

# ***Drake Law Announcements***

***February 19, 2025***

## **A Conversation with Malycki Manon-Sosa, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director of the Iowa State Bar Association – Feb. 24**

Join us for a Noon Conversation with Malycki Manon-Sosa, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director of the Iowa State Bar Association, sponsored by the Drake Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Student Bar Association. Malycki will share insights into the Iowa State Bar Association's efforts to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion, followed by an open Q&A. **Monday, Feb. 24 at Noon in the Faculty Staff Lounge.** Pizza will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## **First Year Oral Argument (FYOA) Workshop**

Moot Court Board is hosting a FYOA workshop open to all 1L students during usual Legal Research class time.

### **Monday, February 24:**

Legal Research II section 401 meets Monday, 8:45 a.m. – 9:35 a.m., James A. Albert Classroom, Room 213

Legal Research II section 400 meets Monday, 11:35 a.m.-12:25 p.m., Room 206

- Intro to oral advocacy
- Sample argument
- Sign up for a mentor
- Tips & tricks
- Q&A

Complete this [form](#) to sign up for a FYOA mentor.

## **AI is Everywhere! – anti-surveillance fashion, technology and law pop-up event**

When: Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm)

Who: Drake community and friends/family

Where: Cartwright Hall - Porterhouse Lounge

What: Learn about anti-surveillance fashion, art and law

- [Rachel Didero's Cap able clothing](#) will be on display (loaned to Drake Law School courtesy of Trevor Hughes, founder of the International Association of Privacy Professionals):
- [Adam Harvey's "CV Dazzle"](#) anti-surveillance look book project
  - Caution: "CV Dazzle" is of historical interest for [educational purposes](#) - it is not safe for actual protests:

PRIZES & SNACKS provided! Questions? Email [Prof. Blodgett-Ford](#)

## **Get Ready for an Inspiring Fireside Chat with Legal Leaders in Corporate America!**

The second session of the *Dean's Speaker Series on Leadership in the Legal Profession* is fast approaching, and you won't want to miss it! Join us on **Thursday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.** in Cartwright Hall, Room 213, for a thought-provoking fireside chat with two influential leaders in the corporate world:

**Natalie Lamarque**, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at Principal Financial Group

**Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., MA'91, JD'92**, President & CEO of SHRM

Dean Jones will facilitate a discussion on the role of lawyers in corporate leadership, navigating challenges, developing key skills for success, and more. Panelists will share valuable insights, strategies, and their personal journeys to the top. The presentation will be followed by a reception in Kern Commons. [Please click here to register to attend.](#)

## **Desk Supervisors Needed**

The Drake Law Library is seeking 1L and 2L law students to fill Desk Supervisor positions for the summer 2025 and/or 2025-26 academic year. Check out the attached flyer for more information or click [here](#).

## **Fireside Chat/Q&A with Judge Carl Stewart with the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals**

Drake Law School is honored to host Judge Carl Stewart of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals for a fireside chat and Q&A on Thursday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m. in Cartwright Hall. Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1994, Judge Stewart made history as the first Black Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit, serving in that role from 2012 to 2019. Judge Stewart is visiting Des Moines for the National Bar Association's Midyear Conference, which coincides with spring break. While the timing may not be ideal, if you're in town, this is a conversation you won't want to miss! Everyone is welcome to attend, but [please register in advance](#) to help us plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Mock MPRE Sponsored by Helix Bar Review – Friday, March 7**

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 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Cartwright 201**. 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. Register by March 5 by completing the form [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Director of Academic Success Ashley Madsen at [ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu](mailto:ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu).

### **Have lunch with Dean Jones!**

Dean Jones wants to get to know even more of the student body – yes, that means **YOU!** If you didn't have a chance to eat lunch with him during the fall semester, please check your schedule and sign up to have lunch this semester. This is a brownbag lunch so, you'll bring your own lunch and eat with him along with the other deans.

The dates are:

- Monday, March 3 from 12 – 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 24 from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Hopefully, one will work around your class and work schedule.

Space is limited to ten (10) students for each lunch. Outlook meeting invitations will be sent for each lunch as the schedule fills! Sign up [now!](#)

### **Press Release from Drake Law**

Throughout the year we will be sharing the press releases about 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 School Hosts Supreme Court Banquet Featuring Chief Justice Susan Christensen**

Drake University Law School will host its annual Supreme Court Celebration from April 2-5, 2025, highlighting the school's strong connection to the judiciary and its commitment to legal education.

The celebration will culminate in the Supreme Court Celebration Banquet on Friday, April 5, held in Parents Hall at the Olmsted Center. The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

This year's keynote speaker is Chief Justice Susan Christensen of the Iowa Supreme Court. Chief Justice Christensen, who has served on the court since 2018 and as Chief Justice since 2020, will share her thoughts and perspectives during the Banquet. Learn more about it [here](#).

### **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 Olmstead Center Student Services. DPS can be contacted 24/7 by calling 515-271-2222.

### **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.

### **2024-2025 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.

### **Law School Outlook Calendar**

Events at the Law School are added to the [Law School Outlook calendar](#) so that students, faculty and staff can 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. If you want to add an event to the calendar, please contact [Sara Hughes](#).

### **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 contact Dean Battles before 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.](#)

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 [emily.barrett@drake.edu](mailto:emily.barrett@drake.edu)