

Student Body Elections HLS Student Government Fall 2016

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Section 1

Daniel Morales

Roy Sengupta

Hi folks! My name is Roy Sengupta, and I am excited to be running to be your 1L section 1 rep to the HLS Student Government. Since I was a teenager, I have been active in politics at all levels, having served at all levels of the Canadian government, and on my student association in college. I am running because I want this law school to be a fairer, more progressive, and more open place.

Although great strides have been made in making Harvard Law School a better academic environment, the learning curve for 1Ls can still be excessively steep. That's why I want to push for new academic regulations that will ensure that professors provide practice assignments and exams in which students can receive feedback before the final exam.

I believe that more work needs to be done in making Harvard Law School a more accepting and welcoming place. The time has come to begin to grapple with the injustices of Harvard's past. That's why I want the HLS Student Government to push the administration for the creation of new statues and memorials honouring racial minorities and women who contributed to the law school, as well as to consider whether memorials and pictures to slave owners and slavery supporters are appropriate for today's Harvard Law School.

I believe that we can, together, make this law school a better place for ourselves and future generations. That's why I hope to be your next 1L section 1 rep.

Pamela Gaulin

Section 2

Joseph Gallardo

Section 3

Samuel Garcia

Kaitlyn Beck

My name is Kaitlyn Beck, and I am running for Student Government because I believe that people who care strongly about the lives and interests of their fellow students should be involved in the organization that makes those kinds of decisions. I think I would be a good candidate because I am accessible; I love listening to people and genuinely enjoy having conversations with everyone in our section. I would want everyone in our section to feel free to talk to me about anything that they would like to see changed or improved, and I would make sure to keep those requests confidential. I'm very organized; I enjoy attending meetings and helping plan events. If elected to this position, I would make it my top priority because I understand that by asking for your vote, I'm also asking for your trust.

Another reason that I want to run is my strong belief in the ideal of representation. My goal as a section representative would not be to pursue my own goals and ideas, but those of my classmates. Our group has a wide array of interests, so it may not be possible to have a unified section position on everything, but as much as possible, I want to seek out the opinion of everyone. I would also consider it my responsibility to keep section members informed about what Student Government is doing so that we all can participate in shaping our law school experience to be what we want.

Section 4

Paola Eisner



Paola Eisner
Section Four Representative
Moving forward together.

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Section 5

Leilani Doktor

Hello! I'm Leilani a 1L student from Honolulu, Hawaii. I'm running for Section 5 representative because I love building community and I believe sections are the place to start at HLS. 1L can often be a hard and isolating year and I hope that through student government I can work for my sectionmates to make our experience at HLS the best it can be. I would be honored to represent our section in the greater HLS Student Government and would like to use my previous four years experience in student government to effectively improve the HLS student experience. Already in the first weeks here I have noticed small changes that could make our lives better and would love to hear everyone's ideas on how we can improve HLS. Thank you for the opportunity and feel free to stop me for a quick chat whenever!"

Riley Hawkins

My name is Riley Hawkins and I am running to be Section Five's student government representative. I am running because I believe in my section. I love my section. I see representation as an opportunity to serve it. I also want to promote the virtues I observe in our Section Five community in the student body at large.

Section Five is unique. For example, we have a dog. Does your section? We also value relationships. We hangout every weekend, we spam each other via GroupMe, and we play intramural sports together. We also struggle together. We study past midnight together. We whine about cold calls together. Professor Lazarus tells us to fail and succeed together. Mutual support and Harvard's resources make us unstoppable.

I don't want to take for granted that all Harvard Law students know how to work as a team or how to put relationships before personal achievement. I want to start more initiatives at the law school that train students to invest in each other. More team building workshops, more social events, and more forums for affirmation will make us better clerks, associates, advocates, mothers, fathers, and friends. This is my goal and vision.

Section 6

Pam Amaechi

I'm not the type to run for office - haven't done so since my 2nd grade campaign for Treasurer :) - but the wonderful camaraderie I've experienced amongst my fellow Section 6ixers compels me to run. There is a sense of community and belonging evident within our group that I want to continue fostering. My motive is to preserve collaboration, rather than competition, throughout the next 3 years. I will always do my best as Representative to engage with the Section, and seek your input on the crucial decisions. I will ensure our law school experience is one in which we can all survive and thrive.

Wartortle!

Pam

Section 7

Jared Lax



Transfer Representative

Anika Khan

Hey everyone! I'm Anika Khan and I'm running for the Student Government Transfer Rep position. I'm hoping to work with y'all to address the issues that matter to us: reserving spots on the Law Review for transfers, providing advice to rising 2Ls before submitting an EIP bid list, and making sure the transfer student organization locks down \$\$\$\$\$\$ for social events so we feel right at home here at HLS. I want to make sure everyone has a great 2 years here. We CRUSHED it as 1Ls and deserve to have an awesome HLS experience. If you have any questions, feel free to hit me up on FB or via email.

LLM Representatives

Desmond A. Conway

Oriol Valenti Vidal

Dear fellow classmates and friends,

As most of you know by now, I am running for one of the two LLM. Class Representative positions in the Student Government this year.

I am volunteering for the post because I want to contribute to making this year a unique experience for all of us, I believe I have the skills to do so, and I am willing to invest my time to serve as an active member of our community.

I intend to focus on the political and social side of the role by channeling class concerns and serving as a liaison with law school authorities. At the same time, I want to be an approachable LLM representative capable of facilitating integration among us. And I am committed to do so through transparent and participative mechanisms, ensuring permanent accountability in the performance of my duties.

During my undergraduate law degree, I worked as a class representative, so I am very aware that the position comes with important opportunity costs. However, if I am elected, I would be thrilled to work to accomplish some of the following goals –greater academic opportunities for LLM.s (more spots in courses, preferencing process after meeting LLM. advisors, access to the digital library), reduced living costs (e.g., cafeteria and course books) and Orientation overhaul.

If you feel like discussing the specifics of my proposals, I would love to hear from you and organize a meal/coffee soon (+1 857 274 6396).

Thank you all!

Uri (Oriol Valenti Vidal)

Mariana Ruiz Morales

Hi everyone! I'm Mariana, from Costa Rica, and it would be my honor to serve as one of your LLM Representatives.

I deeply understand the meaning of being an LLM. "LLMs" are amazing people who left their countries, families, jobs, pets, hobbies, partners, friends, everything!, to come here in order to grow, share their culture, life experiences and live an amazing year. We are all investing a lot, in many aspects, to be here. Knowing this, being part of that, I really want to contribute and help us get the best experience we can.

We have great options within the group of candidates, but if you elect me I guarantee that, if you ever have a problem, a concern, an idea, or a project, I will be there to listen to you, and I will always be happy to help you in any way I can to either solve the problem or make the idea happen.

In case I am elected, I will fight for the rights and interests of the Class, including academic issues (cost of printing, access to textbooks and courses, syllabus, academic activities, reliable information

of professors, academic and work guidance, among others), sports and social issues (organizing and promoting activities), and all issues related to our student life in HLS.

Please, feel free to ask me anything you need in order to make an informed decision. And if you decide I am a good fit for the job, I will make sure you don't regret it!

Pura Vidal Mari.

Anna Khalfaoui

My name is Anna and I am running for Class Representative of the 2017 LLM Class. Meeting you all has been the greatest joy of my LLM so far and I would love to represent you. Our diversity, in our past experiences and our geographical, political and cultural differences, is our greatest wealth. I care deeply about representation and I would make my best to ensure that the LLM program strives to be as diverse and inclusive as it can be.

Many of us are already keenly aware that this year will go by really fast. There is a tendency as a result to feel like onlookers rather than actors within our own Law School, to feel passive and to assume that there is only so much that we, LLMs, can do, either to improve the LLM program itself or the Law School more generally. This is a mistake. We are an integral part of the Law School and we can achieve what we set our minds to, working together with the JDs, SJDs, staff and the administration. I will relay your concerns, whether it be making Add/Drop a more transparent system, access to syllabus, printing credits or broader issues of representation within the Law School.

The Cape Cod trip has shown that I can see through whatever it is that I have set my heart to. Whether or not I get elected, I feel very privileged being here and I look forward to getting to know you all better!

Valentin Vandendaele

As your Representative, I will be committed to three things: healthier food, both in the cafeteria and at social events; more efficient administration; and most importantly, your input. I am convinced that I can only guarantee real representation if I actually listen to what you want. That is why I am committed to talking to you and, to the extent that you are interested in making a change, offering a possibility for you to vote on policies via social media. What you want matters!

Thank you for your time and effort.

Malene Alleyne

I am an advocate who is dedicated to service, whether in the academic community or beyond. From treasurer of the Jamaican Students Association at the University of the West Indies (UWI) to President of the UWI Alumni Association, Washington D.C. chapter, service has always marked my academic journey. I now seek more of the same at Harvard Law School. It is therefore with great humility and a sense of purpose that I present my candidature for LLM representative. If elected, I

hope to work within the framework of student government to be part of a vision for the welfare of students. I hope to participate in thinking of innovative ways to enhance the LL.M. experience, not just for the existing group, but for other groups to come. One of the central issues that I would address is the organization and timing of the orientation, preferencing and course registration process to ensure that LL.M students get the best out of course selection. I also believe that positive actions should be taken to ensure that LL.M. students are integrated into the fabric of academic and social life at the Law School to ensure that they benefit fully from all of the resources at Harvard, from faculty attention to course selection. Lastly, I would work towards fostering a spirit of participation and inclusion within the LL.M. group to ensure that each person's voice is heard and valued.

SJD Representative

Carolina Silva-Portero

My name is Carolina Silva-Portero, I am a fourth year SJD student at HLS and the current president of the SJD Association. I invite you to support my candidacy to serve as the representative of the SJD community in the student body. In order to face the challenges of being doctoral students at HLS, one of the most valuable resources that we have is to participate in the student body in order to develop stronger relationships with students across different programs at the Law School. It is also very important that the SJD community participates in the important discussions about projects that are being implemented both at the Law School and in the University, more broadly. I invite you to work with me and engage in the range of opportunities to participate in this important space at HLS and make the voice of the SJD community heard.