Alcohol Policy

The Law School has developed the following policies concerning alcohol at Law School events and takes the issue of responsible drinking and the host liability very seriously. Students intending to offer alcohol at their events are required to discuss this with the Assistant Director prior to planning their event.

The Law School's policies supplement and in no way contradict the Drug-Free Schools & Campuses Act Notification, a policy that pertains to all UConn students, including law students.

Specifics to the Law School's policy are as follows:

Sponsors of events at which alcohol is to be served must ensure that they encourage responsible and reasonable behavior with respect to the consumption of alcohol. The advertisement of alcoholic beverages for Law School sponsored events is not permitted (e.g. Language such as "Wine and cheese reception following final arguments" is not permitted. Language such as "Reception following final arguments" is permitted). Promotion or advertisement of incentive drinking ("happy hours," "2 for 1 specials," or unlimited quantities of alcohol available at a reduced price) or events focusing on the consumption of alcohol, etc. is not allowed.

1. Students planning any student organization funded/sponsored event must read the online Event Planning Guide and Event Policies and Procedures.
2. Only establishments that have an approved Liquor Permit through the Department of Liquor Control can be utilized for off-campus events sponsored by student organizations at which alcohol is to be served. Events held in locations where liquor is to be served cannot be official Law School events without such a permit and Law School funds cannot be used to pay any portion of the bill.
3. Alcohol will not be permitted at any student sponsored event held on campus. Kegs of beer and boxes of wine are not permitted at any student sponsored event held on campus. Law School funds will not be approved for purchase of alcohol by student organizations through a caterer or directly from a retail outlet nor will students be reimbursed for direct purchase from a retail outlet.
4. Events held off campus will require the purchase of additional liability insurance for all student organization funded/sponsored events serving alcohol. The permitted hotel/conference center will obtain alcohol coverage for the University of Connecticut, the University of Connecticut SBA, and the University of Connecticut School of Law through their own alcohol liability insurer. Such coverage will name the University of Connecticut, the University of Connecticut SBA, and the University of Connecticut School of Law as additional insured. A certificate of insurance would need to be provided to the Law School five working days prior to the event and a copy of the
certificate will be sent to the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Business Administration at Storrs. Coverage shall provide: Commercial General Liability
   a. General Aggregate: $2,000,000
   b. Products: $2,000,000
   c. Personal Injury: $1,000,000
   d. Each Occurrence: $1,000,000
   e. Fire Damage: $1,000,000
   f. Medical Expense: $10,000

Excess Liability (Umbrella Form)
   g. Each Occurrence: $5,000,000
   h. Aggregate: $5,000,000

5. The off-campus event will be held at an established hotel/conference center in the Greater Hartford area.
6. The event will not be scheduled to operate past midnight.
7. Food served at the event will adequately feed all attendees.
8. Complimentary coffee and tea will be provided.
9. If admission tickets are being sold, students attending the event will purchase tickets in advance at the Law School. The cost of the tickets will help offset the costs of room rental and food. The SBA Student Activity Account will pay any additional food and rental costs above the revenue generated through the sale of tickets. Other than the bartender's fee, the SBA Student Activity Account will NOT pay any costs associated with the operation of the bar. Only a cash bar will be allowed; no open bar will be permitted for any part of the event.
10. The bar will close twenty minutes prior to the scheduled end of the event.