

Letter of Intent: Honor Board

Dear 1L class,

My name is Zoe Rae. During my time in undergrad, I took a course on Campus Sexual Assault where we spent a lot of time looking at how institutions respond to sexual assault on campus. I learned how cases are decided and what sanctions are applied. In undergrad, I was a member of a club disciplinary board. I was an arcade manager, and there was a lot of conflict between my co-workers. Once, when I had to write a report about a disagreement between my co-workers. One of my co-workers was my friend and the other was not. I looked at the facts and heard both sides of the story, and I wrote that my friend was in the wrong, because I judge that objectively she was. As a result of my report the other co-worker did not receive disciplinary actions that my friend wanted. All of this is to say, I have experience in disciplinary actions and measure.

If I am elected to honor board, I will use my past experience in any decision. I want to ensure that all sides of the story are heard and ensure that decisions are fair. I have seen a decision that was biased and hurt the injured party. At the time I was not in a position, where I could advocate for a fair decision. One important part of Honor Board is confidentially; the board cannot discuss anything about cases that have been presented to them. I worked at a jail, and everyday people would ask me questions I couldn't answer. Confidentially was required for my job, I had access to people's private information. Families wanted information of where their relation was, but I couldn't tell them. On occasion some families were upset at me, and I understood why they wanted the information, but I couldn't violate someone's privacy. I hold this stance for honor board, and I will act the same for all matters brought before the honor board.

Thank you for your consideration. I grateful to have this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Zoe Rae Coffman

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?

Zoe Rae Coffman, She/Her

Where are you from?

Des Moines, IA

What did you do before law school?

I was a student at the University of Iowa. I majored in Criminology, with a certificate in Resilience and Trauma Informed Perspectives. I also worked as a manager for an arcade, and I was an AV technician for the Iowa Memorial Union.

Why did you decide to come to law school?

I worked at a Jail, and I would interact with victims of domestic violence, when they tried to bail out their abusers. I would help them, but I couldn't do much. I knew that I could help them more as an attorney, they are why I am here.

Please describe your previous leadership experience.

I managed an arcade; in this position I had to help and guide my coworkers. I had to resolve a lot of conflict between coworkers in this position. I also was a peer assistant, and I helped students write policy briefs on different aspects of crime and laws.

Why do you want to be in the SBA?

I want to be in the SBA, because of the honor board. I have been in organizations where the disciplinary decisions made were extremely unfair. I want to ensure that everyone who comes before the honor board is treated without bias, with fairness.

List three adjectives that describe yourself.

Determined, Caring and Diligent

Tell us something interesting about yourself. I am injury prone, and I have gotten injured in ways no one else has. For example, I went to bed with no broken bones and woke up with one. I got a concussion by putting a book on my nightstand.

