership activities. I have become accustomed to student leadership roles, as I was a student representative at undergrad level at the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom. I am a Zimbabwean Lady that is all for Emory's theme of diversity and inclusivity. I am a very confident individual and very approachable. I aim to ensure that I communicate all feedback given to me by the students to all the necessary bodies. I will offer encouragement and help with understanding university avenues available to us. I will lend a constructive ear so take a chance in voting for me...I will not disappoint.

Candidates for Transfer Representative

Stephanie Hernandez

Hey guys, my name is Stephanie and I am running to be your Transfer Rep! As someone who was on SBA as a 1L rep in my previous institution, I understand the dedication needed to hold an elected position. If chosen, I promise to complete my duties with the transfer student's best interest in mind and be completely dedicated to this position. Thank you and vote for Stephanie!

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