



UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS CECIL C. HUMPHREYS SCHOOL OF LAW

**LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATION TRAINING
2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**



REGISTERING YOUR ORGANIZATION

DEAN MEREDITH ADEN
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

REGISTRATION

- Mandatory for law student organizations
- TigerZone Registration form
 - Designate required & optional officers
 - President
 - PR Rep
 - Financial Officer
 - Scheduler
 - Complete Student Organization & Resources Directory
 - Submit Constitution and/or Bylaws
 - Complete mandatory training/quiz



REGISTER TO ACCESS



- **Internal Publicity**

- Room reservations
- TigerZone events calendar
- On Legal Grounds
- Digital monitors
- GroupMe for each class

- **University funding resources**

- Student Organization Programming Fund
- Student Travel Funding

Note: these university funding procedures are changing, and we expect to have updated information in the early fall

- **TigerZone**

- Voting
- Organization Management

General Resources

- TigerZone
 - Organization management
 - Events
 - Elections
- Student Organization Handbook
- Student Organization website
- Dean Aden
- Hope Mohon
- Organization Faculty Advisor





EVENT PLANNING & LOGISTICS

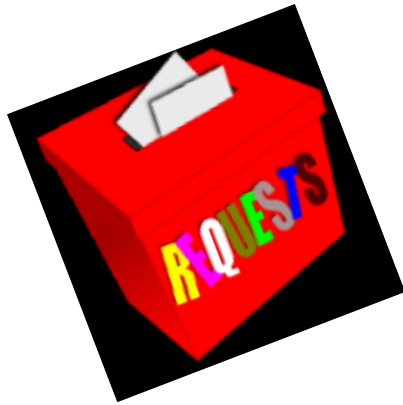
MARIA FUHRMANN
ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN

ROOM RESERVATIONS

- EMS online room reservation system
 - UofM login
- First check events on the day(s) you are considering
 - **Avoid conflicts possible, and especially with**
 - Meetings with law administrators
 - Other organizations
 - Religious/other holidays
- Instructions to request / view space [here](#)
 - Not reserved until you receive confirmation
- Must have first designated a scheduler in TigerZone



WORK ORDERS | CUSTODIAL STAFF



- Custodial staff work from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. M- F
- Organizations are required to clean up after events, especially after these hours
- Leave no trace! Leave spaces in the condition (or better) than you found them
- Dean Strickland's Assistant, Maria Fuhrmann, can help with arrangements if you need assistance beyond what your organization is able to do

ATTENDEES | VIPS | PARKING

I'm Attending!



Attendees

Provide a list of outside attendees to the security desk in advance

Parking

Contact the Dean's Assistant, Maria Fuhrmann, to arrange parking for all guests



VIPS

Contact Dean Strickland's Assistant, Maria Fuhrmann, with information about your event if VIPS will be attending





AUDIO-VISUAL REQUESTS FOR EVENTS

ANDREW HUGHES
COORDINATOR OF AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

AUDIO-VISUAL REQUESTS

- Submit [helpdesk ticket](#) at least 3 days ahead for technology requests:
 - Microphones
 - Panels
 - A/V equipment
- Select:
 - Use self-service portal
 - PC-Mac or other hardware: Classroom
 - Law Campus - ***to ensure the ticket gets routed to Law IT***
- Include Event Logistics
 - date, time, room, organization
 - Event A/V needs description
- Contact Andrew Hughes or LaVaire Lockhart with questions via lawit@memphis.edu



VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Microsoft Teams



- Microsoft Teams is the only licensed videoconferencing solution provided by the University



INTERNAL PUBLICITY

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INTERNAL PUBLICITY

- TigerZone Events
- **On Legal Grounds**
- Newline (digital signs)
- GroupMe
 - Joanna Darden in Admissions
- Room reservations
 - Others in your org can also do this
- Website updates
 - Send to Hope Mohon
- No flyers except on authorized bulletin boards
- No emails to entire class



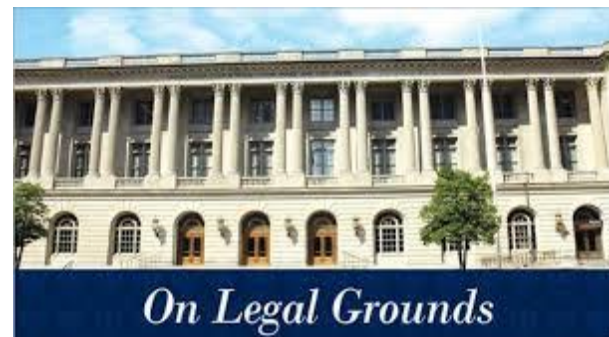
TIGERZONE

- [Law Events Calendar](#)
- Organization management
- Primary source for events
- PR Rep primarily responsible, but others can create and manage events



ON LEGAL GROUNDS

- Announcements blog
- Primary source of internal communications other than events
- Can promote events there (in addition to TigerZone)
- PR Rep will have a username and password to post
 - Dean Aden will send
- [Blog Posting Guidelines](#)
- [Instructions for posting](#)



NEWLINE | DIGITAL SIGNS

- Digital signs around the building
- PR Rep will have a username and password
 - LaVaire Lockhart or Andrew Hughes will send
- Use the scheduling feature so slides will go off after the event/date
- Transition from Carousel to Newline system
- Instructions are available [here](#)

The logo for Newline, featuring the word "newline" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, centered within a solid blue rectangular background.

BUILDING RULES FOR EVENTS



- Can only post on designated bulletin boards
- No postings on doors, windows, walls
- Can write on classroom whiteboards
 - Don't obstruct professors' use
- Clean up after yourselves



EXTERNAL PUBLICITY

RYAN JONES
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

EXTERNAL PUBLICITY

- Contact Ryan Jones, Director of Communications for help with:
 - Publicity for major events (only)
 - Use of official logo must be approved
 - Media requests must be approved
 - Provide information on interesting events for publication on website or law school social media channels
 - Provide information for potential features on law school podcast, magazine, or email marketing newsletters



University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

Yesterday at 11:23 AM · 



FOOD & ALCOHOL FOR EVENTS

CHRIS WHITEHEAD
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
& OPERATIONS

ALCOHOL

- No alcohol on law campus
- Waivers required/rarely granted
- U of M alcohol/drug policy
- Cannot reimburse for alcohol in contracts at off-campus events



FOOD



- Responsible for own ordering & payment
- Do not order using law school vendor accounts unless authorized by the Business Officer; these orders will be made by Hope Mohon
- Student organizations are eligible to have expenses paid for directly or reimbursed if:
 - The organization has a Foundation fund and has confirmed that budget is available (contact Chris Whitehead regarding Foundation budget availability)
 - The organization has been pre-approved for law school or outside funding (documentation required to confirm funding)
- Keep list of attendees, documentation about the event, and receipts for reimbursement
- Your organization is responsible for cleaning up after your events and disposing of leftover food



FINANCIAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

CHRIS WHITEHEAD
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
& OPERATIONS

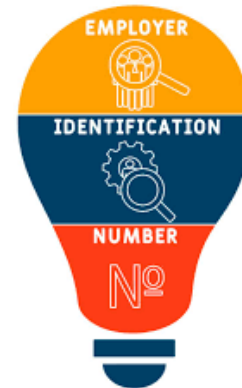
TRAVEL FUNDING

- Students requesting travel funds must first email Chris Whitehead to set up an advising appointment
- Travel advising must happen at least one month prior to the first day of travel



EMPLOYER ID NUMBER (EIN)

- **What is an EIN?**
 - A Federal Tax ID Number issued by the IRS
 - Used to identify an organization
- **Why do we need one?**
 - Open a bank account
 - Fundraise or receive donations
 - Conduct business with the University (reimbursements)
- **How do we apply?**
 - Free online through the IRS
 - Must list a “Responsible Party” (President or Treasurer)



TAX STATUS & RESPONSIBILITY

- **Can we use the University's EIN?**
 - No
 - Student organizations may not use the University's EIN or nonprofit status
- **Does an EIN make us tax-exempt?**
 - No
 - An EIN is not the same as nonprofit or 501(c)(3) status
- **What else should we know?**
 - Do not use an individual's SSN for the student organization
 - Creates the potential individual liability
 - Do not file for nonprofit status (501(c)(3) status)
 - Additional expense and requires complex annual reporting and auditing



BANK ACCOUNTS

- **Advisors must be a reviewer on all student org bank accounts**
- Three bank account options
 - Off-campus Account
 - Employ proper financial management procedures
 - Use Marketplace
 - An on-line system that will allow members to pay dues or deposit any other organization revenue with a credit or debit card
 - An-campus account is required for Marketplace



HANDLING MONEY

- Use an electronic means of transfer that can be tracked
- **Avoid using cash if at all possible**
 - Follow safe cash-handling guidelines in Student Org Handbook if you must use cash



CONTRACTS

- Student orgs & officers can't sign contracts without approval
- Submit the [Law School Student Organization Expense Pre-Approval](#) form to Chris Whitehead 30 days in advance if an expense requires a contract
 - Requires University approval process, including review by UofM legal department





FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

FUNDRAISING

- Before you start:
 - Complete [Solicitation of Funds by a Student Organization Pre-Event Form](#)
 - Confer with the University's Vice-President of Philanthropy | Advancement, [Kimberly Grantham](#), if seeking sponsorships of \$10,000 or more
- After the event:
 - Complete the [Solicitation of Funds Post-Event Form](#)
 - All money must be deposited into a U of M Foundation account
 - 5% service fee on money raised
 - [MomentUM](#) crowdfunding (service fee applies)



STUDENT SUCCESS: COUNSELOR'S CLOSET

JACQUE O'BRYANT
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR RECRUITMENT &
STUDENT SUCCESS

COUNSELOR'S CLOSET



Contact: Jacqueline O'Bryant,
jmbrynt2@memphis.edu

- ✦ Free Resource
- ✦ Shop and keep any items
- ✦ Stocked with new & gently used professional wear/accessories
- ✦ Men's and women's suits, shoes, and professional clothing
- ✦ Open 24/7
- ✦ Self checkout with QR code (for inventory)



STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

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STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

- Student organizations may wish to make statements of support or political statements for an organization
 - Prior to making or endorsing a statement, the organization should develop and codify a process for making political statements or statements of support
 - The process should include information about who decides and agrees on the content of the statement
 - Once adopted, student organization should follow the adopted process before adopting statements on behalf of the organization



STORAGE SPACE

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STORAGE SPACES



- Shared storage space
 - Based on needs and availability
 - No keys
 - Not private offices
- Clean out & re-request each year from Dean Aden





STUDENT ORGANIZATION TRANSITION

- Outgoing president/designee must complete:
 - Outgoing Student Organization Transition Survey
 - Updated officer information after elections
 - Shared organization accounts and passwords
 - Cleaned out/up storage/locker spaces
 - Shared documents and financial information

STUDENT ORGANIZATION TRANSITION

- Incoming president/designee must complete:
 - Incoming Student Organization Registration
 - Transition
 - Updated officer information after elections
 - Received organization accounts and passwords
 - Received documents and financial information
 - Clean out/up storage/locker spaces
 - Requests for new office/storage space