

**Cecil C. Humphreys
School of Law**

**Student Bar
Association
2023 - 2024**

Dear Memphis Law Class of 2026,

Welcome to the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law!!! My name is Hannah Scruggs, your Student Bar Association ("SBA") President for the 2023-2024 School Year. On Behalf of SBA, I want to congratulate everyone on getting into law school. You should be very proud of yourselves! We are so excited that you chose to start your legal career with us. Though this is a challenging journey, you are capable of doing difficult things! Having a community like Memphis Law will also make the ride a bit smoother and hopefully a lot more enjoyable.

The Student Bar Association is the official representation of the entire student body – think of SBA as the student government for the law school. Our purpose is to represent your concerns to the administration and foster great relationships both inside and outside of the law school. We want to ensure that you get every opportunity to network and connect while you are in law school. We work with student organizations, professors, admin, and staff within the school, but we also work with the Memphis Bar Association, Memphis Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and the Memphis Law Alumni Board.

As a student at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, you will automatically become a member of the Student Bar Association. You will be privy to all events and are encouraged to attend as many as you'd like! As a 1L you will have the opportunity to join the Administrative Board of SBA. We want your ideas, insights, and involvement more than anything. During orientation, you will learn about the four available Bar Governor positions. Those seats are all open for you, the class of 2026. Both sections' representatives will join our board and help run our events, with the privilege of solely planning and facilitating our Annual Trivia Night. The Bar Governor position is a fun role with minimal responsibilities that entail a simple duty to represent your fellow classmates. It is a great privilege and your first chance to step into a leadership position during law school.

As you enter orientation, I want to encourage you to breathe. Orientation can be overwhelming but look to your peers ahead of you. We have made it past such infamous times, and so can you. Soak in all the helpful tips and tricks you get during the week. Your peer mentors and professors are giving you the wisdom that will lead to your success. Trust your intellect and the abilities that brought you to this point and run with it. Foster great friendships and build your bridges. Your community here will propel you to success. Take every opportunity to ask questions and talk to your colleagues at every level. A law student loves nothing more than being asked to speak and give advice. But if you get anything from this

letter, please understand this, we want you here and we want to see you succeed. I want to see you succeed. Make connections and make friends. We are your allies throughout this entire process. Please know you can come to me and everyone on the Administration Board for anything. I look forward to talking with all of you, hearing your fresh ideas, and walking this journey with you.

For logistical reasons, I encourage you to keep up with our student blog, *On Legal Grounds*, as this is the primary method of communication for all organizations and the school. You can also follow SBA on Instagram (@sbamemphislaw) for updates about our upcoming social events, programs, and the upcoming elections for Bar Governor. Email me anytime with questions!

Kindest Regards,
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