WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
COMMENCEMENT 2015

SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT       DATE       TIME       LOCATION
Barristers’ Ball  March 28  7:00 p.m.  Chase Center
Awards Reception  April 15  5:00 p.m.  Ruby R. Vale Courtroom
Commencement  May 16  3:00 p.m.  Lawn, DE Campus
Reception  May 16  5:00 p.m.  Lawn, DE Campus

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 Chase Center on the waterfront in Wilmington, DE on Saturday, March 28. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Debra Berry in the Office of Student Affairs at (302) 477-2142.

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 15, 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.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
In celebration of the achievements of the graduates of December 2014, May 2015, and August 2015, the commencement ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 16. A shuttle bus is available from 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 does not require a ticket; all seating is first-come, first-served. Saving seats prior to the ceremony by marking chairs under the tent is not allowed; signs on chairs will be removed. The ceremony will also be broadcast into Polishook Hall.

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.

COMMENORATIVE PAVERS
Commemorate your achievement with an engraved brick paved outside Barristers’ Club! For information and pricing, contact Megan Cantalupo at 302-477-2754.

FLOWER SALE
Widener Law’s SBA has arranged for Commencement Flowers to sell flowers and Class of 2015 tshirts at the ceremony. There will also be an option to pre-order these items online. The commencement webpage will have a link to pre-order once it is available.

INVITATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Each graduate will receive a complimentary packet of 10 announcements and 10 invitations which can be picked up the week of April 13 along with regalia.

ACADEMIC REGAILA
JD and LLM candidates will process in doctoral gowns and tam. 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 academic regalia the week of April 13 in the Graduate Programs area (the previous location of the Career Development Office). Signs will be posted in the atrium of the law building to direct you.

Gowns and invitations/announcements can be picked up at the following times:
- Monday, April 13: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 15: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 17: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 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.

DEGREE CLEARANCE
Pass/Fail information for all graduates is due by Friday, May 15, 2015. 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. Questions regarding graduation requirements or bar certifications should be directed to Lauren Piotti at (302) 477-2150. Graduates 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.

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. A link will be available on the Widener Law homepage.

HANDSHAKE PHOTOGRAPH
A commercial photography studio will take photos of each graduate receiving his or her diploma. The studio will mail a proof of the portrait to your home within two weeks of commencement. Additional information will be included in your invitation and announcement packet.

CEREMONY DVD
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.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION
Registrar’s Office  (302) 477-2170
Bar Certifications  (302) 477-2150
Bursar  (302) 477-2181

PARKING
Parking is available on campus on a first-come basis. When the lots on campus are full, the entrances will be closed. Additional parking is available next door in the Scrimmages 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
Forms to obtain tickets to the special needs seating area are available at the Registrar’s Office or on the website. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, May 8, 2015. Upon receipt of the completed form, the graduate will receive a pass for their guest and one additional family member access to the designated parking and seating areas. Requests received late will be honored on a space-available basis. 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
Courtyard by Marriott Wilmington-BrandYWY
320 Rocky Run Parkway (302) 477-9500
DoubleTree Hotel
4727 Concord Pike (302) 478-6000 or (800) 222-TREE
Inn at Wilmington
300 Rocky Run Parkway (302) 479-7900

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.
March 2015

Dear Graduates:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Widener Law, Delaware, I am writing to congratulate you as you approach the culmination of your legal education, our 2015 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,

Erin Daly
Interim Dean, Delaware