

# NEW ENGLAND LAW | BOSTON

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## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

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Dear Incoming First Year Student,

On behalf of the Student Bar Association, I would like to welcome you to the New England Law | Boston community. As an incoming student you are about to embark upon an intensely challenging, but incredibly rewarding journey in your pursuit of gaining entry to the Bar. This journey will not only prepare you for the practice of law, but will provide you with the opportunities and tools necessary to forge strong and lasting relationships amongst your peers, which will aid in guiding you through many of the challenges you will face as a law student.

One such tool is the Student Bar Association (SBA). The SBA is the student government at New England Law and is a legislative organization elected by the entire student body; it is comprised of a general assembly and an executive board. The SBA meets bi-monthly to discuss and create policy for the New England Law community. Additionally, the SBA functions to create programs which center upon enhancing your academic, professional, and social development. Some of these programs take the form of events on campus that foster interpersonal academic relationships, explore current legal issues, and facilitate communication within the New England Law community as a whole. Other programs are aimed at providing students with more long term guidance.

Specifically, the SBA has created the Mentorship Program in order to provide incoming first year students with the guidance and experience of returning second and third year students. The Mentorship Program operates by pairing an incoming first year student with a returning student who has volunteered to be a mentor. Through this relationship, incoming students are not only afforded valuable guidance and advice, but also an opportunity to learn from a student who has already completed a challenging first year curriculum. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this invaluable program by completing the online form located within the Admitted Students section of the New England Law website. Please visit [http://www.nesl.edu/students/mentorship\\_signup.cfm](http://www.nesl.edu/students/mentorship_signup.cfm) for further details regarding the Mentorship Program and how you may join. The deadline for submission is August 1, 2011; however, the sooner you complete the form, the faster you will be paired with a mentor, which will open a channel of communication to have any questions answered that you may have over the summer months.

Additionally, as a first year student at New England Law | Boston, there will be many leadership roles available to you within the SBA. Included in the next set of informational materials to be sent by the Admissions Office will be a complete orientation packet explaining more about the SBA and opportunities available for you to become involved. The SBA is here to aid in facilitating and enhancing your law school experience and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year to make it as valuable and rewarding as possible. Also, please consider adding, 'NESL SBA', as a friend on Facebook in order to stay informed of SBA activities throughout the year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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