

Alcohol Provision and Consumption Policy

DePaul University College of Law (College of Law) students and student organizations, as well as journals and moot court, are expected to comply with each of the specified regulations for the consumption and provision of alcohol detailed below, as well as with any additional regulations listed in the [Alcohol Policy](#) in DePaul University's Code of Student Responsibility and any applicable local, state, or federal regulations or statutes.

Consumption on Campus

All possession or consumption of alcohol by students anywhere on the law school premises, including student organization offices, is prohibited, except in the following instance:

Alcohol may be consumed on the law school premises if it is provided as part of an approved event (see the DePaul University College of Law Student Organization Funding Policy to learn how to receive approval for events). In such instances:

- Alcohol may only be consumed in the designated event space.
- Consumption of alcohol which results in behavior that infringes on the rights of others in the community is prohibited.

Violation of this policy may be considered a violation of the DePaul Code of Student Responsibility and may lead to disciplinary action against a student organization, individual executive board members, or other students. Any student who encourages, supports, or condones the violation of these policies may also be subject to disciplinary action.

Alcohol at Student Organization Sponsored Events

Any student organization that did not have an executive board member in attendance at the College of Law Student Leadership Retreat, held in the beginning of the fall semester each year, will not be permitted to have alcohol present at any of their events for the duration of that academic year.

As used in this policy, "student organization events" refers to any and all events that are sponsored or hosted by College of Law student organizations, regardless of whether law school funds are used for the event or whether the event is on- or off-campus.

For all such events, student organizations must abide by the following:

- Alcoholic beverages may not be served or made available at events sponsored or hosted by student organizations,¹ regardless of whether law school funds are used for the event or whether the event is held on- or off-campus, without prior authorization from DePaul University's Office of Student Involvement. The event must be an approved event (see above) and the student organization's faculty advisor must approve the request to have alcohol present at such events. Student organizations must seek approval from their faculty advisor at least one week prior to the event date. See the [Student Organization resources page](#) for the required alcohol permission request forms.
- All student organization events must have specific, substantive programming that is related to the student organization's mission and is of benefit to the law school community.
- Each student organization is permitted to host/sponsor only one event per semester where alcohol will be served.
 - If an organization wishes to host more than one event per semester where alcohol will be served, the organization must, for each additional event, submit a request for approval to serve alcohol to the Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Student Life **at least two weeks prior to the date of the event** with the following information:
 - Full event details (date, time, location, speaker(s), purpose of event, target audience for the event, how event will be promoted, whether event is free or requires attendees to purchase tickets)
 - An statement regarding the purpose/benefit of having alcohol at the event
 - Decisions regarding requests to serve alcohol at events beyond the one event per semester that each student organization is permitted shall be made by the Dean of the College of Law, in consultation with the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.
 - If a student organization receives approval to serve alcohol at additional event(s), all other policies detailed in this policy must be adhered to, including the submission of other required approval forms
- Student organizations may not co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, bar or tavern, or other organization where alcohol is provided free-of-charge.

Required Measures at Events Where Alcohol Will be Served and/or Consumed

The following requirements must be adhered to at any event where alcohol will be served, whether the event is on-campus or off-campus:

- Food (non-salty) and nonalcoholic beverages must be present at the event, in a prominent location, and available throughout the duration of the event.
- Alcohol must be provided and served by licensed, insured, and trained bartenders.

¹ Within this policy, any reference to "student organizations" includes law journals and the DePaul Appellate Moot Court Society, though they are not student organizations.

- For on-campus events, only beer and wine may be served. For off-campus events, the College of Law strongly discourages student organizations from sponsoring open bar events, especially at events where alcohol other than beer and wine will be served.
- For any event, regardless of whether it is open bar, on-campus or off-campus, organizers are strongly encouraged to place limits on guests' alcohol consumption, either through the use of drink tickets or a per hour limit.
- If underage guests might be present at the event, risk management measures aimed at ensuring underage guests will not be served alcohol must be in place for the event. See the [Alcohol Policy](#) in the University's Code of Student Responsibility for additional information.

Advertising

Per the University's [Display of Materials Policy](#) and [Student Organization Handbook](#), student organizations may not advertise the availability of alcohol in their event publicity.

- This applies to ALL event publicity, including online and verbal event promotion.
- Event publicity should emphasize the purpose and scope of the event, unrelated to alcohol.
- Event publicity may indicate that food and drinks will be served but no further specificity regarding the drinks may be included. No drink specials may be advertised.

Violation of any of these policies may lead to disciplinary action, against both the student organization and its individual executive board members or any other students. Please note that student organizations are held responsible for the activity of their members and for any activity that occurs at an event sponsored by the student organization.

Resources

Lawyers' Assistance Program

The Lawyers' Assistance Program (LAP) free and confidential services, including consultations, assessments, individual and group therapy, referrals, and interventions are available to all Illinois law students at no cost whatsoever. Law students can call LAP for assistance for themselves and for their classmates. Call 312-726-6607 or email gethelp@illinoislap.org. More information is available at <http://illinoislap.org/>.

An LAP clinician holds office hours at DePaul University College of Law once a month. No member of the administration is involved, which ensures absolute confidentiality. Walk-ins are welcome but students may also schedule appointments. Email Ana, the Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Student Life, at avazquez@depaul.edu for additional information.

DePaul University's Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist

The Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist is the point of contact for all outreach and initiatives pertaining to responsible substance use. Students who are found responsible for violating DePaul University's alcohol policy may be mandated to meet with the Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist. Students who have concerns about their alcohol use (or someone else's) may contact the Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist at any time and will not get into trouble for seeking help or information. The Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist can be reached at (773) 325-4550.

University Counseling Services

University Counseling Services (UCS) is committed to providing a range of services intended to help currently enrolled DePaul students remove barriers to academic and personal success by addressing emotional, psychological, and interpersonal concerns.

Contact the UCS loop office at 312-362-6923. Additional information is available here:
<http://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/about/departments/Pages/ucs.aspx>.