

Drake Law Announcements

October 30, 2024

NEEDED: Student volunteers for new Law School video

We are working with Two Rivers Marketing to produce a new video for the homepage of our website. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the video shoot on **Friday, Nov. 1** at various time and in a couple of different locations. [Email Terri Howard to sign up!](#) It should be fun!

February 2025 Iowa Bar Application Deadline Nov. 1st

For all December graduates planning to take the Iowa Bar Exam in February 2025, the Bar Application is due no later than Friday, November 1. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Ashley Madsen at ashley.r.madsen@drake.edu or reach out directly to the Iowa Bar Admissions Office at bar.admissions@iowacourts.gov. Anyone who needs their application notarized can drop in at the CDO. This service is free of charge!

A Midsummer's Night Scream – Carrel Decorating Contest sponsored by the American Constitution Society (ACS)

Decorate your carrel (in accordance with library policies) any time between now and October 31. Enter by emailing ginger.thompson-schulte@drake.edu. Voting will be between October 23 and 31.

La Alianza Pumpkin Painting for Dia de los Muertos

Join La Alianza to decorate a pumpkin and celebrate Dia de los Muertos on Friday, November 1st, 11:00am – 12:00pm!

Advance sign-up required so we have enough supplies. Sign up here: [🍂 pumpkin painting sign up!](#)

Election 2024

Per the attached email from Jerry Parker, the deadline to pre-register (or change your existing registration) was Mon., October 21. Iowa does allow same-day voter registration, so you are still able to vote in Iowa if you miss this deadline. You must have an official ID from Iowa (e.g., an Iowa driver's license or your Drake ID and proof of residency). You can register and vote at your [designated polling location](#) on Election Day, Nov. 5, between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

More information can be found [here](#).

Iowa Court of Appeals Arguments @ the Clinic November 7 @ 1:00 p.m.

On Thursday, November 7, the Iowa Court of Appeals will hear several arguments at the Legal Clinic in the Daniel L. Power Courtroom starting at 1:00 p.m. Following the first two arguments the Court will provide students with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the role of clerks. These also will be

the last arguments heard by Judge Gamble. Following the Q&A the final arguments of the day will be held. 1Ls can go to the Legal Research TWEN page to sign up for a noon lunch with one of the judges. 2Ls & 3Ls should e-mail Dean Edwards john.edwards@drake.edu to request a spot. Deadline on October 30. Summaries of the [arguments](#) are enclosed and include:

Jennings v. Fremont County – Wind Ordinance case

State v. Hawkins – Intent to commit sexual abuse; Miranda issue

Iowa Civil Rights Commission v. McKillip - Hostile housing environment sexual harassment; quid pro quo

Law School Registration for Spring 2025

Wed., November 13, beginning at 7:00 a.m. for students who have earned 55 or more credits. (Does not include the current semester.)

Thurs., November 14, beginning at 7:00 a.m. for students who have earned 54 or less credits. (Does not include the current semester.)

BRAND NEW - Additional Advanced Writing Requirement (AWR) option

Individual Research/Independent Study - AI and Painting intersection - option for Spring 2025. Note undergrad Painting class registration deadline is November 4th.

Drake Fine Arts Dept. (“PUSHING PAINT” CRN: 3050)

If you are interested in the **intersection of art (specifically painting) and AI** as a topic for a paper to meet your AWR requirement, let me know. I am offering to up to two students max, the opportunity to take the undergraduate Painting I class in the Fine Arts Dept. with Prof. Jamey Hart <https://www.drake.edu/art-design/faculty/jameyhart/> (which unfortunately cannot count as law school credit but the AWR independent study part can be 2-3 credits depending on your paper length). NO ARTISTIC ABILITY WHATSOEVER IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS - it is an intro class to art theory and practice.

Students would then register at the Law School for the Independent Study option with Prof. Blodgett-Ford ([Individual Research-LAW 615 Blodgett-Ford AI AWR.pdf](#)). We would work together on refining the legal topic and research plan. Prof. Hart has also kindly offered to give us a tour of his studio downtown at the Fitch Building, across from the Pappajohn Sculptural Park.

His class fills very fast, so if you are interested please act quickly. Thanks! - Sayoko

The Diversity Scholarship Foundation

The Diversity Scholarship Foundation application is now open. Please visit diversitychicago.org/scholarship-application/ for more information and to apply. The deadline is **Thurs., October 31, 2024.**

Intellectual Property Scholarship – Application deadline Nov. 1st

The [Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association](https://www.iipla.com) (IIPLA) Board announced recently that they will offer two (2) scholarships to Drake Law students. The scholarships are in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500. The deadline to apply for them is November 1st. Applications should be sent to either Andrew Morgan (Andrew.morgan@ipmvs.com) or Charlie Damschen (charlie.damschen@nfw.earth). More information can be found on their website: <https://www.iipla.com/iipla-scholarship/>.

Intellectual Property (IP) Opportunities for you!

There are three (3) IP-related opportunities to be aware of and two have deadlines that are coming up quickly (November 4th and 9th).

1. IP Moot Court - Trademark – INTA Saul Lefkowitz Competition <https://www.inta.org/about/awards-competitions/saul-lefkowitz-moot-court-competition/>. Please email [Prof. Gilchrist](mailto:Prof.Gilchrist) if you are interested in participating so we can get a rough count of team size. Deadlines are below.
2. IP Moot Court – Patent - USPTO Patent Drafting Competition <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/2025-national-patent-application-drafting-competition/>. Please let [Professor Gilchrist](mailto:Professor.Gilchrist) know if you are interested in participating. Additional info is here: <https://va-uspto.zfairs.com/App?f=3390cdcb-e56e-4219-8ecc-04b79713baca>
3. New Patent Bar Opportunity (Design Patents) – broader qualifications are now allowed (not just STEM) for a new Design Patent Registration category. Design Patent Practitioner Bar. Additional information can be found on the Design Patent Practitioner Flyer. [copy posted on website]. <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/ip-policy/public-information-about-practitioners/law-school-clinic-1>

Trademark Competition:

- Trademark Competition Team Registration Close—Mon., November 4, 2024 (5:00 pm U.S. Eastern Time)
- INTA Foundation Regional Travel Scholarship Application Deadline—Mon., November 4, 2024 (5:00 pm U.S. Eastern Time)
- Briefs Due—Fri., January 3, 2025 (5:00 pm U.S. Eastern Time)
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More information about these scholarships can be found in the [Drake Law Announcements](#) from October 9.

IP Scholarship Announcement for 1L and 2L students:

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the Mark T. Banner Scholarship. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Visit <https://www.linninn.org/Pages/scholarship.shtml> for further information and the scholarship application. Submission deadline is **December 6, 2024**.

ADA accommodation renewal

Remember that accommodations must be renewed annually! To establish or renew accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), contact the [Office of Access and Success](#) for an appointment. Drake provides reasonable accommodations, as required by federal law, so that students' success is not hindered by disabilities.

2024-2025 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 can 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 [Sara Hughes](#).

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 contact Dean Battles before 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 emily.barrett@drake.edu