

Family or Health Emergency

The University of Miami School of Law is committed to supporting the academic success of all its students. We recognize that unexpected life events which could inhibit this success may occur during a law student's academic career.

In the case of a family or health emergency which requires a student to miss scheduled classes or other law school obligations for more than three days, students should promptly notify the Dean of Students at 305-284-4551 or deanofstudents@law.miami.edu. The Dean of Students will communicate with professors, upon request, as to the circumstances, but has no authority to overrule classroom attendance policies or other course requirements.

Support offered may include:

- facilitating discussions with professors, supervisors, or employers regarding possible deadline extensions;

- assisting with obtaining notes for classes (although students are encouraged to reach out to classmates directly);

- providing courtesy accommodations as medically needed for exams; and

- evaluating the necessity of a Leave of Absence.

Support offered will not include:

- taping all missed classes;

- changing any grades after the fact for an injury not reported in a timely manner; or

- Arranging personalized transportation to campus or individual classrooms.

Please note that temporary injuries are not considered a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you have any questions about eligibility for accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services at disabilityservices@law.miami.edu.