

# *Drake Law Announcements*

*June 23, 2025*

## **Scholarship Opportunity – Applications due Mon., June 30**

The deadline to apply for DRI's annual Law Student Diversity Scholarship program, open to rising (2025–2026) second- and third-year law students is coming soon. It is focused on students who come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity within the Civil Defense Bar. All rising second- and third-year law students are eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. More information is attached to the email and on the [Drake Law website](#).

**One scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 and two scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded.** The recipients will be announced at the DRI Annual Meeting in Chicago in October 2025.

**To qualify for a scholarship**, a candidate must be a full-time student. Evening students also qualify for consideration if they have completed one-third or more of the total credit hours required for a degree by the applicant's law school.\*

*\*Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), law school or law student members of AAJ, or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships.*

The application includes a cover letter, three recommendations (one each from the dean or associate dean, current or past law professor and an individual not related by blood line or adoption who is personally acquainted with the applicant) and an essay (less than 2,000 words) on "How employment laws have shaped diversity efforts in the legal profession." Here is the link to the [application form](#).

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

## **It's time to submit the FAFSA**

Students planning to borrow loans in the 2025-2026 academic year need to submit the FAFSA online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

Questions should be directed to the university financial aid office at [financialaid@drake.edu](mailto:financialaid@drake.edu) or 515-271-2905.

## **Summer Student Practice License**

Do you need a summer student practice license? Are you appearing in court or giving legal advice to clients? Does your boss think you need a student practice license? Then you should be in the summer online Learning and Practice Seminar. Please contact Annie Reser-Moorehead right away: [annie.resermoorehead@drake.edu](mailto:annie.resermoorehead@drake.edu).

## **Early Fall Student Events**

We are excited to welcome a big 1L class in August, and we want them to attend your student org's welcome events! If your student org plans to host an event or meeting between August 18 - September 5, please send the finalized details to Dean Battles, [liz.battles@drake.edu](mailto:liz.battles@drake.edu). She will include it in information for incoming students. Orientation will be held on campus August 19-22.

## **Press Releases 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.

### **Drake Law Professor Christoph Henkel Named Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law**

May 7, 2025

Drake University Law School is proud to announce that Professor Christoph Henkel has been appointed as the Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law, recognizing his outstanding scholarship and expertise in international law, commercial arbitration, and financial regulation. Read more [here](#).

### **Drake University Law School Announces New Faculty Members for Fall**

June 4, 2025

Drake University Law School is pleased to announce the arrival of two outstanding new faculty members for the coming school year, Dean Strang and Kristi Harshbarger. Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Entrepreneurial and Transactional Legal Clinic, Kristi Harshbarger, will play a key role in advancing the law school's clinical education in transactional and business law. Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Justice Reform and Innovation, Dean Strang, will teach criminal law and criminal procedure. Each bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their respective roles. Read more [here](#).

### **Drake Law Alumni Excel in Judicial Clerkships**

June 17, 2025

Judicial clerkships provide invaluable, behind-the-scenes insight into how judges think, write, and decide cases – an experience that has proven pivotal for several recent Drake Law graduates. Conner Greene, JD'24, and Ami Penquite, JD'24, reflect on their experience clerking for the past year, as Chloe Dinardo, JD'25, and Kendra Betz, JD'25, prepare to begin clerkships of their own in the coming fall. Read more: <https://news.drake.edu/.../drake-law-students-excel-in.../>

### **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. Join Drake Law Connect. Coming soon Drake Law Swag exclusively on Drake Law Connect!

[Click here to get started.](#)

Questions? Please contact [Tiffany Contreras](#).

### **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**

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)