

Rising 3Ls – Interest Statements

Katie Abernathy

My name is Katie Abernathy and I would be honored to be a part of the Honor Council. I believe that Honor Council is one of, if not the most, important group to be involved in here at Memphis Law. One thing I love most about our school is the Honor Code, allowing us to self-regulate and feel comfortable in the space that we will be sharing with one another for the next two years. It is important that we uphold the Honor Code and hold each other to a higher standard, as we will be held in our legal careers moving forward. It would be an honor to help our school uphold the values of our legal community, in academic and professional honesty and respect. Thank you for your consideration.

Jordan Alex Anderson

Honor Council serves a unique and distinct purpose within and for the law school. It is the Council's responsibility to ensure the student body adheres to a core principle of integrity in every endeavor undertaken and to enforce the Honor Code that every student swears a pledge to uphold. The quiet yet important role that Honor Council plays is essential to preparing every student for the rigors of future practice. The honor and privilege to serve in such an organization is unmatched and is therefore why I wish to become a member.

Kara Bidstrup

My name is Kara Bidstrup, and I am honored to be nominated again for a position on the Honor Council. As a current member of Honor Council, I fully understand the responsibility that accompanies this role and given the opportunity, am committed to take on this responsibility once more. I am confident in my ability to continue maintaining the upmost discretion concerning the matters discussed within the Honor Council. Additionally, after serving on the Council this year, I can assure you that in the face of these difficult decisions, I am able to highly respect my fellow students and the opinions of my fellow Council members. I am compassionate and empathetic towards others; however, I am also willing to make the decisions necessary to uphold the integrity of our law school. If I am re-elected, I promise to consistently be available for hearings and to be accessible to hear any of my fellow students' concerns. Furthermore, I will do my best to be certain that all of the students are aware of the potential violations of our Honor Code, so that we can all continue to be successful. Thank you for your consideration!

Hugh Cross

My name is Hugh Cross, and I am grateful to have been nominated for the Honor Council.

I value integrity and fairness, and I strive to bring both to any position I hold in our school—whether as Senator in the main campus Student Government Association (“SGA”) or as Student Advocate for animal rights under the Animal Legal Defense Fund (“ALDF”) or as Vice President for the Memphis Law Sports & Entertainment Society (“SELS”). I also value every chance to

work in student-leadership as a chance to strengthen the ties between the main campus and the law school, as well as strengthen the transparency between students and administrators.

It is my intent and hope that my work in student-leadership during my time at Memphis Law will encourage a stronger nexus between main campus and the law school; thus, connecting both campuses as part of a larger university system to better incorporate law students into the inter-campus community and general spirit of The University of Memphis.

The opportunity to be a part of the Honor Council is a position that will allow a unique chance to advocate for students from a different vantage point—notably, a perspective that is less about legislating broad benefits for our school (such as my work in SGA) and more focused on substantive fairness of individual students who may be in compromising situations. Ultimately, being a law student coupled with strong involvement in main campus student-leadership will bring a unique, yet broad perspective to the Honor Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Freddy Culver

My name is Freddy Culver, and I believe that I will be an asset to the Honor Council if chosen for the 2017-2018 school year. During my career as an undergrad and graduate student at the University of Memphis, I have enjoyed building strong relationships with my fellow students, faculty, and staff. Through the multiple leadership positions that I have been honored in holding, I have gained substantial experience in compliance, research, and working with higher authorities, each of which provide a strong foundation for my candidacy and ability to perform the tasks ahead if chosen.

As a proud Memphis alum (and life-long Tiger fan), I share the Honor Council's dedication to ensuring that our school remain a fair and just educational experience for all who attend. If given the honor to work on behalf of the student body in this position, I promise to be readily available when needed, and to serve my role with the utmost objectivity. I am sincerely humbled to be in consideration for this honor, and I look forward to working with each of you.

Hallie Goodman Flanagan

My name is Hallie Flanagan, and I am humbled and honored to have been nominated for a position on the Honor Council. The Honor Council is the embodiment of the ethical values and veracity that permeate through the halls of Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law – and will resound throughout our professional endeavors. Upholding our Honor Code is a great responsibility – and those who have maintained that Code this year and in the past have both my admiration and my respect.

I have always believed that the best measure of character is integrity. I believe that my sense of fairness could bring a calm objectivity to the Honor Council. I welcome the opportunity to contribute to our unique community and to honorably represent our student body. In closing, I

must reiterate how grateful I am for the chance to serve this school on the Honor Council next year.

Sydney Franklin

My name is Sydney Franklin. I am truly honored that I have received your nomination to serve as a 3L justice of Honor Council. Throughout my law school career, I have strived to hold myself to the Honor Code. I highly respect the work that the Honor Council does daily and feel that I have much to contribute as a 3L justice. I have always tried to treat others with the fairness and respect that they deserve. I understand the difficulties that can arise in this position, especially when one of your friends is referred to the Honor Council. If elected, I would treat every case that gets referred to the Honor Council objectively. I appreciate the nomination and opportunity to serve my school and fellow classmates. Thank you.

Dale Hutcherson

My name is Dale Hutcherson and I am honored to have been nominated by my peers for a position on the Honor Council. I believe in upholding the integrity of the law school to the fullest extent and know that I happy to serve as one of your Honor Council members. Character and integrity are two of our most valuable assets as future attorneys and I will work with each and every law student to uphold that responsibility and serve the student body. Thank you for your consideration

Walker McWherter

I am honored to be nominated by my peers to serve on the Honor Council at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. I am trustworthy, reliable and committed to upholding the respected history of honor that this institution displays in the state of Tennessee. I am a well-respected and active member of this community and demonstrate the core values that the students, faculty and alumni hold dear. I am dedicated to this institution and to defending its principles and it is not a commitment that I will take lightly, if chosen. This school and its students have given me a tremendous amount of knowledge and friendships and I would like to give my time to serve as a Representative on this year's Honor Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Frankie Merrill

I believe my experience and principles make me qualified to serve as an Honor Council member. I hold myself to a very high standard and value accountability in others. I was head of the Policy and Standards Board of my sorority while in college, so I have experience dealing with sensitive matters with discretion. If elected, I would devote the time and respect that the council deserves.

Noor Obaji

My name is Noor Obaji I am interested in joining the Honor Council because I believe in the integrity of the Honor Code. I feel honored to receive a nomination for the Honor Council from a fellow student because this means that they believe I am trustworthy enough to enforce and uphold the Honor Code. I believe I am too. I know I can separate my personal feelings from a given matter, even if a friend happens to come before the Council. I also believe in fairness, and consideration of the totality of the circumstances. It would be a privilege to be able to serve my peers and Memphis Law on the Honor Council.

Price Rudolph

Academic honor councils began with the tradition in education of applying certain heightened standards of conduct to all students attending university. During my undergraduate, I carried this tradition forward by serving on the University of Tennessee Student Disciplinary Board at the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. During my time on the Student Disciplinary Board, I not only learned what it meant to conduct myself with heightened honesty and integrity, but also how to hold my peers to that same standard. Honor codes are neutral in their nature and require equal conduct from all. So, first as a member of the Honor Council, I will do my best to exercise total neutrality in matters and hold every student accountable to our heightened expectation of conduct to which we are bound.

This heightened expectation of conduct is heightened even more so, due to the nature of law and legal practice. As a member of the Honor Council, I will carry a deep sense of the gravity of what the Honor Council does at this school. The ramifications of Honor Code violations can affect one not only academically, but into admission to the bar and practice. Because of my understanding how paramount this burden is, I will do my best to treat every student with respect and dignity when they are confronted with Honor Code violations.

I believe my experience in student conduct and sense of the importance of the Honor Council and its task, qualify me to be considered for serving on the Honor Council.

Thank you,
Price Rudolph

Asa Toney

My name is Asa Toney, and I am humbled to be nominated for the Honor Council. Academic integrity is always essential but it is especially important in the law school setting. Any student's situation presented to the Honor Council must be disclosed to the bar. In light of this importance, every case must be considered with a great sense of care and reasonableness. I hope to bring those traits to the Honor Council to ensure that any potential violation has a fair result.

Whitney Trujillo

My name is Whitney Trujillo, and my colleagues have nominated me for the Honor Council. I am humbled by this nomination and will diligently uphold the honor code if elected. We, as future attorneys, need to follow a higher course of conduct and integrity in our lives and careers. We all took the oath when we started our law school careers. This oath represents our commitment to proceed with honor and respect throughout law school and beyond. The Honor Council's responsibility is to uphold this oath. I will always look at any referrals or incidents with an impartial view because I understand the serious implications of honor code violations. Our law school community can only better itself when we hold each other accountable for professional, ethical conduct. I believe my ability to be impartial and the utmost respect I hold for the student body make me an ideal candidate for this position. I appreciate the opportunity to further serve our student body. Thank you, Whitney P. Trujillo

Dominique Winfrey

My name is Dominique Winfrey. I count it a privilege and an honor to be considered by my classmates fit to serve on Honor Council. Honor Council in both name and deed embodies integrity and truthfulness. Integrity is something that I highly value whether I am serving on Honor Council or in any another capacity. When I think about integrity, I think about doing the right thing even when no one else is watching. Moreover, I value truthfulness in the same regard. In pursuit of becoming a member of the bar, having fit moral character is important to the legal community and to those whom we will serve. Therefore, Honor Council is important to help uphold that duty to the community. If selected by my classmates to be a part of Honor Council, I believe that I will represent what Honor Council stands for both around and away from my classmates and to the community. In addition, I can add a diverse perspective when examining situations.

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Charlie Argana

I am, for lack of a better word, honored that I have been nominated to be a part of next year's Honor Council. I believe the Honor Council is an invaluable asset and responsibility. The Honor Council is the shield that protects the school from unethical behavior of students; and students from unjust punishment by a system that may not understand their individual situations. Members of the Honor Council need to be trusted by their colleagues, as well as impartial in their decisions. I have prior experience in such a position. I created the modern structure of and ran the judicial branch of my undergraduate fraternity chapter Delta Tau Delta, the Honor Board. My goal then was the same as that which I pledge to you now. If elected, I will ensure that every student that comes before me will be treated with the same respect, compassion, and honesty as all the others. I promise to uphold the standards and values of this school. I promise to base my decisions on the merits of the matter at hand and nothing more. Thank you.

Meghan Barlow

My name is Meghan Barlow. I am humbled to have been nominated for a position on the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Honor Council. The Honor Council has the vital job of enforcing the Honor Code here in the law school, which is important in ensuring that those pursuing a profession in the legal field are doing so with integrity, and that those who violate the Honor Code are held accountable for doing so, in the fairest way possible.

I believe that I am well-suited for what this job entails. I pride myself on my reliability, dedication, and objectivity. My reliability makes me a great candidate for this position, because confidentiality is the most important part of the Honor Council and I would have no problem with keeping private information dealt with by the Honor Council to myself. Also, because I am extremely dedicated, I would work hard to make sure that justice is served, but also that each person is dealt with fairly. Because I am able to remain objective, this would enable me to listen to each side in every situation to try to get to the truth of the matter before making important decisions based on the Honor Code.

I am confident that my reliability, dedication, and objectivity would enable me to make a positive contribution to the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Honor Council. I would be honored to be able to represent my class and the student body on the Honor Council.

Sarah Belchic

My name is Sarah Belchic and I would welcome the opportunity to serve this school as a member of Honor Council. As an undergraduate, I served on my Greek organization's honor board as both Vice-President Social Standards and again as chapter president. During those two years, I chaired the board, handled confidential information, and helped make recommendations to better serve my chapter. I gained insight on how to handle difficult situations and how to work

with others to come up with solutions that would not only better the organization but also help the individual. Because of my experience, I recognize how important and unique this position is. I would be honored to serve this school and student body by having the opportunity to help individual students and the school as a whole as a member of Honor Council.

Alex Blonder

My name is Alex Blonder, and I am grateful to be a nominee for the Honor Council. I want to join the Honor Council as a way for me to serve my classmates. I believe the Honor Council is charged with fostering an atmosphere of integrity within our law school and adherence to the Honor Code within our student body. In the legal profession, one's reputation is as marketable an asset as class rank or GPA. I believe I can offer the objective, critical, and confidential evaluation of those cases referred to the Honor Council that every student deserves. I understand the value of one's reputation and the privilege that it is to attend this law school. Thank you for considering me for Honor Council.

Mary Bobango

My name is Mary Lauren Bobango, and it is an honor to be nominated for Honor Council. I believe striving to do your best in academics or in your career is empty without doing so with integrity. The reflection of the council starts with the character of the individuals involved, and they collectively set the tone for the reputation of the school. I am confident I could contribute to enhancing integrity of the Honor Council and have the ability to remain fair and impartial in the review of the situations presented to the council.

Brandt Boyd

I am truly honored to be nominated to serve as a member of the Honor Council. In my opinion, the honor code is the most important part of the academic regulations, because whether a student adheres to it or violates it is entirely within their control. When a student remains true to the oath of the honor code, they prove good ethics are a part of their character. However, when a student makes a mistake, they should not be made to feel as if they cannot atone for it and learn something valuable. It is equally important for members of the Honor Council to be individuals who are impartial and trustworthy. I pride myself on my ability to be objective when I make decisions, and I always consider all relevant facts and circumstances. I am an honest person who would never violate the trust of my peers if I am chosen to be a member of the Honor Council. I would have no trouble keeping information confidential, and I would always consider the best interest of my peers when making decisions.

Matthew Bradsher

My name is Matthew Bradsher and I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for the Honor Council. For as long as I can remember my father has always given me the same advice as I was leaving the house: "Be Good." Two simple words that have shaped me as a

person. I have often wondered why he would not set a higher standard for me. Why not “be great” or “be the best”. I suppose it is possible that he did not think that I could not meet the higher standard, but I believe that his counsel was meant to encourage me to live my life in an honorable manner. He wanted me to be a good person. He wanted me to use good judgment. He wanted me to work to be good at whatever I chose to do in life. It is this standard that I would bring to service on the Honor Council. I would do my best to “be good” and to help others to do the same. I have a strong set of core beliefs that help guide my decisions in life. I believe Taco Tuesday should not be limited to Tuesday. I believe everyone deserves to be told he or she is beautiful. You’re Beautiful. I believe the Miss Universe pageant should have greater representation from the rest of the universe. I may not be the most experienced or credentialed candidate for this position, but I hope I can count on your vote. I may be new to law school, but I am not new to honor. Thank you for your consideration.

Hayden Carlson

My name is Hayden Carlson, and I am honored and humbled to be nominated for a position on the Honor Council at Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. The Honor Council is an important organization, for it safeguards the school against allegations of academic dishonesty and misconduct. As such, its importance cannot be easily overstated, and it is therefore all the more humbling to be nominated. Should I be voted onto the Council, I will endeavor every day to uphold the Honor Code, for the good of the school, and for the good of my classmates.

Preston Dennis

I am humbled by my nomination to serve as a representative for my class on the Honor Council. Coming in to my first year of law school, I knew that I wanted to help continue fostering the great reputation our school has, and I cannot think of a better way to do that than by serving on the Honor Council. I believe that the Honor Council is the most important organization on campus and would be honored to be elected to serve the student body in this capacity. I pledge that if I am elected, I will do my best to carry on the proud tradition of the Honor Council and represent my fellow students with the utmost integrity.

Harrison Donahoe

My name is Harrison Donahoe, and I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Honor Council. For me, serving on the Honor Council is an opportunity to safeguard and strengthen the student culture that we have helped to develop here at the law school. If I were to be entrusted with this responsibility, I would utilize my past experiences in dealing with confidential matters for clients, at multiple law firms, in order to balance protecting a student’s right to privacy with the need to maintain the integrity of our academic community as a whole. I have been governed by several different Honor Codes since high school and also previously served on an Honor Council. These experiences have allowed me to directly take part in the development of an Honor Code and in maintaining an Honor Code after its establishment. The weight that this position carries is not lost on me and I believe that I would be capable of serving as an effective and objective part of the Honor Council. I again

thank you for your consideration and for providing me with the opportunity to serve both you and our school as a member of the Honor Council.

Escarlet Escobar

Hello! My name is Escarlet Escobar and for those that do not know me, I am a 1L in section 11. I am very honored to have been nominated for the Honor Council. This position is about upholding our school's values and integrity through the honor code. During my time in undergrad, I was a Tower Team Leader for the incoming freshman students. Through that position, I was able to convey the school's values and ensure that students followed school policies. I am confident that I can remain confidential as is required of an Honor Council member. Again, I am truly honored to have been nominated and would love the opportunity to serve on the next Honor Council.

Amy Harper

My name is Amy Harper, and I am honored to have been nominated to serve my fellow law students on the Honor Council. As a non-traditional student, I have seen the importance of an attorney's integrity during my 10+ years as a paralegal in both law firms and the Governor's legal office. As future attorneys, we are held to high moral and ethical obligations due to the gravity of the responsibility we have to protect our clients' interests. I would consider it an honor to contribute to the school's community by ensuring our graduates have upheld the high standards of the Honor Code.

Tanisha Johnson

Dear members of the Honor Council and fellow students,
I am writing to express interest in joining the Honors Council. I recognize that it is a privilege to be nominated for such a distinguished position, as well as join. I am interested in joining the Honors Council because it will help me to develop skills necessary for the field of law I hope to enter. After graduating and passing the bar, I want to work in Criminal Law as a prosecutor. I understand that as a member of Honors Council I will not be tasked with prosecuting anyone, but the skills learned from being a member of Honors Council will definitely help when it is time to fulfill that role. One of the main skills I am interested in developing is keeping matters confidential. While I have never been a member of any Honors Council, I am a person of integrity. I believe in being honest, and doing what is right no matter the consequences. Even though I have subjective beliefs, I am able to look at matters objectively. I think these are vital character traits needed to serve on the Honors Council.
I hope you will grant me the opportunity to be a member of the Honor Council and learn skills that will transfer into many different areas of law and life.

Thank You,
Tanisha Johnson

Alex Jones

Hello, my name is Alex Jones, and I am privileged and honored to be on the ballot for the Honor Council. Honor Council, to me, stands for much more than simple academic integrity. To me, Honor Council is about upholding the ethical values necessary to become a lawyer. Becoming a lawyer is more than being an advocate for justice. Along with knowing the law, it must also be our job to guard it. As lawyers, we must defend justice and promote fairness in all that we do, whether it be at school, at home, or even in our personal lives. When I joined the law school, I knew that with the great power of knowing the law, comes the great responsibility of upholding it. It is our combined duty to make sure fairness permeates through the halls, and I feel that being on Honor Council will allow me to do my part in achieving this goal for everyone. If I were to be selected to Honor Council, I would make certain that all students are uniformly held to the same ethical standard and ensure everyone has the opportunity to succeed. Thus, I hope that you give me this opportunity so that I can serve you and make our school as successful as possible. Thank you.

Kelsey Keef

My name is Kelsey Keef and it is an honor to have been nominated for Honor Council along with so many outstanding individuals. I see this as an incredible opportunity to serve our school and to better myself. I was nominated to serve on the honor council during both middle and high school at Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Though it was many years ago, GPS upheld a strict honor code and I was called to remain completely confidential regarding any matter brought before the council. In undergrad I held similar positions for my sorority. It was important that I remain silent regarding private matters affecting my sisters and even their families. It would be my goal to perform all duties with integrity and compassion, as I have at each of my alma maters. It would be a privilege to serve our student body in upholding the honor code at Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

Matt Lightfoot

My name is Matt Lightfoot. I am humbled to be nominated to serve as a member of the Honor Council. The work the Honor Council undertakes is one that I hold in the highest regard because of its impact on the futures of each member of our legal community. Prior to law school, I served with two non-profits providing academic and therapeutic interventions to at-risk youth. My experiences taught me that in order to be successful in dealing with tough challenges it is important to listen to others before you speak, give respect to those around you no matter the circumstances, and work hard to find the best available solution. By choosing to pursue a career in law, I knew that these same values would be required of me in order to be successful in the classroom and beyond. I believe these same skills will benefit me if chosen to serve on the Honor Council, to deal with each situation fairly and respectfully. If selected to represent you on the

Honor Council, I intend to continue to strive to earn your respect and uphold values of justice and confidentiality that this position so necessarily requires. I will work diligently to be the Honor Council member that you not only need but also deserve. Thank you very much for your consideration in the selection process.

Scott Marston

My name is Scott Marston and I am grateful for the potential opportunity to serve on the honor council. My all-time favorite hero Sandra Day O'Connor once said, "Each of us brings to our job, whatever it is, our lifetime of experience and our values." From the age of seven I had decided to pursue a job in the legal field. I have grown and been influenced from active church involvement, manager positions in the workplace, and humbling community service experiences in nursing homes and meals-on-wheels. These experiences have taught me the valuable lesson that I am no better than anyone else. I can only hope that you have seen my true character in law school and that it has displayed a desire to serve and help. I know the importance of this position and can only hope that my lifetime experiences and values are evident in my interactions with each of you. Thank you for your consideration.

Alan Matthews

Dear Classmates,

It is an honor to have been nominated for the Honor Council. Whether I am elected to the board or not, I will appreciate any support that I receive. I have previously served on the Judiciary Board of my fraternity. I understand the commitment and obligation that comes with serving in this type of position. I believe Honor is the most important value to us today. Without it, one cannot truly love and care for those around them. If elected to the Honor Council, I vow to uphold the ideals of our great law school, as well as, the principles of Honor.

Best,
Alan Matthews

Zachary Mead

I can vividly remember listening to the presentation the current members of the Honor Council gave during orientation last fall and to think that I could hold a position in an organization that is held in such high esteem is an absolute honor. If elected to serve on the Honor Council, I promise to fulfill my obligation with integrity and maintain the level of confidentiality that the organization requires. I believe that I would be a great addition to the Honor Council for 3 reasons. First, I recognize that members of the Honor Council are elected to serve the student body. If elected, I promise that I will seek to serve the students of this school by maintaining the level of academic integrity necessarily expected of an institution like the University of Memphis.

Second, I believe that at the core of legal education, as well as legal practice, there lies a duty of integrity and trust. As law students and as practicing attorneys in the future, we all have a continuing obligation of acting with honesty and confidentiality. As aspiring attorneys, we have the unique opportunity to be part of a profession that is self-regulatory. This aspect of the legal profession is the main reason I would like to serve on the Honor Council. As a member of the Honor Council, I hope to be held accountable by the students of this school while maintaining the great reputation of academic integrity that we all know our school possesses. To conclude, it would be a privilege to serve on your behalf as part of the Honor Council.

Angela Polk

My name is Angela Polk and I am a rising 2L. I would be honored to serve as a part of the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Honor Council. I believe that the student body can trust that I will do an exemplary job as a part of the Honor Council. Prior to law school, I worked as a Paralegal and as a part of my position I was entrusted with highly confidential information concerning clients on a daily basis. As an older student and a mother of two children, I work to solve conflicts and investigate the truth of accusations on a daily basis. As a member of Honor Council, I will continue to uphold the highest level of integrity and confidentiality, while also remaining fair and impartial.

Halle Priester

I am extremely honored to be nominated to serve on the Honor Council, and I think I would be qualified for this position in two ways: loyalty and compassion. First and foremost, if elected, I will remain loyal to the Honor Code because I believe the Honor Code is imperative in maintaining the community and reputation that the University of Memphis has built. Second, I will hear out each and every student that comes before the Honor Council because I care about my classmates and want them to succeed. My mission, if elected, will be to be as fair as possible while upholding the integrity of the Honor Code.

Whitney Robinson

It is an honor to be nominated for election on to the Honor Council by my peers. We are fortunate to have a student body that respects the Honor Council and Honor Code and I want to continue that tradition. I am committed to upholding the ideals of the Honor Code and will work to ensure that proceedings are both fair and confidential. I would be honored to serve on the Honor Council for the 2017-2018 school year, thank you-Whitney Robinson

Trevor R. Schrader

Hello,

My name is Trevor Schrader, and I am a current 1L who has been nominated to be a member of Honor Council in the upcoming school year. The Honor Council holds an extremely important role within any law school, and it can have lasting effects on a student's profession in the future. It requires each member to have a high level of integrity, a thoughtful concern for the school they are a part of, and compassion for fellow law students. While I am honored just to be nominated for our school's Honor Council, I believe I would be an exceptional addition to the organization.

In the past, I have been in several positions that required a lot of the same attributes as a member of Honor Council does. There have been moments professionally, personally, and academically where my judgement and morals were tested. In everyday life, I make a strong effort to hold myself to a high ethical standard while working hard to be inclusive of everyone around me, both in and outside of school. The possibility of being a member of Honor Council excites me because I truly care about improving our law school and the experience of each student that goes here.

If I am honored with the privilege of moving forward in the Honor Council process, I would put forward my best effort to ensure each concern is treated with fairness and equity.

Thank you,
Trevor Schrader

Hunter Shepard

My name is Hunter Shepard, and I am seeking a position on the Honor Council in hopes of assisting each of us in realizing our goal of becoming attorneys by holding one another accountable to the standards required to do so. For those who do not know me, I was born and raised and attended college in my hometown of Johnson City which is located in Northeast Tennessee. When I am not in class or studying, I like to go to Redbirds games and Grizzlies games. My undergraduate degree in Political Science tends to make me somewhat of a geek when it comes to politics, and I tend to find myself frequently binge watching House of Cards on Netflix. I am humbled to be the first person in my family to attend a four-year college, as well as the first person in my family to graduate college. In order to achieve the goal of being a first-generation college graduate, I, as well as others, had to hold myself accountable. That same accountability is necessary for all of us, as well as myself, to realize our goals of becoming attorneys.

To me, Honor Council is a representative body of peers who all share the same common goal of assisting us in achieving our common goal of becoming attorneys. For each of us to realize this common goal, it is necessary that we hold one another to the standards required to do so. In every instance of being held accountable, there is one thing in common: the person holding you accountable (even if it is yourself) cares about you and has a desire for you to succeed. If given a position on the Honor Council, I will ensure that this vision of accountability is apparent.

There are certain characteristics which are misrepresentative of the Honor Council in my opinion. The Honor Council does not exist to punish students, nor does it exist to pry into the lives of students. These are certain preconceived notions which I had to combat in order to truly understand the significance of the Honor Council. Thus, if given a position on the Honor Council, I would work hard to fend off the aforementioned misconceptions by representing myself in a way which is representative of what the Honor Council truly stands for.

I am not seeking a placement on the Honor Council in order to be in a domineering position, but rather the contrary. I am seeking a position so that I may have the honor of holding each of us, as well as myself, accountable in furtherance of our common goal. Irrespective of your decision, I would like to thank you for your consideration and for taking time to vote for such an imperative position within our school.

Page Smith

I am honored to be nominated for the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Honor Council. Honor and integrity are vital parts of the legal field and must be strictly upheld in this law school. The Honor Council has the important job to enforce the Honor Code, which I believe is one of the most important jobs of this law school. I believe I would be an asset to the Honor Council because I would work hard to find the truth in a situation. I would take the time to truly understand all the facts of the circumstances, knowing that if someone is accused, their career rides on the outcome of the investigation. I also am trustworthy, knowing the Honor Council works with sensitive material, I would never disclose any information to individuals that were not permitted to know about the incident. I would put forth as much effort as possible into the Honor Council because I believe it is what makes students responsible for their actions, which in turn creates accountability in the legal profession. I work with honesty and integrity and would want all peers to do the same in order to create a fair and equal environment. If I were voted to be a part of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Honor Council, I would work as a representative for the entire student body in hopes of creating a fair environment, I would be trustworthy, and I would do my job without hesitation.

Whitney Snow

My name is Whitney Snow, and I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Honor Council. As a member of the Council, I would continue to uphold the oath that we as first-year students took at orientation to keep the values set forth in the Honor Code. In my daily life, I strive to be honest and fair, and as a member of the council, I would continue to embody these values. One of the most important aspects of being on the Honor Council is keeping information confidential, and I have experience serving as a mentor in a local civic organization where keeping information private is essential. I feel this experience has prepared me well for keeping the affairs of the fellow students from being inappropriately shared with the class at large. It would be a privilege to serve the student body as a member of the Honor Council.

Seraiah Vinson

My name is Seraiah Vinson and it would be a high honor for me to serve on the honor council for two reasons. First, I believe serving on the council is an invaluable opportunity to put to practice the legal skills we law students are developing in school. I endeavor to take the opportunity seriously in applying these skills to administer justice on the council. Second, I want to serve the law student body with an honorable position and, with a position on the honor council, I believe I am able to accomplish just that. I truly appreciate your consideration! Thank you

David Ward

My name is David Ward, and I am incredibly honored to be nominated to serve on the Honor Council. I have always held myself personally responsible for adhering to the highest ethical standards in my personal and professional life. The legal community is a self-regulating one, and I have a great deal of experience in holding my peers and myself accountable for their actions. As a real estate agent in Illinois I worked under the ethical obligations of absolute confidentiality, as well ensuring that those I worked with did the same. As a member of the Honor Council, you have my promise that I will continue to respect the privacy and integrity of the entire student body. Every student is entitled to fair and impartial treatment. I will work tirelessly to ensure that the moral and ethical standards that we all live by continue. In doing so, I hope to maintain The University of Memphis Law School's reputation of professionalism, fairness, and high moral standards. Thank you all for your consideration.