

Dominique Kelly
Statement

I am a second-year law student at Syracuse University College of Law and am writing to express my interest in serving as the Law Student At-Large on the ABA Board of Governors.

My interest in this position stems from my goal of connecting law students to the greater legal community in order to foster growth and development. I entered law school with the intention of being a legal industry leader and dedicating myself to public and private service in order to enhance the well-being of others and help companies, individuals, and organizations use their resources to become better. I would like to be a part of a team of law students who genuinely care about the various purposes and values behind being a law student and are looking to help fellow students access the resources and opportunities available to develop into successful and beneficial parts of their communities. I am also interested in this position because I believe it will allow me to help make the most out of my law school experience and provide me with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to continue becoming a successful leader.

I would succeed in this position not only because of my passion for helping other students grow, but also due to my previous experience as a student ambassador for the Syracuse University College of Law, my service on the College of Law's Student Bar Association, and my experience working in groups both individually and with professionals for a number of years. I also believe I would be successful because I have a strong work ethic, I am motivated, and am fully committed to anything I pursue and I believe those attributes would make me an asset to the Law Student Division Council, ABA Board of Governors, and ABA House of Delegates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2021

Honors: Travis H.D. Lewin Advocacy Honor Society (Moot Court), Appellate Division Member; Student Bar Association, Executive Treasurer; *Journal of Science and Technology*, Associate Editor

Activities: Hancock Estabrook, LLP 1L Oral Advocacy Competition, Octofinalist; Syracuse University College of Law, Assistant Student Prosecutor; Syracuse University College of Law, Research Assistant to Professor Aliza Milner; Office of Admissions, Law Ambassador; New York City Bar Association, Student Ambassador

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, Bachelor of Science, Criminology, Psychology, April 2016

EXPERIENCE

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Syracuse, NY

Research Assistant to Professor Robin Paul Malloy May 2019-Present

Conduct legal research on various topics related to zoning and land use, municipal law, local planning boards and zoning boards of appeals, smart cities, federal land use and zoning regulation, and ADA accessibility and public accommodations. Proof read writings for future publications by checking grammar, citations, and accuracy of content.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT: LANDLORD-TENANT COURT, Syracuse, NY

Intake Volunteer February 2019-Present

Communicate with tenants at the courthouse to determine the purpose of appearance, facts of the case, and possible defenses and resources available to provide an outcome best fit for the tenant. Interview and interact with tenants from various socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds to gather information necessary to analyze various issues related to habitability concerns, service of process, and payment obligations.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW BANKRUPTCY CLINIC, Syracuse, NY

Student Attorney August 2019-January 2020

Communicate regularly with clients to gather the necessary information to complete Chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions and schedules in a timely fashion. Conduct legal research related to applicable bankruptcy law and rules in the course of analyzing the client's issues to ensure compliance with the rules, determine any special legal issues, and create arguments as needed for the discharge of certain debts.

ARNOLD & PORTER, Tallahassee, FL

Collection Management Assistant April 2017-November 2018

Fielded and troubleshot attorney and staff inquiries regarding account information, and access to resources such as LexisNexis, Westlaw, and Bloomberg. Managed invoice and expense procedures utilizing firm databases while communicating effectively with attorneys, other departments, and vendors.

Information Resource Center Operations Assistant September 2016-November 2018

Processed and distributed daily mail to partners, counsel, associates, and professional staff throughout the firm. Maintained records of acquired publications and subscriptions utilizing firm databases.

SUPREME COURT OF JAMAICA, Kingston, Jamaica

Criminal Registry Assistant Summer 2014

Prepared depositions for court proceedings. Conducted jury management selection according to protocol. Completed secretarial and clerical duties for the Deputy Registrar. Acted as Assistant Registrar during court proceedings.

CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Certifications: LexisNexis Advance Proficiency; Thomson Reuters Prepare to Practice Research

Affiliations: American Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; Northeastern Black Law Students Association; Onondaga County Bar Association; Women's Bar Association of the State of New York