



Resolution 2019-2020-13: Petition to remove the hold on all Special Event Request Forms

WHEREAS, the mission of Georgetown Law student organizations is to provide their membership and the Georgetown Law community at large access to resources by sometimes hosting large-scale events.

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Georgetown Law student organizations utilize the Special Events Request Form to reserve large venue spaces (e.g., Gewirz 12, Hart Auditorium, Tower Green, the Library Quad) every semester to host the aforementioned events.

WHEREAS, the current Special Events request system requires student organizations to submit a request a minimum of two weeks prior to an event, along with an extensive form detailing the number of attendees, special guests, and a diagram of the proposed event space to justify the need for a large venue.

WHEREAS, the Dean's Office has placed an indefinite hold on all Special Events request submissions with no formal explanation to the student organizations.

WHEREAS, the Office of Student Life has prohibited reimbursements to student organizations for any external venue reservation costs, leaving student organizations with no recourse to plan large-scale events either on or off campus.

WHEREAS, the hold is particularly problematic for student organizations hosting large-scale professional events that invite many attorneys to campus for informative panels and networking receptions.

WHEREAS, it is the role of the Student Bar Association to express the will and voice of Georgetown Law Students at large, as well as to advocate for equal opportunities for all students.

THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that Georgetown Law students, by and through the Student Bar Association, support the petition to lift the campuswide hold on Special Event Request forms in order to liberate a sufficient amount of times for student organization events, therefore allowing student organizations to support their membership and the Georgetown Law community at large.

Respectfully submitted,

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