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# MITCHELL STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION HAMLINE

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## Candidate(s) for President

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### Wendy Jeter

My name is Wendy Jeter, and I am running for President of the SBA. I am a rising 3L that proudly served as my section's Class Representative (1L), At-Large Representative (2L) for the SBA. Also proudly serving as the Blended Representative (1L) and the Communications Officer (2L) for the Black Law Students Association. In undergrad, I was elected President of the Pre-Law Society and proudly served my school during my senior year. Professionally, I was appointed to serve as the Vice-President of the National Association of Letter Carriers Union in one of the largest union branches in the country.

A born leader, throughout my time here at MHSL I have tackled some of the most pressing issues on behalf of the student body with my strong advocacy skills. Examples include coordinating meetings with administration to express those issues or hosting Town Hall meetings with my cohort to understand their concerns and answer their questions.

Some of my most notable accomplishments in my leadership roles during my 1L year include partnering with BLSA to expand the Christmas Toy Drive I started in my hometown in 2017. Collectively, BLSA and I were able to collect boxes of toy donations including a donation of a kid's bike to benefit a center in Minnesota and a school in Illinois. Also, rallying for and coordinating free headshots for MH students sponsored by the SBA two years in a row. In addition, I initiated and coordinated a book drive where I have collected hundreds of book donations that I donated to an underserved grade school.

I am eager to continue to represent MH, therefore I am requesting your continued support by voting for me!

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## Candidate(s) for Vice President

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### Ebra Buah

I am excited to announce my candidacy for Vice President of the Student Bar Association. Throughout my time in law school, I've been deeply committed to advocating for student voices and fostering a supportive community. As Vice President of SBA, I will work to ensure that all students feel heard and valued while advancing initiatives that enhance our overall student experience.

While serving as 2L representative for Blended Section 1, I had the privilege of organizing key events such as Tea with Attorneys', B1 Final Capstone Lunch, and various section engagement opportunities off-campus. I additionally kept B1 well informed via our monthly updates flyer. Serving B1 allowed me the opportunity to serve on various committees, Constitution and Bylaws, and Academic and Student Affairs. These committee positions allowed me to collaborate with fellow SBA rep's and admin to address student concerns and improve our law school experience on a broader scale.

As your Vice President, I plan to expand on building community by offering more support and access to resources for students. Law school can be an isolating journey, but my goal is to challenge and remove that narrative. I aim to do this with transparency, inclusivity, and engagement to ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive. I am committed to representing the needs of our diverse community and working together to create an environment where all students feel supported and empowered.

Vote Ebra B. for your VP!

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## Candidate(s) for Vice President

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### Armeen Shahriar

I am proud to announce my candidacy for the position of Vice President of MHSL's Student Bar Association. I approach this opportunity with a solutions-oriented mindset and a steadfast resolve to foster growth, collaboration, and fulfillment in our community.

During my time at MHSL, I have served as a Minnesota Justice Foundation 1L Representative and a volunteer in the Self-Help Clinic and Street Law programs. I am also a court watch volunteer in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties through the Minnesota Freedom Fund. Prior to MHSL, I worked as an analyst in the legal and performance departments of TASC, Inc., Chicago's foremost mental health and substance abuse nonprofit organization, and earned my master's degree in Criminology, Law, and Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

I believe that a liaison between the SBA's Executive Committee and MHSL's Student Organizations must take a personal interest in the day-to-day experiences, hopes, and concerns of their fellow students. Learning more about my peers and their passions, motivations for becoming attorneys, and affinities both on campus and virtually energizes me to enhance their experience even further. As co-chair of the Leadership Council, I will be an active listener to the needs and visions of our Student Orgs., show up for you as a social event organizer, and advocate on your behalf to the larger organizational bodies at MHSL, when appropriate. I will be thoughtful and consistent in my appointments to our committees and continuously develop and strengthen relationships with other members of the SBA.

A myriad of insights and valid concerns are expressed every day among MHSL students. I believe it is the duty and privilege of our SBA representatives to actively listen to, focus, and deliver those affairs to school leadership in the pursuit of tangible, realistic solutions. I hope to represent our student body next year with the primary goal of elevating the voices of my peers through purposeful cooperation. This can absolutely be accomplished through communication that is as flexible as it is direct and honest. I will never shy away from a new relationship, a difficult conversation, or a peer who is in need of a friend.

It's with great humility and gratitude that I seek your vote for the Vice President of Mitchell Hamline's Student Bar Association. Thank you for your support.

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**Candidate(s) for Secretary**

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**Sarah Rushfeldt Raveling**

I value the hardworking student community, and the capacity and potential of every person. I'm encouraged to see students at different stages in life all working toward our common law school goal. As SBA Secretary, I would listen to fellow students about their interests and concerns, and work toward organizing programs to promote success.

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## Candidate(s) for Treasurer

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### Donald Gaines

My name is Donald Gaines, and I am running for the position of Treasurer on the Student Bar Association.

As law students, we are constantly balancing heavy workloads, tight deadlines, and ambitious goals. The role of the Treasurer is not just about managing numbers—it's about ensuring that the resources we have are used responsibly, transparently, and in ways that genuinely support the student body.

I'm running for this position because I believe that financial integrity is the foundation of an effective student government. If elected, I will prioritize two core principles:

**Transparency** – Students deserve to know how every dollar is being spent. I will ensure detailed, accessible reporting and open communication around all financial decisions.

**Responsiveness** – Our budget should reflect the needs and priorities of the students. I will be open to feedback, collaborate with fellow board members, and ensure that funds are directed toward initiatives that truly benefit our community.

I bring to this role a strong attention to detail, organizational skills, and a commitment to ethical leadership. I understand the importance of trust, and I intend to earn and maintain yours throughout my time in this role.

In my current role as 1L BAM Section 2 Representative, I have gained a great deal of experience learning the inner workings of SBA, the school, and the needs of the various student organizations. With the current administration I think its important to have a student in this position who feels strongly about the diversity and the inclusiveness at our school. I can vouch that I will continue to advocate for a strong and diverse student body.

I also want to talk briefly to Blended students: you are seen and heard, I agree with many BAM and Blended students that there is a feeling of a divide between both student bodies and I agree that more needs to be done to address this concern. I promise to work with both Blended and BAM students to continue to foster healthy relations and opportunities that benefit both, while addressing the needs that can affect one but not the other.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote.



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## **Candidate(s) for At-Large Rep**

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### **Melisa Sturman**

I am excited for the opportunity to represent our entire student body as the At-Large Representative. If elected, I will work with the elected Section Representatives and also make myself directly available to both BAM and Blended students to learn firsthand what is important to our student body.

During the 2024-2025 year as Section Representative, I worked on efforts that impacted the entire student body. For example, I chaired the student-faculty-staff committee that opened the food pantry which resides on the second floor of the library. We kept in mind the entire student body's experience, ensuring it is accessible to all students.

All of us have ideas, concerns, and areas where we could use support as law students. As the At-Large Representative, I will listen for what is needed and work within existing structures or create new ones to support our needs.

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## Candidate(s) for ABA Rep

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**Ms. Kelly C. Griffin, MS/MBA**  
**Candidate for Student Bar Association-American Bar Association Representative**

### Candidate Statement

My name is Kelly C. Griffin, a 2L (Blended Section Two) hailing from Neptune, New Jersey, and it is with extraordinary pride that I announce my **candidacy and quest for re-election** for the Student Bar Association's American Bar Association Representative ("SBA ABA Rep").

The responsibilities of your SBA ABA Rep are to **serve** as a liaison between the American Bar Association and the students at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, to **share** all information coming from the American Bar Association-Law Student Division and to

**represent** the MHSL student body as a voting delegate at all pertinent ABA annual meetings.

### Serve

### Share

### Represent

This past year as your SBA ABA Rep, I have been hard at work! I attended the Annual ABA meeting along with all other required meetings pertaining to my office, including serving on the MHSL Curriculum and 2025 Barristers' Ball committees. You have also received reminders and updates via the *Docket* and during the SBA general meetings. You have been represented well, so much so that I was featured in a video that continues to get traction on the ABA's social media channels as a proud MHSL student: [American Bar Association's Post](#).

In this new term, I will continue to be here to **serve** you, the student body, the heartbeat of Mitchell Hamline School of Law. I will continue to be your voice as it relates to the American Bar Association and will ensure that no voice goes unheard. I will continue to diligently **share**, with honesty and transparency, all information coming from the ABA that will help us learn, grow, and prosper as future attorneys. I will continue to **represent** you to the best of my ability as your delegate in the rooms where it matters.

As a past award-winning president and leader in several organizations, I have extensive experience in representing large groups and I know what it takes to advocate for your needs. I have served for several years as a delegate at nationwide meetings, and I fully understand the importance of representing the student body on a large scale.

It has been a pleasure meeting you during my tabling events and working for you this past year. It would be my honor to continue to serve and represent **YOU** as your 2025-2026 SBA American Bar Association Representative. I would greatly appreciate your support in this endeavor, and I thank you for your time and attention.

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**Candidate(s) for Judicial Council**

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**Ian Jerzyk**

The Judicial Council is tasked with investigating allegations of misconduct or violations related to the SBA's Constitution and/or By-Laws. I'm so uninteresting that I listen to debates, oral arguments, and panels for *fun*. I believe that I will be able to approach any and all allegations of misconduct with a spirit of curiosity and justice to ensure that every voice is heard and deemed worthy of consideration.



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## **Candidate(s) for Judicial Council**

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### **Meioshei Nash**

My name is Meioshei Nash, and I am an incoming 3L wanting to make a difference as a Judicial Council. I want to make sure that I help with resolving disputes when it comes to misconduct or violations of the SBA Constitution, enforcing and interpreting the rules of the SBA Constitution and promoting justice within the law school. It is crucial that I help to maintain a positive and productive learning environment. Voting for me can help maintain this type of law school environment.

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**Candidate(s) for Judicial Council**

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**Megan Sullivan**

Hi Everyone! My name is Megan Sullivan and I am excited to be running for one of the three Judicial Council seats. As a current BAM 1L, I have taken opportunities to be a 1L Representative for the Minnesota Justice Foundation Student Chapter, a volunteer at the Self-Help Clinic, and a member of the Legal Association of Women Students. I am running for the Judicial Council because I pride myself on being an advocate for everyone, leading with kindness and transparency, and reviewing matters in a fair and just way. In addition to these values, I believe my prior work experience makes me a good candidate to make a difference at Mitchell Hamline through the Judicial Council. Part of the Judicial Council's role is to review the SBA Constitution and Bylaws and conduct any necessary investigations. Prior to starting school at Mitchell Hamline, I was working at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office as an investigator. During my time there, I volunteered to be a part of the Office's Diversity, Hiring, and Recruitment Committee. I spent time reviewing and revising the Office Policy, conducting focus groups on how the Office can be more equitable, organizing events including a clothing drive, and representing the Office at community events. I would be honored to be in this role and appreciate your support!

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## Candidate(s) for 3L BAM Representative

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### Alexander Moe

The role of a Class Representative is to be a steadfast advocate for his constituents, and that is exactly what I plan to be. I was the 1L BAM Section 3 Representative in my first year at Mitchell Hamline, and I was an active and zealous advocate for the students in my section, trying to address the needs of the students in my section and help them obtain the information and resources they needed to succeed in law school.

Unfortunately, I was unable to continue representing my fellow classmates because, for our 2L year, the position was changed to only have one representative for all 2L BAM students. This caused a lot of disappointment for myself and my classmates as we felt that our voice was no longer being

heard, but we hoped that SBA would not forget about us despite this and that our concerns would still be addressed despite this loss of representation. However, this was not the case.

My section, as well as many other fellow 2Ls, felt that not only was SBA not fully and zealously advocating for us, but that the school's administration was doing an equally inadequate job of addressing our concerns and involving us in conversations.

I am running to be the 3L BAM Student Representative because I want to make sure ALL students, whether they are daytime students or evening students, full time or part time, in-person or blended, have their voices heard. I want to make sure that students are always involved in the conversations that administration is having about our law school, conversations that directly affect us and our futures.

This past year, many students felt like they were not being kept in the loop regarding what was happening in our school, especially with all the changes happening at our school and across the country. I will make it a point to be in frequent contact with my fellow students, will constantly be giving them important updates, and will be an advocate on their behalf with administration to ensure that no student ever feels that they are not receiving the support they need.

I am asking for your support in this election to be your 3L BAM Student Representative because, with your help, I can make sure that we all have an amazing journey as we near the end of our time together at Mitchell Hamline and prepare to thrive in the legal field!

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## **Candidate(s) for 3L BAM Representative**

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### **Kaytlin Sederholm**

What I have done as the 2L BAM Rep: Kept everyone informed on the changes to fall break, have helped to advocate for the change in giving students a break in fall 2026 that will comprise of a few days off for students, and held events to foster community and promote mental health of students.

What I will do as the 3L BAM Rep: I will continue to advocate for you all and keep everyone informed. I will continue to push for student health insurance, and will listen and address any concerns you all may have. I will also continue to attach a photo of Clarice to any mass email I send.

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## Candidate(s) for 2L BAM Representative

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### Curran Yarano

I want to be the 2L BAM SBA representative because I embody a servant leader mentality. I have come to know almost everyone in my class, understand that everyone has unique issues, and I want to help any way I can. I want to provide my constituents a powerful voice that will be heard and respected by the faculty and committee members here at Mitchell Hamline. I want to make this time in law school as enjoyable as possible, to help foster relationships between classmates, and to tackle head on the pressing problems that affect us daily. As BAM students, we are on campus every day. We see and

feel the direct impact of the changes we push for and have grown connected to this community.

I have spent countless hours at this school and have grown to love law school despite its challenges. I am grateful that we provide access to everyone to have a legal education, but I want to engage faculty to provide more on-campus class opportunities for students that desire and have moved from out-of-state to attend law school in-person. I admire my classmates and will do everything in my power to provide them with the best law school experience possible.

I will be as accessible as possible, so I will hold an office hour weekly and am not hard to find on campus. I hope that I get the chance to represent such an amazing group of future lawyers and can't wait to be in classes with new faces in the fall.

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**Candidate(s) for 2L Blended Section 1 Representative**

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**Amber Smith**

It has been a true privilege to support our section through the challenges and successes of our first year of law school. From day one, I've done my best to be a strong advocate for our group—whether that meant asking the hard questions, offering encouragement during stressful weeks, or just being someone you could count on. I've genuinely loved helping our section feel less like a random collection of classmates and more like a law school family.

As we move into our second year, I would be honored to continue serving as your voice and your advocate. I want to keep building on the connections we've created, making sure everyone feels heard, supported, and part of something bigger. We've come so far together, and I'm excited about what's ahead.

Thank you for your trust, your friendship, and the chance to keep showing up for all of us. - Amber Smith



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**Candidate(s) for 2L Blended Section 2 Representative**

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**Stephen Daniel Whitley**

Esteemed Peers,

Please consider electing me your SBA representative for another year. Our Section's future is bright, and I hope to be the bulb that shines for each of you once more. I look forward to working with each of you to make the school an even better place.



# **Voting begins**

## **April 17 and closes April 20**