**SBA ELECTIONS 2010**

**Candidate Platforms**

**Executive Board Positions**

***Co-Chair***

**Jason Elliot**

I wish to renew my commitment to helping students at this school achieve their academic and professional goals by running for Co-Chair of the Student Bar Association Council for the Summer/Winter rotation. My dedication to the students of NUSL is evident in my service as Vice-chair for Finance in this transition year, in the active role I took on the counsel as well as in serving the Ad hoc governance committee. The major task for the remainder of this year and throughout the next will be working with the faculty and the administration to draft and adopt a new Charter for the law school. I have the experience gleaned from the past two years being heavily involved with the Student Bar Association Council and with passing the SBA Constitution as well as bylaws for finance, SBAC co-sponsorship of events, and venue selection, to lead students on both the Council and in forging a Charter for NUSL. The unique opportunity to shape the mission of this school afforded to the SBA Council and the diverse student body is one deserving the utmost commitment and enthusiasm. My dedication and sincerity in serving my fellow students and our law school education make me your ideal candidate. I hope you will ask me to serve as your Co-Chair.

**Laila Atta**

Reasons to VOTE for LAILA:

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***Vice-Chair of Recreation***

**Lauren Vela**

Having served on the SBA this past year, I realized how much I appreciate and enjoy my role serving as a student representative. Further, I realized how much more I could help both our student body and the law school. Through the positions I am running for, I hope to help the student body connect with each other, the faculty, and even other graduate students at Northeastern. I think that my experience serving in executive positions of past organizations, as well as my experience this past year on SBA, will help guide me as an SBA representative next year. Please vote for me!

**Tom Griesmer**

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**Amanda Tetrault**

No Platform submitted.

***Vice-Chair of Finance***

**Amanda Riyad**

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***Vice-Chair of Social Activities***

**David Swanson**

My name is Dave and I am a rising 2L. I am running for Vice-Chair of Social Activities as well as a seat on both the At-Large Council and the Public Interest Committee, and I respectfully request your vote. I have spent the last year on SBA in both the At-Large Council and the Public Interest Committee. Both of these positions have given me experience working as a member of SBA. I would like to continue representing the law school in both of these positions.

Prior experience has taught me the importance of effective communication. As captain of the swim team at my undergrad, I brought the concerns of my teammates to the attention of our coach. As a director of a one-act play, I facilitated communication between my advising professor and the actors, designers, and techs, who worked with me. As a pool manager, I carried out the orders of the neighborhood board of directors and informed my lifeguarding staff accordingly. If elected to the SBA for a second term, I would assume a similar role as the go-between among the faculty / staff and the student body. I would advocate our concerns to the law school administration and ensure that the student’s voice would not go unheard. Furthermore, the rigor of balancing academics and athletics has taught me to be disciplined and organized; my interest in theater has made me a more personable and easily approachable person. Thanks for your time and I appreciate your votes!!

**Laura Sannicandro**

My name is Laura Sannicandro and I am a rising 3L. I am running for Vice-Chair of the Social Committee and Commencement Committee. My involvement in different activities throughout my experience at Northeastern Law has enabled me to develop friendships and acquaintanceships with most of my class and students in other classes. I am applying for Vice-Chair of Social Committee and a position on the Commencement Committee because of my appreciation for bar review, Barrister’s Ball, and other law school social activities. I have attended every bar review and Barrister’s Ball since 1L year. I have also spoken extensively with the Vice-Chair of the Social Committee regarding the planning and organization behind both activities. My relationships with the student body make me an excellent candidate for both Vice-Chair of Social Committee and a position on the Commencement Committee. If I become a member of the Commencement Committee I promise to assist and deliver a well organized, memorable, and fun Commencement Week. I understand that bi-weekly bar reviews and Barrister’s Ball are necessary for sanity during law school. If elected as the Vice-Chair of the Social Committee I promise to coordinate relaxing, social, and enjoyable bi-weekly bar reviews and a well-organized, memorable Barrister’s Ball.

**2L Committee Positions**

***Admissions*** (Contested- 1 Seat, 1 Alternate)

**Saraa Basaria**

My name is Saraa Basaria and I am running for the Student Bar Association’s 1L Admissions Committee Representative position. I was provided the opportunity to be the SBA Admissions Committee alternate this past academic year and while on this committee was able to review and make recommendations on a significant number of applications. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience on this committee and hope to have the opportunity to do it again. My duties as Admissions Committee Representative would include assisting the Admissions Committee in the recruitment and selection of law school applicants. If I were to be elected to this position, it would be my goal to ensure that the Class of 2014 is a diverse, well-balanced group of bright individuals who can all contribute to our law school. As we have all gone through the law school application process, we know how much time and effort goes into an application, and how much more there is to an application than simply numbers. I would like to have the opportunity to look beyond just the numbers and to get to know the individual applicant as a person, based on the applicant’s personal statement and resume. Please vote for me in the upcoming Student Bar Association elections and I will do my level best to represent the Class of 2012 by providing a voice for our class in the Admissions Committee.

**Antoinette Rangel**

Hi, I am Antoinette Rangel and I am running for the 2L representative for Governing Council, Admissions Committee and the Appointments Committee. After having served a year on SBA, I have found doing advocacy work on behalf of students here at NUSL very rewarding. I want to continue to serve on SBA so that I can keep bringing students voices to all facets of our school. Whether that be discussing broad issues with the law school’s administration and faculty in Governing Council or helping to maintain the caliber of our students by reading through applications with the Admissions Committee or taking part in interviewing faculty candidates with the Appointments Committee. I want to be a representative because I want our future 2L class and students in general to be heard when it comes to shaping our law school community.  Feel free to email me to ask me any questions you have and I hope I’ve earned your vote!

**Amanda Tretault**

No Platform Submitted.

***Planning*** (Contested- 1 Seat, 1 Alternate)

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**Tiffany Llano**

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**Stephanie Viola**

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**Katie Dunn**

My name is Katie Dunn, and I am a member of the Class of 2012. I am currently running for seats on the Public Interest and Curriculum Committees and respectfully request your vote.

To ensure that Northeastern University School of Law continues to excel in its renowned public interest mission, we must perpetually challenge ourselves in pursuit of new avenues to champion the cause of social justice both in and outside the classroom. Having worked in a public-interest job for 2 ½ years prior to law school, I appreciate the enormous communal good and personal satisfaction that derive from such initiatives. It is critical that we foster opportunities for all students, faculty, and other members of the NUSL community to feel connected to our public interest mission while also fulfilling their individual passions.

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I believe that my dedication to public interest work, strong communications skills, and willingness to think outside the box make me an excellent candidate for positions on the Public Interest and Curriculum Committees. I would be honored to serve you in these capacities, and I hope that you will elect me to do so.

***At-Large*** (Contested- 1 Seat)

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**Rebecca Waisanen**

My name is Rebecca Waisanen and I am running for re-election as a member of the At-Large committee of the SBA. The At-Large representatives are assigned to various committees or positions where the workload requires additional assistance at the discretion of the representatives and the Executive Board. This past year I have been given a wonderful opportunity to work with both the Judicial Clerkship committee, and the Alumni Board. I would like to continue my work with both committees next year. The Judicial Clerkship committee is especially important, as historically, our process of evaluations instead of grades is a disadvantage to obtaining these prestigious and competitive positions. The Alumni Board is very interested in current students and their ability to successfully transition out of school and into the work force. Building positive relationships and marketing network opportunities between current students, recent graduates, and Alumni, will be beneficial for everyone. Please consider voting for me in this election as your At-Large representative.

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**Benny Meshoulam**

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