

# *Drake Law Announcements*

*February 18, 2026*

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## 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.

### **Drake Legal Clinic Application for Fall Semester OPENS February 23**

Want to be part of the Drake Legal Clinic for Fall 2026? Add your name to the lottery! Application link ([available here](#)) will be open Monday, February 23 – Friday, March 13 at noon. Eligible students are those who accrue 45 credit hours before fall semester (current 2Ls) and who have a CGPA of 2.25 or above. Check prerequisite and corequisite courses for each clinic on their [webpage here](#). Students selected by lottery. Selected students will be notified by Friday, March 20, and they will have an opportunity to accept or decline before fall registration dates. Want to learn more? Come to the Meet & Greet with Clinic Faculty on Tuesday, February 24, 11:00 – 11:30am & 1:00 – 1:30pm in Kern Commons. Then join the Clinic & Internships Info Session with Clinic Director Suzie Pritchett on Friday, February 27, 12:00 – 1:00pm via Zoom! ***Please note: all Clinic students must participate in Clinic Orientation on August 20 & 21.***

### **Current Topics & The Constitution – Tuesday, February 24**

Hear from Professor Dean Strang, Leslie Behaunek and Justice Brent Appel to learn more about ICE administrative warrants and the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment, changing law of federal injunctions and the evolution and issues of the U.S. Supreme Court’s “Shadow Docket”. This will be held in **Cartwright Hall, Room 203** from **11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** on **Tuesday, February 24**. Pizza will be served.

### **Historical Discrimination and Cultural Cleansing CLE – Friday, February 27**

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, this CLE examines the concepts of cultural cleansing and historical discrimination, exploring how laws, policies, and institutional practices have been used to diminish the histories, identities, and cultural experiences of many marginalized communities. Join together on **Friday, February 27 from 12-1:30 p.m. in Cartwright, Room 202 (Courtroom)** for this CLE. The program will trace recent federal and state laws, regulations, policies, actions, and executive orders that expand efforts to erase protections for and contributions by members of marginalized communities. Webinar CLE sponsored by the ISBA. Pizza sponsored by the SBA DEI committee.

### **Clinic & Internship Info Session with Clinic Director Suzie Pritchett – Friday, February 27**

Join Professor Pritchett, Director of the Drake Legal Clinic, to learn more about the Drake Legal Clinic and internship opportunities – Friday, February 27, noon – 1pm via Zoom (link at the QR code below). Learn more about how to apply and get registered, how many hours of work do you need for credit, what kind of work you would be doing, and more! And remember to apply for the [Drake Legal Clinic application lottery](#) before Friday, March 13 at noon.



## **Hands On With Generative AI Workshop (in person or virtual) – Friday, February 27**

Thanks to the generosity of Professors Porter and Snider of the *Innovation*

**Profs** <https://innovationprofs.com/events/>, FREE passes for Drake Law students, faculty and staff are available for their upcoming events this semester.

The next event will be **Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> Hands-On With Generative AI Workshop (in-person OR virtual) 9am to 3pm**

If you are interested, please [Professor Sayoko Blodgett-Ford](#) and she will send you the code for FREE registration (while supplies last). Normal price is around \$100. Register [here](#).

## **Bar(e) Necessities Bar Study Fund – Applications due February 28**

Worried about how you'll pay the bills while you study for the bar exam? Drake is excited to pilot a new need-based award to help pay for basic needs while studying for the bar — the Bar(e) Necessities Study Fund! A limited number of awards are available, the maximum award is \$1000, and applications are due February 28th. [Apply here](#) to tell us more about your situation and how we can help.

## **Desk Supervisors Needed**

The Drake Law Library is seeking 1L and 2L law students to fill Desk Supervisor positions for the summer 2025 and/or 2025-26 academic year. Check out the attached flyer for more information or click [here](#). Click on Desk Supervisor after accessing the page. **Deadline to apply is February 28.**

## **Dean's Speaker Series: Upholding the Rule of Law**

Featuring Melissa Murray, Frederick I. and Grace Stokes Professor of Law at NYU and cohost of the podcast *Strict Scrutiny* & Stuart Delery, partner at Gibson Dunn and former White House Counsel for President Biden.

The program will take place on Tuesday, March 3, at 3:00 PM in Cartwright Hall, Room 206, followed by a pizza reception.

Register [here](#).

## **Free Mock MPRE – Friday, March 6**

Taking the March MPRE? Want to get a test run in before the real deal? Join Helix Bar Review for a Mock MPRE on Friday, March 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Opperman LL19. Even if you don't feel like you're ready for it, completing a simulated exam before attempting the actual MPRE is a great way to get in the right mindset for the test and help you know what to expect so you can feel confident walking into the testing center. The feedback you receive from your simulated MPRE will give you a snapshot of your current areas of strength - and weakness - so you know where to focus your efforts between now and exam day. Registration details are forthcoming. If you have any questions, please reach out to Director of Academic Success Ashley Madsen at [ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu](mailto:ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu).

## **Buildings Closed – Monday, March 16**

During Spring Break Facilities has scheduled transformer work for Monday, March 16. This means that both Cartwright and Opperman Halls will be closed that day. Personnel will be working remotely or taking planned vacation. Card access to the buildings will not be possible until power is restored, but that exact time is unknown. Other buildings on campus that will be impacted include Old Main, Cole Hall, Carnegie Hall and the Olmsted Center.

## **Last Day to Drop a Class with a W**

An important deadline for class changes: Last day to drop a class *with* a W – Sunday, March 22

## **Office Hours at the Legal Clinic**

Dean Jones will be working at the Drake Legal Clinic several times during the Spring Semester. If you'd like to stop and say hello, please do so. All faculty, staff and students can always stop by to chat, make an appointment to speak with him at any time -- at the Clinic or the Law School.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tues., March 24	1-4:30 p.m.	Office 101
Mon., April 13	1-4:30 p.m.	Office 101

## **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](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](mailto:lyra.halsten@drake.edu), or Dean Battles, [liz.battles@drake.edu](mailto:liz.battles@drake.edu).

## **Food Insecurity Resources Available**

Here is a link to resources to assist those who are facing food insecurity:  
<https://t.e2ma.net/webview/r64lwj/03b7ffd51b70cfe31c075bcd1657d24b>

## **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](mailto: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](#).