

# *Drake Law Announcements*

*October 2, 2024*

## **C. Edwin Moore- sign up now open!**

1L students - now is your chance to sign up for C. Edwin Moore! Get a taste of appellate advocacy and prepare for Spring FYOA by arguing in front of local attorneys! Last year we had 50 1Ls participate and the Moot Court Board hopes to break that record this year! You will be given all the prepared materials and a mentor - all you have to do is draft an outline and argue. Sign up by Thursday, October 3rd! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/XJHi4tNUd885gB726>

## **Hear from Polk County Attorney Kimberly Graham – Oct. 3**

Drake Law’s American Constitution Society is hosting Polk County Attorney at the Law School on **Thurs., Oct. 3 over lunch (12-1:15 p.m.)** in the **Faculty and Staff Lounge (151 Opperman)**. Discussions will be on current efforts and goals related to justice reform in Polk County with time for Q&A afterward. Lunch is provided so please RSVP.

RSVP HERE!



## **Introducing the Dean’s Speaker Series on Leadership in the Legal Profession**

Mark your calendar for a new fireside chat speaker series focused on the theme of “Leadership in the Legal Profession” facilitated by Dean Roscoe Jones. The new series aims to provide faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the broader community with insights into leadership skills and experiences from distinguished leaders in the legal profession. Guest speakers will share their personal reflections on experiences, challenges, opportunities, and strategies for effective leadership for future lawyers.

**The first event in the series, “Leadership in Public Service”, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. in Cartwright Hall, room 213.** A small reception will follow the program.

Speakers will include:

- Robert Andeweg, LW’87, Mayor, City of Urbandale, Iowa
- Paula Dierenfeld, LW’84, Mayor, City of Johnston, Iowa
- John Edwards, Mayor, City of Clive, Iowa and Associate Dean, Drake Law School
- Scott Raecker, Executive Director, The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University and former Iowa state representatives

\*\*Dean Jones will also share some insights from his career in public service.

[Register here.](#)

### **Free Mock MPRE, Friday, Oct. 11**

Planning on taking the November MPRE? Join Helix Bar Review for a free **Mock MPRE on Friday, October 11 in Cartwright 201 at 9:00 a.m.** This is a great opportunity to get a baseline, familiarize yourself with the questions and exam conditions, and get a good preview before the real deal. If you would like to participate or if you have questions, please contact Ashley Madsen at [ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu](mailto:ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu).

### **Flu Vaccinations on campus – Monday, October 7**

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is partnering with Broadlawns Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy to offer flu vaccinations on campus in **Harvey Ingham, Room 107**, for Drake University faculty, staff, and students. Please click the following link to [Sign up for a vaccination appointment](#). To receive the latest COVID-19 vaccine, you can walk-in or contact the Broadlawns Community Clinic at Drake at 515-216-5100 to schedule an appointment.

### **Youth Justice Action Month Celebration – Wed., Oct. 16**

The Middleton Center for Children’s Rights is co-sponsoring an event with the Coalition for Family & Children’s Services in Iowa celebrating Youth Justice Action Month. The Drake Law School Community is invited to attend. Please RSVP below.

We are excited to invite you to join us in celebrating the **50th Anniversary of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)** during **Youth Justice Action Month**, with a special recognition of **Senator Chuck Grassley** for his leadership in youth justice reform.

We are honored to be inviting key stakeholders, including **Coalition members, HHS, Chief Juvenile Court Officers, and Iowa legislators**, to join us for this meaningful celebration. We are working on a proclamation recognizing **October as Youth Justice Awareness Month**.

**Location:** Daniel L. Power Courtroom (Drake Legal Clinic, 2400 University Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311)

**Date:** Wed., October 16<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The theme for this year’s event is **“Justice Is \_\_\_\_\_”** and **“YOUth Matter”** giving youth and families impacted by the system a chance to express what justice means and what YOUth Matter means to them through art and storytelling. We will showcase their artwork at the event and celebrate the power of restorative justice and healing.

Light finger food and drinks will be provided. [Click here to RSVP!](#)

## **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.](#)

## **Cady Day of Service – Friday, Oct. 25**

This year’s [Mark S. Cady Day of Service](#) will be held on Friday, Oct. 25. Cady Day is an annual day of service held in honor of the late Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court Mark Cady. We welcome your suggestions for projects or programs to be held in honor of Cady Day. While the “official” Cady Day is Oct. 25, any projects/programs held during the month of October and planned in honor of Cady Day will be recognized.

Drake Law sponsored programs are just starting to come in and there will be many opportunities to get involved in the coming weeks. We hope you will participate in some way – either by supporting an existing project or planning your own. Here are some opportunities we have so far:

→ **Drake Law School and Dickinson Bradshaw law firm are hosting several Advanced Directives and Simple Wills Clinics in honor of Cady Day.** Student and attorney volunteers are needed to help clients complete the required forms to establish financial and medical powers of attorney, living wills, and simple wills. This opportunity is open to all 1L, 2L, and 3L students. No previous experience is necessary. Clinics are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 22 - 6:30-9 p.m. at Plymouth Place, 4111 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 - 4-6:30 p.m. at Elsie Mason Manor, 430 Grand Ave, Des Moines
- Friday, Oct. 25 - Three sessions - 9-10:30 a.m., Noon-1:30 p.m., and 4-5:30 p.m. at Drake Law School, Cartwright Hall, 2621 Carpenter Ave, Des Moines

[Sign up to volunteer for one or more sessions here.](#)

→ **Drake Law Delts are hosting a LifeServe Blood Drive Friday, Oct. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The Bloodmobile will be parked right in front of Cartwright Hall. Appointments are required.

[Sign up here.](#)

## **Join Drake Law Connect - A new platform exclusively for members of the Drake Law community**

All students are invited to join Drake Law Connect, 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. Join Drake Law Connect by October 10 and you will be entered in a drawing to win some Drake Law branded apparel.

[Click here to get started.](#)

Questions? Please contact [Terri Howard](#).

## **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.

## **The Diversity Scholarship Foundation**

The Diversity Scholarship Foundation application is now open. Please visit

[diversitychicago.org/scholarship-application/](https://diversitychicago.org/scholarship-application/) for more information and to apply. The deadline is

**Thurs., October 31, 2024.**

## **Press Releases 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 Named a Top School in the Nation for Human Rights Law**

Drake University Law School earned an A+ ranking for human rights law in preLaw magazine, placing Drake among the top thirteen law schools in the nation for this field. The publication based the rankings on law schools' offerings in human rights

law, including clinical programs, certificates, externships, partnerships, and courses.

[Read more here.](#)

### **Drake Law Earns Recognition as a Top School for Women Leadership**

Drake University Law School earned an A- ranking in PreLaw Magazine's list of Top Schools for Women in Leadership featured in its latest back-to-school edition. The magazine cited data from the American Bar Association on the number of female students and faculty to develop "a list of standout institutions." [Read more here.](#)

### **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](http://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](mailto:emily.barrett@drake.edu)