



Drake Law Announcements

March 5, 2025

First Year Trial Practicum Meeting – Required for 1Ls

First Year Trial Practicum (FYTP) is anticipated for March 10-14. You'll have the incredible opportunity to watch a criminal trial from beginning to end, meet the attorneys and judges, and see the law in action. All first-year students should attend the information meeting on **Thursday, March 6, 2:30-3:30pm in LL19** to know where to go, what to do and not to do, and what to expect.

1L Registration Meeting – Required for all 1Ls

Soon it will be time to choose your own adventure for the remaining semesters of law school! Plan to attend the mandatory 1L Registration Meeting on **Friday, March 7, at 1:30-2:15 pm** on Zoom and make your plan for how to get the most out of your time at Drake. Learn about graduation requirements, find tips and tools to help you, and hear about extra-curricular opportunities. [Meeting link here.](#)

Mock MPRE Sponsored by Helix Bar Review – Friday, March 7

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 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Cartwright 201**. 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. Register by March 5 by completing the form [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Director of Academic Success Ashley Madsen at ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu.

MPRE Review Session with Justice Appel – Wednesday, March 12

This is another great opportunity to get some review in for the upcoming March MPRE and make sure you are ready for exam day! Join Justice Appel for an ethics review session on **Wednesday, March 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Cartwright 203**. If you are interested, please RSVP to Justice Appel at brent.appel@drake.edu. If you have any questions, please reach out to Justice Appel or Director of Academic Success Ashley Madsen at ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu

Women's History Month Submissions—Drake Law Students

The Times-Delphic is running commentaries for Women's History Month about the experiences of Drake women in male-dominated fields. If you, as a Drake Law student, would like for your voice to be heard, send 200-ish words about your experiences to Caroline.Siebels-Lindquist@drake.edu.

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.

Fireside Chat/Q&A with Judge Carl Stewart with the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Drake Law School is honored to host **Judge Carl Stewart of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals** for a fireside chat and Q&A on **Thursday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m. in Cartwright Hall**.

Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1994, Judge Stewart made history as the first Black Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit, serving in that role from 2012 to 2019. Judge Stewart is visiting Des Moines for the National Bar Association's Midyear Conference, which coincides with spring break. While the timing may not be ideal, if you're in town, this is a conversation you won't want to miss! Everyone is welcome to attend, but [please register in advance](#) to help us plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have lunch with Dean Jones!

Dean Jones wants to get to know even more of the student body – yes, that means **YOU!** If you didn't have a chance to eat lunch with him during the fall semester, please check your schedule and sign up to have lunch this semester. This is a brownbag lunch so, you'll bring your own lunch and eat with him along with the other deans.

The dates are:

- Tuesday, March 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 24 from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Hopefully, one will work around your class and work schedule.

Space is limited to ten (10) students for each lunch. Outlook meeting invitations will be sent for each lunch as the schedule fills! Sign up [now!](#)

Have Breakfast with a Supreme Court Justice on Thursday, April 3

On Thursday, April 3, Iowa Supreme Court Justices will have breakfast with students before oral arguments. Each justice will meet with a small group of students at 8:30 at the Legal Clinic. The breakfast will conclude at 9:15 with oral arguments beginning at 9:30. 1Ls should sign up on the Legal Research TWEN page by March 24. 2Ls & 3Ls should e-mail Dean Edwards john.edwards@drake.edu to request a spot.

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 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