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## SBA Election Results – Increased Turnout and Nominations

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The results are in.

Election returns are available on the SBA website, [here](#).

This year's SBA elections had a higher turnout in many sections when compared to last year's data. For example, the 2014 race in Section 5 saw 105 ballots cast, while this year the votes exploded up to 141. Other sections had modest increases or stayed approximately the same. The only section to decrease turnout was Section 1, which dropped by 50%. One possible explanation is that there were only two candidates, meaning both would be elected by default.

Across all other sections this year, SBA saw more nominations. Each section had at least six candidates. The contest was so close in Section 4 that a run-off election was needed to elect a second delegate.

There were also some amusing write-in responses this year, including a Section 2 vote cast for Donald Trump.

Here are the winners –

E1/Section 7:

- Ata Akiner
- Katharine Gibson

Section 1:

- Zachary Martinez
- Joshua Spielman

Section 2:

- Jeffery Garv

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## Leahy Upperclassmen Moot Court Competition Approaches

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Upperclassmen who missed out on the chance to join the Barristers' Council Appellate Advocacy Division, commonly known as the Moot Court team, during last spring's Beaudry Competition will have another opportunity to join during the Leahy Competition.

During the William E. Leahy Competition, participants will write a brief based on a fictional case created by the Appellate Advocacy Division. According to Leahy Competition Director Andrew Shindi, the case usually presents two questions of Constitutional law, and is often inspired by a case pending before the Supreme Court.

Students will also prepare and present oral arguments on their side of the issue before a panel of student judges. If they advance to the final round, arguments will be presented before a panel of federal judges, practitioners, and Georgetown Law faculty. Students who advance far enough in the competition will make the team. The competition packet will be released on October 2, whereupon participants will have ten days to complete their briefs. Rounds start on October 15 and culminate in a semifinal, in the Supreme Court Institute Moot Courtroom, on October 25 at 10am. The final round takes place on October 27, in Hart Auditorium, at 8pm. The semifinal and final are open to the public.

The Moot Court Team participates in various competitions throughout the year. In recent years, Moot Court Team members have participated in dozens of competitions nationwide, including a win at the 2013 Manfred Lachs Space Law International Moot Court Competition, which took place in Beijing. According to the University of Houston's law school moot court rankings, Georgetown placed second, behind Florida Coastal School of Law.

Registration for Leahy is open from September 28 through October 2, and is open to all 2Ls, 3Ls, 2Es, 3Es and 4Es. Students can go register just outside the Chapel on the first floor of McDonough Hall. There is a \$30 registration fee. Interested students can also attend an information and training session ahead of registration, on September 23 at 3:30pm in McDonough 206.

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## PSA: SBA Elections for 1L, Transfer and LLM delegates start September 15!

Posted on [September 14, 2015](#) | [Leave a comment](#)

Attention all 1Ls, Transfer students, joint degree students and LLM students –

Don't forget to vote for your SBA delegate over the next two days. Polls are open Tuesday, September 15 through Wednesday, September 16. Voting is conducted online at <http://apps.law.georgetown.edu/sba-elections/>. All students who can vote should be receiving emails with information.

New this year are physical polling stations located in the main atrium.

Volunteers will be available to guide you through the voting process if you'd rather do your democratic duty between classes. Snacks and beverages are also available.

Each 1L section will elect two delegates, while one Transfer will be selected.

Three LLM delegates will also be elected.

Keep an eye on your email inboxes and the Georgetown Law Weekly for a summary of the election results as soon as they are released.

*This post has been updated to correct the location of the polling stations.*

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## Welcome (back) to the new Georgetown Law Weekly!

Posted on [September 2, 2015](#) | [Leave a comment](#)

The Georgetown Law Weekly welcomes all new and returning students to campus for their first – or next- year of law school! The Law Weekly is also debuting its all new website. Hopefully, with this new platform, the Law Weekly can provide increasingly excellent news coverage to Law Center students and alumni. We are also excited to serve as a guide and a resource to law students, especially our incoming 1Ls.

The Law Weekly is always in need of help. We are looking for new members in all aspects of the paper.

Writing for the Law Weekly can boost your resume, improve your writing skills, get you published, help you connect with important campus events and people, and provide an exciting distraction from the grind of law school. No experience is required – we will work with you to get you writing. We are also flexible with the volume of stories that you want to work on. Law school is a lot of work – we respect that and want to work with you!

Even if you do not want to write, we could still use your help. The Law Weekly is open to any and all suggestions or ideas for the new year.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact David Nayer, the editor in chief, at [dan31@georgetown.edu](mailto:dan31@georgetown.edu). Keep an eye out for our table at the Fall Student Organization Fair on Wednesday, September 9.

And if you just want to read, you can look forward to a wealth of content as the semester pushes on and recruitment gets going. We are an online-only paper so all you have to do is bookmark this site and/or Like us on Facebook to get constant updates!

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