

Georgetown Law SBA Newsletter

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Message From the President

Greetings Georgetown Law! It has been a busy first week for the new SBA as we prepare the groundwork to facilitate a productive term. I am excited to continue the valuable operation of the SBA in advocating your voice to make positive policy change and in organizing programs that enrich the student experience.

For SBA to be an effective organization, we need to hear from you. Only by directly engaging the student body can we know what issues affect the students, what policies work well, and what needs change. The best way for us to know your needs is to fill out the SBA survey at www.surveymonkey.com/2012SBASurvey. Your collective input in the survey will be critical in shaping the direction of SBA.

Browse this and upcoming newsletters to stay informed. Newsletters will be published and circulated regularly in the future. I'd also love to hear from you. You can email me personally at sba@law.georgetown.edu.

Have a fantastic remainder of the school year fellow Hoyas!

- Shaun Zhang, SBA President

Upcoming Meetings

- ◆ Tuesday, April 10th
- ◆ Tuesday, April 24th

SBA House of Delegate meetings are held every other Tuesday at 9:00 pm in Hotung 1000. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Meet Your New SBA Executive Board!

Shaun Zhang, SBA President: Shaun is a 2L from Atlanta, Georgia. He attended college at Georgia Tech, where he majored in Materials Engineering. Shaun plans to return to Atlanta after law school to pursue a career in civil litigation. In his downtime, Shaun enjoys meeting new people while attending social events both at the law school and throughout DC.

Edward Williams, Day Vice President: Edward is originally from Savannah, Georgia. He graduated from Howard University in May 2009 with a BBA in International Business. Edward was a 2009 Metro Atlanta Corps Member for Teach For America where he taught third grade. As a 1L at Georgetown Law, Edward served as a section representative, where he sat on the appropriations and judiciary committees, and co-sponsored several resolutions, including the one that called for answers from the administration on the contraception policy. Edward hopes to continue to serve the student body by urging for effective policy changes and bringing more accountability to student government.

Milla Savelieff, Evening Vice President: Milla is in her third year in the evening program. Though a Cleveland native, she has lived in DC for almost ten years - she received her undergraduate degree from American University in 2006 and worked for a few years in the government before enrolling at GULC. Right now, she works full-time at a small law firm downtown. Someone once asked her what her "hobbies" were - right now, "law school" is what she does in her spare time, but she looks forward to someday returning to things like reading, traveling, and getting a full night's sleep.

Parker Schnell, Secretary: Parker is a 1L and formerly a representative for Section 1. She attended the University of Pittsburgh for undergrad, where she took a Constitutional Law class and realized she simply had to be a lawyer. Parker plans to practice public interest law after graduation. She is excited to be working for the Georgetown Law community and being part of positive change.

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SUBWAY OPEN LATE DURING FINALS!

The Subway Coffee Bar and Sandwich Shop will be open until midnight every day from April 30th to May 6th. The hours will be adjusted as needed for the second week of finals so if you want it to stay open late, make sure to go!

The SBA Wants to Hear from You!

As part of the SBA's commitment to increasing our outreach and responsiveness to student needs, we are implementing a new fixture in every SBA meeting called "Open Forum." Time will be set-aside for any students who wish to express any suggestions or ideas that they would like to see SBA implement. They can also then be paired up with the appropriate SBA delegate to help them with their issue.

Additionally, we have implemented an Open Forum online too. Please feel free to leave suggestions either anonymously or leave your contact information so that an SBA delegate will follow up with you. You can find the online Open Forum at <http://tinyurl.com/sbacontact>.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Meet the Executive Board Continued

Erin Dexter, Treasurer: Erin was raised in Texas and schooled in California, but feels at home here in DC. A political science major but the daughter of two accountants, her loyalties have always been split between finance and the law. Erin is truly here to help and excited to work with each of you as Treasurer - please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Justin Waddell, Chief of Staff: Justin, a 2L, hails from the Pittsburgh area and earned his Bachelors degree from Penn State in 2008. Before becoming Chief of Staff, he served as a 1L and 2L SBA representative. In addition to SBA, Justin is Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Law Weekly*, Senior Submissions Editor of the Georgetown Journal of Legal

Ethics, and a 1L tutor for Civil Procedure, Contracts, and Property.

Zac Garthe, Attorney General: Zac was born and raised in Denver, CO, where he also attended college at Regis University. While there he double majored in Chemistry and Politics, and was active in extra-curricular organizations including Student Government and the Rugby Club. Before coming to Georgetown to study law, he worked as a chemist with Agilent Technologies, Inc. synthesizing various pharmaceutical oligonucleotides for almost two years. Zac is currently a member of the Barrister's Council, and competed in the 2012 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition. He is honored to have the opportunity to attend this university and be a part of the SBA.

Evening Student Update

While the semester may seem to be drawing to a close, the Evening Student Committee of the SBA is still hard at work planning events! SAVE THE DATE for the 2nd Annual Evening Student Barbeque, co-hosted by the Parent's Group. It will take place on Sunday, April 22nd, 2:30pm-5:30pm on the patio outside of the Sports/Fitness building. There will be

plenty of food and fun, including entertainment for the kids. Consider it an excellent excuse to break from studying and relax! We also plan to host two study breaks before finals, dates TBD! If you have any questions, or suggestions, feel free to email SBA Evening VP Milla at lls35@law.georgetown.edu.

We're Finally Getting a New Website!

As some of you may know, Georgetown Law is in the middle of a major website overhaul to have a brand-new, easier-to-navigate site up by fall. Here is just an early snapshot of what that site will look like!

