

Drake Law Announcements

April 3, 2024

Eighth Circuit Arguments Follow-up – Reversal in *Bates v. Richardson*

The Eighth Circuit [reversed](#) the district court's grant of summary judgment and remanded.

Background on *Derrick Bates v. Tyler Richardson, et al.* – 22-2773 – Civil Rights

The facts of the case are set out in [Irvin v. Richardson](#), 20 F.4th 1199 (8th Cir. 2021). Plaintiff Bates, a black man, and a friend were walking in Cedar Rapids when they were stopped by police officer after a 911 caller saw a black man leave a house. Both were held at gunpoint and handcuffed. The witness then said neither was the man she saw, and they were told they were free to go. They remained at the scene and Bates was arrested for interference. The administrative complaints they filed were dismissed. As to the § 1983 actions and allegations of 4th Amendment violations, the district court granted summary judgment on all claims, confirming the defendants had qualified immunity.

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](#).

REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE 2024 SUPREME COURT CELEBRATION EVENTS

The 2024 Supreme Court Celebration Week events began today and go through Sat., April 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. Upcoming events include:

- 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

2024 Constitutional Law Symposium – Sat., April 13

The annual Constitutional Law Symposium invites scholars, judges, and lawyers from across the country to discuss a timely constitutional issue. This year "**Climate Change, the Environment, and Constitutions**" is the theme in honor of Dean Jerry Anderson. Four (4) hours of CLE credit has been approved. Copies of the upcoming edition of the *Drake Law Review*, which will document the proceedings, are available for purchase when you sign up for the event.

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cartwright Hall in Room 213.

Register to attend here: <https://2024ConLawSymposium.eventbrite.com>

Speakers include:

- Jonathan H. Adler, Johan Verheij Memorial Professor of Law and Director, Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law, Case Western Reserve School of Law
- Jerry Anderson, Dean and Richard M. and Anita Calkins Distinguished Professor of Law, Drake Law School
- Abre' Conner, Lecturer, UC-Davis, Director of Environmental and Climate Justice Center, NAACP
- Erin Daly, Professor of Law and Director, Dignity Rights Clinic, Widener University Delaware Law School
- James Salzman, Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law with joint appointments at the Bren School and UCLA Law School

Apply now to be a part of Moot Court Board (MCB) and Teams!

If you're looking for ways to gain hands-on experience and hone your trial and advocacy skills, you want to be a part of Moot Court Board and a member of the teams during the 2024-25 academic year. Applications are now available on the Moot Court Board (MCB) TWEN page. Learn more about [MCB here](#). Application deadlines are shown below:

Friday, April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbitration • Mock Trial
Wednesday, April 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moot Court Board
Friday, April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC) • Environmental • Intellectual Property and • National Teams
Friday, April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations

Complete the LSSSE and give Drake crucial feedback

The Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE) is conducted nationwide and gives Drake important information to help us understand the student experience and drive change. Conducted by an outside organization, the results are anonymous to Drake. Check your inbox of an email from lsse@lawschoolsurvey.org and complete the 15 minute survey. **If 80% of students complete it by April 18th, we will have a pizza party for the entire school on May 2nd in Kern Commons!**

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 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.](#)

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.