

Drake Law Announcements

September 18, 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>

Taking the November MPRE? Registration Deadline – Wed., September 18

If you are planning to take the MPRE on November 7 or 8, 2024, the registration deadline is quickly approaching on September 18. You must register, schedule your test appointment with Pearson VUE testing centers, and pay the test fee by the registration deadline. The MPRE is required for admission to the bars of all but 3 U.S. jurisdictions. Please plan accordingly to pass this exam before graduation.

Constitution Day – Thurs., September 19

[Professor Guy-Uriel E. Charles](#), Harvard Law School will be speaking at 3 p.m. in Room 213, Cartwright Hall. The title of his lecture is "Race and American Democracy." More information can be found on the attached flyer. This event is free but you must register [here](#). Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

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.](#)

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.

Scholarship available!

Drake Law School Admissions is in search of eligible students for the James P. Irish Scholarship. Donald G. Beattie and Edwin W. Skinner established this scholarship in honor of James P. Irish, a 1931 Drake Law School graduate. The scholarship is designated for Drake Law students who were graduates of Southeast Polk High School. Qualified students can email Matt Johnson at matt.johnson@drake.edu. Please include the following information: name, student ID #, expected Drake Law School graduation date, and the year you graduated from SE Polk High School. This information should be sent to Matt by **Fri., September 20**.

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**.

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.](#)

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 Law School in the Nation for Family Law

Drake University Law School earned an A ranking for child and family law in *preLaw* magazine, placing Drake among the top 21 law schools in the nation for this field. This is the seventh year in a row that Drake Law received recognition for excellence in child and family law. [Read more here.](#)

Annual Cady Day of Public Service Planned for Friday, Oct. 25

The 2024 state-wide Mark S. Cady Day of Public Service (Cady Day) will take place on Friday, Oct. 25. This will mark the 5th year that members of the Iowa legal community have come together to perform public service or pro bono work to honor the legacy of the late Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Cady. Cady's career as a public servant spanned nearly four decades and was marked by his devotion to the pursuit of justice for all Iowans. [Read more here.](#)

2024-2025 Student Organization Event Registration Survey – Updated!

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

