

**WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH
COMMENCEMENT 2018
SPECIAL EVENTS**

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Barristers' Ball	March 24	6:00 p.m.	Harrisburg Hilton
Awards Ceremony	April 26	4:00 p.m.	A180
Commencement Ceremony	May 20	11:00 a.m.	The Forum
Commencement Reception	May 20	12:30 p.m.	The State Museum of PA

ABOUT THE EVENTS

BARRISTERS' BALL

The Student Bar Association sponsors this semi-formal/formal ball to celebrate the graduating class. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend. The Ball will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton on Saturday, March 24.

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 26 in the Administration Building, with the reception immediately following. Invitations will be sent after the final determination of the awards.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

This ceremony, in celebration of the achievements of the graduates of December 2017, May 2018, and August 2018, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, at the Forum Auditorium. The Forum is located at 500 Walnut Street in Harrisburg's Capitol Complex. **Graduates should report to the back hallway of the Forum no later than 10:00 a.m.** The ceremony will end at approximately 12:15 p.m. There is no rehearsal; however, two meetings will take place for all participating graduates to review procedures for the processional - one on Monday, April 16 from 1 - 1:45 and one on Tuesday April 17 from 5 - 5:45.

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

All graduates, their families, and their guests are invited to attend a reception immediately following the commencement ceremony at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. Light refreshments will be served.

PARKING AT COMMENCEMENT

Because the ceremony takes place on a Sunday, free parking will be available on the streets around the Capitol Complex. Limited handicap parking is located directly in front of the Forum. Parking spaces for the reception are also available along 3rd and Forster Streets.

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 meetings in April.

DEGREE CLEARANCE

Pass/fail information for all graduates is due by Friday, May 18. 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 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 early. 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 in the back hallway of the Forum.

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.

COMMENCEMENT VIDEO

The entire Commencement ceremony will be broadcast live online and then housed on our website for future access within the Registrar's web page.

COMPOSITE PICTURE

A composite picture of the entire graduating class will be presented to each graduate following 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 that must be completed by Friday, May 4. Once the form is completed and returned to the Registrar's Office, the graduate will receive a pass to present at Commencement in order to gain access to the designated seating areas. Late requests 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 four traffic lights at Paxton, mid-block, Chestnut, and Market streets. Turn right onto Market Street and proceed east. 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, then follow the 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 at the fifth traffic light. Proceed west on Market Street through the tunnel under the railroad tracks. As you exit the tunnel, 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: 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 Second Street. 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 THE STATE MUSEUM OF PA

The State Museum of Pennsylvania is located at 300 North Street, which is situated on the corner of Forster and Third Streets, adjacent to Pennsylvania's State Capitol Building in the State Capitol Complex. The State Museum's main entrance faces Third Street. You can walk to the museum from the Forum by going down Commonwealth Avenue and, turning left on North Street, and walking until you reach Third Street.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Registrar's Office (717) 541-3904
Bursar's Office (610) 499-4576
<http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu>

CONGRATULATIONS

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

February 9, 2018

Dear Graduates,

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 2018 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.

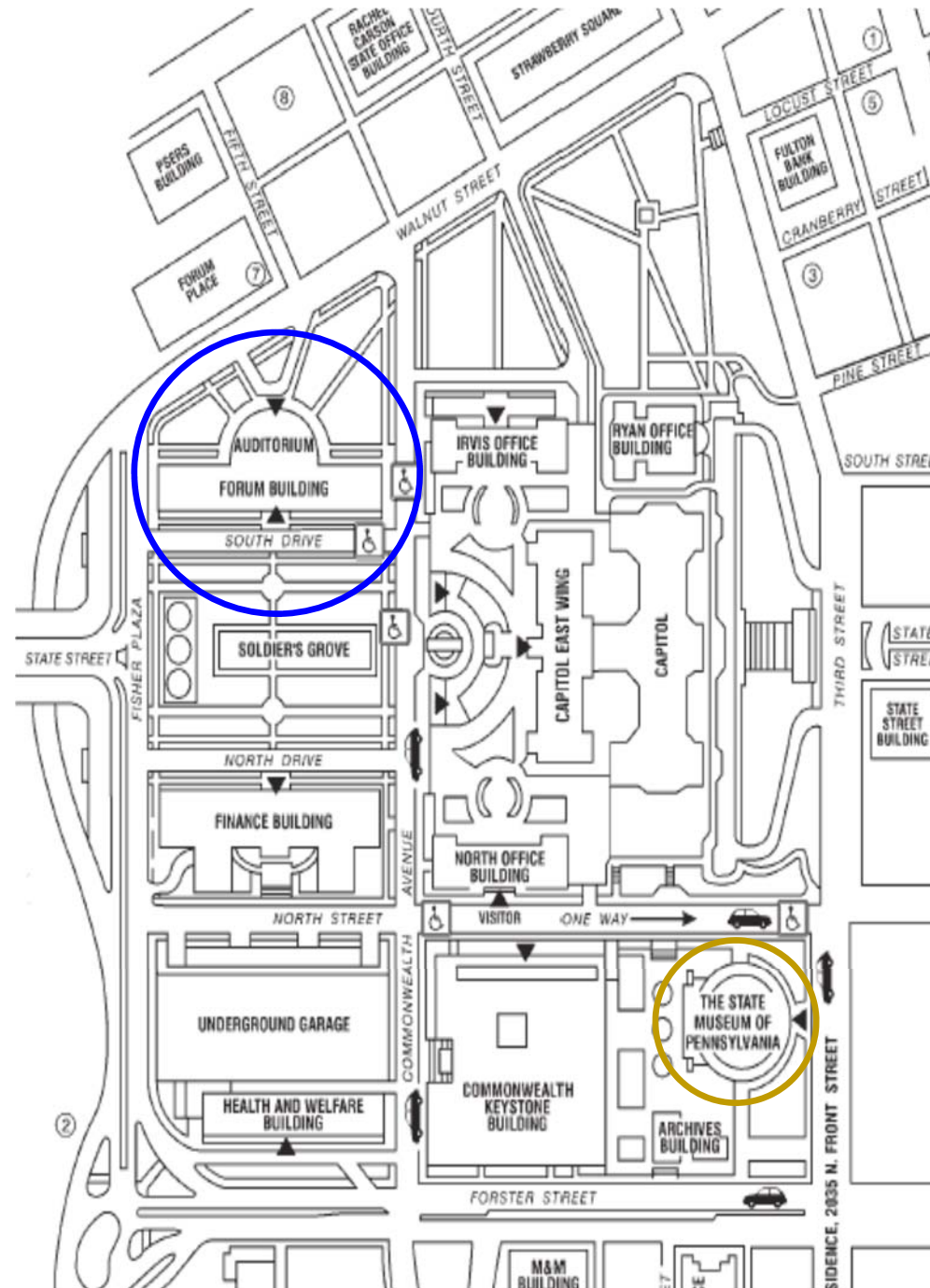
I am looking forward to participating with you in the commencement ceremony and the events which surround it, and hope that your family and friends will join us to make your graduation a memorable occasion.

Sincerely,



Christian A. Johnson
Dean and Professor of Law

Commencement:
The Forum Auditorium
500 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120



Reception:
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COMMENCEMENT

MAY 20, 2018



**A Guide for Graduates
and Their Families**

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