Columbia Law School

Non-Reimbursable Expenses

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The following miscellaneous expenses are non-reimbursable. University policy considers these expenses to be either personal, unnecessary, or avoidable expenses incurred during travel. As a result, there may be tax consequences to the travelers if reimbursed. If a business reason exists for any of these purchases, a policy exception must be requested. These non-reimbursable expenses include (but are not limited to):

- · Airline or VIP club membership dues or one-day admission fees
- · Air-phone usage
- · Baby-sitting
- · Barbers and hairdressers
- · Clothing or toiletry items
- More than 3 personal calls each day, unless emergency circumstances are documented
- · Internet charges at home
- · Excess baggage costs related to personal property
- Expenses related to vacation or personal days taken before, during, or after a business trip
- Frequent flyer mile (travelers will not be reimbursed for airline tickets purchased, partially purchased or accommodations and upgrades obtained using frequent flyer miles)
- Travelers will not be reimbursed for credits issued by an airline from personal travel used to purchase airline tickets for business travel.
- Credit card and Airline Rewards programs/points
- Gift cards used as a payment mechanism should not be used for travel and business expenses as they will not be reimbursed
- · Helicopter services for local travel/entertainment
- Laundry or cleaning expenses on trips lasting five (5) days or less, unless emergency circumstances are documented
- Loss or theft of cash advance money or airline tickets
- Loss or theft of personal funds or property
- · Lost baggage
- Luggage and briefcases
- Magazines, newspapers, personal reading materials
- · Medical expenses while traveling
- Mini-bar alcoholic refreshments
- Movies
- · "No show" charges for hotel or car service
- · Online auction sites
- Personal entertainment
- Pet care
- · Recreational expenses
- · Saunas, massages, spa visits
- Shoe shines
- Souvenirs or personal gifts
- Snacks
- · Tips in excess of 20 percent