Events in the Law School are a crucial part of the student experience and make this an intellectually vibrant environment. But we also are mindful of the need to transition back to normal over the course of the Fall. In light of this, we have created a phased-in events policy for events of under 200 people (under campus rules, events for over 200 people will need to be online until further notice):

August 16-September 6. The building will be open to students, faculty, and staff, but will remain closed to the public. During this time, student organizations and journals can reserve rooms and meet. Also, academic-related events and meetings can occur. For example, meetings of the Academic Skills Program, SLPS, and competitions will be allowed. Outside speakers will not be permitted during this time (though those working directly with students, such as SLPS advisors and competitions coaches will be allowed to do so in the building.) Of course, events that cannot be held in the Law School building at this time can be held online.

September 7-October 3. The building will open to everyone during regular business hours. In addition to the meetings described above, student-facing events will be allowed. For example, centers may do programs for students. Outside speakers are permitted for this purpose. But conferences or meetings where Berkeley law students or faculty are not the primary audience will not yet be permitted within the Law School.

October 4 – end of the semester. We plan to resume regular events, consistent with public health directives as well as the availability of space and staffing.

Our room reservation system is not yet open for the Fall semester. We expect it to be open for conditional reservations towards the end of July.

A constant question concerns food availability. We are planning to open Café Zeb on August 16 and we hope and expect that we will be able to serve food at our events as of that date as well. If that is the case, then student organizations again will be able to use their budget for food for events that are held within the Law School. Under campus rules, food cannot be paid for those attending events remotely. Please be aware that from August 16-September 6, the building will be closed to the public, so if students wish to serve food at an event during that time they will need to bring food into the building (i.e., there will be no catering or delivery services allowed inside the building). Beginning September 7 our expectation is that usual food options will resume.

Please be aware that the public health and safety rules related to food service, space use, or who is permitted to be on campus or in the building can change quickly. The Law School does not control these rules and must comply with campus requirements. Campus advises that if you are planning an event that involves high financial risk -- such as contracting for food service, hotel rooms, purchasing plane tickets -- that you wait to schedule events until there is more clarity about regulatory requirements and new social norms related to the next phase of our response to the pandemic.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition back to being fully in-person.