

Widener University Commonwealth Law School

2023 Commencement Ceremony

Celebrating the achievements of the graduates of December 2022, May 2023, and August 2023

MAY 18, 2023

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Scottish Rite Theatre & Ballroom

2701 North 3rd St., Harrisburg, PA 17110

Commencement Ceremony Guide

LIVESTREAM

The entire commencement ceremony will be broadcast live online and housed on our website for future access within the Widener Law Commonwealth commencement web page.

STUDENT CEREMONY PARTICIPATION

Graduates should report to the Scottish Rite Theatre by no later than 3 p.m.

There is no rehearsal; however, a short informational commencement meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. and repeated at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, so please attend the meeting that best suits your schedule.

ACCOMMODATED SEATING

Seating is available for family members and guests who are confined to wheelchairs or for those who have other conditions that prohibit them from walking to their seats. To request this accommodated seating, please indicate your/your guest's needs by answering the required questions during the RSVP process in EventBrite. All reasonable accommodations will be provided to the fullest extent possible.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SCOTTISH RITE THEATRE

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 2nd St., Exit #43. Proceed north on 2nd St. Turn right onto Wiconisco St. The Theatre will be on the left.

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

From Interstate 81 (either direction): Take exit 66 for Front St. toward Downtown/Harrisburg. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Downtown Harrisburg/South Front St. and then merge onto N. Front St. Turn left onto Division St. Turn right onto N. 3rd St. The Theatre will be on the left.

From US 11 & 15 South: Take route US 11 from Carlisle or Route 15 from Gettysburg to the interchange with PA 581, a few miles west of Harrisburg. Get on the Capital Beltway by taking PA 581 east. Follow PA 581 until it joins Interstate I-83 and proceed on Interstate I-83 north across the Susquehanna River. Take Exit #43 to 2nd St. And proceed on 2 St. to Market St.. Turn right onto Wiconisco St. Turn left onto N. 3rd St. The Theater & Ballroom will be on the right.

From Harrisburg International Airport: Follow signs out of the air-port 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.

PARKING

Free on-site parking is available in the parking lot directly across from the main entrance of the Scottish Rite Theatre on 3rd Street. Accessible parking and entrance are located on the 4th Street side of the building.

TICKETS

Guest tickets will be provided electronically via EventBrite and must be presented at the ceremony.

DEGREE CLEARANCE

Pass/fail information for all graduates is due by Tuesday, May 16. 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 and may change when spring grades are entered. Final law school transcripts will reflect final honors and awards. As part of the requirements for graduation, each graduate must file a petition to graduate and must have financial clearance from the Bursar's Office.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

All degree candidates will process with Widener Law Commonwealth hoods and tams. Academic regalia is provided by the law school. The shipment of academic regalia is scheduled to arrive by the April graduation meetings. You are encouraged to check for the correct size of your cap, gown, and hood very soon after you get it. All pieces must be returned immediately following the conclusion of the ceremony (but you may keep the tassel). If you leave with the regalia, you will be charged a rental fee; after three days, you will be charged for the full cost of the regalia. Tables for cap, gown, and hood return will be set up when you return to the ballroom after the ceremony.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES

The Handshake Photograph: The University has engaged a commercial photography studio to take an individual color portrait of each graduate receiving their diploma. The studio will provide the portrait to you within the weeks that follow May 18.

Graduate Composite Photograph: A composite picture of the entire graduating class will be presented to each graduate after the commencement ceremony.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of Widener University Commonwealth Law School, I am writing to congratulate you as you approach the culmination of your legal education, our 2023 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,

Michael J. Hussey, Dean and Associate Professor of Law

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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