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Dear Division Members, Leaders, and Fellow Law Students,

My name is Neeharika Thuravil and I am running for the position of Law Student Representative At-Large on the ABA Board of Governors.

I am a first-generation, first-year law student at Seton Hall University School of Law, with a background in astrophysics, computer science, and most paramount, **change-making**. My passion for transforming status quos and breaking barriers stems from a tenet I have lived by my entire life: *It takes a village to raise a child*. The proverbial child I helped raise throughout my change-making career has ranged from my alma mater to my constituency in Plainsboro, New Jersey, where I stand as an elected committeewoman, to Middlesex County, New Jersey, where I ran for the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Now I hope to help raise yet another- my nationwide cohort of law students, which deserves representation that **truly cares** about it and is willing to **fearlessly advocate** for its needs in a space where other interests may compete.

During my time as a voting leader of my undergraduate institution's senate, I worked on the successful charge to expand short-course credentialing and digital certificate efforts at the university, which was a part of the push to make higher education more accessible to working professionals seeking to advance themselves academically and professionally. I hope to advance similar goals as your At-Large Student Representative on the Board of Governors in **making a legal education equitably accessible** and, in turn, much more **diverse**.

Among my more focused goals as your potential Representative is proposing solutions to **navigate the COVID-19 vaccination and recovery period** in a **publicly healthy** manner that also provides the **personalized support** every law student needs to **access the opportunities they deserve**. Such solutions include **increased financial support** from law schools for students that may especially be struggling during this trying time. **funding mental health programs**, and advocating for **periodic one-on-one academic check-ins**, accessible both remotely and in person, by every ABA-accredited law school.

As the future of America's legal system, we all deserve the **right support** to fulfill what it means to be a lawyer in the 21st century. The Representative has **immense power** to make that happen for us, **voting** alongside some of the **most influential decision-makers** on the ABA's Board of Governors. I am confident that **I will be able to successfully advocate for all of us** across the country in an **effective and productive** manner, **changing the way we academically and professionally develop** our careers.

I would be humbled to have your support and be voted your Representative. Please do not hesitate to reach out either in my inbox ([neeharika.thuravil@student.shu.edu](mailto:neeharika.thuravil@student.shu.edu)) or over the phone (+1 (609) 582-1601). It takes a united community of law students to change things for the better. Together and forward!

Solidarity,



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## EDUCATION

### Seton Hall University School of Law

Juris Doctor

Newark, NJ

Expected May 2023

*Honors:* Seton Hall Law Board of Visitors Scholarship

*Activities:* Cybersecurity and Privacy Society

### Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations

Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations

South Orange, NJ

Expected May 2024

*Journal:* *The Seton Hall Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations*, Associate Editor

### Rutgers University, Douglass Residential College

Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics

New Brunswick, NJ

May 2020

*Activities:* Rutgers University Student Assembly, SAS Senate Leader; Rutgers University Senate, Instruction, Curriculum, and Advising Committee; RU Progressive/Our Revolution Rutgers, President

## EXPERIENCE

### Materials Science Lab of Dr. Gabriel Kotliar, Rutgers Department of Physics and Astronomy

*Research Assistant*

January 2020 - October 2020

- Wrote end-of-grant reports to DOE incorporating research projects conducted under specific grants by recording objectives and outcomes of such projects and tying them to funding
- Drove efficiency in end-of-grant report creation by consolidating publications for Department of Energy's (DOE) COMSCOPE
- Streamlined research paper drafts by rebuilding the structure of and consistently refreshing database of 1000+ citations

### Astrophysics Lab of Dr. John Hughes, Rutgers Department of Physics and Astronomy

*Research Assistant*

January 2019 – May 2020

- Automated cluster cross-matching through a library of code (Python) and databased information from multiple sources into an accessible format for the larger science community to query from
- Developed solutions to classify specific clusters whose attributes haven't yet been recorded
- Coded structures to manage large volumes of FITS events data to analyze cluster images
- Presented research at multiple poster presentations; received \$3000 grant for summer research

## VOLUNTEER WORK

### The Dream Project, New Brunswick, NJ

*Cyclist and Fundraiser*, December 2017 – June 2018

- Raised close to \$15,000 with four other cyclists for Visions and Pathways, a NJ youth crisis shelter
- Bicycled 2000 miles from New Brunswick, NJ to Miami, Florida, in 30 days.
- Volunteered in shelters in 9 major cities en route, raising awareness for the cause.

## INTERESTS

Longform obstacle course racing, cake baking and decorating, Indian classical dancing (Bharatanatyam)