

# *Drake Law Announcements*

*January 31, 2024*

## **Black History Month Breakfast Open House**

Join us for a Breakfast Open House to celebrate Black History Month! It will be held in Kern Commons on Thursday, February 1 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. This event is open to all Drake Law alumni, students, faculty and staff. RSVP to [Terri Howard](#).

## **Congratulations to Drake Law's Arbitration Team!**

On January 19-20, Drake Law's Arbitration Team traveled to Chicago to compete in the national tournament where they finished 5<sup>th</sup>! Team members include Alli Cummings, Madelyn Hurn, Nick Nyblom and Maryellen Wooten. They are coached by Ana Dixit and Ron Forsell. Great job! Thank you for your hard work and representing Drake Law so well!

## **Attention 3Ls – You are eligible to apply for the Order of the Barristers**

The Order of the Barristers application period opens on Monday, Feb. 5 and closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12. The National Order of the Barristers is an organization that recognizes students who have made outstanding contributions to the advocacy programs and demonstrated skill in oral advocacy while in law school. Drake Law School has twelve positions, and they are only available to graduating 3Ls (this includes members of the class of 2024 who graduated in December 2023) and are voted on by all members of the Moot Court Board, appellate teams, mock trial teams, and skills teams. The honorees will be announced at the Moot Court Luncheon on Supreme Court Day, Saturday, April 6, 2024. Applications will be emailed to all eligible students at 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 5.

## **Spring ISG One-on-Ones for 1Ls**

First year students, remember to complete your one-on-one meeting with an ISG Leader during February! Watch your email for instructions to set an appointment. You can meet with any ISG Leader. These 10-minute meetings are a great opportunity to talk through how you want to improve your spring semester, get advice about student organizations or future classes, or network with a new upper level student.

## **Faculty Transitions**

Professor Bob Rigg, Director of the Criminal Defense Clinic, is on sabbatical this semester and has decided to retire at the end of the academic year. We have initiated a search for his replacement with the goal to have a new director in place for next fall.

### **Law School Outlook Calendar**

Events at the Law School are added to the [Law School Outlook calendar](#) so that students, faculty and staff are able to see what is happening at a glance. Please use the attached directions to access and bookmark the calendar. Entries are categorized by Academics, Admissions, Career Development Office, Faculty, Law School Events, Library and Student Organizations.

### **BLSA Krispy Kreme Donut Sale – February 13<sup>th</sup>**

BLSA will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts in Porterhouse Lounge on Tuesday, February 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The purpose of this donut sale is to fundraise for BLSA during Black History Month!

- Single Glazed: \$1
- Single Chocolate Frosted: \$1.50
- Glazed Dozen: \$10.00
- Chocolate Dozen: \$13.00.

If you would like to pre-order, please do so by **Friday February 9** by emailing [Jasmine Carbin](#). They are happy to organize dropping them off to you, or you can pick them up at the Law School!

### **Input Needed - Student Housing Survey**

Please take this short, anonymous survey to obtain information about current students' housing experiences. This information will be distributed to admitted students and will help them locate housing that best suits their needs. Securing housing is often listed as one of the biggest stressors in the transition process for new students and given the current climate, providing your feedback on this survey will help the incoming class make a confident housing decision.

Please take a few minutes to share your insights with the next generation of students.

Here is the Link to the Housing Survey: [Drake Law School - Fall 2023 Housing Survey](#)

The survey should take approximately five minutes to complete. The housing guide is being put together with the help of VeryApt, a startup in the real estate technology

industry. Let us know if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your participation.

Contact [Matt Johnson](#), Director of Admission and Financial Aid, if you have any questions.

### **Celebrating Ambassador Branstad's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Public Service**

Join us for a celebration of Ambassador Terry Branstad's 50 years of public service, Thursday, Feb. 8 from 6-8 p.m. in Kern Commons. The evening will begin with a reception followed by a brief program and the unveiling of a bust created by sculptor Kai Liao honoring Ambassador Branstad. The event will conclude with a socio-political-economic-education dialogue (SPEED) featuring Ambassador Branstad. Ambassador Branstad's service includes three terms in the Iowa Legislature, election to the office of Lt. Governor and Governor, and president of Des Moines University. He is the longest serving governor in the history of the United States, serving in that role from 1983-1999, and again from 2011-2017, when he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to China.

Sponsored by the Chinese Association of Iowa, Community CPA, Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit, US Education Without Borders, and Drake University.

[Register here.](#)

### **Student Loan Repayment Strategies for Legal Careers - Monday, Feb. 12 - 3-4 p.m., Cartwright Hall, Room 203**

Student loan repayment can feel overwhelming, but you can chart a path to a debt-free future based on your specific income and career trajectory. During this event, an Accredited Financial Counselor® from AccessLex Institute® will cover common repayment strategies for different legal careers and essential details regarding repayment plan options, consolidation, and loan forgiveness programs. Attendees will receive an entry into the annual MAX by AccessLex® Scholarship Drawings.

### **2023-2024 Student Organization Event Registration Survey**

Reminder that before a student organization hosts an event on or off campus, the primary contact of the event must fill out this [survey](#). This should be done at least three (3) business days before the event and/or prior to entering into a rental contract. If food is served, you will also need to get your order to Sodexo at least one week prior to the event to avoid late fees.

### **ITS Support - In Person and Walk-in**

The lower level of Carnegie is open for support: classroom emergencies, student walk-in support, faculty & staff scheduled support will be given preference over faculty and staff

walk-in support. ITS may ask you to wait while they help multiple customers at once. ITS recommends using the IT service portal at [service.drake.edu/its](http://service.drake.edu/its) or calling 515-271-3001.

### **Religious Observance Accommodations**

If an academic deadline or exam conflicts with your religious observance, please reach out to Dean Battles in advance of the conflict to arrange reasonable accommodations.

### **Contagious Illness Protocols**

Students are to follow CDC protocols applicable to any instance in which a student is contagious with a viral or bacterial infection, such as influenza, strep, mononucleosis, or COVID-19. Although reporting is no longer required, infectious students cannot attend in-person classes and must contact their instructors to coordinate making up any missed material. Faculty may use their own discretion for how to treat absences due to illness.

[CDC Guidance for illness with fever, including influenza.](#)

[CDC Guidance for COVID-19.](#)

Please visit Drake's [Contagious Illness Protocols](#) website to review this information. If a student, faculty, or staff member is interested in using a mask to reduce the spread of illness, masks can be found in the Gorsche Student Services Suite. For additional questions, contact Dean Battles.

### **Broadlawns Community Clinic at Drake**

If a student is ill, they may receive care at the [Broadlawns Clinic at Drake](#). Broadlawns will work with insured and uninsured students needing care.

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

Drake Law Women has an emergency fund for students in need through the course of the school year. 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 [kelsey.schott@drake.edu](mailto:kelsey.schott@drake.edu).