

P.A.D.'s 63rd Convention & Leadership Conference

Frequently Asked Questions



The Basics

Q What is Convention?

A Phi Alpha Delta's Biennial Convention and Leadership Conference is held every two years to bring together P.A.D. student and alumni members from around the world. Programming consists of workshops, panels and guest speakers on a variety of leadership, professional, and legal topics. Convention presents invaluable fraternal networking, professional growth, and leadership development opportunities for both student and alumni members.

Q Where and When is the 2020 Convention?

A Convention will be held August 5-8, 2020 in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Plaza Hotel located at 9700 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819.

Q Why Should We Go to Convention?

A Law Chapters are expected to send at least one delegate to Convention, but Convention is more than just an obligation. Convention is an opportunity to network with your fellow P.A.D. members (both law students and practicing attorneys) and gain skills you can use in your future careers. We host a variety of workshops, guest speakers, and panels; the topics of which are chosen from direct member feedback.

During Convention sessions, chapter delegates have the opportunity to vote for a new International Executive Board and international Tribunal.

Q What's Going to Happen at Convention?

A Convention includes general sessions with keynote speakers, special presentations, and the state of the fraternity. It also includes:

- Workshops tailored to the needs of our members

- Elections for International Officers
- Service projects to benefit local charities and the P.A.D. International Foundation
- A variety of social and networking events.

The 2020 Agenda will be posted on pad.org when it is available.



The Hotel



How Much does the Hotel Cost?



The room rate is **\$109/night** (plus applicable taxes and fees) and the booking link will be available **until July 10, 2020**. The room rate is per room, not per attendee. **YOU WILL NOT BE CHARGED FOR YOUR ROOM UNTIL YOU ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL.** However, you will need to enter credit card information to place a hold on your room, and that credit card must have an expiration date of August 2020 or later.



Do I Book my own Hotel Room?



Yes, attendees book their own rooms for the Convention. We have a reserved room block at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. [Click here to book your hotel room.](#)

If the type of hotel room you prefer is not available on the booking link, please call the hotel directly at 800-627-8258 or put the room type request in the comments of your booking.



I want to share a room with someone – can we split the cost of the room?



Yes! You and your roommate must book your room together to be in the same room. Since nothing is charged to your credit card until you check in at the hotel, you can split the cost between the two of you upon arrival. The split rate is approximately \$55 per person per night.



I want to have a roommate at Convention, but I don't know anyone else who is going. What should I do?



Please contact Director of Law and Alumni Operations Emily Baranoski at emily@pad.org. Executive Office staff will help pair you with another attendee so you can become acquainted and book your room together.



How do I get from the airport to the hotel?



The Rosen Plaza is approximately 15 minutes from Orlando International Airport. Ride sharing services (Uber, Lyft, etc.) are available for low rates. The Rosen Plaza offers shuttle services that must be booked through their website at least 24 hours in advance. Visit their website for more information: www.rosenplaza.com/location-and-transportation/airport-shuttles

P.A.D. members receive 10-15% off SuperShuttle services using discount code: 2ME7C at www.supershuttle.com

Q Is there parking at the hotel?

A Yes. The Rosen Plaza offers self-parking for \$10 a day and valet parking for \$22 a day.

Q What amenities does the Rosen Plaza have?

A The Rosen Plaza offers eight dining/lounging options, a pool and jacuzzi, complimentary WiFi, local attraction ticket sales, babysitting services, Baggage Airline Guest Services (BAGS), a fitness center, laundry services, and a business center. All guest rooms include a tv, safe, hair dryer, iron, and a coffee machine.

Rosen Plaza is across the street from Pointe Orlando, an open-air shopping, dining, and entertainment complex that boasts a diverse array of one-of-a-kind attractions, restaurants and stores. The hotel is located just five minutes from Universal Orlando, SeaWorld and 10 minutes from Walt Disney World® Resort. Additionally, hotel guests enjoy preferred tee times and rates at the nearby Shingle Creek Golf Club.

The Rosen Plaza is located along the I-RIDE Trolley Line, which travels throughout the International Drive Resort Area. Click here for more information: www.internationaldriveorlando.com/iride-trolley



Financials

Q How Much Does Convention Cost? What's Included in the Registration Fee?

A The Convention registration fee is **\$300** per person. The registration fee includes all materials and workshops, breakfasts, lunches, receptions/parties hosted at Convention, and the Awards Banquet.

Q What Kind of Funding Options are there to help us get to Convention?


A Special funding may be available to law chapters from your school's SBA or Dean's office. The Executive Office is happy to help with special funding requests (email emily@pad.org to request letter template).

The P.A.D. International Foundation offers student and alumni grants to assist members with the costs of Convention. For more information and to apply, visit the grants page of pad.org: www.pad.org/events/convention2020/grants

Each law and alumni chapter in good standing* is eligible to receive up to **\$250** of travel reimbursement funds for their selected first delegate. Reimbursement may be used for hotel, flight, or driving costs. Reimbursement is contingent on attendance and compliance with the P.A.D. Event Code of Conduct. Delegates should submit their travel receipts to Deputy Director Marlena Weiss at marlena@pad.org. Reimbursement checks will be mailed shortly after Convention concludes.


**Contact the Executive Office to determine if your chapter is in good standing.*

Are there Payment Plan Options?


 We offer a variety of payment plan options. We will customize a plan best suited for your needs. Payment plans are not required and do not need to be paid in full by the time Convention begins. Email emily@pad.org with payment plan questions.

Chapter Delegates


What are Chapter Delegates and How Do We Select Them?

 Chapter delegates are the official representative(s) of a law or alumni chapter. Each law school and alumni chapter in good standing is entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates. The two (2) delegates and the two (2) alternate delegates shall be selected by the chapter membership at an official chapter meeting (or as otherwise provided In the Chapter By-Laws) at least **ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Convention**. All law school delegates and alternate delegates shall have at least one (1) semester, or its equivalent, of additional law school work after a regularly called Convention terminates.


Can additional members attend Convention if they are not chapter delegates?

 Any P.A.D. member in good standing may attend Convention. Regardless of how many chapter members attend Convention, there can only be 2 voting delegates.

Can We Change Our Delegates?

 Yes, delegate changes can be made up until the official opening of Convention. If you would like to reserve your space, you may register your chapter's delegate(s) as "TBD" and pay in full, or begin a payment plan.

If we submit a delegate credentials form, do we still need to submit a registration form?

 Yes. Each individual attending Convention must submit a registration form. However, we only need ONE Delegate Credentials form per chapter.

Q I'm a delegate for my chapter/district. How do I vote?

A Eligible delegates will receive an electronic voting card upon check-in at the Convention. We will use this system to cast votes during sessions. If you are the sole delegate from your chapter, you will receive two voting cards. We will have a demonstration of the voting card system during General Session.

During voting sessions, the voting cards should not leave the Convention hall. Be careful not to lose or damage your voting card, as you will be charged \$50 if they are not returned or damaged.

 *Attendance*

Q When should I plan to arrive and depart?

A To participate in planned activities, members may arrive at Convention as early as the afternoon on Wednesday, August 5th. Early registration begins at 4p.m. and an optional reception will begin at 8p.m. on Wednesday evening.

All attendees are requested to arrive by noon on Thursday, August 6th for the beginning of the first General Session. Check-in at the Rosen Plaza begins at 3:00 pm. Check out is at 11:00 am.

Q Where will Convention events be held?

A All portions of Convention will take place in the Rosen Plaza Hotel, located at 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819. Signs will be located throughout the hotel directing attendees to the appropriate meeting rooms.

Q Should I plan to attend all events at Convention?

A Yes, all member attendees should plan to be at all general sessions and workshops.

Grant recipients or chapter delegates that do not attend all assigned events will not receive travel reimbursement.

Keep a copy of the agenda handy to ensure you're on time. A copy will also be available on www.PAD.org/convention2020.


Dress Code

What is the dress code at Convention?

 General sessions, workshops, and meetings require business attire. At the receptions and parties, casual attire is appropriate. The Frederick Weitkamp Awards Banquet is black tie-optional.


Certain events/days have their own unofficial dress codes. We suggest you wear purple to the “On Wednesday’s We Wear Purple” Reception on Wednesday evening; purple and gold for Friday’s Purple & Gold Party; and Fridays are traditionally seersucker Fridays.

Are tuxedo rentals available this year for the Banquet?


 If you are interested in renting a tuxedo for the Awards Banquet, contact Cory Freeman at cory@pad.org. We are offering special rates and packages from Men’s Wearhouse, and your rental will be delivered to the Rosen Plaza for your convenience. Please note that tuxedos are not required for the Awards Banquet.

Service Projects & The Silent Auction

What will the Convention Service Projects be this year, and how can I contribute?

 We are excited to be hosting multiple community service projects at the 2020 Convention. More information will be available on www.PAD.org as details are finalized.

How do I donate to the Silent Auction?

 If you wish to donate to the Convention Silent Auction, which benefits the P.A.D. International Foundation, contact Director of Communications Cory Freeman at cory@pad.org. Previously donated items included cigars, P.A.D./law related memorabilia, signed NFL items, sports/concert tickets, gift cards, gift baskets, jewelry, and more.



Miscellaneous Questions



Can I Bring my Spouse/Partner/Friend/Family Member to Convention?



Yes! We welcome all guests. Guests who plan to participate in all activities (meals and events) should pay the **\$300** registration fee. If guests don't want to participate in all activities, contact the Executive Office for special a la carte rates.



Where should I go if I need to purchase personal items during Convention?



The Rosen Plaza is conveniently located across the street from Pointe Center, an open-air shopping, dining and entertainment complex. There are a variety of additional shopping options within a ten-minute drive, including the Florida Mall, the Mall at Millenia, and Premium Outlets Mall.

For quick shopping needs, the Shoppe at Rosen Plaza is available in the hotel lobby.

The Rosen's location also places us within a close distance of many dining, shopping, and entertainment options.



Do I need to plan for my own meals?



For the most part, no. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Receptions on Wednesday evening, Thursday evening, and Friday evening will serve light fare and hors d'oeuvres, so you may want to consider supplementing those events with your own dinner. The Awards Banquet on Saturday includes a full dinner.



What should I bring with me to Convention?



Besides yourself and your personal effects, you should plan to bring the following items with you to Convention:

- **Your Chapter's banner** (we will hang chapter banners in the Convention hall)
- **"Flair"** in the form of stickers, buttons, or pins that represent your home/chapter/state/school to exchange at the Stanley Kohn Reception (more information on that below)
- Any items you wish to **donate** to Convention Service Projects (blankets/children's books)



What is there to do in Orlando?



As one of the world's most visited tourist destinations, Orlando is home to more than a dozen theme parks. Chief among its claims to fame is Walt Disney World and Universal Orlando. Known as 'The City Beautiful', Orlando is full of similar family-friendly attractions like waterparks, aquariums and zoos, shows, airboat tours around the swamps and plenty of golfing opportunities.

Visit www.visitorlando.com for more information on the theme parks, dining, shopping, arts, and entertainment options Orlando has to offer.

The Rosen Plaza Hotel is located in the International Drive Resort Area, which is known as Orlando's main tourism corridor. Visit www.internationaldriveorlando.com for more information on the I-Drive Resort Area.

Q What is "Take the Pledge?"

A The Take the Pledge Program (TTP) is designed to encourage Convention attendance. Interested members pledge that they will make a strong effort to attend the next Convention. TTP members are eligible for a \$50.00 discount on the registration fee. For more information about TTP, contact TTP Committee Chair John Weitkamp at jweitkamp@aol.com.

Q I want more information, or I have a question that's not listed here. Who do I talk to?

A All Convention questions should be directed to Director of Law and Alumni Operations Emily Baranoski. Reach her by emailing her at emily@pad.org or calling the Executive Office at 410-347-3118.

Convention Traditions

- **Name and Chapter:** When any member stands up to address the Convention, you begin your with your name and your chapter.
- **Convention "Flair":** The Stanley Kohn Reception is one of the hallmark events of the P.A.D. Convention. At this event, chapters and districts exchange "flair" in the forms of stickers, buttons, pins, etc. that represent their home or school. The exchanging of flair encourages attendees to meet each other and learn about the various regions our members have traveled from. If you're not sure what to bring, check in with your local Visitor's Bureau or campus outreach office – they may provide you with free items.
- **Single Clap System:** Part of Convention is recognizing various achievements of our chapters and members. With so much to recognize, long periods of applause can be time consuming! Convention uses a single clap to recognize individuals and chapters, holding full applause until the end.
- **Unofficial P.A.D. Chapters:** You'll hear many members reference unofficial chapters they are a part of during Convention. These groups, most of which were formed at previous Conventions, are focused on special interests (including everything from tv shows to food!). Keep your ears open for mentions of these groups while at Convention.