



STUDENT AND STUDENT ORGANIZATION ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

PURPOSE

Stetson University College of Law is committed to the safety and well-being of the members of its educational community and to providing a safe and secure environment for its students. The intent of this policy is to assist College of Law students and student organizations in providing safe social environments in which to interact. This policy is meant to communicate expectations for planning events on or off campus, encourage healthy decisions surrounding the use of alcohol, and support students in developing alternatives to excessive consumption. It is also intended to insure that students are aware of the prohibition against unlawful drug use.

When individuals misuse alcohol, their academic performance, health and safety, and personal relationships are negatively affected. Alcohol consumption causes a number of marked changes in behavior and bodily function. Low doses of alcohol can impair one's judgment and coordination. Moderate doses can increase the likelihood of aggression. High doses of alcohol often cause significant impairments in higher mental functions such as learning and memory. Very high doses can seriously depress the respiratory process or cause death. The repeated use of alcohol can lead to dependence. Alcohol and drug-related offenses also may prevent or delay admission to a state bar.

In keeping with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free School and Communities Amendments of 1989, this policy prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol by Stetson University College of Law students, except in the instances described below. In addition, this same policy governs the activities and events sponsored or funded by student organizations or formally or informally organized groups of students. This policy does not supercede any related city, county, state, or federal laws or ordinances and assumes that all other applicable rules and laws will be followed. Materials detailing various state and local laws on alcohol and federal and state laws on drug health risks and penalties are available on the home page of the Public Safety Department.

EVENTS

The College of Law encourages a diverse array of activities and events at which alcohol is not present as a way to increase the quality of student life outside the classroom. Students and student organizations that wish to plan a program without alcohol, either on or off campus, must do so by submitting a Student Event Form to the Office of Student Life.

Events at which alcohol will be present may be approved at the discretion of the Dean or the Assistant Dean of Student Life. Students and student organizations that wish to plan an activity or event with alcohol, either on or off campus, must seek approval by submitting both a Student Event Form and an Event Planning Document to the Office of Student Life.

A. Guidelines for All Events with Alcohol

- (1) The ultimate responsibility for hosting a safe and secure social event rests with the sponsoring organization(s). For an event with alcohol to be approved, an Event Planning Document must be submitted to the Office of Student Life.
 - (a) The Event Planning Document describes all aspects of the event and implementation plans for managing associated risks.
 - (b) The Event Planning Document is used by the Office of Student Life during the approval process to determine whether the sponsoring organization has thought through and planned for situations that might arise.
- (2) Any student organization event at which alcohol is present must be restricted to Stetson University College of Law students and their guests.
 - (a) A guest is defined as someone personally invited to the event or someone known and accompanied to the event by a Stetson University College of Law student.
 - (b) Stetson University College of Law students accept responsibility for their actions and those of their guests before, during, and after an event with alcohol.
 - (c) To limit exposure to risk and unknown liabilities, alcohol may not be present at any event or activity that is open to the general public. This does not preclude alcohol being present in an establishment not under the exclusive control of Stetson, such as banquet room rental in a larger facility.
- (3) To promote the academic success of Stetson University College of Law students, only one event with alcohol will be approved per month.
 - (a) Proposals for events with alcohol must be submitted to the Office of Student Life with a completed Event Planning Document to begin the scheduling process.
 - (b) If the desired date/month has already been reserved, the student organization(s) may be encouraged to co-sponsor the event with other groups.
- (4) Student organization funds, including those allocated by the Student Bar Association, may not be used to pay for alcohol in any form. Examples of appropriate uses of student organization funds include renting a facility, providing non-alcoholic beverages and food, entertainment, TIPs certified servers, additional security, and alternative transportation.
- (5) Publicity for the event may not include any reference to alcohol and must be approved by the Office of Student Life in advance. Publicity includes, but is not limited to, flyers, posters, banners, emails, postings to listservs and bulletin boards, and announcements in conjunction with a class or student organization meeting. When available or required based on the type of event, information about safe rides should be included in all publicity.
- (6) Food and non-alcoholic beverage options must be readily available in an amount sufficient for the number of people expected to attend the event. Both should be free and easily accessible for the duration of the event.
 - (a) Non-salty snack food options high in protein such as vegetable and cheese platters, chicken strips, pizza, and light sandwiches help satisfy appetites and reduce the effects of alcohol consumption.
- (7) Alcohol may not be served at any event for longer than five hours, even if the actual duration of the event is longer than five hours.
- (8) No alcohol except that which is served at the event may be consumed there.
- (9) Stetson University College of Law students and their guests will not be allowed to serve themselves alcoholic beverages at any time during the event.

B. Events with Alcohol on Campus

Student organization events on campus with alcohol may be approved at the discretion of the Dean or the Assistant Dean of Student Life. If the event is approved, it must fulfill all of the above (A) and the following:

- (1) Submit a Student Event Form and an Event Planning Document to the Office of Student Life for approval.
- (2) The event must be held in a space approved by the Dean or Assistant Dean of Student Life as a location for alcohol consumption on campus. This may include, but is not limited to, the Great Hall, the Mann Lounge, and the Courtyard.
- (3) The alcohol being served must have been donated to the sponsoring organization(s).
- (4) The alcohol must be served by a TIPs certified bartender.
 - (a) The TIPs certified bartender is responsible for checking identification and ensuring that only students and their guests 21 years of age or older are served alcohol.
 - (b) Under no circumstances will alcohol be served to any student or guest without proper identification.
 - (c) The server may at any time refuse to continue serving alcohol to a student or guest.
- (5) At least one Office of Student Life staff member and/or faculty advisor must be present for the duration of the event.
 - (a) They are present at events with alcohol to assist with the logistics of risk management and to monitor adherence to this policy.
 - (b) The individual assigned to the event will carry a cell phone, a list of emergency phone numbers, and contact information for additional alternative transportation options.
 - (c) The individual assigned to the event will not consume alcohol before or during the event.
- (6) The Public Safety Department will be notified in advance by the Office of Student Life that an event with alcohol will be taking place on campus.
 - (a) If it is determined that additional officers will be needed, the cost of those officers will be paid by the sponsoring organization(s).

C. Events with Alcohol Off Campus

Student organization events off campus with alcohol may be approved at the discretion of the Dean or the Assistant Dean of Student Life. If the event is approved, it must fulfill all of the above (A) and the following:

- (1) Submit a Student Event Form and an Event Planning Document to the Office of Student Life for approval.
- (2) The event must be held at an approved third-party vendor. A third-party vendor is an establishment appropriately licensed and insured to sell and serve alcoholic beverages and that has been approved by the Office of Student Life as being appropriate to conduct events.
- (3) The sponsoring organization(s) will be financially responsible for providing safe alternative transportation to and from the Gulfport campus and any off-campus event site where alcohol is present. Alternative transportation options include chartered busses, shuttle vans, or taxi services, and should be available during the entire event.
- (4) The sponsoring organization(s) must make appropriate arrangements with the third-party vendor to check identification, provide adequate security at the event site, and monitor that only Stetson students and their guests have access to the event.

- (5) Under no circumstances will alcohol be served to any student or guest without the proper identification.
- (6) The staff of the establishment may at any time refuse to continue serving alcohol to a student or guest.
- (7) Under no circumstances will alcohol be distributed for free to any student or guest.
- (8) At least one Office of Student Life staff member and/or faculty advisor must be present for the duration of the event.
 - (a) They are present at events with alcohol to assist with the logistics of risk management and to monitor adherence to this policy.
 - (b) The individual assigned to the event will carry a cell phone, a list of emergency phone numbers, and contact information for additional alternative transportation options.
 - (c) The individual assigned to the event will not consume alcohol before or during the event.

ALCOHOL IN CAMPUS HOUSING

Only those students who are 21 years of age or older residing in Stetson University College of Law College of Law owned housing may legally possess and consume alcohol in the privacy of their room or house/apartment. In the event a College owned residence is shared, it is the expectation of this policy that only those students of legal drinking age will possess or consume alcohol. It is also the responsibility of a campus resident that only their guests who are 21 years of age or older possess or consume alcohol while on campus or in any College of Law owned property.

DRUG-FREE CAMPUS

The College is committed to providing a safe and drug-free campus environment. In keeping with the Drug-Free Schools and Committees Act Amendments of 1989 and the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, it is unlawful under both state and federal laws to manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use a controlled substance on any College of Law property or at any College-sponsored activity. This prohibition encompasses not only illegal drugs but also the improper use and/or abuse of prescription medication. A table detailing the health risks of drug use and the penalties associated with unlawful drug activity is available on the home page of the Public Safety Department.

ARRESTS FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUG OFFENSES

Any arrests of individual students, including those for alcohol or drug offenses under the policy, are reportable in accordance with the College of Law policy on Amendment to Admissions Application, and are reportable to the Public Safety Department when required by the Clery Act. Convictions of students who are also College of Law employees for offenses covered by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 will be reported by the appropriate administrator to the Office of Human Resources.

VIOLATIONS

If a Stetson University College of Law student is found to have violated this policy, he or she may be subject to the College's discipline process, including the completion of sanctions set forth under the Code of Student Professionalism and Conduct or the Academic Honor Code. These sanctions could include oral or written reprimand, temporary suspension, or permanent expulsion from the College. In addition, the student is subject to referral for prosecution under the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America.

The Code of Student Professionalism and Conduct also recognizes the potential for group responsibility for violations of this policy. Stetson University College of Law student organizations that sponsor events or activities that fail to adhere to this policy may be subject to the College's discipline process which can result in sanctions for individual group members in addition to the loss of future rights to sponsor events, the loss of future funding, or the loss of recognition as a student organization.

ASSISTANCE

Stetson students directly or indirectly affected by the use and/or abuse of alcohol or other drugs can obtain information and assistance through the Office of Student Life or by calling the Florida Lawyers Assistance Program at (800) 282-8981.

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