

**WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW  
COMMENCEMENT 2014  
SPECIAL EVENTS**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Awards Ceremony	April 24	4:00 p.m.	A180, Harrisburg Campus
Barristers' Ball	April 5	7:30 p.m.	Crowne Plaza
Commencement Ceremony	May 18	11:00 a.m.	The Forum
Commencement Reception	May 18	12:30 p.m.	Harrisburg Hilton

**ABOUT THE EVENTS**

***AWARDS RECEPTION***

Recipients of various scholarship and commencement awards, donors and families are invited to attend this special presentation and reception. It begins at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, in the Administration Building of the Harrisburg Campus with the reception immediately following. 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 Crowne Plaza on Saturday, April 5. Dinner will be followed by dancing until 11:00 p.m.

***COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY***

This ceremony, in celebration of the achievements of the graduates of December 2013, May 2014, and August 2014, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 18, 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.** The ceremony will end at approximately 12:30p.m. There is no rehearsal; however, a meeting will take place on April 16, 2014 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.

**DEGREE CLEARANCE**

Pass/fail information for all graduates is due by Friday, May 16, 2014. Actual grades will not be available until mid-June, which is sufficient time to certify graduates for the July bar examination. The Commencement Program reflects honors and awards based on fall grades. As part of the requirements for graduation, each graduate must file a petition to graduate. Also, each graduate must have financial clearance from the Bursar's Office.

**ACADEMIC REGALIA**

All degree candidates will process with the Widener University School of Law hoods and tams. 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 tam, gown and hood early. 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.

**INVITATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TICKETS**

Each graduate will receive a generic packet of 10 invitations and 10 admission tickets. The Registrar's Office will manage distribution of any tickets surrendered by graduates. Distribution of invitation and ticket packets will occur at the graduation meeting on April 16, 2014.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES**

***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.

***VIDEO RECORDING***

The entire Commencement ceremony will be videotaped and broadcast live online. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the DVD, an order form is available from the Registrar's Office.

***COMPOSITE PICTURE***

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

**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 request forms to be completed by Friday, May 9th. 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.

**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 St. towards Commonwealth Avenue. Turn left onto North Second St. The Hilton is at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Market St.

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**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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## COMMENCEMENT

**MAY 18, 2014**



### A Guide for Graduates and Their Families

**The Forum**  
11:00 a.m.