

■ Career Development Office

Recruiting at Drake Law School

Our Students & Graduates

According to Forbes, “Law—like so many industries—is undergoing a tectonic shift. The new legal career paths require new skills, mindsets, and a focus on serving clients.”

Drake Law graduates are uniquely equipped to navigate the changing environment of the legal profession.

Drake Law School provides a legal education that emphasizes experiential learning backed by a solid foundation in legal theory. Our students leverage the experience they gain from hands-on learning and are ready to put the law in action. They are prepared to make an immediate contribution to your organization, starting day one.



We value our partnership with employers like you. Our office is committed to support your recruiting efforts at Drake Law School. Get in touch today.

Find out how we can help at
drake.edu/law/careers/employers

What Employers Are Saying

“We hire from Drake Law School every year. The Career Development Office identifies strong candidates for us who are very adept at research and writing. The students are exposed to many facets of state government, and they are a great bargain for us. A win-win!”
Government Employer

“Drake Law students are instrumental to our organization—they allow us to serve significantly more people.”
Public Interest Agency Employer

“We routinely hire law clerks from Drake Law School to work with us in the summer, and continue part-time during the school year. We have had great experiences with Drake Law students.”
Corporate General Counsel Employer

“The skills and preparedness for the practice of law that Drake Law students have allow them to hit the ground running on day one. I’d put our Drake Law graduates up against students from any law school.”
Large Private Law Firm Employer

Meaningful Coursework

Our professors are not just scholars. 100% of our faculty have practiced law and bring their expertise to the classroom.

All Drake Law students take courses such as Advanced Writing and Professional Skills in addition to traditional required core courses. Drake Law's legal writing program ranked 12th in the nation in the 2021 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Law Schools, again in the top 20 this year.

Plus, students can specialize in an area of law. Students can earn a certificate in areas like Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Compliance and Risk Management, Legislative Practice, and more.

Beyond the Classroom

Students build their resume while still in school. As the only law school in Iowa's capital city, Drake Law School offers unparalleled access to internships, externships, and clerkships. Campus is just minutes from the capitol, courts, and central business district.

Drake Law School has award-winning moot court, mock trial, and skills teams that students take part in to practice trial, advocacy, negotiation, client counseling, and arbitration skills. Drake Law School was named a Top 10 ABA Competition Law School for 2020.

Students run and publish two law journals, Drake Law Review and *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law*.

Centers of Excellence

Students have additional opportunities to enhance their legal education at Drake Law School through academic centers and institutes including:

Agricultural Law Center • Constitutional Law Center • Institute for Justice Reform and Innovation • Legislative Practice Center

Clinical Programs

Drake Law students have an edge in the courtroom, and with clients.

We are the only school in the country where all first-year classes shift to the courtroom for a week. The First-Year Trial Practicum every spring exposes students to the law in a way no textbook ever could.

Students do the work of real attorneys in one—or more—of our eight clinical programs. They represent clients, lobby for legislation change, and go to trial. Our students participate in clinics at a higher rate than peer institutions.

Children's Rights • Juvenile Delinquency
Criminal Defense • Advanced Criminal Defense • Refugee Clinic • Entrepreneurial/ Transactional • General Civil Practice
Advanced General Civil Practice

Outcomes

Drake Law graduates consistently pass the bar exam at rates higher than the national average. 89% passed the July 2019 bar exam.

For more than 150 years, we have been helping launch successful careers. Our network of 6,000+ alumni use their law degree in all 50 states and across the globe—in every facet of the legal profession.

