

Drake Law Announcements

September 3, 2025

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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.

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.](#)

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:

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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.](#)

Law School Golf Outing sponsored by the Business Law Society, Delta Theta Phi, and Sports & Entertainment Law Society

You are invited to join us for our Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Waveland Golf Course! This event is one of the highlights of the fall semester, and we would love to have a ton of law students join us for a fun, low-pressure round of golf. **No experience is necessary—we'll have a mix of players at all skill levels.**

We're hoping to get a lot of groups out, so please help spread the word and encourage your friends to sign up! You do not need to be a member of any of these organizations to sign up.

Event Details -

Location: Waveland Golf Course

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Time: First group will tee off at 2:00 p.m. (Specific tee times to each group a few days before the event, when groups are finalized.)

Cost: \$45 paid via Venmo to @Ali-Bestell (includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and post-round refreshments.)

Teams:

- If you already have a group of 3-4 players you'd like to golf with, great! We will honor those pairings; just let us know on the Google Form below.
- If you do not yet have a team or only have one partner, we'll do our best to pair you with others we think you'll enjoy golfing with.

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with students and colleagues in a relaxed, community-building setting. If you're interested in attending, simply fill out the Google Form here:

<https://forms.gle/r5tqFrntQEPmBQAz5>.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Jack Grotenhuis (jack.grotenhuis@drake.edu) or Zach Noonan (zach.noonan@drake.edu) directly. We hope to see you on the course!

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.

[Harvard Law Professor Nicholas Stephanopoulos to Deliver 2025 Constitution Day Lecture](#)
(September 3, 2025)

The Drake Constitutional Law Center is pleased to welcome Harvard Law School's Kirkland & Ellis Professor of Law, Nicholas Stephanopoulos, as the 2025 Constitution Day speaker. He will present "Aligning Constitutional Law" on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m. in the James Albert Classroom (213) in Cartwright Hall with in-person or livestream options. This event is free and open to the public. Register [here](#).

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.