

Drake Law Announcements

January 23, 2025

ISG: So, you finished 1L fall ... Now what? Friday, Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m., Cartwright 213

Unhappy with your academic performance in your first semester? Unsure what to do to improve in the spring? Not sure how to approach your resume and discussions about grades with employers? Join Ashley Madsen and Annie Reser-Moorehead in this ISG session to debrief last semester and talk about how to improve your academic performance, summer jobs, and how to discuss your grades with potential employers. This is an optional ISG session recommended for any 1Ls who want to make improvements in the spring semester.

Celebrating Black History Month

Join us for a Breakfast Open House in honor of Black History Month on Monday, Feb. 3 in Kern Commons. Stop by anytime between 7:30-8:30 a.m. Dean Jones will make brief remarks at approximately 7:50 a.m. This event is open to all, but RSVPs are appreciated. [RSVP here](#).

Get Ready for an Inspiring Fireside Chat with Legal Leaders in Corporate America!

The second session of the *Dean's Speaker Series on Leadership in the Legal Profession* is fast approaching, and you won't want to miss it! Join us on **Thursday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.** in Cartwright Hall, Room 213, for a thought-provoking fireside chat with two influential leaders in the corporate world:

Natalie Lamarque, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at Principal Financial Group

Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., MA'91, JD'92, President & CEO of SHRM

Dean Jones will facilitate a discussion on the role of lawyers in corporate leadership, navigating challenges, developing key skills for success, and more. Panelists will share valuable insights, strategies, and their personal journeys to the top. The presentation will be followed by a reception in Kern Commons. [Please click here to register to attend.](#)

How much do you pay for books?

The cost estimate for law books purchased by Drake students is \$2,000 per year. Please complete a short survey to help the law school determine if that amount is accurate. Thanks.

https://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_di2CaD76H3kR0ai

American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament – Judges Needed

Drake University will be hosting an American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament on campus in Des Moines, Iowa, on **February 14-16, 2025**. They are looking for law students and law professors willing to volunteer their time as a judge for this tournament. **You do not need to have any Mock Trial experience; we will teach you everything you need to know!** You can volunteer for as many rounds as you like, and your schedule allows (one round is roughly three hours). Whether it is one round or all four, Drake Mock Trial would love and be so thankful for your help. This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time and give back to the Drake community. By judging, you would be helping future law students and lawyers become better professionals. Please respond to the Google Form if you are, or are not, able to judge for this tournament.

Schedule:

Friday 2/14:

Trial 1 - 6:00pm

Saturday 2/15:

Trial 2 - 9:00am

Trial 3 - 2:00pm

Sunday 2/16:

Trial 4 - 9:00am

Light meals and snacks will be provided!

Please respond to the attached Google Form to indicate your availability to volunteer or not. If you have any questions, please feel free to email calkins.invitational@gmail.com.

Google Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenk-3a42wxTKFpHXCyd4-Wwv1QTCzQJZwPYCREhRAf2tplHA/viewform?usp=header>

D.J. Fairgrave Educational Trust Scholarship (2L & 3L) – February 2 deadline

Applications are now being accepted for the D.J. Fairgrave Educational Trust Scholarship. 2L and 3L students are eligible to apply. The scholarship recipient will be selected by the Trustees based upon financial need, character, academic record, personal achievements, future goals and anticipated contributions to the profession. An application and short essay are required for consideration.

Application materials are on the Drake Law website [here](#). Send completed applications (including the required letter/essay) to kara.blanchard@drake.edu. The application submission deadline is **February 2, 2025**.

National Scholarship Databank

Search over 800 scholarship opportunities and writing competitions in the AccessLex Law School Scholarship Databank at <https://www.accesslex.org/databank>. This database includes Bar Study and returning student scholarships.

USLAW NETWORK Foundation Law School Scholarship Program – March 21 deadline

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 USLAW NETWORK Foundation Law School Scholarship Program. The scholarship program is committed to helping eligible, diverse law students who demonstrate a genuine commitment to the communities they come from and have a financial need to achieve their academic and professional dreams. The scholarship program will award \$5,000 each for at least 10 students selected by the program's scholarship selection committee.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant is from an underrepresented population and background, which includes but is not limited to, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native American or Other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latinx, and/or multiple of the aforementioned racial identities, or who identifies as LGBTQ+; and/or demonstrates a defined commitment to issues of diversity and inclusion.
- Applicant is a United States citizen, or a permanent resident of the U.S. Applicant is currently attending an ABA-accredited law school within the U.S. and will be enrolled full-time in Fall 2025.
- Applicant can demonstrate strong academic achievements as reflected in transcripts from an ABA-accredited U.S. law school and from the recipient's undergraduate institution.
- Applicant is not a previous recipient of the USLAW NETWORK Foundation Law School Scholarship Program.

DEADLINE/HOW TO APPLY

- [Click here](#) to download the 2025 USLAW NETWORK Foundation Law School Scholarship Program application.

Each applicant must submit a completed application and all requested support materials on or before **March 21, 2025**, to scholarship@uslaw.org

More information about USLAW Network can be found [here](#).

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 Earns Top Ranking in Trial Advocacy

Drake University Law School was awarded an A- ranking for trial advocacy by *prelaw Magazine*, placing Drake among the top schools in the nation. The publication based the rankings on law schools' offerings in trial advocacy, including programs and opportunities that allow students to develop their ability to deliver arguments, evidence, testimony, and substance. The results are reported in *preLaw's* Winter 2025 issue. Learn more about it [here](#).

Reminder – FREE Iowa State Bar Association membership for Drake Law students

Did you know that all Drake Law students are eligible for FREE student membership in the Iowa State Bar Association?

As a student member you can:

- Attend networking and mentoring events
- Attend CLE programs for FREE
- Join practice area sections to make important connections in the legal community
- Reserve rooms in the ISBA building
- Benefit from a variety of health and wellness offerings
- And more!

[Click here for more information and to activate your membership.](#)

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.

Contagious Illness Protocols

Students are to follow CDC protocols applicable to any instance in which a student is contagious with a viral or bacterial infection, such as influenza, strep, mononucleosis, or COVID-19. Although reporting is no longer required, infectious students cannot attend in-person classes and must contact their instructors to coordinate making up any missed material. Faculty may use their own discretion for how to treat absences due to illness.

[CDC Guidance for illness with fever, including influenza.](#)

Please visit Drake's [Contagious Illness Protocols](#) website to review this information. If a student, faculty, or staff member is interested in using a mask to reduce the spread of illness, masks can be found in the Gorsche Student Services Suite. For additional questions, contact Dean Battles.

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