

Drake Law Announcements

January 24, 2024

Black History Month Breakfast Open House

Join us for a Breakfast Open House to celebrate Black History Month! It will be held in Kern Commons on Thursday, February 1 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. This event is open to all Drake Law alumni, students, faculty and staff. RSVP to [Terri Howard](#).

Attention 3Ls – You are eligible to apply for the Order of the Barristers

The Order of the Barristers application period opens on Monday, Feb. 5 and closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12. The National Order of the Barristers is an organization that recognizes students who have made outstanding contributions to the advocacy programs and demonstrated skill in oral advocacy while in law school. Drake Law School has twelve positions, and they are only available to graduating 3Ls (this includes members of the class of 2024 who graduated in December 2023) and are voted on by all members of the Moot Court Board, appellate teams, mock trial teams, and skills teams. The honorees will be announced at the Moot Court Luncheon on Supreme Court Day, Saturday, April 6, 2024. Applications will be emailed to all eligible students at 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 5.

Input Needed - Student Housing Survey

Please take this short, anonymous survey to obtain information about current students' housing experiences. This information will be distributed to admitted students and will help them locate housing that best suits their needs. Securing housing is often listed as one of the biggest stressors in the transition process for new students and given the current climate, providing your feedback on this survey will help the incoming class make a confident housing decision.

Please take a few minutes to share your insights with the next generation of students.

Here is the Link to the Housing Survey: [Drake Law School - Fall 2023 Housing Survey](#)

The survey should take approximately five minutes to complete. The housing guide is being put together with the help of VeryApt, a startup in the real estate technology industry. Let us know if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your participation.

Contact [Matt Johnson](#), Director of Admission and Financial Aid, if you have any questions.

Celebrating Ambassador Branstad's 50th anniversary in Public Service

Join us for a celebration of Ambassador Terry Branstad's 50 years of public service, Thursday, Feb. 8 from 6-8 p.m. in Kern Commons. The evening will begin with a reception followed by a brief program and the unveiling of a bust created by sculptor Kai Liao honoring Ambassador Branstad. The event will conclude with a socio-political-economic-education dialogue (SPEED) featuring Ambassador Branstad. Ambassador Branstad's service includes three terms in the Iowa Legislature, election to the office of Lt. Governor and Governor, and president of Des Moines University. He is the longest serving governor in the history of the United States, serving in that role from 1983-1999, and again from 2011-2017, when he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to China.

Sponsored by the Chinese Association of Iowa, Community CPA, Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit, US Education Without Borders, and Drake University.

[Register here.](#)

Student Loan Repayment Strategies for Legal Careers - Monday, Feb. 12 - 3-4 p.m., Cartwright Hall, Room 203

Student loan repayment can feel overwhelming, but you can chart a path to a debt-free future based on your specific income and career trajectory. During this event, an Accredited Financial Counselor® from AccessLex Institute® will cover common repayment strategies for different legal careers and essential details regarding repayment plan options, consolidation, and loan forgiveness programs. Attendees will receive an entry into the annual MAX by AccessLex® Scholarship Drawings.

MPRE Deadlines

Registration for the March 2024 MPRE is now open.

Registration for the August and November 2024 MPRE is open now.

Registration for the MPRE is a multi-step process. [Details available here.](#)

| 2024 MPRE Test Administration | | Registration Deadlines (Fee: \$160) | |
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| Dates | | | |
| March 26 or 27, 2024 | | January 25, 2024 | |

The recommended submission date to apply for accommodations for the March exam was December 5, 2023.

August 13 or 14, 2024

June 12, 2024

The recommended submission date to apply for accommodations for the March exam is April 24, 2024.

November 7 or 8, 2024

September 18, 2024

American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament, Feb. 16-18, 2024 Judges needed

Drake University's Mock Trial Team is hosting an American Mock Trial Association Regional Tournament on campus the weekend of February 16-18, 2024. They are looking for volunteer judges for the tournament. You can volunteer for as many rounds as you like and your schedule allows (one round is roughly three hours). Please respond to the Google Form below to respond if you are able to judge for this tournament.

Schedule:

Friday 2/16: Trial 1 - 6:00pm

Saturday 2/17: Trial 2 - 9:00am
Trial 3 - 2:00pm

Sunday 2/18: Trial 4 - 9:00am

Light meals and snacks will be provided.

Judges are needed for 3-hour intervals for the above rounds. Light meals and snacks will be provided. Additional comments and concerns can be passed along to calkins.invitational@gmail.com

Please fill out this form to be added to our judges list!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BtQ_ihnJ85WDbt3uNAHJaTFvAMEad9NG_YLYohP_fU/viewform?edit_requested=true

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.

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.