

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

ELECTION PROCESS

1. Elections will be held on **April 7th and 8th, 2009**. The polling station will be located in the Chicago-Kent bookstore and will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on both days. As an incentive for students to vote, students will receive a 10% discount off study aids when they vote.
2. The Election Committee will post the results via email after all votes have been counted. The Candidate that receives the most votes for each position wins, however, no write-in votes will be counted. In the event of a tie, there will be a run-off election.
3. The Entire Election Process is governed by the Chicago-Kent College of Law's "Code of Conduct" and the Student Bar Association's Constitution and By- Laws.
4. During the campaigning period, all candidates are required to check their Kentlaw email accounts. The Election Committee may communicate with candidates through e-mail. Candidates may be required to report to the Election Committee within specific time frames.
5. Candidates may run individually or as part of a ticket. A candidate's ticket affiliation will be listed on the appropriate Election ballots.
6. All name placements on the ballot will be determined by lottery. If requested by any candidate, the Election Committee will notify all candidates of the lottery time and location.

CAMPAIGNING

1. Campaigning may not begin before **8:00 am, Monday, March 30, 2009**.
2. **Failure to adhere to the election rules or process may result in disqualification**, pursuant to the Campaign Violations Hearing Procedure.
3. Candidates must remove their printed campaign materials from the public areas of Chicago-Kent no later than **10:00 am on Thursday, April 9, 2009**.
4. Each candidate is allowed one poster displayed on the Concourse level authorized bulletin boards. The maximum poster size for any individual candidate or ticket is 20" x 30".
5. Candidates may post fliers no larger than 8 1/2 " x 11" only on authorized bulletin boards (NOT THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION BOARDS) as follows: Third floor- 10posted fliers; Second floor- 1 posted flier; Concourse- 10 posted fliers.
6. Posters and fliers are the only campaign items allowed to be posted at Chicago-Kent. Candidates that wish to display campaign items in locations other than bulletin boards must have the prior written approval of the Election Committee.
7. All posters and fliers must have the candidate's first and last name printed somewhere on each individual sheet of paper or posted board.
8. An unopposed individual candidate, determined after the petition deadline, may not use printed campaign materials. The Election Committee will notify unopposed candidates.
9. No candidate may spend more than \$100 on his or her campaign. The Election Committee will determine the fair market value of gratuitous items and items unsupported by documentation.
10. Campaigning via email is not allowed at any time, i.e. no spamming. This includes utilizing another server to deliver a message to the e-mail accounts with the domain name kentlaw.edu. Students may, however, contact specific students in the hopes of obtaining votes. Any violations will be subject to the discretion of the Election Committee. The Committee students to error on the side of caution by obtaining permission prior to sending *any* campaigning information through email.
11. On the days of election, candidates may not campaign with 50 feet of the bookstore.
12. "Tickets" have special campaign limits, see below.

ELECTION RULES

1. To appear on the ballot, all Petitions and Statements must be submitted to the SBA no later than **9:00 pm, Friday, March 27, 2009**. These forms shall be submitted by either (1) placing them in the SBA mailbox (on the 2nd floor) or (2) by sliding them under the SBA office door (Room C88). In addition to submitting a hard copy of your Candidate Statement you must submit an electronic copy via email to breidy@kentlaw.edu no later than 11:59 pm on Friday March 27, 2009. Failure to comply with this rule may subject the candidate to disqualification.
2. Please see the sample candidate statement located on the SBA website for requirements concerning the candidate statement.
3. Petitions require: Ten (10) signatures of students in good standing, their printed names, and the last four digits of their social security number are required for each Representative position petition, including ABA, ISBA and CBA positions; or Twenty (20) signatures of students in good standing, their printed names, and the last four digits of their social security number are required for President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary.
4. Any candidate with forged or illegible information on their petition will be disqualified and subject to further discipline with Chicago-Kent. Unreadable petition signatures or other petition information will not be counted toward the minimum number of signatures required.

ELECTION RULES – TICKETS

1. Candidates participating in a SBA Election are allowed to form “tickets.” Tickets are coalitions of candidates that by agreement will campaign together.
2. Formed tickets must have a name. The ticket name shall not include the phrases “SBA,” or “Student Bar,” “Student Bar Association,” or any other name that implicates affiliation with the Student Bar Association.
3. The number of people on a ticket cannot exceed the number of available Board of Governor positions in the particular categories.
4. Candidates must disclose on their petition that they are part of a ticket by providing the name of the ticket. One person on each ticket must provide the Election Committee Chair the entire list of candidates affiliated with the ticket, no later than March 27, 2009.
5. After the petition deadline, a candidate may not withdraw from a ticket affiliation without withdrawing entirely from the SBA Election. In addition, a candidate will not be allowed to change their ticket or non-ticket affiliation.
6. The ticket’s printed campaigning materials must reflect the ticket name and all of the candidates’ names that comprise the ticket. Candidates that are affiliated with a ticket cannot post printed campaign materials that do not reflect all of the candidates that comprise the ticket.
7. A ticket may post no more than two posters.
8. Tickets may post fliers no larger than 8 1/2” x 11” on the authorized bulletin boards as follows:
{number modification of Election Rule #5} Third floor- 15 posted fliers; Second floor- 2 posted fliers; Concourse- 15 posted fliers
9. Posted fliers, as outlined in these rules, are the only items allowed to be posted on the bulletin boards at Chicago- Kent. Any Candidate that wishes to display campaign materials in areas other than the authorized bulletin boards must have the prior written approval of the Election Committee.
10. A ticket may spend no more than 75 % of the equivalent amount allocated to an individual campaign.
11. Any rule violation by one member of a ticket may subject the entire ticket to disqualification.