

# ***Drake Law Announcements***

***April 9, 2025***

## **U.S. News & World Report Ranks Drake Law School #84 in Best Law School Rankings!**

Drake University Law School was ranked among the top law schools in the nation in the newly released U.S. News & World Report 2025 Best Law School rankings. The latest ranking at #84 marks the third year in a row of ranking within the top 100 schools in the country.

“I am proud to share that our ranking of 84 marks only the third time in our history that we have been recognized among the top 100,” said Roscoe Jones, Jr., dean of the Drake University Law School. “This achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our faculty and staff, who prepare our students to be practice-ready upon graduation, our driven students, and our accomplished alumni.”

Read the complete press release [here](#).

## **Remember to file the FAFSA!**

Students who intend to borrow student loans for the 2025-2026 academic year should file the FAFSA as soon as possible at <https://studentaid.gov/>.

## **Judge James Grant Iowa Constitution Lecture Series – Thurs., April 10**

Drake Law School is honored to have Interim Dean and Professor of Law, [Todd Pettys](#), University of Iowa College of Law, on campus on **Thurs., April 10** to present “*Abusing the Right to Speak*” at **3 p.m.** in the **James A. Albert Classroom, Room 213, in Cartwright Hall**. More detailed information can be found [here](#). Please [register](#) ahead of time.

## **Volunteers needed for Law School Marketing Photo Shoot**

Friday, April 11 – Various times and locations

We are introducing a new website later this year and we need fresh images for the website as well as other marketing materials. A professional photographer will be here all-day taking photos in the Clinic, Cartwright classrooms, law library, Kern Commons, etc.

We need approx. 8 people per location – more for some classroom shots.

Bonus: In addition to having some nice, professional photos taken of you, you can choose an item from an assortment of swag.

[Email Terri Howard to sign up!](#)

### **Law School to host Naturalization Ceremony this Friday, April 11**

We are honored to host a Naturalization Ceremony at the Law School this Friday, April 11, at 11 a.m. in Cartwright Hall, Room 206.

Approximately 40 individuals will take the Oath of Allegiance and officially become United States citizens. The ceremony will be presided over by The Honorable Helen C. Adams, United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

While we anticipate a full house, members of the Law School community are warmly invited to attend. If you're interested, feel free to quietly slip in and fill any available seats or stand at the back of the room.

The ceremony will last about 30 minutes and will be followed by a cookie and lemonade reception in Kern Commons. We hope you can join us for this meaningful occasion.

### **Distinguished Lecture Series – Thurs., April 17**

On **Thurs., April 17**, the Constitutional Law Center will be hosting [Associate Justice Leondra R. Kruger](#) of the **California Supreme Court**. Justice Kruger will deliver the Distinguished Lecture at **3 p.m. in the James A. Albert Classroom, Room 213 in Cartwright Hall**. Livestreaming will not be available for this lecture. More detailed information can be found [here](#). Please [register](#) ahead of time.

### **Save the Date – Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting**

Did you know that law students are able to attend the ISBA Annual Meeting for FREE? The dates are June 23-26 so mark your calendars now. Registration will open soon and the link will be shared in the upcoming weekly emails. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Drake Relays Parking and Road Closure Info – April 19-26**

As announced in OnCampus on April 1, travel on and around campus will be impacted from Saturday, April 19 through Saturday, April 26. All valid residential and commuter permits will be honored on Thursday, April 24, and until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Using public transportation, if possible, is encouraged. More information can be found [here](#).

### **ISG: Tips for a Successful 1L Summer – Thursday, April 24**

Attention 1Ls! We have one remaining ISG session this semester – Tips for a Successful 1L Summer with Assistant Dean of Career Development Laurie Dufoe. This session will cover goals, expectations, and best tips on working as a professional during your 1L summer. We will also answer all your burning questions on how to navigate your new work environment. This session is required for all 1L students and will take place on **Thursday, April 24 at 2:45 p.m. in Opperman LL19**. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Academic Success, Ashley Madsen, at [ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu](mailto:ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu).

### **Professional Headshot Sessions – Friday, April 25**

University Communications and Marketing will hold professional headshot sessions on Friday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Old Main, Conference Room 115. The sessions are free to all students, faculty, and staff. [Learn more and register](#) for a time slot.

### **Drake Public Safety carries Naloxone (Narcan)**

Naloxone (Narcan) can potentially save someone's life by reversing the effects of an Opioid emergency, such as Fentanyl. Drake Public Safety (DPS) carry Narcan when patrolling campus, and their typical response time is 2-3 minutes. In addition, Narcan dispensary kits are now available in all residence halls and at Olmsted Center Student Services. DPS can be contacted 24/7 by calling 515-271-2222.

### **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.

### **2024-2025 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 can 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 [Sara Hughes](#).

### **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](https://service.drake.edu/its) or calling 515-271-3001.

### **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.

### **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 [emily.barrett@drake.edu](mailto:emily.barrett@drake.edu)