

# ***Drake Law Announcements***

***August 20, 2025***

## **TimelyCare – Drake's new virtual health and well-being platform**

Drake recently partnered with [TimelyCare](#) to deliver a new virtual health and well-being platform for students. (Please note that TimelyCare replaces the previous virtual platform, Uwill.) With TimelyCare you can access free, 24/7 virtual care from anywhere. See attached flyer for more detail or scan the QR code to get started.



## **SBA Pop-Up Shop during Orientation/First week of classes**

Start the school year off with some new Drake Law branded gear. Swing by, stock up, and show your Bulldog pride all year long. The shop will be open during orientation. Additional 1<sup>st</sup> week of class shop hours tba.

Orientation shop hours:

- Wednesday, August 20, Room 202 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 21, Room 207 from Noon-1p.m.
- Friday, August 22, Cartwright Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from 1-3 pm

## **\*FREE\* Headshot Session – Friday, Aug. 22 – 2-4 p.m.**

Need to create or update your Linked In profile. We are hosting a free headshot session on Friday, Aug. 22 from 2-4 p.m. in Cartwright Hall, Room 202. Many of the 1Ls signed up for a time slot but we can probably squeeze you in so stop by this Friday!

## **Online Drake Law Spirit Store**

If your trip to the SBA store leaves you wanting more, check out the selection in our online Drake Law Spirit Store. The store is open now through August 29. Feel free to share the link with friends and family (be sure to include your wish list!) Please note: Orders will be processed the week of Aug. 30 and will ship by the end of September. [Click here to start shopping!](#)

## **Changing Tables in Cartwright Restrooms**

Signs on the doors of the first-floor women's restroom and the second-floor men's room indicate that a Baby Changing Station is available. These stations were donated by Professor Blodgett-Ford with a reminder that "AI is Everywhere – butt not here."

### **Fireside Chat Q&A with Circuit Judge Holly A. Thomas – Monday, Sept 8, 12:30 p.m.**

Join us for a Fireside Chat Q&A with Circuit Judge Holly Thomas of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Thomas will reflect on the experiences and decisions that shaped her path to the bench and share insights on the judiciary in a conversation facilitated by Professor Mark Kende and Dean Roscoe Jones, Jr.

\*\* Grab a slice of pizza at 12:30 p.m. in Kern Commons then join us for this engaging conversation at 12:40 p.m. in the James A. Albert Classroom.\*\* Registration is requested so we know how much pizza to order. [Register here](#).

### **IP is Everywhere! – EPIC Dance Edition with DSM Breakerz**

Join us on **Tuesday, September 9, from 5:30–6:30 PM** in Porterhouse Lounge for an exciting evening of dance, snacks, and a conversation on intellectual property in the arts.

We're hosting DSM Breakerz, Inc., a Des Moines-based nonprofit that empowers youth through breakdancing, choreography, and creative expression.

Families and kids are welcome! Come see how IP shows up in unexpected places and enjoy a live performance!

### **2025 Constitution Day Lecture: "Aligning Constitutional Law", Sept 18, 3 p.m.**

[Nicholas O. Stephanopoulos](#), Kirkland & Ellis Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Thursday, September 18th, 2025

3:00 PM James Albert Classroom, Cartwright Hall

[REGISTER HERE](#).

### **Press Releases from Drake Law**

We want to be sure you know what is happening here and how proud we are of the efforts of our students, faculty and staff.

#### **Drake Law Professor Christoph Henkel Named Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law** (May 7, 2025)

Drake University Law School is proud to announce that Professor Christoph Henkel has been appointed as the Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law, recognizing his outstanding scholarship and expertise in international law, commercial arbitration, and financial regulation. Read more [here](#).

#### **Drake University Law School Announces New Faculty Members for Fall** (June 4, 2025)

Drake University Law School is pleased to announce the arrival of two outstanding new faculty members for the coming school year, Dean Strang and Kristi Harshbarger. Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Entrepreneurial and Transactional Legal Clinic, Kristi Harshbarger, will play a key role in advancing the law school's clinical education in transactional and business law. Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Justice Reform and Innovation, Dean Strang, will teach criminal law and criminal procedure. Each bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their respective roles. Read more [here](#).

#### **Drake Law Alumni Excel in Judicial Clerkships** (June 17, 2025)

Judicial clerkships provide invaluable, behind-the-scenes insight into how judges think, write, and decide cases – an experience that has proven pivotal for several recent Drake Law graduates. Conner Greene, JD'24, and Ami Penquite, JD'24, reflect on their experience clerking for the past year, as Chloe Dinardo, JD'25, and Kendra Betz, JD'25, prepare to begin clerkships of their own in the coming fall. [Read more here](#).

#### **Drake Law Establishes Sabrina Ray Endowed Fund to Advance Children's Rights Advocacy**

(June 18, 2025)

Drake University Law School has received a \$300,000 gift from the Sease & Wadding Law Firm to support the Children's Rights Clinic, in memory of Sabrina Ray, a 16-year-old whose death in 2017 reinforced the need for continued evaluation and improvement of Iowa's child welfare system. [Read more here](#).

#### **Drake University Law School Named to The Princeton Review List of "Best Law Schools for 2025"** (Aug. 13, 2025)

Drake University Law School has been named a Best Law School for 2025 by The Princeton Review. The education services company recently released their annual unranked list of outstanding law schools across the country. [Read more here](#).

#### **Join Drake Law Connect - A new platform exclusively for members of the Drake Law community**

All students are invited to join Drake Law Connect, a professional development platform for students, alumni, faculty and staff focused on making connections. It's never been easier to connect with Drake Law alumni and build your network. [Click here to get started](#).

Questions? Please contact [Tiffany Contreras](#).

#### **ADA accommodation renewal**

Remember that accommodations must be renewed annually! To establish or renew accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), contact the [Office of Access and Success](#) for an appointment. Drake provides reasonable accommodations, as required by federal law, so that students' success is not hindered by disabilities.

#### **Drake Law Women Emergency Fund**

Drake Law Women has an emergency fund for students in need of emergency financial support. Consideration for an award is based upon demonstrated financial need and the emergency. The emergency fund is open to all students. The application can be found under the "Emergency Fund" tab on the Drake Law Women TWEN page and the award process is completely anonymous. Questions? Email [roxsanna.allen@drake.edu](mailto:roxsanna.allen@drake.edu).