

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?

My name is Ruwayda Egal and my pronouns are She/Her/Hers

Where are you from?

I am from Saint Paul, Minnesota

What did you do before law school?

I took a gap year in between undergraduate and law school. During my gap year I travelled and worked as a barista.

Why did you decide to come to law school?

I have always had an interest in law and the roles it plays in our society. I have a passion for helping people and enjoy an academic challenge.

Please describe your previous leadership experience.

During my undergraduate education, I held several leadership positions that strengthened my ability to serve, collaborate, and advocate.

One of my most impactful roles was serving as Student Body President at Drake University. In this role, I represented the student body to the Administration, Board of Trustees, and Faculty. I oversaw the work of Student Senators, ad-hoc committees, and supported the operations of more than 160 registered student organizations. I also regularly met with the University President, Dean of Students, and the Chief Student Affairs Officer to communicate student concerns, shape campus policies, and advance initiatives that enhanced the student experience.

In addition, I served as Vice President of the African Caribbean Student Organization. In this role, I collaborated with other affinity groups to promote intersectional events across campus. My responsibilities included coordinating meetings, scheduling and booking events, arranging entertainment, and curating cultural food experiences in partnership with the Des Moines community. Through this work, I helped uplift the voices of African and Caribbean students by creating educational and cultural events that fostered inclusion and celebrated diversity.

Why do you want to be in the SBA?

I want to be apart of SBA because I have always had a passion for leadership and advocacy. In my experience I have always enjoyed listening and serving others to ensure they are heard and respected in all spaces.

List three adjectives that describe yourself.

Funny, Problem-Solver and Thoughtful

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I watch Avatar the last Airbender once a month

SBA Letter of Intent

Dear 1L Class and SBA,

My name is Ruwayda Egal and I am beyond excited to be running as your 1L representative. As your 1L Representative, I am excited to serve for our class and to act as a liaison between students, administration, and the broader law school community. I want to be a representative that everyone can come to and express any issues and concerns with. I believe having good and honest communication builds a place where people feel comfortable and safe. We all deserve a place where we can thrive in and I want to ensure that space is available.

Another reason I am running for 1L Representative is to help build a strong sense of community. I believe community is the backbone of success. Law school can be challenging, and none of us can achieve our goals alone. By working together, we can grow, support one another, and accomplish far more than we ever could individually. Building this kind of community will allow us all to succeed and thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Running for the 1L Representative position I want to build and foster relationships. Throughout our three years we will all be able to grow and learn from each other. Coming from different communities and spaces makes this experience incredible valuable. By getting to know each other we can learn from each other and create a supportive environment where everyone thrives. Together we can make law school journey collaborative and inclusive.

Thank you all for taking you time to read this letter. It would be an honor to represent you all this year as your 1L representative.

Ruwayda Egal

