



JUDICIAL COUNCIL
University of Notre Dame

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Members of the Student Senate,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you my nominee to succeed me as Judicial Council President: Matthew Bisner. According to Section 13.3(a)(3) of the *Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body*, “The Judicial Council President shall serve as the chairperson of the Judicial Council and ensure its efficient and effective operation.” The Judicial Council President is responsible for overseeing the ethical operation of the Student Union within its constitutional mandate and for supervising the process of elections to ensure that they are administered impartially and efficiently. Advising on matters of constitutional discourse, the Judicial Council President serves as a voting member of the Campus Life Council, the Financial Management Board, the Committee on the Budget, and the Hall of the Year Review Board. Additionally, the Judicial Council President attends Student Senate as a non-voting member and presides over the Student Union Ethics Commission. Finally, the Judicial Council President is responsible for nominating individuals to the following Student Union positions: Vice President of Elections, Vice President of Peer Advocacy, Election Committee, Student Union Parliamentarian, and the successive Judicial Council President.

Matthew is a current sophomore and resident of Sorin Hall. He is from Ocean Springs, Mississippi and is a double major in Political Science and Peace Studies. With aspirations to pursue a legal career in the promotion of civil and human rights, Matthew has always sought opportunities that better his community, wherever he may be. He has volunteered on state political campaigns and served as a Resident Assistant for Mississippi Governor’s School. On campus, Matthew is an active member, and future officer, of PRISM, as well as the current Judicial Council Vice-President of Elections and Chair of the Elections Committee. Not only do his choices for involvement reflect his strong character and ambition, but in these roles, Matthew has demonstrated excellent leadership and a strong commitment to advocacy.

I offer this nomination without doubt, as there is truly no one more qualified for this position than Matthew. He has been an incredible Vice-President of Elections, demonstrating tremendous strength and composure through a tumultuous election season. Consistently, he has sacrificed his time for the betterment of the Student Union as I know he will continue to do so willingly. I cannot say enough to recommend Matthew: of his organizational skills, fastidious nature, responsibility, nor of his dependability. To this office, he would bring two years of experience with Judicial Council, extensive knowledge of the Student Union and its Constitution, empathy, and a holistic vision for improvement across the Student Union. Time and again, Matthew has demonstrated prudence and diplomacy in handling sensitive and confidential matters. Due to the depth of his passion for Judicial Council, his dedication to the ideals of the Student Union, and the initiative he has already shown, I fully endorse Matthew for the position.

Respectfully Submitted,

Halena Hadi
President, Judicial Council