

Dear 1L Class,

My name is Leah Wrazin and I am running to be one of your 1L Representatives. I want to ensure that every one of us has someone they can trust to speak up for them on SBA. The law school journey is an exceedingly difficult one – between case briefing, networking events, keeping up with your readings, and finding some time to live your life. You shouldn't also have to worry about making sure you're being respected and listened to while you deal with the rest of the stress. I want to make your adjustment to law school easier by being one person you can come to who will always listen with compassion. My goal is to be a compassionate and approachable voice on your behalf, someone who will never hesitate to raise your concerns. I humbly ask for your trust and your vote.

Throughout my undergraduate experience, I was deeply devoted to student leadership. From creating my Freshman year LSAT study group and organizing class study groups for every exam, to becoming President of two student advocacy clubs, serving in Student Government, and winning Junior of the Year, and then graduating in the top 20% of my class with multiple academic awards as a Senior. By far, my most rewarding experience was serving as the Wellness and Campus Safety Chair in the Student Government Association. Through this position, I was able to create long-lasting relationships with school administration and enact positive change through multiple sectors of my campus. My pieces of advocacy included resolutions to amend the New York State Student Suicide Prevention Act to include more diverse groups of students and a campus-wide call for free Nasal Naloxone Trainings. Within my time in SGA, I also worked collaboratively to expand accessibility and accommodations (including opening new campus eateries catered to people with any dietary restriction), promoting student mental health and overall health literacy, expanding free menstrual product dispensers and STI testing on campus, and organizing events such as Drunk Driving Awareness and tourniquet trainings. I've also sat on multiple boards for hiring new members of administration, bringing the voices of students to rooms and processes they normally would not have been in. I am also uniquely adept as advocacy through my full-time position as an Advocacy Advisor and Lobbyist with a national DEI non-profit.

At the end of the day, my purpose in running is simple: I want every 1L to feel represented, supported, and heard. Law school brings new pressures and responsibilities every day, and it's important to know that there is someone consistently committed to looking out for your needs. If elected, I will work to foster a community where concerns are taken seriously, voices are amplified, and solutions are pursued with dedication and transparency. I promise to approach this role with compassion, professionalism, and persistence, making sure that the challenges of 1L year never silence or overshadow your right to be respected. Most importantly, I want to help make our class stronger by ensuring that each of us feels included in the conversations that shape our law school experience.

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? Leah Wrazin, she/her

Where are you from? Charleston, SC

What did you do before law school? Prior to law school, I attended undergrad at Hofstra University on Long Island. Before that, I worked multiple jobs after high school, including a management position in retail and two years working at an international biomedical lab.

Why did you decide to come to law school? I decided to come to law school because of my childhood experiences in the foster care system. I chose Drake because of their excellence in juvenile law. My goal is to use my career to help advance civil rights for juveniles – to ensure their safety, their education, and their futures.

Please describe your previous leadership experience. During undergrad, I was President of Students Demand Action, President of Hofstra University Democrats, and the Wellness and Campus Safety Chair in the Student Government Association. I was the 2023-2024 Junior of the Year, and winner of the Hofstra University Undergraduate Library Research Award. Lastly, I am the Advocacy Advisor at Inclusive America, a DEI lobbying non-profit.

Why do you want to be in the SBA? I want to join SBA as 1L Representative because I believe it's important to have people at the table that not only speak for others, but also listen to others. It is of paramount importance to me that every single person who has an opinion, knows that there is someone on SBA who will bring their opinions to the table.

List three adjectives that describe yourself. Resilient, hardworking, and compassionate.

Tell us something interesting about yourself. I've been riding horses for 23 years and I'm friends with multiple former Olympians because of that.

