Dear fellow law students,

I would like to start off by saying thank you, to every one of you. Being elected to serve as the Delegate of Diversity and Inclusion for the ABA Law Student Division last year was one of the greatest honors of my life. Because of it, I have gained great wisdom, courage, and respect across all fields and among all sorts of people in my school, community, state, the greater ABA, and other diverse and inclusive settings that will be invaluable in the future. More importantly however, I have worked hard to be able to fulfill most of what I set out to do and then some, including:

- Promoting and running the ABA Grant Fund Program to fund various law school programs centered on diversity, mental health, professionalism, and others,
- Creating the ABA Law Student Diversity Resources Guide and Calendar, two resources that provide free access to resources such as scholarships, grants, internships, and other opportunities for all law students
- Working with various ABA and other diversity and inclusion entities on various projects throughout the year, including
  - ABA Mental Health Day and Wellness Social Media Celebration
  - ABA Diversity Day Social Media Celebration
- Attending ABA events such as ABA Midyear Meeting, ABA Day in Washington, D.C., and Annual Meeting as a vocal ambassador and advocate of diversity and inclusion for law students
- Continuing Former President Linda Klein’s Veterans Initiative by promoting veteran law students at law schools
- Promoting a full year of diverse lawyers, professors, law students, and legal experts on a range of diversity and inclusion issues relevant to all law students as a co-host of the ABA Law Student Podcast

Through working within and branching outside the ABA, the Law Student Division and I have been able to achieve a lot for diversity and inclusion this year, and we are striving to achieve even more in the years to come.

This is not an easy job, and it has not been the easiest year for many of us. In a world that seems to be filling with more ignorance, hatred, and intolerance by the day from all corners, it can feel very difficult to remain positive about the future of diversity in the legal field and our impact. As with any job with term limits as short as one year, it can feel difficult to feel that a lasting impact has been made that will be better for all the students you wanted to help, even if you’ve accomplished a lot.

This is why I would like to serve as Delegate of Diversity and Inclusion for another year, to continue building a legacy of serious diversity and inclusion for a wide range of law students, just as a promised to do last year. This will include building off past successes and delving into new programs, such as:

- Continuing to promote and manage the ABA Grant Fund to fund even more student-led programs from a variety of law schools
• Working with other ABA entities, sections, and divisions along with our law student diversity partners such as BLSA, LALSA, NLGBTLLA, to create more mentoring programs to help diverse law students
• Continuing to promote diverse and inclusive role models on the Law Student Podcast and other media, such as the ABA Journal and website
• Updating and expanding the Law Student Division’s diversity and inclusion resource materials so that it remains relevant, accessible, and useful
• Promoting and creating an anti-harassment/anti-bullying campaign for law students, and possibly a new resolution to enforce the issue
• Continuing to serve as a voice for diversity and inclusion of law students in law schools, in the ABA, and in the legal field overall

Through these measures and more, I truly wish to help foster more diversity and inclusion for our law students through more hard work, learned wisdom, and strong connections with people that are more than willing to step up and help. It would be my honor to serve as the Law Student Division’s Delegate of Diversity once again, as it has been a great job so far, and truly one of the best experiences I have ever had in my lifelong goal of fostering diversity and inclusion as a legal advocate. I hope I will be able to do an even greater job at ensuring diversity and inclusion for all law students next year, and I look forward to meeting old and new faces in the coming year.

All the Best,

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EDUCATION
Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia
Candidate for Juris Doctor, September 2016- May 2019
Honors:
Merit Scholarship-Washington and Lee University School of Law
2018 Virginia Bar Association Diversity Conference Attendee-Scholarship Recipient (Virginia Beach, VA)
National Quarterfinalist-2017-Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition (Houston, TX)
Omicron Delta Kappa-2018-Present
Activities:
Moot Court Coordinator-Washington and Lee Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
Member-Women’s Law Society Organization (WLSO)
Member- Pro Bono Board
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Bachelor of Arts, in English, August 2013- May 2016
Honors:
Hayden B. Renwick Academic Achievement Award-six semesters
First Runner-Up- 2016 Willie P. Magnum Oratory Competition
Honors Member-Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity

EXPERIENCE
Delegate of Diversity & Inclusion, ABA Law Student Division, National
Student Delegate of the ABA Virginia Delegation, August 2017-Present
Promote diversity in the legal field through national policymaking and programs, research and draft ABA resolution
to promote diversity, manage the ABA Law Student Division Grant Fund
• Law Student Podcast Co-Host-Coordinate and host the ABA Law Student Podcast on a monthly basis,
  scout talented experts and prominent legal figures to interview on the show
• Law Student Resolution and Advocacy Committee-overssee, recruit, and coordinate law students in the
  Resolution Committee, update ABA information and authority on policy actions

National Center for Youth Law, Washington D.C.
Summer Law Clerk, May 2018-July 2018
Draft memorandums and research reports, Research legal issues of juvenile law, school-to-prison-pipeline, human
trafficking, education law, and civil rights law for legislative and litigation advocacy purposes on a statewide and
national level

Honorable Johnny E. Morrison, Portsmouth Circuit Court, Portsmouth, VA
Summer Law Clerk, May 2017-June 2017
Drafted response letters and memorandums, researched legal issues of criminal and civil procedure, filed
uncontested divorces and adoptions, and prepared motions for judges. Observed over 100+ hours of civil and
criminal proceedings at state trial and appellate levels.

Commonwealth Attorney Stephanie N. Morales, Portsmouth, VA
Summer Law Clerk, July 2017-August 2017
Researched and drafted appellate court brief to the Virginia Court of Appeals, researched legal issues of criminal
and civil procedure for attorneys in the Commonwealth’s Office, and served as a Student Leader of the
Commonwealth Attorney’s Young Attorneys Program. Observed over 100+ hours of civil and criminal proceedings
by prosecution and defense attorneys.

OTHER SKILLS and INTERESTS
Lexis Professional Research Certified; Working knowledge of Spanish and Arabic (verbal and written), creative
writing, traveled to five continents