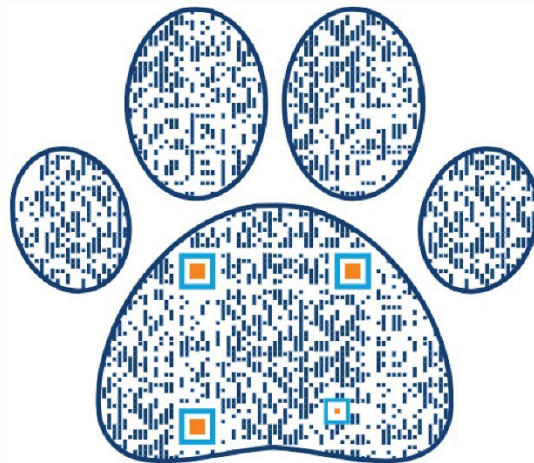




Pro Bono Projects Fall 2024

Each semester, Drake Law students can volunteer to provide meaningful law-related assistance to non-profit and government agencies. These Pro Bono Projects provide you with an opportunity to gain experience in a legal setting, develop skills, network with practicing lawyers, and provide public service. Each Pro Bono Project has a separate description that includes information on the agency, project duties, expected time commitment, scheduling requirements and number of positions available. Unless otherwise noted, positions are open to 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls. You should carefully review the project descriptions and then email the listed contact.

Questions regarding Pro Bono Project application process should be directed to Annie Reser-Moorehead, Director of Career Development, annie.resermoorehead@drake.edu.



Iowa Center for Children's Justice- Divorce Workshops for Kids

ICCJ offers educational workshops to school-age children of divorcing parents to help them understand and cope with their parents' separation and divorce. The workshops give children a confidential place to talk about their feelings. Workshops consist of fifteen children grouped together by age: 6-9, 10-12, and 13-16. The two-hour workshops are interactive using artwork, games, videos, and discussions to get children comfortable and engaged in conversation.

Project Information: Student volunteers will lead the workshops by reviewing the age-appropriate curriculum, familiarize the materials, initiate conversations with the children before class, co-facilitate the session, help supervise and manage children with special needs/discipline/behavioral problems, report any follow-up suggestions to staff member, help encourage participation for every child, use gender inclusive language and provide feedback to ICCJ staff on how to improve the workshop classes.

Agency Contact: Email Sara Edgar at sara@iaccj.org

Workshop goals: Provide youth with a safe and confidential place to discuss their feelings about divorce; let children know they are not alone, and the divorce is not their fault; give kids practical skills to handle common divorce scenarios and adjust to family changes; clarify misconceptions and set age-appropriate expectations for the legal process; our co-facilitator volunteers help us to carry out these goals and, together, we have the opportunity to positively impact children in a very direct way.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: We could use eight volunteers and ask for two hours/month. (One two-hour workshop commitment per month) You are welcome to do more if you would like. Open to all class levels. Fall workshop dates: September 10th & 26th, October 15th & 29th, and November 21st.

13th Annual Richard Calkins Mock Trial Invitational – October 25-27

Judges needed. This will be an in-person event.

Contact: Gracie Joblinske, Tournament Director, at calkins.invitational@gmail.com.

Volunteer Info: They are looking for volunteers with legal or mock trial experience to help judge. Light meals and snacks will be provided.

Expectations/Time commitment/Scheduling: One round is roughly 3 hours. There are four (4) rounds total, but you do not have to judge all the rounds.

Use this [Google Form](#) to sign up for one or more rounds.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday 10/25

- Trial 1 - 6:00pm

Saturday 10/26

- Trial 2 - 9:00am
- Trial 3 - 2:00pm

Sunday 10/27

- Trial 4 - 9:00am

Criteria: Suitable for all students.

CADY DAY OF SERVICE

Friday, October 25, 2024, the Cady Day of Public Service will bring the state legal community together to honor and to celebrate the life and legacy of Justice Cady and his commitment to public service, access to justice, and civil rights.

Project Information: Event/projects held as part of Cady Day have impacted well over 10,000 individuals throughout the state of Iowa and beyond through community service, legal clinics, and educational programming. Click [here](#) for more information

Contact: To sign up for a volunteer event, click [here](#). Check back often. More projects and events will be added weekly.

Questions can be addressed to Terri Howard, theresa.howard@drake.edu

Volunteer Responsibilities: Students will pre-select a volunteer activity to participate in on October 25.