

## SBA Letter of Intent

Dear SBA and 1L Class,

My Name is Ava Haberer, and I couldn't be more excited to be running as a for 1L Representative as well as 1L Honor Board

I know that entering law school can be a scary time full of unknowns and high levels of stress. Fellow classmates may have moved for the first time or changed career paths, and I will be the first to say that I know exactly how that feels. I moved from Arizona to Iowa for undergrad without knowing a single person. I then moved to Florida for a semester, when I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. Each new experience I faced, I became terrified that I wouldn't find where I belonged. That is why I decided to run for SBA. I want to be able to be a friendly face for those who may have experienced the same unknowns that I have. I would love to get to know my classmates on a deeper level and be a liaison between them and our law school administrators.

I have always had a passion for leadership. In high school I was in student government all four years, serving as Student Body President my senior year. In that role I planned events such as homecoming and prom as well as fundraising events for organizations like Make-a-Wish. For four years, I worked at a movie theatre where I was quickly promoted to an assistant manager. In that role I was tasked with facilitating confidential meetings with employees, leading teams of 30-40 employees at a time, and handling guest concerns as needed. At the University of Iowa, I was a student ambassador for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a student panelist for the Office of Admissions. Also, while in college I held various leadership roles as a member of a sorority. In those roles I was a point of contact between students and faculty as well as prospective students and their parents.

My previous leadership experience has taught me the importance of leading with grace, being open to change, and making sure everyone feels like they belong. If elected, I am confident that I will be able to help support my classmates in a way that will foster a strong sense of community within the class. Thank you for your time and consideration and if you have any questions please reach out!

Go Bulldogs!

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## **SBA Candidate Questionnaire**

Turn in this questionnaire with your petition. Please answer each question in 50 words or less. This questionnaire will be distributed amongst the law school along with the photo you submit. If you do not submit a photo, your Drake ID photo may be used.

**What is your name and your pronouns?**

Ava Haberer She/Her/Hers

**Where are you from?**

Scottsdale, Arizona

**What did you do before law school?**

I went to the University of Iowa for undergrad where I studied criminology, law, and justice with a minor in sociology.

**Why did you decide to come to law school?**

I decided to come to law school because I have always been interested in criminal law. I am particularly interested in wrongful convictions! I think everyone should have access to a lawyer and I hope to be able to help as many people as possible with my degree.

**Please describe your previous leadership experience.**

I have extensive experience planning events and leading teams through my time as Student Body President in high school and as Director of Social Events for my sorority. I was also an assistant manager at a movie theatre where I held a high level of confidentiality when handling guest and employee matters.

**Why do you want to be in the SBA?**

I want to be in the SBA because I strongly believe that I can help bridge the gap between students and faculty by being a voice for my fellow classmates'. I believe that I can create an environment where everyone can feel safe to share what they are thinking.

**List three adjectives that describe yourself.**

Extrovert, Leader, Passionate

**Tell us something interesting about yourself.**

In Fall of 2023 I moved to Florida to participate in the Disney College program. While I was there, I worked in Hollywood Studios selling merchandise. I worked in shops that include Toy Story, Star Tours, and Fantasmic, which is the nighttime fireworks show.

