

Drake Law Announcements

August 27, 2025

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Online Drake Law Spirit Store

This is your **last chance** to order Drake Law branded gear from the back-to-school pop up shop. The store will close this Friday, August 29. Please note: Orders will be processed the week of Aug. 30 and will ship by the end of September. [Click here to start shopping!](#)

Fireside Chat Q&A with Circuit Judge Holly A. Thomas – Monday, Sept. 8, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a Fireside Chat Q&A with Circuit Judge Holly Thomas of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Thomas will reflect on the experiences and decisions that shaped her path to the bench and share insights on the judiciary in a conversation facilitated by Professor Mark Kende and Dean Roscoe Jones, Jr.

**** Grab a slice of pizza at 12:30 p.m. in Kern Commons then join us for this engaging conversation at 12:40 p.m. in the James A. Albert Classroom.**** Registration is requested so we know how much pizza to order. [Register here.](#)

ISG Goes to Mars

Join Dean Gaughan, Dean Battles, and Ashley Madsen with your ISG group for a free drink at Mars Cafe! This is a great chance to get to know the folks in your ISG group and ask burning questions from your first couple of weeks in law school. We will meet outside the big glass doors of Cartwright Hall and walk to the cafe together. Ask your ISG Leader for the specific date and time for your group.

Elsie's Fossil Funfair – Monday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kick off the semester with some fossil fueled fun! Join us for the Law Library Open House, Monday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Play games, win prizes, meet the library staff, and take photos with library mascot, Elsie!

IP is Everywhere! – EPIC Dance Edition with DSM Breakerz

Join us on **Tuesday, September 9, from 5:30–6:30 PM** in Porterhouse Lounge for an exciting evening of dance, snacks, and a conversation on intellectual property in the arts.

We're hosting DSM Breakerz, Inc., a Des Moines-based nonprofit that empowers youth through breakdancing, choreography, and creative expression.

Families and kids are welcome! Come see how IP shows up in unexpected places and enjoy a live performance!

Volunteer to help Homeless Veterans at Stand Down, Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13

The Wrongful Convictions Clinic (WCC) is organizing volunteer lawyers and law students to conduct intake at Stand Down, Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13. (Learn more about Stand Down here: <https://www.desmoineshvs.com/>)

The WCC will have a tent Friday evening and all-day Saturday. Law students will meet with homeless veterans and identify what legal obstacles they need help with. We will answer questions, collect information, and then share that information with other groups that can provide representation. Sign up for a time slot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../5080944A5A82FABFF2...>

For more information, contact Erica Nichols Cook: Text: 515-344-3410 or email: erica.nicholscook@drake.edu

You may get some Drake Law Swag out of it!

2025 Constitution Day Lecture: "Aligning Constitutional Law", Sept 18, 3 p.m.

This year's Constitution Day lecture will feature [Nicholas Stephanopoulos](#), Kirkland & Ellis Professor of Law, Harvard Law School. The lecture will take place Thursday, Sept. 18, from 3–4 p.m. in Cartwright Hall, James A. Albert Classroom (second floor).

[REGISTER HERE.](#)

Golf: For Business and Life

Golf: For Business and Life is a non-credit course that provides you with group golf lessons. The lessons are taught at Willow Creek by a professional. The registration deadline is **Sept. 2**. Lessons will begin the week of Sept. 8. Lessons will begin the week of September 8 and the cost for the program will be \$80-\$100. You can apply at www.drake.edu/recservices/golfforbusinessandlife.

If you have any questions or need more information, you can reach out to Lisa Murphy, Rec Services, at lisa.murphy@drake.edu.

New Self-Checkout in the Library

The law library is excited to announce that our brand-new self-checkout system is up and running. Our new system should make it much easier to check items out when you are in the library outside our staffed hours. If you have questions or run into any issues using the new self-checkout, please let one of the library's faculty or staff members know. Special thank you to Karen Wallace and to our fellow librarians at Cowles for working on getting the new system set up!

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.

[U.S. Circuit Court Judge Holly Thomas to Speak at Drake Law School](#) (August 25, 2025)

Drake University Law School will host the [Honorable Holly Thomas](#), U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, for a special fireside chat on September 8. The event is free and open to the public.

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](#).

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 of emergency financial support. 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 roxsanna.allen@drake.edu.