

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?

Ryan Corcoran (He/Him/His)

Where are you from?

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

What did you do before law school?

I was an undergraduate at Simpson College, where I majored in Political Science, English, and International Relations, along with a minor in Legal Studies. I participated in speech and debate, mock trial, and many of the organized bands playing trumpet.

Why did you decide to come to law school?

I have always enjoyed writing, researching, problem-solving, and persuasion through written and oral communication. All of those made law school seem like the best career path.

Please describe your previous leadership experience.

Team Captain Mock Trial – Managed team competition, streamlined team performance, and bridged communication of student interests to coaching staff.

Central Committee Chair of Indianola 2 – Collaborated on party plank development.

Undergraduate Assistant of Debate – Coordinated team practices, created & communicated lessons, and facilitated events to build team bonding & chemistry

Why do you want to be in the SBA?

From my experience, I have loved being able to bridge the gap between leadership and students and advocate on their behalf. want to continue to promote transparency for students, create events that improve class morale, and especially advocate for inclusive and equitable treatment for everyone at Drake Law.

List three adjectives that describe yourself.

Dedicated, Innovative, Whimsical

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I really enjoy Noah Kahan's music, I'm a national runner-up in impromptu speaking, and my high score in bowling is a 260 game.

Dear SBL and 1L Class,

My name is Ryan Corcoran, and I'm incredibly excited to be running as a candidate for 1L Student Representative and 1L Honor Board Representative. It would be both an honor and a pleasure to be able to bridge gaps between students and administrators, advocate for equitable & inclusive initiatives, and be able to help your voice be heard.

While every person in our historically large class has a vibrant story, many of us share so much of what we want to see in both the world and our lives. I'm hoping to be able to listen to everyone and help facilitate a way for our hopes as 1L students to become reality.

What gives me fulfillment most in life is being able to take a shared problem, really unravel the issue to get to the core, and put in place a solution that makes everyone a little less stressed in this chaotic world. We have enough chaos with adapting to a new paradigm as 1L students; let me take some of the other fears off everyone's plate.

If elected to either position, my foremost concern is what you are concerned with. I wouldn't be there or be running without each of you, and so it is only fitting I fight for you all bar none. Alongside that, advocating for diverse perspectives in discussions has always been front and center for me. Through my background advocating for inclusive measures of those with invisible disabilities, I know that so many perspectives get lost in the interest of expediency. However, when we only gaze at issues through one lens, so much of the world remains tinted. If elected, I will work every day to make sure the kaleidoscope of perspectives that is the class of 2028 is seen and respected.

All of the Best,

Ryan Corcoran

