Because there are not enough carrels for all law students to have one, carrels are reserved via a tiered system, which provides a chance to reserve to students in this order: LLMs/3Ls (first-come, first-served), then 2Ls and second-year MJJs (via lottery), and, if any carrels remain, 1Ls and first-year MJJs (via lottery).

Note: Visiting JD students’ class status is typically based on the number of hours completed at Drake.

Carrel reservations are forfeited if the student is no longer enrolled at Drake Law School, with the exception of recent graduates. Students graduated in December or August may retain their carrels through the following March 1, and students graduated in May may retain their carrels through the following Aug. 1. Students are encouraged not to reserve carrels unless they will use them.

New carrel reservations must be made in person at the Information Desk or following the procedures for the carrel lottery.

Two carrels are exempt from the standard reservation system. Carrel 58 on the second floor and carrel 123 on the third floor are designed with a higher table height for people using wheelchairs. Law students using wheelchairs may reserve the accessible carrels by speaking to full-time staff at the Library Information Desk.

If we have enough accessible carrels for all law students using wheelchairs, no tiered reservations apply. If we have fewer accessible carrels than law students using wheelchairs who want a carrel, these carrels will be reserved using a tiered approach, as described in the first paragraph of this policy.