

Drake Law Announcements

March 15, 2024

Good Luck in FYOA!

Wishing the best to everyone participating in First Year Oral Arguments beginning next week!

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.

Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 3 p.m.

Cartwright Hall, Room 213 (in-person) or 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](#).

Congratulations, Professor Pritchett!

Last week, the University awarded Professor Pritchett the Principal Global Citizenship award! A press release is forthcoming. The award celebrates outstanding contributions to global engagement and internationalization of the campus and curriculum on the part of faculty or staff. She was recognized for her countless hours of work to assist refugees, many who fled the conflicts in Afghanistan or Ukraine, not only with her own personal assistance and that of clinic students, but also by training other attorneys to help meet the pressing need. Professor Pritchett has also worked hard to bring in several outstanding grants to enable us to expand our ability to help. In addition, the award recognizes her efforts to enhance the global and intercultural competency of our students through this work and her teaching. A very well-deserved recognition of her amazing efforts! Congratulations, Professor Pritchett!

Plan for Fall and Summer Classes

Start thinking about your plan for summer and fall classes! Registration begins:

- Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00am for student who've earned more than 40 credit hours (not including current semester), and
- Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00am for all other law students.
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Class options are now visible in Self-Service. Law school classes are now listed alongside all other Drake University classes! Choose the term “Fall 2024” or “Summer 2024” and filter using the subject “Law.”

Remember to meet with your advisor to chart your path toward graduation! Your advisor is listed in MyDrake or Starfish. Find more information about registration [here](#).

Legal Clinic fall application now live!

Thinking about registering for Drake’s Legal Clinic for fall 2024? Complete the [application](#) before Monday, March 25 at 5:00pm.

Have Breakfast with a Supreme Court Justice on Thursday, April 4

On Thursday, April 4, Iowa Supreme Court Justices will have breakfast with students before oral arguments. Each justice will meet with a small group of students at 8:30 at the Legal Clinic. The breakfast will conclude at 9:15 with oral arguments beginning at 9:30. 1Ls should sign up on the Legal Research TWEN page **by March 26**. 2Ls & 3Ls should e-mail Dean Edwards john.edwards@drake.edu to request a spot.

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.

New Art in the Law Library

Wood carvings showing Historical Methods for Determining Guilt or Innocence have been installed outside the SBA Activities Suite in Opperman LL13. Commissioned in the 1960s by Cedar Rapids attorney Bryce Fisher, the works illustrate trial by touch, fire, combat, and jury. Drake received them as a gift from the family.

Eighth Circuit Arguments Update

In *Menard v. Farm Bureau*, the Eighth Circuit [reversed](#) the District Court. Menard's requests for a rehearing en banc and panel rehearing were denied on March 14.

FREE LGBTQ+ LEGAL CLINIC - April 20, 2024

Drake Law School's Children's Rights Clinic along with OUTLaws, Dentons Davis Brown, One Iowa, and many others will be hosting a FREE clinic on April 20, 2024, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Drake Legal Clinic to help folks with legal name and sex designation changes. Please help us spread the word and register if you could use the assistance. More information can be found [here](#) or by emailing Professor Nickole Miller at nickole.miller@drake.edu.

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 [jacobie.law@outlook.com](mailto:jcobie.law@outlook.com). The deadline for consideration is **April 26, 2024**.

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.