

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
SCHOOL OF LAW  
PHI DELTA PHI INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRATERNITY  
CALHOUN INN

“Friends of Justice and Truth”



The Calhoun Inn welcomes the incoming First Year Class, and we look forward to meeting each of you. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Phi Delta Phi, the second oldest legal organization in North America. Five of the nine justices of the United States Supreme Court are members of the Fraternity, and over 191,000 men and women have been initiated as members since 1869. Phi Delta Phi has 127 active chapters, also known as “Inns,” in the Western Hemisphere.

The Calhoun Inn is the University of South Carolina’s local chapter of Phi Delta Phi. The Calhoun Inn initiated its first class of members at the University of South Carolina in 1929. Since then, over 1,200 law students have been initiated into the Calhoun Inn, including former Senator Ernest “Fritz” Hollings, Mayor Joseph P. Riley, former Governor Richard Riley, and Alex Sanders, among several other current state and federal judges.

Phi Delta Phi was established to promote a higher standard of professional ethics in the legal community. The Calhoun Inn benefits the legal community by impressing upon law students, early in the formative years of their legal careers, the need for integrity and strong ethical ties and associations if our profession is to be accorded the public confidence necessary to function effectively and efficiently. Members of the Calhoun Inn have an opportunity to advance their legal careers by affiliating with a professional organization. In addition, members have the opportunity for camaraderie, good fellowship, and a promotion of the high standards of professional and personal ethics and performance.

Our Chapter’s activities include sponsoring the Faculty Auction to raise money for the Public Interest Law Society’s Summer Grant Program, volunteering with the Harvest Hope Food Bank, and helping with the Halloween children’s carnival. Various social activities are also planned throughout the year.

Phi Delta Phi initiates approximately 3,000 law students each academic year. Law students are eligible for nomination to the Calhoun Inn after the first semester of their first year. The Calhoun Inn initiates approximately 25 students in the Fall and 50 students in the Spring. If you are interested in learning more about Phi Delta Phi, please stop by our booth during Orientation. We look forward to meeting you then.

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