

Sydney Gabriel
Letter of Intent
Student Bar Association 1L Representative

To my fellow classmates,

I am writing to share my enthusiastic interest in running to be a 1L class representative for the Drake Law School Class of 2028! My name is Sydney Gabriel, and I am a driven, compassionate, and reliable individual. I am prepared to be accessible to students, a communicator between SBA and our class as a whole, and to advocate for student wants and needs. I am inspired to run for this position because of the initial reason I came to law school, to help people. I have always cared deeply about the experiences of those around me and about being an advocate in all ways possible. I can promise that if elected to SBA, I will work for inclusion, opportunity, and honesty.

I believe I am well-qualified for this position because of my passionate commitment to others and my proven experience in leadership and advocacy. I have served on student councils, participated in honor society, conducted student research, competed as a college athlete, worked on land rights issues, taught kindergarten, and volunteered in my community, among other experiences. Each of these opportunities has helped me develop the skills to lead effectively, communicate consistently, and advocate for the needs of those around me, while also appreciating the unique perspectives and backgrounds that each individual brings. I am committed to bringing the same dedication and energy to serving our law school class.

If elected to be a 1L representative I will advocate for more networking opportunities, more inter-section events to foster community, and will focus on addressing student academic concerns. I believe that everyone can and should succeed in law school, and I am committed to being someone students can approach with concerns or questions to bring to SBA and the law school faculty. We are stronger together, and by focusing on inclusion, accessibility, and student priorities, I believe I can effectively serve as an SBA representative this academic year. I am excited about the opportunity to represent the 1L class and contribute to our community. Thank you for considering me, Sydney Gabriel, for 1L representative.

With appreciation,
Sydney Gabriel

SBA Candidate Questionnaire

What is your name and your pronouns?

My name is Sydney Gabriel and I use she/her pronouns.

Where are you from?

I am from Hudson, Wisconsin.

What did you do before law school?

I attended undergraduate at the University of St. Thomas and got my B.A. in Political Science and History. I worked a variety of jobs including as a Siting and Land Rights Technician, a Kindergarten teacher, a softball coach, and as a Student Researcher.

Why did you decide to come to law school?

I decided to attend law school because I am passionate about helping others. I have seen how the law can shape individual lives, communities, and greater society, and I hope to make a positive impact on the experiences of those around me.

Please describe your previous leadership experience.

Previously I served on Student Council for 3 years. I was a student ambassador for my university and helped register students to vote. I have also led individual research and been inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha honors. Professionally, I have worked as a teacher, technician, coach, sales worker, and volunteer.

Why do you want to be in the SBA?

I want to join the SBA to bring energy, dedication, and collaboration to our class. I would like to connect with peers, listen to concerns, and represent the wants and needs of classmates so we can all have the best possible law school experience.

List three adjectives that describe yourself.

I am empathetic, reliable, and approachable.

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I am also a Canadian citizen!

