Hello Fellow Law Students:

My name is David Fuchs and I am running to be your ABA Law Student Division (LSD) Vice Chair. I am a rising 2L currently serving as my school’s ABA Vice President. I attend Brooklyn Law School and am very excited to submit my candidacy for this position.

Before Brooklyn Law, I attended Stony Brook University, obtaining a BA in Business Administration and Philosophy, and also a MA in Public Policy. In addition, I have been continually involved in student government for many years, serving on student council in high school and residential governments in college. I have also worked full time in New York State government, which allowed me to gain experience in national politics.

In law school, I have strived to continue my service. My recently completed term as the only 1L to serve on the SBA associate board provided me with tangible SBA and law school governing experience. As a result, I was able to fortify relationships with students and administrators alike, as well as learn how to best serve the student body as part of the SBA. I firmly believe that this experience has proved foundational and given me the ability to serve law students at large. This year Brooklyn’s SBA has headed in a direction of progress, inclusivity, and student empowerment. I want to continue to spread these core values as your Vice Chair in the Law Student Division. It is my goal to make our good events great and our great events spectacular. For the above reasons, I feel that I am the best candidate to serve your needs and interests this coming year.

As your Law Student Division Vice Chair, I will work relentlessly for you with the rest of the Division’s leadership and as part of the ABA’s Standing Committee on Membership (SCOM) to promote the Division on a national scale. New members are vital to the prosperity of our organization, and it is my hope that we will stimulate growth and development at every school across the country. I hope to work with each SBA to tailor membership in their organization to their specific school and to parlay that excitement and participation into ABA LSD membership as well. I firmly believe that as the diversity of members and their views, opinions, and personalities grow, so too will the “strength and purpose” of the ABA Law Student Division.

On Brooklyn Law’s SBA, I have the pleasure to serve as the head of elections and delegate recruitment. I coordinate with professors and administrators alike to best get students excited about the SBA and ABA. While I continue to do this, I am also working on media and events that express to students the programs and plans of the SBA. Thanks to this position, I have plenty of experience handling the matters for which the LSD Vice Chair is responsible, and I have found that I love doing it. Connecting with all law students creates an ideal environment for connection and development, and I hope that you give me the opportunity to best serve those interests in this position.

Engagement with law students is fundamental to the ABA, and I have several ideas that, if elected, I plan to implement to continue the flourishing membership. The ABA LSD has member schools from coast to coast and everywhere in between. The best way to reach all of these fantastic law
students across the country is to promote a platform that feels more genuine and closer to home. An increased social media and online presence can go a long way in attracting and retaining new members. From Facebook to Twitter to Instagram, social media sites parallel the unique, ubiquitous, and connected nature of law students.

In addition to the platforms that must be utilized, the messages thereon have to be aimed at attracting law students from all backgrounds. I will work with the SCOM to plan a comprehensive campaign of programs, initiatives, and activities to reach the widest possible audience. As the liaison between the LSD and SCOM, I plan to listen to all of you for input, and tailor what I bring to SCOM based on the wishes of law students. I will diligently advocate on your behalf and prepare reports that keep you in the loop and up to speed on everything we are doing.

Beyond just an online presence, I hope to promote an even greater tangible presence of the ABA LSD at law schools nationwide. Enhancing the swag that the LSD may be able to provide our ABA Representatives to give to their classmates is a great stepping-off point in branding to encourage an uptick in membership and participation. Events that include collaborations between law schools can connect law students in a way that brings aspiring attorneys closer together. I also hope that as a liaison between ABA members and LSD members, I can coordinate recruitment and engagement events between practicing attorneys, judges, and other legal personnel, and law schools. As students have the opportunity to meet mentors and talk with people who have been in their shoes, the legal world gets a little bit smaller and a lot of the anxiety that comes with the stressful law school years gets chipped away.

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve as ABA Representative and my school’s SBA Vice President. I hope to continue my service to law students and the ABA at large as ABA LSD Vice Chair. Thank you for your time and support.
David Fuchs

EDUCATION

Brooklyn Law School
Juris Doctor Candidate 2020
- American Bar Association Representative, Student Bar Association Vice President
- UnPacked Vice President, Suspension Representation Project Vice President

Stony Brook University
Master of Public Policy, May 2017

Stony Brook University
Bachelor of Science in Business Management, Philosophy Minor, August 2016
Study Abroad: Rome, Italy to study culture and history January 2016
Birthright Participant (Cultural Exchange Trip to Israel) December 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Incoming Student Attorney August 2018-May 2019
NYC Law Department, Special Federal Civil Litigation Division
- Represent the City of New York in federal civil rights suits
- Prepare pleadings, Conduct discovery, Negotiate settlements, Draft motions
- Appear on the record in federal court, Conduct depositions on behalf of New York City

Summer Legal Intern April 2018-September 2018
Board of Elections in the City of New York, Office of the General Counsel
- Oversaw team during citywide petition review and presented findings on the record
- Responded to election and legally related issues in the field on election day(s)
- Aided General Counsel in Employee Discipline, FOIL Requests, and related matters

Executive Aide January 2017-August 2017
Town of Brookhaven, Office of the Supervisor
- Assisted Town Supervisor & Chief of Staff with citizen, legal, intergovernmental matters
- Supported town attorneys in prosecutorial duties such as drafting legal documents
- Wrote letters of support for legislation to local, state, and federally elected officials
- Spearheaded effort for municipalities and officials to collaborate on environmental projects

INTERESTS

- Proficient in Italian; Golfer, Krav Maga Practitioner, Chess Competitor, Hamilton Enthusiast