

Drake Law Announcements

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Drake Relays Information

Parking and travel on and around campus will be impacted Saturday, April 18 through Saturday, April 25. The Drake Road Races are on Saturday, April 18 and the route includes Kingman Blvd., 25th Street and Forest Ave. around the law school. More detailed information can be found [here](#).

Public transportation is encouraged during the week. You will need to allow additional time to find parking throughout the week. Vehicles parked on the grass, illegally or blocking operations will be towed without notice.

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All valid commuter permits will be honored throughout the week, all day Thursday, April 23, and until 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Only residential permits are valid in residential lots and commuter permits in commuter lots, unless posted otherwise. Please note that the Olmsted and Ray Promenade lot still require the correct permit to park in those lots before 4:30 p.m.

More information can be found [here](#).

Brief update on campus cooling

We appreciate your patience during the unseasonably warm temperatures this week. The HVAC staff will continue to bring in the outside air overnight. However, those temperatures haven't dropped significantly. The rain we've had should help cool the air more in the coming days and we expect that the chiller will be online by tomorrow, Thursday, April 16. Next week (April 20-24) is forecast to be cooler and more "normal" for April.

Security Reminder

Remember that Opperman and Cartwright Halls are open to the public during posted library hours. Please do not leave laptops or other valuables unattended. Also, if the building is locked, do not open the door for someone you do not recognize. Public Safety reports that unauthorized individuals have been let into the building after hours. Do not hesitate to contact a staff member or call Public Safety at 515-271-2222 anytime you have concerns.

Moot Court Board applications due Friday, April 17 at 5 p.m.

Moot Court Board is a one-credit, non-competition organization focused on planning and supporting Drake Law's advocacy programs and events throughout the year. Board members help with FYOA, the C. Edwin Moore competition, banquet, and other advocacy-related initiatives, while also gaining valuable opportunities to connect and network with local attorneys and judges. Application can be found on TWEN under Moot Court Board Course.

ISG: Planning for a Successful 1L Summer, April 23

We have one more ISG session this year in collaboration with our fantastic Career Development Office. This session, led by Annie Reser-Moorehead, will include all the tips and advice you need as you take on your new 1L summer jobs. Both sections will meet in Opperman LL19, with Section 400 at 11:15 a.m. and Section 401 at 2:45 p.m. Attendance will be taken.

Academic Credit for Internships this summer

In response to student interest, Drake Law School will now offer academic credit for internships in summer 2026.

Students need to weigh a number of factors to determine the right path to their degree. Below find some initial tips and considerations. Be sure to discuss with your faculty advisor and the financial aid office to determine if a summer internship for credit is the right choice for you. Credit-bearing internships count toward the six credits of skills required for graduation.

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What positions are available for credit?

- Government and non-profit organization positions that are supervised by an attorney.
- Can be paid or unpaid by your site.
- Check CDO's Symplicity website under Job Postings. Select Position Type- Field Placement for Academic Credit.
- Most positions range from 1-3 credit hours. Limited judicial clerk positions earn 6 credit hours. All positions require 45 hours of work for each 1 hour of academic credit.
- If you secured a position with a government office or non-profit that's not listed on Symplicity, check with Dean Battles about credit options.

Do I need a student practice license? – This is a separate question from academic credit!

- Will you be directly advising clients, appearing in court, or questioning witnesses in court? Does your site supervisor say you need a student practice license? Then you might need one!
- The [Zero-Credit Summer Internship](#) enables you to receive a student practice license without tuition costs. You must participate in the online learning and practice seminar to comply with licensure requirements.
- Internships for credit also complete the online learning and practice seminar for both credit supervision and licensure requirements.

What about financial aid?

- Federal financial aid will not be available in many situations. Federal aid for summer requires enrollment for a minimum of 5 credits. Most internship positions on their own will not qualify.
- Individual Research projects may be 1-3 credit hours; 2-3 credit projects can qualify for Advanced Writing credit. A student must find a faculty member to agree to supervise their research and writing. [Find the Individual Research form here.](#)
- Interdisciplinary courses are upper division or graduate-level courses in other programs within Drake. The course must relate to the student's educational goals. A maximum of six interdisciplinary credits may count toward a student's J.D. [Find the Interdisciplinary Credit form here.](#)
- Summer tuition is billed per credit hour at the law school rate. [Find tuition and fee rates here.](#)
- Summer financial aid can impact the calculation for your fall and spring semester aid. Please contact the University Financial Aid Office at financialaid@drake.edu for your particular loan impact. Drake Law School scholarships are not available for summer internships.

How do I register?

- Once you've accepted a position, contact Betty Straub, betty.straub@drake.edu, with documentation of your position.
- Positions must be secured by May 15th.

As a reminder, some of these roles could qualify for [public service](#) or [rural access to justice](#) summer stipends. Funds are limited, so apply today. Contact the CDO for more information.

Drake Legal Clinic Graduation Reception

Clinic graduates and their families are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Clinic Graduation Reception on Friday, May 15 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the clinic. Please click here to [RSVP](#).

Bar-Ready Bonus – new for summer 2026

Your best path to passing the bar exam is completing your commercial bar prep program – and now you can get a little bonus to celebrate your persistence! May grads who are studying for their first bar exam in July 2026 can be eligible for the Bar-Ready Bonus. Show your commitment by [signing up here](#). Complete 80% of your commercial bar program and take your company’s simulated bar exam by July 24th, and you’ll earn \$100 from Drake Law School! Details and terms in the sign up.

Food Security Survey

Drake University Food Security Coalition is conducting a campus-wide survey to better understand students’ access to fresh, nutritious food. The law school has included a few questions specific to our Law School Food Pantry. We hope you’ll share your experiences to help Drake respond to student need. https://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rpGD3aI72807D8 Questions or suggestions about the food pantry may be directed to Lyra Halsten, lyra.halsten@drake.edu, or Dean Battles, liz.battles@drake.edu.

AccessLex Law School Scholarship Databank

Numerous postings for national law student scholarships and writing competitions are available at <https://www.accesslex.org/databank>. Students can search by scholarship details and deadlines.

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.

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.



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.

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

All students are invited to join Drake Law Connect, which is 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](#)