



MARIA HERSHY FOR SBA PRESIDENT

In a time where much of our education is virtual and the ability to connect with faculty and other students is greatly inhibited, it is vital that the SBA be a tool for the students at CUA to voice our concerns and opinions. **The SBA should be a vehicle to turn student dissatisfaction into action**, and I strongly believe that I have the steadfast dedication and attentiveness that this effort would require. **As SBA President, I will seek to establish greater transparency and communication between the students and the administration** and hope to serve as a bridge to bring concerns and policy recommendations to the greater CUA Law community. I hope to do this by **instituting a virtual officer hours policy** for the SBA and creating a virtual mailbox for students to submit formal and informal complaints.

CUA Law's administration prides itself on being a diverse community; **I hope to play a role in holding CUA accountable in its commitment to diversity and inclusion**. As SBA President I will **act as an ally for the LGBTQ+ student organization** and push for its recognition as an official group on campus. I think it is paramount that all students are represented and have access to the funding and benefits afforded to officially recognized student groups. As SBA President I will also **push for greater diversity in academic hiring and increased budgetary support for our multi-cultural student organizations and initiatives**.

My accomplishments as 1L rep:

- Organized the panel series Trust Me, I'm (Almost) a Lawyer.
- Supported SBA's efforts to have the LGBTQ+ student group officially recognized on campus.
- Fielded concerns and communicated with the library about its cleaning hours policy.
- Started the initiative to get new microwaves in the student lounge (which are coming soon!)

I believe that my dedication to CUA Law and my desire to impart positive change make me a strong candidate for SBA President.