

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW COMMENCEMENT 2014

SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Barristers' Ball	April 4	7:00 p.m.	Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ
Awards Reception	April 23	5:00 p.m.	Ruby R. Vale Courtroom
Commencement Ceremony	May 17	3:00 p.m.	Lawn, DE Campus
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AWARDS RECEPTION

Recipients of various scholarship and commencement awards, donors, families and friends are invited to attend this special presentation and reception at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, in the Ruby R. Vale Courtroom with the reception immediately following in the Strine Atrium. Invitations will be sent following the final determination of the awards.

BARRISTERS' BALL

The Student Bar Association sponsors this 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 Adventure Aquarium, Camden, NJ on Friday, April 4. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Debra Berry in the Office of Student Affairs at (302) 477-2142.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

This ceremony, in celebration of the achievements of the graduates of December 2013, May 2014, and August 2014 will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, on the lawn in front of Geesey House and Polishook Hall. **Graduates should report to the Law Building by 1:30 p.m.** Regardless of the weather, the ceremony will be held under a tent on the lawn. Guest seating under the tent does not require a ticket, with additional seating available outside the tent and in Polishook Hall. Saving seats prior to the ceremony by marking chairs under the tent is not allowed; signs on chairs will be removed.

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

All graduates, their families, and guests are invited to attend a reception immediately following the commencement ceremony on the lawn in front of the law library. Light refreshments will be served.

LEGACY

Any member of the graduating class who is related to an alumni of the law school may invite the alumni to participate in the commencement ceremony. Please contact the Registrar's Office at (302) 477-2170 for additional information.

DEGREE CLEARANCE

Pass/Fail information for all graduates is due by Friday, May 16, 2014. Actual grades will not be available until five weeks after the last examination but in sufficient time to certify for the bar examination. Decisions regarding honors and awards are made based on fall grades. As part of the requirements for graduation, each graduate must file a petition to graduate. Questions regarding graduation requirements or bar certifications should be directed to Lauren Piotti at (302) 477-2150.

Each graduate must have financial clearance from the Bursar. Any graduate who does not have final clearance may "walk through" graduation but will receive an empty tube. Further, any graduate participating in ITAP and graduating in August will also be permitted to "walk through" and will receive an empty tube.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Registrar's Office	(302) 477-2170
Bar Certifications	(302) 477-2150
Bursar	(302) 477-2181

INVITATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each graduate will receive a generic packet of 10 announcements and 10 invitations which can be picked up at the Career Development Office the week of April 14 (during regalia pick up). All seating is on a first-come first-served basis; guest seating under the tent does not require a ticket. The ceremony will also be broadcast into Polishook Hall.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Distribution of academic regalia will begin on April 14 from the Career Development Office. JD and LLM candidates will process in doctoral gowns and tams. MJ candidates will process in masters gowns and mortarboards. All candidates will wear Widener University School of Law hoods.

The Career Development Office will distribute both gowns and invitations and announcements the week of April 14 utilizing the following schedule:

Monday, April 14	9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15	9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16	9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

You are encouraged to pick up your gown early in order to check for the correct size. All pieces (you may keep the tassel) **must be returned immediately** following the conclusion of the ceremony. If you leave campus with the regalia, you will be charged a rental fee; after three days, you will be charged \$450.00 for the cost of the regalia. Tables for gown return will be set up in the main hall of the Law Building.

FLOWER SALE

Widener Law's SBA has arranged for **Commencement Flowers** to sell flowers at the ceremony. There will also be an option to pre-order online. The commencement webpage (law.widener.edu/commencement2014) will have a link to order online when it is available.

LIVE WEBCAST

The commencement ceremonies will be broadcast live over the internet. The webcast will begin streaming at least five minutes before the event begins. Family and friends who cannot attend in person should log in early to ensure a good connection. Access our webpage at law.widener.edu and click on the link.

HANDSHAKE PHOTOGRAPH

The University has engaged a commercial photography studio to take an individual color portrait of each graduate receiving his or her diploma. The studio will mail a proof of the portrait to your home within two weeks after commencement. Additional information will be included in your invitation and announcement packet.

VIDEO RECORDING

The entire commencement ceremony will be recorded. DVDs of the ceremony will be available for \$10.00; order forms are available at the Registrar's Office.

COMPOSITE PICTURE

A composite picture of the entire graduating class will be presented to each graduate during the commencement ceremony.

PARKING

Parking is available on campus in designated lots on a first-come basis. When the lots on campus are filled, the entrances will be closed. Additional parking is available next door in the Scrimmage parking lot and behind the DoubleTree Hotel, both within walking distance of the campus. A shuttle bus is available to transport guests to a location near the commencement lawn. Guests are encouraged to plan their arrival early enough to allow adequate time to reach their seats.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING AND SEATING

Seating and parking are available for family members and guests using wheelchairs or for those who have other conditions that prohibit them from walking to their seats on the lawn. Forms to obtain tickets to the special seating area are available at the Registrar's Office or on the website. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, May 9, 2014. Upon receipt of the completed form, the graduate will receive a pass to present at commencement in order to gain access to the designated parking and 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 will permit one additional person to be seated in that area with each special needs request. Wheelchairs and ushers are available to assist guests with difficulty walking from the special needs drop-off point to the seats. **Due to a limited number, the wheelchairs are not available for use as seating during the ceremony.** A live video feed of the entire ceremony will be viewable from all rooms in Polishook Hall. Guests with special needs and families with very young children are particularly encouraged to make themselves comfortable in Polishook Hall, if outdoor conditions are not favorable.

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

Widener University has adopted a Tobacco-Free Policy on all campuses. Use of any tobacco product is prohibited on campus.

LOCAL LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Best Western Brandywine Valley Inn 1807 Concord Pike (302) 656-9436 or (800) 537-7772. **Group Code: Widener School of Law.** \$98/night + 8% tax (price in effect 5/16/14 through 5/18/14). Includes continental breakfast and transportation to campus.

Courtyard by Marriott Wilmington-Brandywine 320 Rocky Run Parkway (302) 477-9500. **Ask for Widener Graduation Rate when calling.** \$109/night + 8% tax (price in effect 5/16/14 through 5/18/14). Book by 4/16 to guarantee rate. On-site bistro.

DoubleTree Hotel 4727 Concord Pike (302) 478-6000 or (800) 222-TREE. **Group Code: WF2** (online) or **Widener Family Rate** (by phone). \$119/night plus 8% tax (price in effect 5/16/14 through 5/18/14). Restaurant on site for a la carte breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Inn at Wilmington 300 Rocky Run Parkway (302) 479-7900. **Ask for Widener Graduation Rate when calling.** \$89/night + 8% tax (price in effect 5/16/14 through 5/18/14). Book by 4/16 to guarantee rate. Includes continental breakfast.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DELAWARE CAMPUS

FROM WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO

Pennsylvania Turnpike east to Exit 23 Downingtown. Take Route 100 south to Route 202 south. Follow Route 202 south to Pennsylvania-Delaware border. The Delaware Campus is on the left, two miles past the state line.

FROM PHILADELPHIA

I-95 south to Exit 8/Route 202-Concord Pike. Take Route 202 north, following signs for West Chester. The Wilmington Campus is on the right, five miles north.

FROM EASTERN MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

I-95 north to Exit 8/Route 202-Concord Pike. Take Route 202 north, following signs for West Chester. The Wilmington Campus is on the right, five miles north.

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.



Widener University School of Law
Associate Provost and Dean

March 2014

Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the Widener University School of Law, I am writing to congratulate you as you approach the culmination of your legal education, our 2014 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, J.D.
Associate Provost and Dean

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A Guide for Graduates and Their Families

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