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Aubrey Kohl
Vice President, Drake University Law School Student Bar Association
2608 Forest Ave.
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Dear Vice President Kohl:

I'm writing to express my intention to run for the position of 1L Representative on the Drake University Law School's Student Bar Association (SBA).

I arrived at law school having spent the previous seven years in the workforce. During that time, I worked for both the federal and state government, as well as in nonprofit-association work. I've always described myself as a mission-driven individual, and during that time, I proudly served and advocated on behalf of Iowans. Before joining the workforce, I was an undergraduate student at Grand View University. It was an honor to serve two terms as the student body president and on two national leadership development committees. I share these details because both my willingness to lead derives from an innate desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of my community. The culmination of my experiences is what lead me to attend Drake University Law School. I want to propel legal advocacy forward, and I can't think of any more honorable way to begin that journey than to serve as a 1L Representative.

Three ideas come to mind when asked what I'd prioritize. The first being our student activities. Participating in student organizations is an integral component to the law school experience. I want to ensure that every student organization is equipped with the resources to facilitate continued learning and engagement outside of the classroom. The second being our competitive advantage of Des Moines. I want to ensure both the SBA and law school and continually developing or building upon existing partnerships – that way our fellow students are empowered to confidently practice law through a robust network of industry professionals. The third being, of course, my fellow 1L students. I take great pride knowing I'm a member of the 159th entering class, and I want to engage with them so that our diversity and backgrounds can truly flourish at all stages of the conversation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy, and it's my keen hope that we may the opportunity to work together this academic year. Please don't hesitate to contact me through the information provided below.

Best Regards,

