

22nd Annual HCBA Judicial Food Festival

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Food/Drink Booth FAQ

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (tables available for setup at 9:00 a.m.)

Location: On the Grounds of Stetson Law Tampa Campus, 1700 N. Tampa Street, Tampa, Fla. 33602

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What is the Judicial Food Festival and why should I get involved? This is an excellent opportunity to spend time outside the courthouse with judges and your fellow HCBA members and their families. Plus, it's a ton of FUN for the whole family and no one ever leaves hungry!

What is a booth and what is required to secure a spot? Booths at the Judicial Food Festival are reserved for law firms, our sponsors, legal organizations, and, of course, our judges. As this is a Food Festival, those requesting to host a booth must provide food and/or a drink of some kind for approximately **350** people. Prizes will be awarded for the best food/drink and the most creative theme. Booths are free and hosts must complete the online contact form and be pre-approved by February 19. Space is limited.

Do I have to register online to attend the Judicial Food Festival even if I've reserved a booth?

Yes! Everyone who will be stationed at your booth along with anyone you've invited needs to be preregistered. The city of Tampa requires us to provide an attendee count to ensure we comply with their security and city permit requirements. Please click [here](#) to register online. And note there is separate registration to participate in the 5K run.

Booth Requirements and Logistics

What do I have to provide? **EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE TABLES AND CHAIRS!** We will provide (2) standard 30" X 8' tables and 2 folding chairs. You are responsible for providing all other materials necessary such as plates, napkins, flatware, cups, decorations, coolers, ice, additional tables and chairs, etc.

Allotted booth space? Do not bring a tent larger than 10x10 feet and do not set up anything to the side, or in front or back of your booth space. We need to keep walkways free for the safety of all the attendees. HCBA staff will let you know which booth space you have been allotted.

Do I have to decorate my booth? No, but what is the fun in that? Almost all the booths will be decorated or have a theme.

Do I have to personally prepare the food? GREAT QUESTION! The answer is NO! You are free to work with a local restaurant or business, a friend, or even a family member to handle the catering.

How many people should I prepare for? Please prepare appetizer-size portions for approximately 350 people.

What if my booth needs electrical power? Electrical power outlets will be provided, but you'll need to let the HCBA know in advance. The power request is on the booth signup form.

What time should I arrive? Tables will be available for setup by 9:00 a.m. Please have all booths ready to go by 10:30 a.m. We anticipate several hundred runners to participate in the 5K beginning at 10:00 a.m. and they will more than likely arrive at the Food Festival soon after the 5K run.

Upon arrival: Reserved booths will be labeled with a booth number and will include the name of your firm or organization. If you have trouble finding your booth location, please check in with a HCBA staff member located in front of the entrance of Stetson, under the portico.

Booth assignments: Booth locations will be assigned by HCBA, and priority will be given to our paid sponsors and faithful past participants. Fortunately, the booths are set up in a huge circular/oval pattern so placement of one booth doesn't vary much from the others.

Loading/Unloading/Parking: We will have limited space for you to unload, so please do so quickly and then move your vehicle to a parking space. If Stetson and HCBA parking lots are full, overflow parking will be under the interstate off Tampa St.; off-duty police officers will be there monitoring vehicles and traffic when crossing the street.

Important Alcohol Advisory Notice: If you are providing any alcoholic beverages, candies, etc., they **MUST** be clearly labeled 'alcoholic or non-alcoholic,' or however you want to label it; be advised this is an important issue and will be strictly enforced. Additionally, **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 IS TO BE SERVED OR ALLOWED TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**