

Drake Law Announcements

October 16, 2024

Baum Chair of Ethics in the Professions Symposium Scheduled for Fri., October 18

Professor Melissa Weresh, Herb and Karen Baum Chair of Ethics in the Professions, is pleased to announce the 2024 Baum Chair of Ethics in the Professions Symposium: Ethics in the Legal Profession. The symposium will be held on **Friday, Oct. 18, 2024**, from **9 a.m.- noon** in Cartwright Hall, room 213.

The symposium will feature two panel presentations. The first panel will address ethical issues associated with areas of the country with sparse attorney populations, also known as “rural deserts.” The second panel focuses on ethical issues associated with generative artificial intelligence in the practice of law.

Space is limited and registration is required. [Please click here to reserve your spot at the symposium.](#)

Come Meet a Candidate! – Thurs., October 17

Congressional candidate Lanon Baccam will be visiting Drake Law on **October 17, at 5 p.m. in Cartwright 213**. This Drake Law Democrats event is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend and ask questions of the candidate. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP with this link: <https://mobilize.us/s/Wr3C6s>.

Legal Clinic Applications due Mon., October 21

The application for Legal Clinic registration is now open. **The application will close on October 21 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please read through the Legal Clinic application policies including obtaining a student practice license before submitting your application. The application and the application process policies can be found on the Legal Clinic [registration page](#).

If you have any questions about application or the process, please contact [Amy Cutler](#).

Cady Day of Service – Friday, Oct. 25

This year’s Cady Day of Public Service is Friday Oct. 25. This will mark the 5th year that the Iowa legal community (led by Drake Law School) has come together to honor the life and legacy of the late Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Cady through **Cady Day of Public Service!** A proud Drake Law alumnus, Chief Justice Cady was an inspiring leader and jurist, known for his compassion, vision, and courage. His legacy of honor, integrity, civility, and kindness lives on through Cady Day, where we unite to reflect those values and make a positive impact in our community.

We hope you will consider participating this year in one or more ways.

Opportunities are described below and broken down into categories including Pro Bono Legal Work, Community Service, and Education. All opportunities are open to all class levels (1L, 2L, and 3L).

Pro Bono Legal Work

The following opportunities give you the chance to work with a local attorney while providing legal services to clients. Plus, it's a great opportunity to network!

1. Financial and Medical Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, and Simple Wills Clinics

Sponsored by Dickinson Bradshaw Law Firm and Drake Law School

- Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Plymouth Place (4111 Ingersoll Avenue, DSM)
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. at Elsie Manor (430 Grand Avenue, DSM)
- Friday, Oct. 25, Sessions at 9 a.m., Noon, and 4 p.m., at Drake Law School – Cartwright Hall

All sessions begin with a group overview led by a Dickinson Bradshaw attorney. Clients will meet with their assigned attorneys/students after the presentation.

We need student volunteers at all of these clinics to meet with clients to help them complete documents. (You may or may not work with an attorney – but attorney experts will be available to answer your questions and offer guidance.) (I am working with Dickinson Bradshaw to provide a training video. At the very least, the overview will give you the info you need to assist clients.)

[Sign up here.](#)

2. Pro Se Family Law Clinic

Sponsored by Drake Law School and the Polk County Bar Association

Friday, Nov. 1, Sessions at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Polk Courthouse

We still need four volunteers (one in the morning and four in the afternoon). You will be paired with an attorney to help pro-se litigants with family law issues. Online training will be provided. Email [Terri Howard](#) to sign up.

Community Service

Participate in any of the following activities to serve members of the Des Moines community and beyond.

1. Blood Drive – Friday, Oct 25, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Drake Law Delts

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO FILL THE SCHEDULE!!

The LifeServe Bloodmobile will be parked in front of Cartwright Hall.

Help the Delts fill the schedule! Every donation makes a difference!

[Sign up here.](#)

Sponsored by the Drake Law Delts

2. **Diaper Drive to Benefit the Young Women's Resource Center**

Sponsored by If/When/How

Oct. 22-25, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Cartwright Hall, Porterhouse Lounge

The Young Women's Resource Center is in need of diapers of all sizes - with an urgent need for newborn, sizes 5-7, and pull ups. Donations can be dropped off in person in Cartwright Hall.

3. **Fun Run/Walk to Benefit Law School Food Drive**

Sponsored by the Hon. Colin J. Witt Victory Running & Walking Club at Drake Law

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 4:30 p.m. Join the Victory Club for a one mile Fun Run/Walk around the Drake campus. Bring a canned or dry good to contribute to the Law School's food drive.

[Sign up here.](#)

4. **AGAPE Hygiene Pantry Donations/Volunteer Service Day**

Sponsored by the Drake Law Christian Legal Society

Donate personal hygiene items to fill the AGAPE Hygiene Pantry. Bring your donations to Porterhouse Lounge between 10/21/2024 - 10/25/2024.

Join members of the Christian Legal Society for a day of volunteer service at AGAPE, 2550 Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy, Des Moines. The session begins at 9 a.m. Contact [Ryan Lee](#) to volunteer.

5. **LSAT Prep Materials Drive**

Sponsored by APALSA

Bring new or used LSAT prep materials to Porterhouse Lounge anytime between Oct. 21-25.

Learn Something New

These webinars are 100% free. You are guaranteed to learn something new!

1. **Compassionate Divorce: Divorcing without the Drama**

Sponsored by attorney and mediator Kimberly Stamatelos

Oct. 25 - 2-3:30 p.m. (central time)

Join us for a free Zoom presentation on divorcing without the drama, presented by Kim Stamatelos, LA'78, LW'81. (Based on Stamatelos' book Compassionate Divorce.)

[Sign up here.](#)

2. **Appointing a Power of Attorney**

Sponsored by Hope Wood JD

Oct. 25 - Noon

Get all of your questions answered about appointing a power of attorney.

[Sign up here.](#)

MORE PROJECTS ARE BEING ADDED DAILY. [CHECK OUT THE FULL LIST HERE.](#)

A Midsummer’s Night Scream – Carrel Decorating Contest sponsored by the American Constitution Society (ACS)

Decorate your carrel (in accordance with library policies) any time between now and October 31. Enter by emailing ginger.thompson-schulte@drake.edu. Voting will be between October 23 and 31.

Election 2024 & Satellite Voting at Drake

Per the attached email from Jerry Parker, the deadline to pre-register (or change your existing registration is Mon., October 21. Iowa does allow same-day voter registration, so you are still able to vote in Iowa if you miss this deadline. You must have an official ID from Iowa (e.g., an Iowa driver’s license or your Drake ID and proof of residency). You can register and vote at your [designated polling location](#) on Election Day, Nov. 5, between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

A satellite voting location will be set up at Drake on **Fri., October 18, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.** in the Courtside Club located in the Knapp Center. This satellite voting location will be available for anyone with an address in Polk County.

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

The Role of NGOs in Promoting Human Rights – Tues., October 29

Surita Sandosham: lawyer, international development practitioner, and human rights advocate
Tuesday, October 29
11:15 am – 12:30 pm
Drake Law School
Cartwright Hall Room 203

Surita Sandosham is the President and CEO of Heifer International. Born and raised in Singapore. She has more than two decades of senior leadership experience at global nonprofit organizations. Most recently, she served as Executive Director of Heartland Alliance International, a humanitarian and human rights nonprofit based in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to Heartland, she was Vice President of Programs at the global nonprofit Synergos in New York, building multisectoral partnerships on behalf of smallholder farmers and other vulnerable populations.

Sandosham is a lawyer by training who graduated from City University London and the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University. As an international development practitioner and human rights advocate, she has served in leadership positions at Amnesty International, Equality Now, Rockefeller Foundation, Synergos, and Heartland Alliance International, working to accelerate agricultural growth, address malnutrition, improve retention rates in education and support economic development for marginalized communities.

Iowa Court of Appeals Arguments @ the Clinic November 7 @ 1:00

On Thursday, November 7, the Iowa Court of Appeals will hear several arguments at the Legal Clinic in the Daniel L. Power Courtroom starting at 1:00 p.m. Following the first two arguments the Court will provide students with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the role of clerks. These also will be last arguments heard by Judge Gamble. Following the Q&A the final arguments of the day will be heard. 1Ls can go to the Legal Research TWEN page to sign up for a noon lunch with one of the judges. 2Ls & 3Ls should e-mail Dean Edwards john.edwards@drake.edu to request a spot. Arguments are posted [here](#).

The Diversity Scholarship Foundation

The Diversity Scholarship Foundation application is now open. Please visit diversitychicago.org/scholarship-application/ for more information and to apply. The deadline is **Thurs., October 31, 2024.**

February 2025 Iowa Bar Application Deadline Nov. 1st

For all December graduates planning to take the Iowa Bar Exam in February 2025, the Bar Application is due no later than Friday, November 1. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Ashley Madsen at ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu or reach out directly to the Iowa Bar Admissions Office at bar.admissions@iowacourts.gov. Anyone who needs their application notarized can drop in at the CDO on October 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This service is free of charge!

Intellectual Property Scholarship – Application deadline Nov. 1st

The [Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association](#) (IIPLA) Board announced recently that they will offer two (2) scholarships to Drake Law students. The scholarships are in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500. The deadline to apply for them is November 1st. Applications should be sent to either Andrew Morgan (Andrew.morgan@ipmvs.com) or Charlie Damschen (charlie.damschen@nfw.earth). More information can be found on their website: <https://www.iipla.com/iipla-scholarship/>.

Intellectual Property (IP) Opportunities for you!

There are three (3) IP-related opportunities to be aware of and two have deadlines that are coming up quickly (November 4th and 9th).

1. IP Moot Court - Trademark – INTA Saul Lefkowitz Competition <https://www.inta.org/about/awards-competitions/saul-lefkowitz-moot-court-competition/> . Please email [Prof. Gilchrist](#) if you are interested in participating so we can get a rough count of team size. Deadlines are below.
2. IP Moot Court – Patent - USPTO Patent Drafting Competition <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/2025-national-patent-application-drafting-competition/>. Please let [Professor Gilchrist](#) know if you are interested in participating. Additional info is here: <https://va-uspto.zfairs.com/App?f=3390cdcb-e56e-4219-8ecc-04b79713baca>

3. New Patent Bar Opportunity (Design Patents) – broader qualifications are now allowed (not just STEM) for a new Design Patent Registration category. Design Patent Practitioner Bar. Additional information can be found on the Design Patent Practitioner Flyer. [copy posted on website]. <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/ip-policy/public-information-about-practitioners/law-school-clinic-1>

Trademark Competition:

- Trademark Competition Team Registration Close—Mon., November 4, 2024 (5:00 pm U.S. Eastern Time)
- INTA Foundation Regional Travel Scholarship Application Deadline—Mon., November 4, 2024 (5:00 pm U.S. Eastern Time)
- Briefs Due—Fri., January 3, 2025 (5:00 pm U.S. Eastern Time)
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More information about these scholarships can be found in the [Drake Law Announcements](#) from October 9.

IP Scholarship Announcement for 1L and 2L students:

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the Mark T. Banner Scholarship. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Visit <https://www.linninn.org/Pages/scholarship.shtml> for further information and the scholarship application. Submission deadline is **December 6, 2024**.

Law School Registration for Spring 2025

Wed., November 13, beginning at 7:00 a.m. for students who have earned 55 or more credits. (Does not include the current semester.)

Thurs., November 14, beginning at 7:00 a.m. for students who have earned 54 or less credits. (Does not include the current semester.)

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