

Drake Law Announcements

October 9, 2024



Enjoy Fall Break!

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.

Get to know some amazing attorneys in the community!

La Alianza has invited attorneys from Dentons Davis Brown, BrownWinick, the Polk County Attorney's Office, Family Law Solutions of Iowa and a judge from Iowa District 5C to dinner on Mon., October 14, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Kern Commons at Drake Law School. Dinner will be provided! RSVP to elizabeth.hurn@drake.edu by Oct. 10th!

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 16th

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.](#)

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 [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.](#)

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.

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.**

Intellectual Property Scholarship – Application deadline Nov. 1st

The [Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association](https://www.iipla.com/) (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 and based on the following criteria:

Scholarship Criteria

- The scholarship is available to current law students. There is no minimum GPA or class rank required for this scholarship.
- Students must demonstrate some intent and/or desire to practice intellectual property law in Iowa after graduation. This includes patent, trademark, copyright and/or trade secret law. Students need not have a scientific, engineering or technical degree to apply for this scholarship.
- If multiple applicants meet the required criteria, applicants will be evaluated based on evidence of intent to practice intellectual property law in Iowa after graduation, academic performance at the undergraduate, graduate and professional level, financial need, and involvement in intellectual property law-related activities, including relevant coursework, work experience and extracurricular organizations.

Required Application Materials:

- Resume (which should include overall GPA and class rank);
- Current law school transcript (unofficial is acceptable); and
- Personal statement.

The personal statement (approximately 500 words) must address qualifications and interest in the scholarship. The statement may address one or more of the following:

- An interest in developing a career in intellectual property law in Iowa after graduation;
- Strong academic performance at the undergraduate and law school levels;
- Financial need; and
- Involvement in intellectual property law-related activities, including relevant coursework, work experience and extracurricular organizations.

Applications should be sent to either Andrew Morgan (Andrew.morgan@ipmvs.com) or Charlie Damschen (charlie.damschen@nfw.earth). This information will be updated on their website soon -- <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/> . Drake Law’s fantastic IP adjunct professor Mike Gilchrist has very kindly agreed to coach a Drake Law Team again this year for the Trademark Competition. Once Spring semester class sign ups open (Nov. 13 & 14), you should be able to register for IP Moot Court and then pick Trademark as the option. In the meantime, 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/>. Professor Gilchrist has also kindly agreed to coach a Drake team in the USPTO competition again, potentially with a co-coach at the McKee, Voorhees and Sease law firm. Please let [Mike](#) know if you are interested in participating. Talk with me to connect with students who participated previously. Key dates are below. Team registration closes Nov. 9th. 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. “As of January 2, 2024, the Office of Enrollment and Discipline is accepting applications for the newly created Design Patent Practitioner Bar. Applicants should have a bachelor's, master's, or doctorate of philosophy degree in any of the following areas from an accredited college or university: industrial design, product design, architecture, applied arts, graphic design, fine/studio arts, or art teacher education, or a degree equivalent to one of the listed degrees. 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)

USPTO Patent Drafting Competition Key Dates:

October 3, 2024 - Team Registration opens	November 2024 - Patent Searching and Claims Drafting Webinar
October 2024 NPADC Overview and Q&A Webinar	Saturday, January 25, 2025 - Patent Application Drafting Submissions Due
November 9, 2024 - Team Registration closes	Wednesday, February 19, 2025 - Regional Competition Presentations Due
After Registration Closes - Competition Materials released	Saturday, March 1, 2025 - Regional Competitions (Virtual)
<i>Registered Teams, access the materials under the Team's Main Tab</i>	Friday, April 4, 2025 - National Competition (USPTO Headquarters)

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.)

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.

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 Professor Elected to ACTEC

Dwight D. Opperman Distinguished Professor of Law, Natalie Lynner, was elected as an Academic Fellow for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). She was the only academic fellow in the country to be elected at the 2024 fall meeting. [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 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