WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY

The Whittier Law School is concerned with the health, safety and welfare of all members of its community. The School of Law has a responsibility to fulfill its educational mission by living within the law, and by promoting awareness of the potential dangers of alcohol abuse, and, for those who choose to drink, by encouraging the responsible use of alcohol.

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Whittier Law School campus and at law school-sponsored events is governed by appropriate state and municipal laws and is further governed by law school regulations. All persons, regardless of age or status, are governed by these laws and regulations in their official capacity as well as in personal conduct. The law school expects that individuals and groups shall act within these laws and law school regulations and in doing so will engage in responsible drinking behavior, and, if applicable, will follow responsible hosting guidelines.

Alcohol and the Law

The law school's policy with respect to alcoholic beverages is in accord with the state and municipal laws of California and the city of Costa Mesa. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, or at events sponsored by the law school or a law school-recognized group (regardless of location of event) is governed by the laws of the city and state where the possession and consumption occurs. In most instances, this will be in the state of California and city of Costa Mesa. These laws apply regardless of the state or country from which a person has come or in which the person maintains official residence.

Relevant laws are found in the California State Constitution, the California State Business and Professional Code, the California State Penal Code and the Costa Mesa Municipal Code. It is the responsibility of the server or consumer of alcoholic beverages to be aware of, and abide by, all state laws and local ordinances, as well as applicable Whittier Law School regulations. These statutes and regulations are summarized and highlighted here for general use, and may not cover all situations. The statutes are available at the Library.

In addition, the law school expects that every individual and any recognized student organization will follow the law school regulations regarding the use of alcoholic beverages (including wine and beer) as set forth below or as communicated to the community from time to time. As it is impossible to anticipate every situation that could involve alcohol, this list should not be considered to be all-inclusive. For clarification of this alcohol policy and what activities fall under its jurisdiction, contact the Associate Dean's Office.

Applicable Provisions of State and Municipal Laws

1. The purchase, possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages (including beer and wine) by any person under the age of 21 is prohibited.

2. It is not permissible to provide alcohol for anyone under the age of 21.

3. Selling, either directly or indirectly, any alcoholic beverages (including beer and wine),
except under the authority of a California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board license, is prohibited. This includes selling glasses, mixes, ice, tickets for admission, etc.

4. Serving alcohol to an intoxicated person is prohibited.

5. Serving alcohol to someone to the point of intoxication is prohibited.

6. The manufacture, use or provision of a false state identification card, driver's license, certificate of birth or baptism is prohibited.

7. Being drunk and disorderly in public view is prohibited.

8. Driving a motor vehicle or a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.

9. Possessing an alcoholic beverage in an open container in a motor vehicle or bicycle is prohibited, regardless of who is driving or whether one is intoxicated.

Whittier Law School Regulations

1. Violation of any of the above provisions of state or municipal laws constitutes a violation of the law school's policy requiring compliance with such laws.

2. Student-Sponsored Events. All organizations and individuals who sponsor events at/for the Whittier Law School, are responsible for knowing and abiding by law school policy concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and must assume responsibility for both. The organization sponsoring the social event, its officers and individual members and guests will be held accountable for knowing and observing this policy as well as the laws of the State of California pertaining to alcoholic beverages.

   a) Supervision. Organizations sponsoring a social event at which alcoholic beverages are to be served must have the event registered by a supervisor who will serve in the capacity of host. This person must be a member of the sponsoring organization. He/she will, in the name of the organization, assume overall responsibility for the event. An organization serving alcoholic beverages or permitting the same should employ means to assure that only persons of legal drinking age, who are not intoxicated, are being served.

   b) Supervisory Agreement. This supervisory responsibility must be undertaken by one or more persons of legal age willing to sign a supervisory agreement with the Law School for that purpose. The number of persons required to act in this capacity may vary somewhat depending upon the nature of the facility to be used, and the anticipated size of the event. The names of these persons must be provided by the sponsoring organization and must be acceptable to the Dean or the Dean's designee. The person serving in this capacity may be a member of the Law School's faculty or staff, an alumnus, a student of legal age, or other persons acceptable to the Dean or the Dean's designee.
c) Non-alcoholic beverages should be served and made available without charge.

d) Those individuals who serve alcohol must be 21 years of age or older.

3. Further Rules and Regulations. The Whittier Law School shall be empowered to establish such additional rules and regulations as may be necessary and appropriate for the implementation of this policy.