

ELECTION PROCEDURE

EFFECTIVE 3/5/2012

1. Candidate Qualifications

- a. All candidates for Student Bar Association Senator positions must be currently enrolled at Quinnipiac University School of Law and a member of the year (1L, 2L, 3L, etc.) and classification (Full-Time or Part-Time) which they seek to represent.
- b. All candidates for Student Bar Association Executive Board positions must be currently enrolled at Quinnipiac University School of Law of any year or classification with the following exceptions.
 - i. All candidates for the Vice President of the Full-Time Division and Vice President of the Part-time Division must be members of the full-time or part-time program respectively at the time of the election.
- c. Write-in votes: The only write-in votes that shall be recognized are for those students, or professors, as the case may be, eligible to fill the position which he/she is written-in for.

2. Voting Procedures

- a. For Senatorial positions students may only vote for candidates in their year (1L, 2L, 3L, etc.) and classification (Part-Time or Full-Time).
- b. For Executive Board positions students may vote for any candidate regardless of year or classification with the following exceptions.
 - i. Only Part-Time students may vote for candidates for the Vice President of the Part-Time Division.
 - ii. Only Full-Time students may vote for candidates for the Vice President of the Full-Time Division.
- c. Each candidate may only receive one vote per ballot, and each write-in candidate may only receive one vote per ballot.

3. Campaign Materials and Campaigning Rules

- a. No unreasonably negative campaigning directed at other students, professors, administration, or staff will be tolerated.
- b. All campaign materials, physical and digital, must be approved by the Chair of the Elections Committee prior to posting or publication.
- c. If a candidate chooses to utilize poster or paper for their campaign materials, they may only post those materials at designated locations.
 - i. Each candidate is responsible for the posting and removal of their own campaign materials.
 - ii. No campaign materials of any kind shall be displayed in the law library.
- d. Removal of another candidate's material during the campaign process shall result in the offending candidate's disqualification.
- e. In the event of a paper election, candidates shall not come within fifteen feet of the ballot table during the election period except to vote or to pass through the area.
- f. In the event of a paperless election, candidates shall not come within ten feet of another student while they are voting.
- g. Any intentional and malicious violation of these rules may result in disqualification by the Elections Committee. Such a disqualification may be by majority vote, held in Committee personally or electronically.
- h. The Election Committee Chair has final discretion as it relates to violations of these rules.

4. Challenges and Disqualifications

- a. In the event of a tie, the Elections Committee shall hold a run-off election between the tied candidates at the earliest reasonable time.
- b. A candidate who wishes to contest the results of an election shall submit a written request to the Chair of the Election Committee within three business days after the announcement of the election results.
- c. All issues arising in relation to election matters are within original jurisdiction of the Election Committee.