

Drake Law Announcements

April 10, 2024

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the award winners last week during the Supreme Court Week celebrations! Check out the list [here](#).

Drake Law School has even more to celebrate this week as our ranking from U.S. News & World Report ranked us among the top 100 law schools in the nation at #82 in the annual list of best law schools in the country. We rose six places since 2023 and have risen over 50 places since 2018! Our legal writing program ranked #11 in the country and our Constitutional Law program rose fifty slots to #57!

In addition, this year, Drake Law has been recognized by *preLaw* magazine as a top school in six practice areas including child/family law, human rights, criminal law, business law, trial advocacy, and practical training. Drake also ranked #9 in *preLaw's* Best Value Private Law Schools for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Dean Anderson said it best in the [announcement](#) yesterday.

“While one number can’t encompass the quality of legal education you get at Drake Law, these accolades reflect a real sense of upward momentum, generated by the accomplishments of our students and faculty, supported by our strong alumni network,” said Dean Anderson. “It’s a great example of how everyone’s contributions make a positive difference.”

2024 Constitutional Law Symposium – Sat., April 13

The annual Constitutional Law Symposium invites scholars, judges, and lawyers from across the country to discuss a timely constitutional issue. This year "**Climate Change, the Environment, and Constitutions**" is the theme in honor of Dean Jerry Anderson. Four (4) hours of CLE credit has been

approved. Copies of the upcoming edition of the *Drake Law Review*, which will document the proceedings, are available for purchase when you sign up for the event.

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cartwright Hall in Room 213.

Register to attend here: <https://2024ConLawSymposium.eventbrite.com>

Speakers include:

- Jonathan H. Adler, Johan Verheij Memorial Professor of Law and Director, Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law, Case Western Reserve School of Law
- Jerry Anderson, Dean and Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law, Drake Law School
- Abre' Conner, Lecturer, UC-Davis, Director of Environmental and Climate Justice Center, NAACP
- Erin Daly, Professor of Law and Director, Dignity Rights Clinic, Widener University Delaware Law School
- James Salzman, Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law with joint appointments at the Bren School and UCLA Law School

Apply now to be a part of Moot Court Board (MCB) and Teams!

If you're looking for ways to gain hands-on experience and hone your trial and advocacy skills, you want to be a part of Moot Court Board and a member of the teams during the 2024-25 academic year. Applications are now available on the Moot Court Board (MCB) TWEN page. Learn more about [MCB here](#). **Application deadlines** are at **5 p.m.** on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moot Court Board <i>Interviews during the evening of Monday, April 15.</i>
Friday, April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC)• Environmental• Intellectual Property and• National Teams
Friday, April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiations <i>Tryouts will be Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m.</i>

OUTLaws – Open-Mic Fundraiser tonight!

Please join OUTLaws **tonight, April 10**, for their Open-Mic Fundraiser at **6:30 p.m.** at **xBk Live (1159 24th St.)**. The open-mic will feature musical talents, standup, spoken word, and more. Come watch your fellow students and members of the community perform!

If you would like to sign up to perform, please email Delaney (delaney.kelly@drake.edu). The event is open to everyone & attendance is free, so bring your friends!

All donations raised at this event will go towards supporting the upcoming LGBTQ+ Clinic hosted by Drake's Children's Rights Clinic and Dentons Davis Brown on Sat., April 20.

Drake Law Women's Baskets to Benefit Silent Auction

Make plans to attend the Drake Law Women's Baskets to Benefit silent auction tomorrow night, **Thurs., April 11, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Peace Tree Brewing Co. (317 E. Court Ave.)**. All auction proceeds benefit Children and Families of Iowa, a state-wide organization that provides services to domestic violence survivors, young mothers, and patients needing mental health services. Tickets on sale April 1 - 11 for \$10 in Porterhouse Lounge.

Reminder – Complete the LSSSE and give Drake crucial feedback

The Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE) is conducted nationwide and gives Drake important information to help us understand the student experience and drive change. Conducted by an outside organization, the results are anonymous to Drake. Check your inbox for an email from lssse@lawschoolsurvey.org and complete the 15 minute survey. **If 80% of students complete it by April 18th, we will have a pizza party for the entire school on May 2nd in Kern Commons!**

Spring ISG Professional Identity Series:

First year students, please mark your calendars for our final ISG session on **Thursday, April 18 at 12:00 p.m. in LL19**. This session will be presented by Assistant Dean Laurie Dufoe to talk about goals, expectations, and best tips on working as a professional during your 1L summer. Together, we will work through all those questions you may have about how to navigate a new work environment. This session is required for all 1L students.

Drake Black Law Student Association (BLSA) 3rd annual Black Excellence Gala!

All Drake Law students are invited to the Drake Black Law Student Association's 3rd annual Black Excellence Gala! There will be dinner, drinks, and awards to commemorate the hard work of the Drake BLSA members this past school year! Dean Elect Roscoe Jones Jr. will be the featured keynote speaker.

The Gala will be held on **Friday, April 19th, at Parents Hall in the Olmstead Center**. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the event begins at 7 p.m. Attending the event is free of charge. If you would like to bring a plus one the cost will be \$10. The dress code is formal attire.

If you have any questions, please email: jasmine.carbin@drake.edu

Please register for the Gala **by Friday April 12 at 5 p.m.** using this form:

<https://forms.gle/Ni2uZ7K2oAvg3Ybi7>

FREE LGBTQ+ LEGAL CLINIC - April 20, 2024

Drake Law School's Children's Rights Clinic along with OUTLaws, Dentons Davis Brown, One Iowa, and many others will be hosting a FREE clinic on April 20, 2024, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Drake Legal Clinic to help folks with legal name and sex designation changes. Please help us spread the word and register if you could use the assistance. More information can be found [here](#) or by emailing Professor Nickole Miller at nickole.miller@drake.edu.

Scott County Bar Grant

The Scott County Bar Association is looking for students to apply for the Scott County Bar Grant. Students that are either Scott County residents or otherwise can demonstrate significant ties to Scott County, are encouraged to apply. Any eligible student interested in these \$1,000 grants may qualify for consideration through a letter directed to Joshua Cobie at jcobie.law@outlook.com. The deadline for consideration is **April 26, 2024**.

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.

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. If you want to add an event to the calendar, please contact [Lori Richman](#).

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 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.](#)

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.