

Drake Law Announcements

October 15, 2025

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Cady Day of Service – Friday, Oct. 17

This year's Mark S. Cady Day of Service will be held on Friday, Oct. 17. Cady Day is an annual day of service held in honor of the late Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court Mark Cady. Check out some ways to get involved below – or see the full list/submit your own program [HERE](#).

Advanced Directives and Simple Wills Clinics – Friday, Oct. 17 - hosted by Drake Law School and Dickinson Bradshaw law firm

Student and attorney volunteers are needed to help clients complete the required forms to establish financial and medical powers of attorney, living wills, and simple wills. This opportunity is open to all 1L, 2L, and 3L students. No previous experience is necessary. The Clinics will be held from 9-10:30 a.m., Noon-1:30 p.m., and 4-5:30 p.m. at the Law School. [Sign up to volunteer for one or more sessions here.](#)

Healthy Mom & Baby Diaper Drive - sponsored by Youth Law Society

The Youth Law Society is sponsoring a diaper drive to benefit Healthy Birth Day's inaugural Des Moines Community Baby Shower. Their goal is to send each expecting parent home with a package of diapers and wipes. Huggies has pledged to match each donation made through our Amazon list.

Please consider donating items to shower expecting families in Central Iowa with the essentials needed to welcome a new baby into their family! Donate here: bit.ly/CTKDiaperDrive

Des Moines Community Baby Shower presented by UnityPoint Health, Sponsored by Healthy Birth Day - Friday, Oct. 17 - 3:30 - 7:30 PM - EMC Expo Center, Junior Ballroom

Healthy Birth Day is looking for **30 to 40 volunteers** to assist at their inaugural Des Moines Community Baby Shower. They anticipate having 350-500 expecting parents and their guests join them for a fun and engaging event to learn about important tools and resources like Count the Kicks. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, greet and check in guests, at the diaper giveaway station, and for tear down. Please contact Reilly Cady at cady.reilly@healthybirthday.org or 515-408-3509 to volunteer.

(If there is a student org that would like to “sponsor” this event, please reach out to Tiffany (tiffany.contreras@drake.edu.)

Legal Clinic Application Deadline: October 17 at noon

Interested in Drake Legal Clinic for Spring 2026? Be sure to apply for the [clinic lottery here!](#) Applications accepted until Friday, October 17 at noon. Eligibility and course prerequisites available on the [Legal Clinic Registration webpage](#). Selected students will be notified by the end of October and will have the opportunity to ask questions before accepting a spot. Students must participate in clinic orientation January 15 and 16.

Floors in Cartwright & Opperman Halls – October 15 & 16

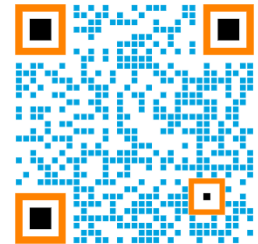
Facilities personnel will be waxing the terrazzo floors in Cartwright and Opperman overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on the evenings of both Wednesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 16. To avoid shoe prints in fresh wax, it would be helpful if no one is in either hall.

Road Closures – Sunday, October 19

The IMT Marathon route will travel through and around Drake's campus from 8:30–11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19. Drake's iconic Blue Oval and the Drake campus will be part of the race around the nine-mile mark. Please expect traffic disruptions near campus. More information can be found here: <https://oncampus.wp.drake.edu/2025/10/07/road-closures-oct-20-for-des-moines-marathon/>

Suit Scholarship for 1Ls – October 19 application deadline

The Lamson, Dugan & Murray (LDM) Suit Scholarship at Drake Law School is designed to reduce the barriers to entry in the legal profession and help law students put their best foot forward. With awards of up to \$500, the goal is to help alleviate the financial burden of purchasing business professional attire for On Campus Interviews (OCIs), open houses and other industry events as a law student. The Career Development Office has more information on this scholarship and how it may or may not impact your financial aid. Applications are due Sunday, October 19 at 11:45 p.m. Apply by using the QR code shown on the right.



DAELA's Bake Sale – October 20-21

The Drake Agricultural and Environmental Law Association (DAELA) will be have a Bake Sale in Porterhouse Lounge on Monday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day. They are raising funds for their upcoming Agricultural Law Association Conference. Make sure to stop by and pick up a treat to enjoy!

Fire Drill on Campus – October 20 (Legal Clinic)

Drake will finish its annual campus fire drills on Oct. 20 in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act and in conjunction with National Fire Prevention month. All drills will be conducted at **10:45 a.m.** with the exception of the residence halls, which will be conducted from 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 20. Most of the drills were completed during fall break.

- Monday, October 20 – Legal Clinic

More detailed information: <https://oncampus.wp.drake.edu/2025/10/06/drake-annual-campus-fire-drill/>

Composite Photo

The 3L class composite photo sessions will be held in Olmsted rooms 312 and 313 on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, October 22nd from 1:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Thursday, October 23rd from 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 4th (RETAKES) from 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Use this [link](#) to schedule a time to take your photo. Every student must be accounted for. If you do not get your picture taken, you will be listed as “Not Pictured” on the class composite. Please reach out to Amelia Garber (amelia.garber@drake.edu) with any questions.

Register today for the Dean's Speaker Series, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m. in the Albert Classroom!

Our featured panelists bring a wealth of diverse experience from the highest levels of public service:

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison is a modern legal icon, leading the team that successfully prosecuted the **murder of George Floyd** and fighting major battles against **opioid companies and consumer fraud** as "the People's Lawyer." His journey from a long career as a civil rights and criminal defense attorney, to serving **12 years in the U.S. House of Representatives**, and now as AG offers a blueprint for students looking to pursue **public interest and systemic reform**.

As the **Deputy General Counsel for Intelligence and Security** at the DoD and former **General Counsel for the Defense Intelligence Agency**, **Renn Gade (LA'82, JD'85)** is the ultimate resource for the cutting-edge legal issues of our time, advising on everything from **artificial intelligence and cyber law to space and sensitive intelligence activities**. Plus, his experience as a decorated, retired **Army Staff Judge Advocate** who served in command legal roles at USSOCOM and on the battlefield gives him a truly unique perspective on national security law.

Dennis Taylor (BN'71, JD'74) offers a masterclass in applying a legal degree to the **highest levels of public administration**, having served as a Chief of Staff to a Governor and multiple state agency Secretaries, and as an attorney advising the **Kansas Supreme Court**. Learn how his legal background became the foundation for directing major **international development and democracy-advancement programs** for USAID in Eastern Europe, advising governments on joining NATO and the EU.

Join us for this insightful fireside chat and then connect with the speakers at the reception immediately following! [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Judges Needed for Undergraduate Mock Trials October 24-26

Judges are needed for the Drake University Mock Trial Tournament October 24-26. Law student and law faculty judges would be much appreciated at any of these trials: Friday at 6, Saturday at 9 and 2, and Sunday at 9. For more details or to sign up go [here](#), or contact calkins.invitational@gmail.com. The invitational bears the name of former law dean Richard Calkins, who created Mock Trial at Drake in 1985.

Free Mock MPRE, Monday, Oct. 27 at 8:30 a.m.:

Are you planning on taking the November MPRE? Join Kristine Browne from Helix Bar Review on Monday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. in Opperman LL19 to take a free mock exam! Getting a practice run in well before exam day is a great opportunity to determine where you currently are, identify what you need to improve, and get a feel for what the exam will be like in November. To register, please contact Kristine Browne at kbrowne@helixbarreview.org. If you have any questions, please contact your Ethics professor or Ashley Madsen.

Bar Application Office Hours with Dan Saar, OPR, Wed., Oct. 29

Drop in to visit Dan Saar from the Iowa Office of Professional Regulation to get all your bar application questions answered before the February 2026 application deadline! You are welcome to stop in any time between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29 in Carwright 207.

February 2026 Bar Exam Application Deadline:

If you are a December graduate planning on taking the February 2026 bar exam, please take note of your application deadline. In Iowa, the February deadline is Saturday, November 1, 2025. If you are taking the bar exam in another state in February, please check your jurisdiction's website to ensure you have the correct application deadline. If you have any questions about the bar exam or how to find the correct deadlines for your jurisdiction, please contact Ashley Madsen at ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu.

Spring 2026 Class Schedule Available to View

Start planning your spring semester! Check out the class options and times in Self-Service and find a time to meet with your faculty advisor. Registration opens November 12 and 13. Remember to review the [graduation requirements](#) and [registration details](#) and forms available on Drake Law's website. *1L students will register as a group during ISG on Friday, November 21st.*

Sease Awards – Deadline October 31, 2025

Drake Law School is pleased to be able to offer the *Sease Awards* again this year.

The Sease Awards program is in honor of Adjunct Professor Edmund J. Sease ([learn more about his contributions here](#)).

Sease Awards support Drake Law School students interested in practicing Intellectual Property (IP) law (patent, trademark, copyright, right of publicity, trade secret, etc.).

Who Can Apply?

All Drake Law School students interested in IP law are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

Students should submit their proposals by email to Associate Professor and Sease Faculty Research Scholar [Sayoko Blodgett-Ford](mailto:sayoko.blodgettford@drake.edu) (sayoko.blodgettford@drake.edu).

Proposals should include a *brief* summary (around 1 page) of the proposed event or project, including:

- Relevant project dates and deadlines
- Estimated expenses for which reimbursement is requested
- The IP law connection for the project

Application Deadline for 2025-2026 Sease Awards: October 31, 2025 (8 p.m. Central)

Funding Details

- Preference: Proposals requesting reimbursement of under \$500 are encouraged.
- Limits: Proposals over \$1,000 are highly unlikely to be funded.
- Partial funding: Sease Awards may cover the full or partial requested amount.

Examples of Potentially Eligible Expenses

- Reimbursement for registration for student memberships in professional organizations such as [INTA](#) (\$27 fee), [LES](#) (\$60 fee), or [IAPP](#) (\$50 fee)
 - NOTE: Students are also encouraged to register for FREE student memberships in [AIPLA](#) and bar associations of [Iowa](#) and any states of interest
- Conference registration & travel (e.g., [AIPLA](#), [INTA](#), or other IP-related events)
- Patent Bar [Exam](#) fees and patent bar review course fees
- Interdisciplinary (art, science, religion, history ...) or Industry-related (agriculture, insurance, entertainment, fashion ...) projects with an IP law connection.

Additional Notes

- Use of Sease Award funds must comply with all Drake Law School & University policies, and all procedures for reimbursement.
- Selection of any Sease Award recipients, and any amount (if any) of funding, is in the sole discretion of Prof. Blodgett-Ford and the Dean of the Drake Law School.
- The Sease Awards program may be modified or discontinued at any time.

Questions? Contact [Professor Blodgett-Ford](#).

Planning for 3L Year and Beyond! Wed., Nov. 5

Hey 2Ls! The second half of your law school career has a lot going on to plan for – the MPRE, planning for the bar exam, judicial clerkship deadlines, fulfilling graduation requirements, etc. Come join Ashley Madsen and Dean Laurie Dufoe on **Wednesday, November 5 at 2:45 p.m.** in the James Albert Classroom for a short informational session to go over the major deadlines and planning components for the second half of your law school career.

Iowa Court of Appeals Arguments @ the Clinic November 6 @ 1:00

On Thursday, November 6, the Iowa Court of Appeals will hear two arguments in the Legal Clinic Courtroom starting at 1:00 p.m. Following the arguments, the Court will provide students with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the role of clerks. 1Ls can go to the Legal Research TWEN page to sign up for a noon lunch with one of the judges. 2Ls & 3Ls should e-mail Dean Edwards john.edwards@drake.edu to request a spot. Argument schedules are posted [here](#).

Judges *ALSO* Needed for Collegiate Moot Court Competition Nov. 14 and 15

Drake Law School is partnering with the American Moot Court Association (AMCA) to host an undergraduate regional moot court tournament at Drake Law on Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15. **All law students and faculty are invited to judge.**

The competition begins in the afternoon of Nov. 14th. A round lasts about an hour, and volunteers can indicate availability for particular rounds via link provided below. On Saturday, rounds begin at 9 a.m., with the greatest need on Saturday for volunteers during the first two rounds. The case problem, bench brief, and a judge orientation are provided to all judges. This is a great opportunity to help students with a unique educational experience and to help welcome them to Drake.

[Click here to volunteer.](#)

Press Release 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.

Dean's Speaker Series to Feature Discussion on Leadership and Civility in the Legal Profession (Monday, October 13th, 2025)

Drake University Law School will host a special installment of the Dean's Speaker Series on Wednesday, October 23, at 3:00 p.m. in Cartwright Hall. The program, titled "*Leadership and Civility in the Legal Profession*," will feature a fireside chat and Q&A with Dean Roscoe Jones Jr. and Associate Dean Anthony Gaughan.

The discussion will include three distinguished guests who have demonstrated leadership and public service at the highest levels: Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, William "Renn" Gade, Deputy General Counsel for Intelligence and Security at the U.S. Department of Defense, and Dennis "Denny" Taylor, former Kansas Secretary of Administration and international governance expert. Read more [here](#).

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.



Office Hours at the Legal Clinic

Dean Jones will be working at the Drake Legal Clinic several times during the Fall 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
October 20	1-4:30 p.m.	Room 124
November 18	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Room 123
December 3	1-4:30 p.m.	Room 124

Note: Additional times will be added for the spring semester soon.

Drake Public Safety carries Naloxone (Narcan)

Naloxone (Narcan) can potentially save someone's life by reversing the effects of an Opioid emergency, such as Fentanyl. Drake Public Safety (DPS) carry Narcan when patrolling campus, and their typical response time is 2-3 minutes. In addition, Narcan dispensary kits are now available in all residence halls and at Olmsted Center Student Services. DPS can be contacted 24/7 by calling 515-271-2222.

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](#).

Religious Observance Accommodations

If an academic deadline or exam conflicts with your religious observance, please contact Dean Battles before the conflict to arrange reasonable accommodations.

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

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.