I’m Michael J. Elizondo and I am running to be your 1L Day SBA Representative. For just shy of six years, I was a Legal Office Assistant for the Tulare County Public Defender. I received my Bachelors of Arts in Criminology and Restorative Justice from Fresno Pacific University on September 29, 2014. I was trained to be a mediator and I have performed several mediations in Restorative Justice and Family Law over the past two years. While I hope to earn your vote this election, you can’t vote for someone you don’t really know. If you learn nothing else today, know that I always get the job done as my entire career is based around the ideal of ‘Competence through Experience.’

 During my time with the Tulare County Public Defender, I saw it all, ranging from juvenile delinquency matters to death penalty murder cases and just about everything in-between. I worked full time as a clerk while going to school at night with the goal of working behind the scenes in Public Policy or International Law. During this time, I worked with Public Defenders, District Attorneys, Judges, Probation, the general public and other courtroom staff to be the most efficient, effective clerk I could possibly be. My life’s mission is to serve and I brought together adversarial factions to get the job done, and to make sure that justice was done.

As your 1L representative, I will work as tirelessly and effectively to forward your interests on the council as I have worked to complete my undergraduate degree during the first month of law school. That month was the most physically exhausting yet personally rewarding experience of my life and as always, I got the job done. If I am fortunate enough to earn your vote, I will work with the SBA council on the following initiatives including:

* **The 1L End of the Year Party** – I propose a food festival (the Taste of McGeorge) where all the best restaurants in Sacramento come to our campus to serve you food and wine, for you will have earned it!
* **Solar Panels for the Campus** – Our campus is committed to sustainability but why not install solar panels on the lecture hall, government subsidies were still available the last time I checked
* **Negotiations with Bon Appétit** – Law students cannot survive on French Fries alone, healthier options at affordable prices can only help student morale and studying when the dreaded Final Week starts

I invite you all to visit the Campaign Facebook Page at “Michael J. Elizondo for McGeorge SBA” where I will be posting daily until the election. I invite your feedback and comments as I promise you my best and tireless efforts if I am chosen to be your representative.