

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?

Matthew Clarke (he/him)

Where are you from?

Urbandale Iowa

What did you do before law school?

Worked for Principal Financial for several years.

Why did you decide to come to law school?

I noticed the prevalence of law in our daily life and wanted to influence it for the betterment of everyone.

Please describe your previous leadership experience.

Moot Court Board (Treasure)

International Law Society (Treasure)

Older Wiser Law Student (Treasure) (VP)

SBA (3L Representative)

Why do you want to be in the SBA?

As a current SBA member and treasurer of several organizations, I understand the importance of competent, diligent work that I would like to bring to the position of Treasurer.

List three adjectives that describe yourself.

Seasoned, Diligent, Reliable

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I have travelled much of the United States and have lived internationally.



Matthew Clarke

Sep. 3, 2025

SBA Executive Board
2608 Forest Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50311

Dear SBA Executive Board,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving as Treasurer of the Student Bar Association. As a current 3L Juris Doctor candidate at Drake University Law School with a solid foundation in finance and student leadership, I believe I am uniquely positioned to serve the SBA with dedication, reliability, and fiscal responsibility.

Throughout my academic journey, I have consistently taken on treasurer roles across multiple student organizations, including the Moot Court Board, International Law Society, and Drake OWLS. These experiences have equipped me with practical budgeting skills, financial planning insight, and a deep understanding of the funding needs and logistical demands of student organizations.

My background in Business Finance and leadership reflects my commitment to balancing precision with service. I approach financial oversight not just as a matter of numbers, but as a stewardship responsibility. Ensuring that student funds are used effectively, ethically, and in a way that maximizes benefit for the law school community.

If elected, I will prioritize efficiency, clear communication, and support for all student organizations navigating the funding process. I am passionate about serving our law school community and committed to fostering an inclusive environment for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to further serve the student body as SBA Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Matthew Clarke