

CAREER DEVELOPMENT



Opportunities in Action

Students at Drake Law School pair classroom learning with hands-on experiences that put legal theory to work. This emphasis on practical training combined with numerous opportunities for internships and clerkships is the reason our graduates regularly gain employment in their chosen field at rates well above the national average - across the country and around the world.

We help our students succeed and ensure they graduate ready to excel in the real world.

Connection with Careers

The Career Development Office at Drake Law School provides first-rate, proactive, and personal assistance to all students and alumni. The staff will help you develop professional connections, explore internships and employment, and put your career on the fast track.

Services

- Interviewing, application, and job search strategies
- Counseling and career planning sessions, both individually and in groups
- Bar application support and informative sessions
- Mentor programs and networking opportunities
- Connections to an expansive network of over 6,000 alumni
- Job database with hundreds of job postings nationwide
- Public Interest Career Fair and access to nationwide job fairs
- Live and online educational programs, including sessions with alumni and experts covering topics such as:
 - ▶ Alternative careers
 - ▶ Salary negotiations
 - ▶ International career opportunities
 - ▶ Public Interest careers and loan forgiveness

Practice Opportunities

Internships

As the only law school in the capital city of Des Moines, Drake Law students have a competitive advantage in obtaining internships.

Drake Law School offers more than 30 internships for credit, including:

- Polk County Prosecutor's Office
- Iowa State University Athletics Department
- Iowa Attorney General's Office
- Iowa Civil Rights Commission

Interviews

Each semester, employers in all areas of the law hold on-campus interviews for internship positions as well as post-graduate employment. Employers who regularly hire Drake Law students include:

- Athene USA
- BrownWinick Law Firm
- Davis Brown Law Firm
- Faegre Baker Daniels LLP
- Iowa Insurance Division
- Iowa Supreme Court
- Lane & Waterman LLP
- Nationwide Insurance
- Nyemaster Goode, P.C.
- Principal®

Neal and Bea Smith Legal Clinic

Students at Drake Law School put the law in action and go to work with clients on real cases in a variety of clinical programs that are available to any student who wishes to participate. Students also have an opportunity to view federal and state proceedings inside the clinic's on-campus courtroom.

Drake Clinical Programs

Children's Rights Clinic
Criminal Defense Clinic
Advanced Criminal Defense Clinic
Elder Law Clinic
General Civil Practice Clinic
Advanced General Civil Practice Clinic
Entrepreneurial/Transactional Clinic
Refugee Clinic
Wrongful Convictions Clinic

Alumni Network

Drake Law School's expansive alumni network includes more than 6,000 alumni living in all 50 states and internationally. Drake Law alumni practice in every field of law and in a variety of industries, including private practice, business, and government.

As a Drake Law student, you have access to this alumni network with numerous opportunities for mentorship programs, networking events, and lunch and learn events.

Did You Know?

90% of first-time takers in July 2020 passed the bar exam in Iowa

88.5% of the class of 2019 was employed in a JD-required or preferred position within ten months of graduation

"The skills and preparedness for the practice of law that Drake Law students have allow them to hit the ground running on day one. I'd put our Drake Law graduates up against students from any law school."
- Large Private Law Firm Employer

Career Development Staff

Katie Overberg, director

Katie's professional experience includes private practice litigation, in-house counsel, and Title IX Coordinator before becoming the Director of Career Development for Drake Law School. Additionally, Katie counsels law students and engages in student programming, oversees office management and strategic planning including compliance and reporting requirements.

Carole Tillotson, associate director

Prior to joining Drake, Carole had a broad-based legal career in Des Moines with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., the Iowa Finance Authority and Wells Fargo. In addition to advising students and alumni in regard to career options, Carole holds resume and interview workshops, coordinates Bar admission, and oversees public interest internships. She runs the student/lawyer mentorship program and arranges for a number of educational panels throughout the school year.

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