

Drake Law Announcements

February 11, 2026

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Security Reminder

Remember that Opperman and Cartwright Halls are open to the public during posted library hours. Please do not leave laptops or other valuables unattended. Also, if the building is locked, do not open the door for someone you do not recognize. Public Safety reports that unauthorized individuals have been let into the building after hours. Do not hesitate to contact a staff member or call Public Safety at 515-271-2222 anytime you have concerns.

Office Hours at the Legal Clinic

Dean Jones will be working at the Drake Legal Clinic several times during the Spring Semester. If you'd like to stop and say hello, please do so. All faculty, staff and students can always stop by to chat, make an appointment to speak with him at any time -- at the Clinic or the Law School.

Date	Time	Location
Wed., February 18	2-4:30 p.m.	Office 101
Tues., March 24	1-4:30 p.m.	Office 101
Mon., April 13	1-4:30 p.m.	Office 101

Current Topics & The Constitution – Tuesday, February 24

Hear from Professor Dean Strang, Leslie Behaunek and Justice Brent Appel to learn more about ICE administrative warrants and the 4th Amendment, changing law of federal injunctions and the evolution and issues of the U.S. Supreme Court's "Shadow Docket". This will be held in **Cartwright Hall, Room 203** from **11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24**. Pizza will be served.

Historical Discrimination and Cultural Cleansing CLE – Friday, February 27

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, this CLE examines the concepts of cultural cleansing and historical discrimination, exploring how laws, policies, and institutional practices have been used to diminish the histories, identities, and cultural experiences of many marginalized communities. Join together on **Friday, February 27 from 12-1:30 p.m. in Cartwright, Room 202 (Courtroom)** for this CLE. The program will trace recent federal and state laws, regulations, policies, actions, and executive orders that expand efforts to erase protections for and contributions by members of marginalized communities. Webinar CLE sponsored by the ISBA. Pizza sponsored by the SBA DEI committee.

Bar(e) Necessities Bar Study Fund – Applications due February 28

Worried about how you'll pay the bills while you study for the bar exam? Drake is excited to pilot a new need-based award to help pay for basic needs while studying for the bar — the Bar(e) Necessities Study Fund! A limited number of awards are available, the maximum award is \$1000, and applications are due February 28th. [Apply here](#) to tell us more about your situation and how we can help.

Dean's Speaker Series – Tuesday, March 3

This spring's Dean's Speaker Series will feature **Melissa Murray**, Frederick I. and Grace Stokes Professor of Law at NYU and cohost of the podcast Strict Scrutiny and **Stuart Delery**, partner at Gibson Dunn and former White House Counsel for President Biden. This is a fireside chat/Q&A program themed as Upholding the Rule of Law. Join us on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 4:00 p.m in Cartwright, room 206. [Register here](#).

Free Mock MPRE – Friday, March 6

Taking the March MPRE? Want to get a test run in before the real deal? Join Helix Bar Review for a Mock MPRE on Friday, March 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Opperman LL19. Even if you don't feel like you're ready for it, completing a simulated exam before attempting the actual MPRE is a great way to get in the right mindset for the test and help you know what to expect so you can feel confident walking into the testing center. The feedback you receive from your simulated MPRE will give you a snapshot of your current areas of strength - and weakness - so you know where to focus your efforts between now and exam day. Registration details are forthcoming. If you have any questions, please reach out to Director of Academic Success Ashley Madsen at ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu.

Buildings Closed – Monday, March 16

During Spring Break Facilities has scheduled transformer work for Monday, March 16. This means that both Cartwright and Opperman Halls will be closed that day. Personnel will be working remotely or taking planned vacation. Card access to the buildings will not be possible until power is restored, but that exact time is unknown. Other buildings on campus that will be impacted include Old Main, Cole Hall, Carnegie Hall and the Olmsted Center.

Last Day to Drop a Class with a W

An important deadline for class changes: Last day to drop a class *with a W* – Sunday, March 22

Food Security Survey

Drake University Food Security Coalition is conducting a campus-wide survey to better understand students' access to fresh, nutritious food. The law school has included a few questions specific to our Law School Food Pantry. We hope you'll share your experiences to help Drake respond to student need. https://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rpGD3aI72807D8 Questions or suggestions about the food pantry may be directed to Lyra Halsten, lyra.halsten@drake.edu, or Dean Battles, liz.battles@drake.edu.

Food Insecurity Resources Available

Here is a link to resources to assist those who are facing food insecurity:

<https://t.e2ma.net/webview/r64lwj/03b7ffd51b70cfe31c075bcd1657d24b>

AccessLex Law School Scholarship Databank

Numerous postings for national law student scholarships and writing competitions are available at <https://www.accesslex.org/databank>. Students can search by scholarship details and deadlines.

Drake Law Women Emergency Fund

The DLW Emergency Fund offers confidential financial assistance to any Drake law student experiencing unforeseen emergencies. Applications for funding are anonymous and are open to all students. For more details and to fill out an application, visit the Resources tab of SBA's website here: <https://drakelawsba.org/dlw-emergency-fund/>. Questions can be directed to roxsanna.allen@drake.edu.