Headed to Sin City for Spring Break?

**Question:** Are those marriages legal or does what happens in Las Vegas, stay in Las Vegas?

**Answer:** There is no waiting period to get married in Las Vegas, so a rash decision can lead to legally valid marriage! Just because Elvis performed the ceremony, it doesn’t make it any less real.

**Question:** Is prostitution legal in Las Vegas?

**Answer:** No, not in Clark County where Las Vegas is. However, there are counties in Nevada where prostitution is legal.

**Question:** I can drink for free in Vegas, right?

**Answer:** Maybe. Free alcohol is given to those who are of age who are actually engaged in gambling at a casino.

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Headed to sunny Florida?

**General Information:**
Generally speaking, the following is prohibited on Florida beaches:
1. Alcohol
2. Glass containers
3. Sleeping/camping on beach
4. Fires
5. Sleeping in cars

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**SPRING BREAK SCAMS!**
By Christopher Malloy, Director, Senior Attorney

After a long, cold and dreary Iowa winter, most people jump at the chance to get away to the sunshine for spring break. And let’s face it, we all like deals, so most of us try to find the most cost-effective way to head off to somewhere warm.

Unfortunately there are many less than scrupulous individuals and entities who are eager to scam sun-starved college students out of their money by making promises they can’t or don’t even intend to keep.

Here are some important tips to reduce your chances of becoming a victim:

- Like most things in life, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is. If a deal or a package seems to be offering an amazing price, make sure you read the small print. There is almost certainly some high priced service or necessity being left out.

- Get it in writing: Get every portion of the trip in writing, with the cost included. If it isn’t in writing, you will have a hard time holding anyone to it.

- Look for independent reviews of any company, agency, or resort before booking. Be careful of self-serving reviews written by the company itself.

- You should consider purchasing travel insurance, but the same warnings that apply to purchasing a trip apply to companies selling travel insurance! Read the fine print, and get it in writing!

- Pay with a credit card backed by a quality financial institution. If you get into a dispute regarding payment when something turns out to be a scam or you don’t get what you bargained for, your credit card company will often go to bat for you, and they have the ability to reverse payment. This is not often the case if you pay by cash or an equivalent, like a check or a debit card.

- If you are told you have won a trip, be very careful. Again, read the small print, check references, as hesitate if you are asked to pay money to obtain something you have “won.”

Being a careful, smart consumer isn’t a guarantee you will have a great spring break trip, but it increases your odds. If you are getting away for Spring Break, University of Iowa Student Legal Services hopes you have a safe, fun trip!
If you are caught drinking underage in Florida, you’re looking at a $500 fine. That’s even higher than Iowa City!

General Spring Break Tips:
1. Travel with a buddy
2. Watch your drink
3. Take care of your hotel room/rental.
Many hotels require security deposits, just like apartments in Iowa City. Document the condition of the unit in writing and with pictures/video when you get there and when you leave. They should be the same!

Student Legal Services recently solidified our Student Advisory Board!

Meet our incredible SAB members! (In alphabetical order):
Ellen Burns, Hailey Driskell, Dilon Goncalves, Jenci Muniz-Mendoza, Emma Myers, Jordyn Ramsey, Mariah Roller, Lauryn Schnack, Alexandra Skores, Ronald Slawek, Javon Stovall, Hugh Theut

HOUSE OF (SLS) HAiku
Are you in a jam? Tell SLS about it! We’re ready to help!

RAPID FIRE WITH SLS OFFICE MANAGER, RACHEL!

What’s your favorite movie? Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse
If you could sing a duet with anyone, who would it be? Emmy Palmersheim
If you had one superpower what would it be? Flight
What is the weirdest word in the English language? Feet
Three people dead or alive you would have dinner with? Cleopatra, Michael B Jordan, Nina Simone
What would be the title of your autobiography? I think I … Maybe you … No, wait I mean… Awwww Fuuuuuuuh

What is your favorite board game? Mysterium
A book that you read that positively shaped you? Bossy Pants
What is the best piece of advice you’ve received: If you can only accomplish one thing today—even if that’s just taking a shower—you’re doing okay.
If you could be from any other decade or era, what would it be? Future decade on an alien planet where we haven’t totally ruined it yet
Who would play you in the movie of your life? Sarah Silverman
If you had a patronus what would it be? Luck Dragon
Favorite U.S City? Portland
Fill in the blank: Taylor Swift is __________ a conundrum

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