The warmer months are in arm’s reach – finally. There’s something about Spring that makes us all want to travel more.

If you’re thinking of jet setting to one of your bucket list locations or simply hopping on a plane for a business trip, be aware of the rules and regulations of consuming alcoholic beverages while in flight.

Many people like to have an alcoholic beverage on the plane. However, you should never drive after drinking on a plane. Did you know a DUI on airport property could result in state or federal charges? In Ohio, it is illegal for someone to operate or be in physical control of a vehicle with a BAC of .08% or higher. The federal code defers to state law if the state has more restrictive limits on BAC levels for DUI. In short, airport police or any law enforcement officer with jurisdiction can arrest you for DUI after drinking on a flight if you violate the applicable laws.

Punishments for a DUI in an Ohio airport can vary. A DUI is a Class B misdemeanor if you are charged under federal law. The penalty is up to six months in jail and a fine of up to $5,000. The judge could defer to state law if the penalty for drinking while driving conviction is harsher under federal DUI laws. Criminal penalties for an Ohio DUI conviction first offense is jail time of three days to six months and up to $1,075 in fines.

While it is not illegal to be drunk on an airplane, what you do while intoxicated could be a federal crime. You violate federal law if you interfere with a crew member or flight attendant while performing their job duties, assault or intimidate a crew member/flight attendant or considerably lessen a crew member’s or flight attendant’s ability to perform their job. The behaviors that qualify as interfering or intimidating are broad.

To summarize, if you happen to consume an alcoholic beverage or two on your next flight, be mindful of the legal parameters that could come with it if you choose not to drink responsibly. 'RQEWVDULFH\RXUIUGHGPDQGDQFHVIRUWHPSRUDU\XQLQLJKW
What is Title IX?

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program, service, or activity that receives federal funding. Under Title IX, colleges and universities have a duty to take reasonable measures to protect students from sexual violence and/or harassment.

Many types of conduct could bring you under investigation by your school’s Title IX office including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, rape or stalking.

Typically, you are entitled to legal representation and counsel during the Title IX disciplinary process. An attorney can help ensure your school follows its own policies and procedures and gives you a fair hearing like you deserve.
SPINACH-FETA PASTA

DIRECTIONS

• Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and return to pot.
• In a separate skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add garlic and cook 1-2 minutes. Add broth and bring to a boil. Stir in tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Cook until tomatoes are softened. Stir in spinach until wilted.
• Add tomato mixture to pasta and toss to combine. Serve with feta cheese.

INGREDIENTS

1 box whole wheat penne pasta (or similar)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoon pepper
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup chicken broth
6-8 plum tomatoes, chopped
2 cups fresh baby spinach
¼ cup crumbled feta cheese

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WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE TO SAY

Tanner Duncan is by far one of the best people I have ever spoken with and his knowledge of the law is very impressive. He helped me out tremendously and treated me with respect and cared about what I had going on. I would definitely recommend him for anything you have going on. Thank you Tanner for everything.

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Trivia Challenge

The etymology behind the word “April” comes from the verb “aperire” which means...

A. To love  B. To represent
C. To open  D. To walk

If you answer correctly, you will be entered for a chance to win a coffee on us! Submit your answer to newsletter@suhrelaw.com.