

Drake Law Announcements

February 28, 2024

Congratulations!

Drake 3Ls Catherine Dukelow and Jonathan Lewis won the Regional American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition this past weekend at Creighton Law School. They will represent Drake in the National Finals Round of the Client Counseling Competition later this Spring.

Drake's second team, 2Ls Abbey Goulding and Kendra Sparby and 3L Natalie Klusman finished second in the regional competition. It was neck-and-neck between our two teams throughout the competition. A huge congratulations to both teams. All of the students represented Drake in the best possible way through their examples of sportsmanship, excellence, and collaboration.

The topic changes each year and this year's topic is "Education Law." Drake last participated in the National Finals of the Client Counseling Competition in March 2022. Drake won the National Client Counseling Competition title in 2013 and has sent teams to the National Finals in 3 of the last 5 years.

Professor Natalie Lynner coaches Drake's Team. A big thanks to Professor Emeritus Matt Doré for his continued support and guidance.

Reminder – 1L Registration and First Year Trial Practicum Meeting – March 1

1L Students: Trial Practicum offers a tremendous opportunity to watch a real criminal trial unfold in front of you! Join Professor Foritano and Dean Lain on **Friday, March 1 from 11:15am-12:15pm in LL19** to learn about the case and important logistics for you to participate. After that, Dean Battles will help you start planning for summer and fall registration. The meeting is mandatory and full of important information.

JOIN US FOR THE 2024 SUPREME COURT CELEBRATION EVENTS

The 2024 Supreme Court Celebration Week is April 3-6. Supreme Court Week celebrates the Law School's tradition of academic excellence, leadership, and service and honors our long-standing relationship with the Iowa Supreme Court. Events include:

- SBA Luncheon and Awards Celebration
Wednesday, April 3 – Noon – Kern Commons
- Journal of Agricultural Law Banquet and Awards Celebration
Thursday, April 4 - 6:00 p.m. - Kern Commons
- Law Review Banquet and Awards Celebration
Friday, April 5 - 6:00 p.m. - Kern Commons
- Moot Court Luncheon and Awards Celebration
Saturday, April 6 - 11:30 a.m. - Kern Commons

- SUPREME COURT CELEBRATION BANQUET
Saturday, April 6 - 6 p.m. Reception, 7 p.m. Dinner and program – Olmsted Center

** Students receive discount rates for all events! **

- ALL students are welcome to attend the SBA Lunch and Awards Celebration for FREE! (But please register!
- Members of Drake Journal of Agricultural Law, Law Review and Moot Court will receive one complimentary ticket to your group's event. Additional tickets are available at a discounted rate (\$20 each) for your guests or students who are not members but wish to attend.
- All students (+ one guest) receive a discount on tickets for Saturday night's banquet! You can reserve up to two tickets for \$35 each (the regular ticket price is \$75 per person.)
- You can also sign up to volunteer to help prior to and at the banquet on Saturday night. All volunteers will receive one complimentary ticket to the banquet. Email theresa.howard@drake.edu to volunteer.
- Some of our table sponsors and other alumni provide sponsored tickets for students. Recipients of sponsored seats are chosen by lottery. You will be asked to write a thank you note to your sponsor if you are selected. Email theresa.howard@drake.edu if you are interested in a sponsored seat.

[Click here to register for Supreme Court Week events.](#) You must enter the promo code "Student" to unlock complimentary and discounted tickets! (Enter the promo code at the top of the order form before you begin ordering tickets. If you don't enter the promo code, you will not be able to see the free or discounted student options.) Registration deadline: March 25.

Virtual Trivia Competition sponsored by the Drake Law Recent Alumni Engagement Board – Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30-8 p.m.

This event has been canceled.

Trivia Competition - Thursday, Feb. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. at Confluence Brewing

Join in the fun for a Trivia Night with the Delts and Drake Law Women at Confluence Brewing (1235 Thomas Beck Road, Des Moines) on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m.

Faculty transitions

Two of our faculty members will be retiring at the end of this semester. Professor Bob Rigg, the Director of our Criminal Defense program, will retire after leading that program with distinction for 30 years. We have begun a search for a new criminal defense clinic director to start next fall. In addition, Professor Julie Smith, the Director of our Legislative Practice Center, will be retiring after many years of excellent leadership. The current Assistant Director, Professor Sydney Gangestad, will be stepping up to direct that program next year.

We are happy to announce that Professor Sayoko Blodgett-Ford, an international expert in Artificial Intelligence, will be starting next fall as our inaugural Sease Research Professor of Intellectual Property. You can read more about her amazing background [here](#).

Drake Law Women – Executive Board Applications due March 1

Applications for the Executive Board for 2024-2025 were released on Friday, February 16th, and are due **Friday, March 1st by 11:59 p.m.** by emailing [Jasmina Boever](#). The election will be held on Tuesday, March 5th. More information can be found on the DLW TWEN page under Board Members and Elections.

Drake Law Shop!

The SBA merch shop is now open until **Sunday, March 3rd** for orders.



They can be placed using this QR CODE or via this [link](#).

Orders can be placed to ship to a person's home, or they will be available for pick up from an SBA member at the school that following week in Porterhouse Lounge. Details on the timing for tabling will be sent out once it is closer to the date of pick-up! If anyone has any questions feel free to contact [Aubrey Kohl](#).

Still need a professional headshot?

University Communications and Marketing (UCM) will hold professional headshot sessions **Thursday, Feb. 29, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Old Main, Conference Room 115**. The sessions are free to all students, faculty, and staff. High-resolution portraits are made available for download 2–4 weeks after the photos are taken. Images can be downloaded at <https://drakeuniversity.smugmug.com/Headshots-1>.

Contact [Jimmy Hoover](#) in UCM with questions about the photos.

Reach out to [Laurie Dufoe](#) in the CDO for more information about how having a professional photograph can be used to boost your professional image, job search and more!

Distinguished Lecture – March 21

The Constitutional Law Center's Distinguished Lecture Series brings to campus the nation's leading constitutional scholars to engage students and faculty on the important issues of the day. Speakers deliver a formal lecture, teach a class, and meet with students in informal settings.

Thursday, March 21, 2024

3 p.m.

Cartwright Hall, Room 213 (in-person)

Cartwright Hall, Room 206 (live stream)

[Ronald Krotoszynski](#), John S. Stone Chairholder of Law and Director of Faculty Research, University of Alabama School of Law

Title: "Free Speech as Civic Structure: A Comparative Analysis of How Courts and Culture Shape the Freedom of Speech"

Free to attend but you must [register here](#).

Scott County Bar Grant

The Scott County Bar Association is looking for students to apply for the Scott County Bar Grant. Students that are either Scott County residents or otherwise can demonstrate significant ties to Scott County, are encouraged to apply. Any eligible student interested in these \$1,000 grants may qualify for consideration through a letter directed to Joshua Cobie at jcobie.law@outlook.com. The deadline for consideration is April 26, 2024.

Mock Trial Judge Volunteers Needed

The upcoming high school mock trial tournament will be taking place throughout March. Judges are still needed for the Des Moines tournaments.

The dates for the regional tournaments in Des Moines are March 5 and 6 and the dates for the state tournament are March 28 and 29. Below is a link to register as a volunteer judge.

<https://www.iowabar.org/?pg=events&evAction=showDetail&eid=278566>

2023-2024 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 are able to 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 [Lori Richman](#).

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 reach out to Dean Battles in advance of 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.](#)

[CDC Guidance for COVID-19.](#)

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 kelsey.schott@drake.edu.