

# BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES POLICY

**ISSUING AUTHORITY:** Office of the President and Dean

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS:** Offices of the Dean of Students, External Affairs, and the Chief Compliance Officer.

**DATE ISSUED:** August 14, 2015

**I. PURPOSE OF POLICY:** The purpose of this policy is to manage the service of alcoholic beverages and ensure the safe and responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Brooklyn Law School premises and at Brooklyn Law School-sponsored events.

**II. TO WHOM THIS POLICY APPLIES:** This policy applies to: (1) all members of the Brooklyn Law School community including students, administrators, staff, faculty, alumni, vendors, licensees, and visitors to the Brooklyn Law School campus/premises; and (2) Brooklyn Law School-sponsored events.

**III. POLICY DEFINITIONS:**

*The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA)* - The New York State governmental entity responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of New York in regard to alcohol. The Authority's website is located at <http://www.sla.ny.gov>.

*Alcoholic Beverages* - A beverage that contains ethanol, or "alcohol." Such beverages include beer, wine, liquor (i.e., vodka, gin, rum, etc.) and hard cider.

*Brooklyn Law School Campus/Premises* – This definition includes all academic and administrative buildings and facilities and residence halls whether owned or managed by Brooklyn Law School or operated by a private management company on behalf of Brooklyn Law School.

*Event or Function* – An organized social, educational, or fundraising occasion.

**IV. THE POLICY ON THE SERVICE, CONSUMPTION, AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

New York State Law prohibits the: (1) sale, giving, and serving of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21; (2) the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages persons under the age of 21; (3) the consumption of an alcoholic beverage or possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public; (4) the sale, giving, and serving of alcoholic beverages to anyone over the age of 21 without the proper liquor license or permit; and (5) serving and consuming alcoholic beverages at an event/establishment without food being served.

Therefore:

1. The sale, giving and serving of alcoholic beverages to those persons *under* the age of 21 on the Brooklyn Law School campus, premises, residence, and at any Brooklyn Law School-sponsored event is prohibited;
2. The consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Brooklyn Law School campus, premises, residences, and at any Brooklyn Law School-sponsored event is prohibited by anyone *under* the age of 21;
3. The consumption or possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage is prohibited in all public areas on the Brooklyn Law School campus, premises, and residences;
4. The sale, giving, and serving of alcoholic beverages to anyone *over* the age of 21 on the Brooklyn Law School campus, premises, residences, and at any Brooklyn Law School-sponsored event without the proper New York State site license or permit from the New York State Liquor Authority is prohibited;
5. Food, such as soup, sandwiches, or other fare, must be served whenever alcoholic beverages are served and consumed on the Brooklyn Law School campus, premises, residences, and at any Brooklyn Law School-sponsored event; and
6. Advertisements for events may not indicate directly or indirectly that alcoholic beverages will be served.

#### **V. THE POLICY ON LIQUOR LICENSES**

Individuals and student organizations are not permitted to purchase permits or licenses on behalf of Brooklyn Law School to serve alcoholic beverages for events. All alcoholic beverages that are served on the Brooklyn Law School campus, premises, residences, and at any Brooklyn Law School-sponsored event *must be purchased* from the vendor holding the liquor site license for Brooklyn Law School. Under New York State Law, only the site license holder may *serve* the alcoholic beverages that it has provided. Alcoholic beverages purchased or otherwise provided by someone other than the site license holder cannot be served by the license holder and such beverages will not be permitted on Brooklyn Law School's premises or at Brooklyn Law School – sponsored events.

#### **VI. RELATED POLICIES**

Please review these related policies on the service and consumption of alcohol, all of which are available on BLS Connect:

*Brooklyn Law School Student Handbook* - The handbook contains important information related to student activities involving the purchase, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

*Brooklyn Law School Drugs and Alcohol Policy* - This policy contains information on the use of drugs and alcohol on campus.

**VII. SANCTIONS**

Violators of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

**VIII. DISCLAIMER**

This Policy does not form an agreement of any kind. It is for internal purposes only and may be altered, modified, or rescinded at the discretion of Brooklyn Law School.

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