

Drake Law Announcements

March 26, 2025

Today is the LAST DAY to Apply for the Drake Legal Clinic!

Drake Legal Clinic is accepting applications for clinic students until **Wednesday, March 26**. Apply [online here](#) today for a spot during fall semester. Clinic is open to students who will have completed three semesters of law school by the end of Spring 2025 and who meet any specific clinic requirements. You can rank your preference for clinics, and slots are filled by lottery. Selected students will be notified in advance of fall registration.

Bar Application “Office Hours” with Dan Saar, OPR, Thursday, March 27

Have some lingering questions about your bar application or character and fitness application? Stop by **Cartwright 207 from 1:00-3:00 on Thursday, March 27** to visit with Dan Saar of the Iowa Office of Professional Regulation. Feel free to drop by as you are able to get your last-minute questions answered before you submit.

Constitutional Law Symposium – Sat., March 29

The annual Constitutional Law Symposium invites scholars, judges, and lawyers from across the country to discuss a timely constitutional issue. The proceedings are published in the *Drake Law Review*.

2025 Constitutional Law Symposium: “A Global Comparison of Presidential Immunity in Democracies”

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Speakers:

- [Penelope Andrews](#), "**Democratic Reinforcement or Overreach? Judicial Intervention to Hold South Africa's President Accountable**" John Marshall Harlan Professor of Law and director, Racial Justice Project, New York Law School
- [Carlos Bernal](#), "**Presidential Immunity in Latin America**" Professor of Law, University of Dayton School of Law and former Justice of the Columbia Constitutional Court
- [Stephen Vladeck](#), "**The Impunitary Executive: Article II after *Trump v. United States***" Agnes Williams Sesquicentennial Professor of Federal Courts, Georgetown University Law Center
- [Kieran Williams](#), "**Presidential Immunity in Europe after *Saakashvili v. Georgia***" Associate professor and co-chair, Department of Political Science, Drake University

The program will be presented live and in person at Drake University Law School, with a livestream available for a broader audience.

[Register here](#)

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Deadline for Mock Trial & Arbitration Teams – Sunday, March 30 at 5 p.m.

Reminder that applications are due on **Sunday, March 30 at 5 p.m.** to be considered for the Mock Trial and Arbitration teams for the 2025-26 academic year. Kevin Hathaway, Jeff Noble, Levi Grove and Bryanna Walton are the coaches for the Mock Trial team. The coach for Arbitration next year will be Maryellen Reden.

If you would like to be considered for either or both teams, there are three steps you need to take:

1. Fill out [this application](#). This link also has some more information about the other steps of the process.
2. Send your resume to me (kevin.hathaway@polkcountyiowa.gov), and I'll forward it along to the other coaches. You do not need to include GPA or class rank information, but if you do, it will be kept confidential by the coaches.
3. Prepare and perform an opening statement. Videotape yourself performing the opening and send me the video (kevin.hathaway@polkcountyiowa.gov). There is more information about this on the application page. [Here](#) is the link to the problem. You are free to choose whether to represent the prosecution or defense.

Twelve (12) students will be selected to join our trial advocacy section in the fall. In October or November, we will select the new members of the competition teams from the class.

Maryellen has prepared a short introduction to opening statements. It can be found here:

https://youtu.be/dKo1_jtaQFI?si=SH7NuNoc1mW-eaf9

Emails will be sent out from one of the coaches on Monday, April 1, if you are selected to be in the trial ad class. If you are one of those 12, you will automatically be registered for Trial Advocacy and Evidence in the fall.

Iowa Bar Application Due Tuesday, April 1

Reminder to anyone planning on taking the July 2025 bar exam in Iowa, your application must be turned in or postmarked by Tuesday, **April 1**. If you are planning on taking the exam in another jurisdiction, please check your state's bar admissions to ensure you know what you need to submit and when. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ashley Madsen at ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu.

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Supreme Court Celebration Week – NEXT WEEK!

There is still time to RSVP for Supreme Court Celebration Week events!

SBA Luncheon and Awards Celebration

Wednesday, April 2 - Noon - Kern Commons

Moot Court Banquet and Awards Celebration

Wednesday, April 2 - 6:00 p.m. - Kern Commons

Drake Journal of Agricultural Law Banquet and Awards Celebration

Thursday, April 3 - 6:00 p.m. - Kern Commons

Drake Law Review Banquet and Awards Celebration

Friday, April 4 - 6:00 p.m. - Kern Commons

Supreme Court Celebration Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Reception 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Drake University Olmsted Center, Parents Hall

**** Students receive discount rates for all events! ****

Student Discounts:

- **ALL** students are welcome to attend the SBA Lunch and Awards Celebration for **FREE!** (But please register!)
- Members of *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law*, *Law Review*, and Moot Court will receive one complimentary ticket to your group's event. Additional tickets are available at a discounted rate (\$20 each) for your guests or students who are not members but wish to attend.
- All students (+ one guest) receive a discount on tickets for Saturday night's banquet! You can reserve up to two tickets for \$35 each (the regular ticket price is \$75 per person.)

You must enter the promo code "Student" to unlock complimentary and discounted tickets! (Enter the promo code at the top of the order form before you begin ordering tickets. If you don't enter the promo code, you will not be able to see the free or discounted student options.)

[REGISTER 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/>.

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National Scholarship Opportunities

CREW Network Foundation Scholarships - this scholarship program supports female students as they pursue education that will lead to careers in commercial real estate. Fifteen \$10,000 scholarships are available. The application deadline is April 2nd. For details and application instructions click [here](#).

LGBTQ+ Bar is offering multiple scholarship opportunities for law students. Visit <https://lgbtqbar.org/programs/law-students/law-school-scholarships/> for more information. Most scholarship deadlines are April 1st.

AccessLex offers a national law student scholarship databank at <https://www.accesslex.org/databank>.

Nominations PILA's board and volunteer hours submissions for PILA's volunteer awards are open!

Submission of volunteer hours qualifies a student to receive a gift card from PILA. The form to submit is linked [here](#), please submit by **April 1st!**

Volunteer hours may be legal or nonlegal in nature. They may not be counted if they were done for pay or credit. For example, time serving as a judge for moot court or mock trial tournament or volunteering your time for any pro-se clinic (so long as not counted towards clinic requirement) count as hours.

Clinic hours over your clinic requirement may be counted, along with hours that contributed towards a public service certificate. A minimum of 1 hour of work is required to apply.

If there are any questions, contact Aubrey Kohl at aubrey.kohl@drake.edu.

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!](#)

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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.

Press Release from Drake Law

Throughout the year we will be sharing the press releases about 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 School to Host Judge James Grant Constitution Lecture Series

Drake Law School is pleased to welcome Todd Pettys as this year's [Judge James Grant Constitution Lecture Series](#) speaker on Thursday, April 10, from 3-4 p.m. in Cartwright Hall, in the James A. Albert Classroom, Room 213. Todd Pettys serves as Interim Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law where he teaches courses in constitutional law, federal courts, and a seminar on pending supreme court cases. Learn more [here](#).

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.

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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 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