

Dear Senators,

Firstly, welcome to Harvard Model Congress 2024! We are so excited to welcome you to Harvard Model Congress Boston and the Senate Judiciary Committee! Our names are Grant Williams, Samantha Wilhoit, Emma Jing, Kaitlyn Vu, Kyle Baek, and Makayla Gathers, and we will be your chairs for the committee at the conference.

As members of the Senate Judiciary Committee you will be engaging, debating, and collaborating with one another in committee to create bipartisan solutions to a wide swath of topics relating to diplomatic disputes, military deployments, and protecting US citizens abroad. This year, we will be focusing on Civil Rights for Formerly Incarcerated Americans and Ethics of the Supreme Court Justices.

Before the conference, we hope that you all can take some time to learn more about the political perspectives of your respective senator and their constituents. We also encourage you to start brainstorming potential areas of debate that you would like to discuss in committee, incorporating a wide political and social lens to the topic. Most importantly, we encourage you to have fun while looking over the briefings and familiarizing yourself with the senator you are representing! This will make the conference itself a more rewarding experience for you and your fellow delegates. It is a very valuable opportunity to engage and collaborate with others from a diverse collective of viewpoints and backgrounds as you discuss some of the country's most pressing issues.

As your chairs, we hope to foster and facilitate an environment in which you, as delegates, can interact and brainstorm with us and other members of the committee while exploring the legislative possibilities to solutions for the issues facing the US today.

A quick introduction to each of us:

Emma is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Judiciary Committee. She is a sophomore at the College from Washington D.C. studying Sociology with a secondary in Government. At Harvard, she is involved with The Crimson's Flyby Blog, Harvard Undergraduate Think Tank, Asian American Dance Troupe, and Women in Business. In her free time, you'll find her bike-riding along the Charles River, watching *New Girl*, checking out local coffee shops, and curating Spotify playlists.

Samantha is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Judiciary Committee. She is a junior at Harvard College studying Government with a focus in Public and Foreign Policy. At Harvard, she is involved in the Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative as a Deputy Director for US Government, Harvard Girl Up, Natives at Harvard College, Harvard University Native American Program, and CHAARG's Harvard chapter. Outside of her studies, Samantha enjoys creative writing, photography, community service, and mentoring other first generation/low income students at Title I high schools in Southern California.

Grant is a Senior Staffer for the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is a junior at the College and is concentrating in Statistics and Economics. On campus, he is involved with Harvard's Outdoor

Program, The Crimson, and a handful of interfaith clubs. Outside of classes, however, he likes to hike, run, and travel.

Kyle is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is a first-year at Harvard College from San Diego, CA, pursuing a joint concentration in Government and History with a language citation in Mandarin Chinese. Outside of HMC and his academic commitments, he is also involved in the Crimson, the Harvard Undergraduate Law Review, the Government Research Department, and Harvard World MUN. In his leisure time, he enjoys sunset drives along the coast of Southern California and exploring national parks.

Kaitlyn is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Judiciary Committee. She is a first-year at Harvard College from Quincy, MA, planning to study government with a secondary in global health & health policy. On campus, she is also involved with the Harvard Political Review, Harvard Vietnamese Association, Harvard Undergraduate Asian American Law Association, and Harvard Public Opinion Project. In her free time, Kaitlyn loves to play soccer, listen to jazz, and binge cooking competitions!

Makayla is a Junior Staffer for the Senate Judiciary Committee. She is a sophomore at Harvard College from Charlotte, NC in Eliot House, concentrating in Government with a joint in African American Studies. Outside of HMC, she is a member of the Harvard Kennedy School's Institute of Politics, a writer for the Harvard Crimson's Art Board, and a member of the Small Claims Advisory Committee. Outside of school, she likes to spend time playing volleyball and going to concerts, and she enjoys all things music, theatre, and art! She's incredibly excited for all the fun we're going to have this year!

We look forward to meeting you in February! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Grant Williams, Samantha Wilhoit, Emma Jing, Kaitlyn Vu, Kyle Baek, and Makayla Gathers