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EDUCATION

SAVANNAH LAW SCHOOL

Savannah, GA

Candidate for Juris Doctor (May 2019)

Honors: John E. Ryan Scholarship Recipient
1L Liaison, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

Activities: Associate Editor, *Savannah Law Review*
Black Law Student's Association
Savannah Law School Democrats
Federalist Society

WABASH COLLEGE

Crawfordsville, IN

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature & Critical Literary Theory

Minor in Gender Studies (May 2016)

Honors: High Pass on Senior Comprehensive Examinations
Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society
Sigma Alpha Pi Leadership Honor Society
Winner of the Wedgeworth Prize in Writing
Dean's List

Activities: Sigma Tau Delta, *President*
Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), *Vice-President*
Student Senate, *Secretary, IFC Representative*
Malcolm X Institute for Black Studies, *Associate Chairman*
The Bachelor, Student Newspaper, *Copy Editor*
Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Alpha-Pi Chapter

EXPERIENCE

The Memphis Teacher Residency Internship (MTR Camp)

Memphis, TN

Interning Teacher (2015)

- Taught reading to rising first through third graders in order to reduce summer learning regression
- Designed and developed instructional worksheets tailored to student's needs
- Prepared lesson plans, graded papers, and conferenced with parents on student progress

Wabash College

Crawfordsville, IN

Journalism Research Assistant to Professor Jennifer Abbott (2015)

- Assisted tenured professor of rhetoric in acquisition of scholarly research on Public Journalism
- Compiled and analyzed articles and contacted editors of newspapers while meeting weekly to give updates on research progress

Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA)

Indianapolis, IN

Vice-President of Advertising (2015)

- Recommended as Vice-President of Advertising of over 50+ ICPA member colleges
- Responsible for the collection and distribution of student newspaper advertising contest entries
- Launched and successfully completed search for well-qualified advertising competition judge

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Law Student Division
American Bar Association
321 North Clark Street
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To the Law Student Division Council:

I am excited and moved at the chance to apply to serve as the 2017-2018 Vice Chair of the American Bar Association Law Student Division. The position of Vice-Chair requires a sharp, committed, responsive, and affable individual. I appreciate the opportunity to show you that my experiences and demeanor suit me well for this position.

At Wabash College, I gained intensive experience in membership recruitment. During my third year of undergraduate studies, I served as Vice-President Internal of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC). The IFC is an elected panel of representatives from each national fraternity present on campus. My primary duty as Vice-President Internal was recruiting new potential fraternity members for the entire Greek Community. Required of me was the ability to communicate timely, as many decisions like membership placement were highly time sensitive. I was required to discuss, in detail, all aspects of the Greek community at the College. I had to be knowledgeable of all facets of Greek life and the school at large during large group tours of each Greek residence. Talking to apprehensive and unsure students and parents required me to be friendly, approachable, and warm, while at the same time speaking with full candor about the requirements of Greek life.

My approach to membership recruitment at the College was guided by creativity. Membership numbers were on the decline before my election as Vice-President Internal. I identified the issue – an all too informal recruitment process – and created one with structure and formality while allowing flexibility for the fraternities to tailor the process to their needs. At the heart of membership recruitment are the potential new members, and with that understanding, I created a membership recruitment process centered around the new students each fall semester would bring. By tailoring the program to the needs of each individual recruitment class, I was able to create a new recruitment system that rose numbers within the Greek community while not sacrificing quality for mere quantity. I also led a successful initiative to nationally certify the Wabash College IFC with the North American Inter-Fraternity Council, allowing the IFC access to resources, assistance, and leadership materials that will assist future generations of Greek leaders. This was done in an effort to ensure that, as a student leader, I didn't "lead and leave" – that I would lead, but leave the IFC in a better place so that the next Vice-President following me would not be starting from ground zero.

After serving as Student Senate Secretary, I was chosen to be on the Senate Election Committee, recruiting potential new senate members from all over the College. This required not only the ability to interact with, and recruit, members from the Greek community to run for senate, but the at-large independent student population as well. The task of going dorm to dorm and recruiting new members

required me to find common ground, detail the job duties, requirements, qualifications, and – yes – the “perks” of the job. At all times, I was informed, easy-going, and a constant resource for interested students to reach out to. I didn’t silence my phone at the end of the day – I was a point of contact even after the day was done to ensure potential new members (and eventual officers) had a resource for information.

During my tenure as President and Founder of the Wabash College chapter of the Sigma Alpha Pi Leadership Honor Society, membership recruitment was serious enough to call for a weekend-long training conference in Atlanta, Georgia with the national organization. At the conference, I was trained in techniques and best practices of how to recruit members into an organization in an effective, concise, and meaningful way. This training led me to build up a highly successful chapter, graduating twelve seniors under my direction in the first year. This training – while simple – was highly effective. I was then able to bring those practices into my presidency of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, which further cemented my skills in membership recruitment.

Throughout my presidencies and my tenure as Vice-President Internal, I also learned how to read what potential new members of an organization desire. These subtle shifts in body language, tone, and eye contact can reveal more than a person would generally reveal. My ability to read non-verbal clues, react accordingly, and deliver what is needed before it is asked for is the heart of my method and the crux of my success as a membership recruiter. I am confident I would bring the above skills to the position of Vice-Chair. I am friendly, energetic, and would be able to liaise with ease between motivated law students, fellow council members, and liaisons to the Law Students Division, much like what was required of me as Vice-President Internal – moving between students, faculty, and staff.

Again, I am grateful and humbled for the chance to apply to the position of Vice-Chair of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. I look forward to hearing back from the Council and staying involved with the Division.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Artis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "I" and a prominent "A".

Ian D. Artis, Jr.