

Directions to the Forum

From Pennsylvania Turnpike: Exit PA Turnpike I-76 at Harrisburg East Shore Exit 247. Drive north on I-283 to the junction with I-83. Exit left onto I-83 (signs will indicate "Harrisburg"). Exit right off I-83 onto Second Street, Exit 43. Proceed north on Second Street. There are traffic lights at Paxton, mid-block, Chestnut, and Market streets. Turn right onto Market Street. Proceed east on Market Street. There are traffic lights at Third, Fourth, and Fifth Streets. Turn left onto Fifth Street. At the end of Fifth Street is Walnut Street. The Forum Building is directly across the street.

From US 22-322 North: Drive south on Cameron Street until you come to the interchange of US 22-322 and I- 81. Follow instructions below.

From Interstate 81 (either direction): Exit I-81 at Exit 67-A, Cameron Street, South. Drive south on Cameron Street. Turn right onto Market Street (fifth traffic light). Proceed west on Market Street through subway under railroad tracks. As you exit the subway, turn right onto Fifth Street. At the end of Fifth Street is Walnut Street. The Forum Building is directly across the street.

From Harrisburg International Airport: Follow signs out of the airport toward Harrisburg. The airport connector road will lead you onto I-283. Drive north on I-283. Follow remainder of directions under PA Turnpike above from I-283 North.

From US 11 - 15 South: Route US 11 from Carlisle, and Route 15 from Gettysburg (at the interchange with PA 581, Capital Beltway, a few miles west of Harrisburg.) Take PA 581 north. Follow PA 581 until it joins Interstate I-83 and proceed on Interstate I-83 north across the Susquehanna River. Take the Second Street, Exit 43. Proceed on Second Street to Market Street. Turn right onto Market Street. Proceed East on Market Street. There are traffic lights at Third, Fourth, and Fifth Streets. Turn left onto Fifth Street. At the end of Fifth Street is Walnut Street. The Forum Building is directly across the street.

Directions to Harrisburg Hilton

The Harrisburg Hilton is located at One North Second Street, just three blocks from the Capitol Complex. If walking, start out going southwest on Walnut Street towards Commonwealth Avenue. Turn left onto North Second Street. The Hilton is at the corner of Second and Market Street.

Important Telephone Numbers

Registrar's Office — 717-541-3904

Business Office — 717-541-3905

Congratulations

The deans, faculty and staff of Widener University School of Law wish you the best for the future and look forward to celebrating this day with you, your family, and guests.

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Widener University School of Law

Harrisburg Campus Commencement 2011

*A Guide for
Graduating Students
and their families*

The Forum
Sunday, May 22, 2011
11:00 a.m.



March 2011

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Widener University School of Law, I am writing to congratulate you as you approach the culmination of your legal education, our 2011 commencement ceremonies.

Commencement marks the completion of your legal studies, and accordingly, it is one of the most significant events on our academic calendar. At Commencement, we celebrate your achievements and all the hard work that helped you reach this stage of your career. We also recognize the faculty's role in preparing you for the future and express appreciation to all of those who helped you succeed, especially your families.

I am looking forward to participating with you in the commencement ceremony and the events which surround it, and hope that your family and friends will join us to make your graduation a memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Ammons, JD

Associate Provost and Dean

Commencement 2011 Schedule of Events

Barristers' Ball	March 26—7:00 p.m.	Harrisburg Hilton
Awards Ceremony	April 26—4:00 p.m.	A180, Harrisburg Campus
Awards Reception	April 26—5:30 p.m.	Reception Room, Harrisburg Campus
Commencement Ceremony	May 22—11:00 a.m.	The Forum
Commencement Reception	May 22—12:30 p.m.	Harrisburg Hilton

Description of Events

Barristers' Ball — The Student Bar Association sponsors a semi-formal/formal ball in celebration of the graduating class. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend. The Ball will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton on March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be followed by dancing until 11:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony & Reception — Recipients of various Commencement awards and scholarships, guests and donors are invited to attend an awards ceremony and reception in the Administration Building of the Harrisburg Campus on Tuesday, April 26, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent following the final determination of the awards.

Commencement Ceremony — The ceremony in celebration of the achievements of the graduates of December 2010, May 2011, and August 2011 will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 22, at the Forum, located in the Capitol Complex, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Graduates should report to the back hallway of the Forum no later than 10:00 a.m. to check in. Final instructions, robing and queuing for the processional will take the full time. Please do not be late. The ceremony will end at approximately 12:30 p.m. There is no rehearsal; however, a meeting will take place on April 19, 2011 for all participating graduates to review procedures for the processional.

Commencement Reception — All graduates, their families, and guests are invited to attend a reception immediately following the Commencement ceremony at the Harrisburg Hilton. Light refreshments will be served.

Parking

Because the ceremony takes place on a Sunday, free parking will be available on the streets around the Capitol Complex. There is also parking in the garage on Walnut Street (with indoor access to the Hilton). Signs will direct you to that location. Limited handicap parking is located directly in front of the forum.

Special Needs Seating

Seating is available for family members and guests confined to wheelchairs or for those who have other conditions that prohibit them from walking to their seats. The Registrar's Office has forms to be completed by Friday, May 6. Upon receipt of the completed form, the graduate will receive a pass to present at Commencement in order to gain access to the designated seating areas. Requests received late will be honored on a space-available basis. Due to the limitations of seating space, we cannot guarantee that entire families will be seated in the special needs section but we can accommodate one additional person to be seated in that area with each special needs request.

Invitations, Announcements, and Tickets

Each graduate will receive a generic packet of 10 announcements, 10 invitations, and 10 admission tickets. Additional announcements can be purchased, but we do not have additional admission tickets. The Registrar's Office will handle distribution of any tickets surrendered by graduates. Distribution of packets will take place at the graduation meeting on April 19, 2011. The Career Development Office will be conducting a NALP survey at the meeting.

Academic Regalia

All degree candidates will process with Widener University School of Law hoods and mortarboards. Academic regalia is provided by the law school. The shipment of academic regalia is scheduled for arrival by the April graduation meeting. You are encouraged to check for the correct size on your cap, gown and hood early. We do not ask you to buy the academic regalia nor do we charge you a rental fee; therefore, all pieces (you may keep the tassel) must be returned immediately following the conclusion of the ceremony. If you leave with the regalia, you will be charged a rental fee; after three days, you will be charged for the cost of the regalia. Tables for cap, gown and hood return will be set up in the back hallway of the Forum.

Degree Clearance

Pass/fail information for all graduates is due by Friday, May 20, 2011. Actual grades will not be available until the end of June. This is sufficient time to certify graduates for the July bar examination. The Commencement Program reflects honors and awards based on grades at the end of the fall semester. As part of the requirements for graduation, each graduate must file a petition to graduate. Also, each graduate must have financial clearance from the Business Office.

Photographic Opportunities

Handshake Photograph — The University has engaged a commercial photography studio to take an individual color portrait of you receiving your diploma. The studio will mail a proof of the portrait to your home shortly after Commencement. Additional information will be included with your invitation and announcement packet.

Videotape — The entire Commencement ceremony will be videotaped by a commercial company. A complimentary DVD will be mailed to graduates. If you are interested in obtaining additional copies of the DVD, an order form is available from the Registrar's Office.

Composite Picture — A composite of the entire graduating class will be presented to each graduate at the conclusion of the Commencement ceremony.