



MAURER SCHOOL OF LAW

Alcohol Policy for Law Student Organizations and Participants

1. **On Campus.** Alcoholic beverages cannot be served or provided by student organizations of any classification at events at the law school or on university property. On very rare occasions, exceptions may be made with prior approval of the Office for Community, Impact, and Engagement.
2. **Off Campus.** Student organizations may serve alcoholic beverages at their events at third-party vendor locations where licensed bartenders or servers provide the alcohol. Student organization leaders or event planners must provide notice to the Office for Community, Impact, and Engagement **before each event is scheduled or advertised.**
 - a. **Cost.** Student organizations are allowed to offer alcoholic beverages with paid admission to the event (i.e. drink tickets) or by separate payment by the attendee (i.e. cash bar). Alcoholic beverages may not be provided free to students in unlimited quantities (i.e. open bar).
 - b. **Non-alcoholic alternatives.** Student groups must provide water, non-alcoholic drinks, and food at no charge to students at events where alcohol is provided.
3. **Student Organization Classifications.** This policy, in addition to other governing law school policies, shall apply to all law school-affiliated student groups (USOs, SGSOs, and programs). Student groups should consult the guidelines and rules governing their organization's status for further guidance and possible additional restrictions on providing alcohol at an event they plan to hold.
 - a. **University Student Organizations (USO).** In addition to this policy and other governing law school policies, USOs must act in accordance with IU's policy on the service of alcohol, FIN-INS-10.
 - b. **Self-Governed Student Organization (SGSO).** In addition to this policy and other governing law school policies, SGSOs must act in accordance with IU's policy on the Student Organizations, STU-01, and the "Self-Governed Student Organization" agreement between the Organization and the Trustees of Indiana University.
 - i. The Office of the General Counsel does not view SGSOs as official agents or representatives of the university; therefore, university liability insurance does not cover SGSO events.
 - ii. Officers or members planning and hosting the event would be individually liable for any violations of the law or injuries resulting from potential alcohol use.

- iii. SGSOs are encouraged to consult available University resources for insurance and to mitigate liability. Limited insurance coverage may be available through the Student Involvement and Leadership Center.
- c. **Law School Programs.** In addition to this policy and other governing law school policies, Programs must act in accordance with IU's policy on the service of alcohol, FIN-INS-10.
- 4. **Student Conduct.** All student conduct is governed by the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct¹, and the law school's Academic Regulations², in addition to expectations of professional conduct for admission to the bar.
- 5. **Reimbursement.** The cost of alcohol at events cannot be reimbursed by the Student Bar Association or any office within the IU Maurer School of Law.

¹ Available at <https://studentcode.iu.edu/>

² Available at <https://www.law.indiana.edu/student-life/student-affairs/assets/academic-regulations.pdf>