

Drake Law Announcements

November 5, 2025

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If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice is officially back at Drake Law!

The organization is part of a national network of law students and lawyers working to defend and advance reproductive justice — the right of every person to decide if, when, and how to build their family and to parent with dignity, without discrimination, coercion, or criminalization.

We'll be hosting our first meeting on Thursday, November 6 at 5:30 PM in Cartwright Room 201.

This will be an informational session to (1) gauge student interest, (2) decide what programming and advocacy work we want to take on this year, and (3) finalize the chapter's executive board.

If you're interested in reproductive justice lawyering, policy work, or direct support for people impacted by pregnancy-related criminalization, this is the place to plug in — and this meeting is where that starts! You'll have a voice in shaping what If/When/How does at Drake Law this year, from on-campus education to advocacy and projects that matter.

Can't make it but want to be involved with If/When/How? Reach out to Courtney Meyers (courtney.meyers@drake.edu) or Hannah Houser (hannah.houser@drake.edu).

Spread the word — If/When/How is back up and running at Drake Law, and we hope to see you there!

Spring 2026 Class Schedule Available to View

Start planning your spring semester! Check out the class options and times in Self-Service and find a time to meet with your faculty advisor. Registration opens November 12 and 13. Remember to review the [graduation requirements](#) and [registration details](#) and forms available on Drake Law's website. *1L students will register as a group during ISG on Friday, November 21st.*

Exciting Update to Dean Gaughan's Spring 2026 Information Session(s)!

In an effort to make sure as many students as possible can attend, Dean Gaughan is very pleased to announce that he will hold TWO Spring 2026 information sessions for all 2Ls and 3Ls! He will provide information about the courses offered in the spring, give advice on planning your schedule, and answer any questions you may have. He will also provide a preview of the Fall 2026 schedule (and even a bit of the Spring 2027 schedule) so that 2Ls can plan ahead two semesters. Here are the information session dates, times, and locations:

- Thursday, November 6 from 3 to 4 pm in the Albert Classroom
- Friday, November 7 from 3 to 4 pm in Cartwright 206

Be sure to make one of them if you can!

Iowa Court of Appeals Arguments at the Clinic November 6 at 1:00 p.m.

On Thursday, November 6, the Iowa Court of Appeals will hear two arguments in the Legal Clinic Courtroom starting at 1:00 p.m. Following the arguments, the Court will provide students with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the role of clerks. 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. Argument schedules are posted [here](#).

Drake Law Students are invited to attend the 2025 Corporate Counsel Institute at the ISBA Building on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

The Corporate Counsel Institute provides a platform for both in-house attorneys and private practice lawyers specialized in corporate law to convene. The agenda is curated to delve into critical issues pertinent to their practice areas, fostering an environment conducive to extensive learning, strategic collaboration, and meaningful professional networking.

HIGHLIGHTED TOPICS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution - Craig Nierman, Nierman ADR
- Immigration Update - Matt Mauntel-Medici, BrownWinick Law Firm
- Privilege Issues for In-house Counsel - Ben Roach, Nyemaster Goode PC
- Generation Diversity - Malycki Mañon-Sosa, ISBA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director
- From 4:30 - 5:30, Corporate Counsel Institute attendees and law students are invited to attend a complimentary reception at the ISBA Building.

Students can attend full day, ½ day, and/or the reception. If you just want to attend the reception, put a note in the special request box on registration that you can only attend the reception.

Registration can be found here, with more event details:

<https://www.iowabar.org/?pg=events&evAction=showDetail&eid=311318&evSubAction=listAll>

Please email Christy Cronin at ccronin@iowabar.org for any questions.

URGENT NEED FOR JUDGES for Collegiate Moot Court Competition Nov. 14 and 15

Drake Law School is partnering with Loras College and the American Moot Court Association (AMCA) to host an undergraduate regional moot court tournament at Drake Law on Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15. **All law students and faculty are invited to judge.**

The competition begins the afternoon of Nov. 14th. A round lasts about an hour, and volunteers can indicate availability for particular rounds via link provided below. On Saturday, rounds begin at 9 a.m., with the greatest need on Saturday for volunteers during the first two rounds. The case problem, bench brief, and a judge orientation are provided to all judges. This is a great opportunity to help students with a unique educational experience and to help welcome them to Drake.

[Click here to volunteer.](#)

IP Scholarship Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for 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 including those from diverse backgrounds. Applicants must have a demonstrated commitment to a career in Intellectual Property Law.

The recipient of the scholarship receives \$10,000 to be applied to their legal education. This scholarship is available to law students who have entered into a JD program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States and who will continue in that program through at least the Fall 2026 semester. Scholarship recipients are selected by the Mark T. Banner Scholarship review board. Please visit <https://www.linninn.org/Pages/scholarship.shtml> for award criteria and application details. Applications need to be submitted by December 6, 2025.

Join Drake Law Connect - exclusively for members of the Drake Law community

All students are invited to join Drake Law Connect, 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. [Click here to get started.](#)

Questions? Please contact [Tiffany Contreras](#).

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.

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.

Drake Law Women Emergency Fund

The DLW Emergency Fund offers confidential financial assistance to any Drake law student experiencing unforeseen emergencies. Applications for funding are anonymous and are open to all students. For more details and to fill out an application, visit the Resources tab of SBA's website here: <https://drakelawsba.org/dlw-emergency-fund/>. Questions can be directed to roxsanna.allen@drake.edu.

Changeover from Cooling to Heating

Drake has begun transitioning from cooling to heating, a process which will take several weeks. This means cooling will no longer be available, so dress appropriately if the weather turns warm in the next few weeks.