

Meet Your Section 11,
Candidates ...

Avery McPherson

Hi everyone! My name is Avery McPherson, and I would love to be your 1L Bar Governor. I have loved getting to spend time with, talk to, and meet everyone throughout our first few weeks of class. As a 1L Bar Governor, my goal is to bring everyone together and create a sense of community among us for the next three years. During my undergraduate years at Auburn, I was a member of several organizations that gave me the opportunity to plan various events to bring people together. As a Memphis native, I am thrilled to show everyone what this city has to offer through community events, like attending the Redbirds games. If elected, I will value everyone's voices and make everyone feel included and welcomed. I am excited to see the impact of these events and the development of the relationships we will foster in our years here at Memphis Law!



Dylan Michael Smith

Hello, C/O 2027!

I am thrilled to join you as we take these first steps in our law school journey! With such a diverse class with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences our 1L class needs someone who can provide comprehensive and inclusive representation.

I have served in student government during undergrad where I represented a diverse population of students and followed my passion for being involved and representing my fellow students.

I believe that I am capable of accurately and effectively representing the many voices and needs of our class. Our school should be an environment where anybody can come to their representatives, have their voices heard, and have their ideas implemented for the betterment of not just our class but the classes to come. I vow to be available at any time to anyone who needs me to listen if I am awarded this opportunity.

I hope you will consider me to be one of your 1L Bar Governors as I am someone you can count on to listen, advocate, and always work to effectively represent our 1L class!

Vote Dylan Michael Smith for a Bar Governor you can trust!



Meet Your Section 12,
Candidates ...

Abbey Autry

I'm Abbey Autry, and I'd like the opportunity to serve Section 12 as SBA 1L Bar Governor. Throughout orientation and the first few weeks of classes, I had the privilege of meeting so many of you. I could not be more energized and excited to be a part of this community!

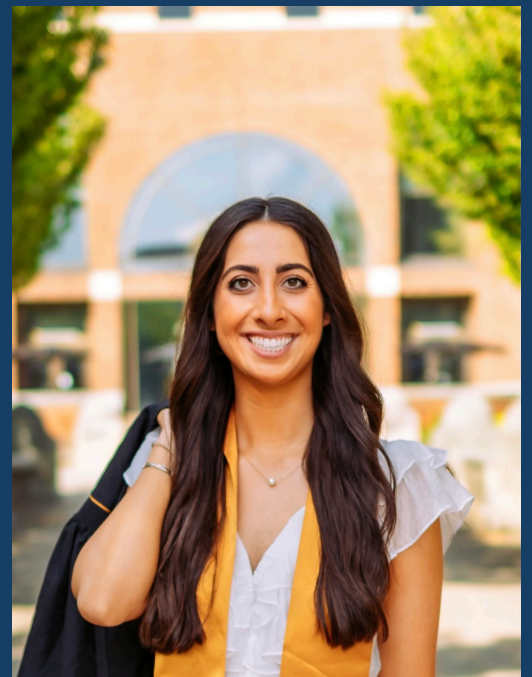
Like you, I expected law school would be challenging, but I had no idea it could be enjoyable. While a lot of what has made it enjoyable is all of you, it is also in large part thanks to the SBA's role in creating and maintaining a cohesive, welcoming, and FUN community. As a 1L Bar Governor, I will ensure that 1L ideas, concerns, and interests are considered in tackling campus issues and in planning professional, community, and social events. We are busy and have a lot to keep up with; let me keep you updated and aware of what's happening so you can voice your opinion when something is important and participate in activities and gatherings that are of interest to you. I'm detail-oriented, approachable, and ready to work. Vote Abbey Autry as your 1L Section 12 Bar Governor.



Grace Clement

I hope everyone has had a great start to this academic year! My name is Grace Clement, and I am submitting my name for the SBA's Section 12 1L Bar Governor. I am originally from Memphis and went to Purdue University where I studied Public Relations and Strategic Communication with a minor in Construction Management. During my time at Purdue, I served in social and academic organizations in various roles from directing member retention to leading academic clubs. Law school is drastically different from undergraduate programs, but my experience balancing academics and extracurriculars has prepared me for this position.

My goal as 1L Bar Governor would be to make our time in law school enjoyable and rewarding. To achieve this goal, I look forward to working with the SBA team to facilitate events that benefit us both academically and socially. We are sharing this rigorous academic journey together and I am excited for the opportunity to make it a fulfilling experience.



Alexis Gwynn

I am Alexis Gwynn. I attended Vanderbilt University for undergraduate, and I am a native Memphian. A portion of my gap years were spent in the classroom as a middle school S.T.E.M. teacher in the Memphis Shelby County Schools district. With me as your 1L bar governor, you can expect an advocate on behalf of section 12, the 1L class, and law school as a whole. I am excited to share and explore solutions to help enhance student wellness on and off campus. I am open to listening to and bringing forth innovative ideas and events that would benefit the students and greater legal community. Everyone can be sure that every concern is treated with the utmost respect ensuring to aid in the enrichment of a diverse and inclusive culture within our amazing school. As your 1L bar governor, it will be my mission to create an evolving environment where all feel welcome and safe to create a community of growth, support, and accountability for each other. We all are embarking on this exciting new journey together so it will be important to take those steps together. I look forward to serving you.



Denny Penn

Class of 2027!

Before you read further, please ensure you are not late to class. I do not want to be the reason you are late today.

I could bore you all with my humble beginnings, but I would rather get to know more about you all. By the end of this year, it is my goal to befriend each and every one of you (1Ls).

Please consider voting for me for I pride myself in remembering names well and not just because it is polite, but because of the conversations we have had. Those who know me would say that I am a genuine person who loves to have conversations with anyone. I strongly believe that establishing a fluid rapport is the most important step in representing you (my voters). I want to get to know your motivations, your “icks,” and your hobbies. Please do not be afraid to approach me. I do not bite.

If elected, my general principle will be to represent your interest to the best of my abilities. If you think of anything the law school can better serve you in, please come to me! I will make sure you are heard!



Caroline Weakley

Hi everyone, my name is Caroline Weakley, and I would love to be your 1L Bar Governor! Growing up in Memphis, I have fallen in love with the city and have tried to experience all it has to offer. Yet, since attending the University of Alabama for my undergrad, Memphis has changed and redefined itself in many ways. My goal as your 1L Bar Governor would be to share my ongoing insight while experiencing new things Memphis has to offer with you all. Whether it's attending a Red Bird's games, competing in local pickleball matches, or finding new coffee shops to study in, I hope as a class we can grow our Memphis involvement together. After all, no matter your background, the experience of law school is new for us all. During this journey, I hope that all our peers feel welcome, heard, and encouraged. I promise to be a friend you can count on for anything from school questions to fun events that will make this year great! It would be a huge privilege to be a representative and a voice for each of you in SBA as Bar Governor this year!

