

May 14, 2022, COMMENCEMENT OVERVIEW

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, in the Plaza Mayor Courtyard. Deadline to RSVP is **March 22, 2022**

Three separate ceremonies to be held and the schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:

First Ceremony will include *Fall 2021 and May/August 2022 LLM Advocacy, LLM Elder Law, LLM International Law, Master of Jurisprudence and May/August 2022 JD Graduates who were in the Fall 2018 Part-Time cohort, Fall 2019 Part-Time cohort and Fall 2019 Full-Time Section 3 JD cohort.*

7:45am: First ceremony graduates report for roll call and line-up to:

Classroom G: Fall 2021 and May/August 2022 LLM Advocacy, LLM Elder Law, LLM Intl Law, Master of Jurisprudence and

May/August 2022 JD Graduates **A - D**

Classroom F: May/August 2022 JD Graduates **E - M**

Classroom E: May/August 2022 JD Graduates **N - Z**

8:30am: Procession of graduates to Plaza Mayor Courtyard.

8:30-9:15am: First Ceremony

9:15-9:30am: Recession of graduates back to classrooms to retrieve personal items and exit campus.

Second Ceremony will include *Fall 2021 JD Graduates and May/August 2022 JD Graduates who were in the Fall 2019 Full-Time Section 2 JD cohort.*

9:30am: Second ceremony graduates report for roll call and line-up to:

Classroom G: All Fall 2021 JD Graduates and May/August 2022 Section 2 JD cohort **A – G**

Classroom F: May/August 2022 JD Graduates **H – P**

Classroom E: May/August 2022 JD Graduates R – Z

10:15am: Procession of graduates to Plaza Mayor Courtyard.

10:15-11:00am: Second ceremony

11:00-11:15am: Recession of graduates back to classrooms to retrieve personal items and exit campus.

Third Ceremony will include *May/August 2022 JD Graduates who were in the Fall 2019 Full-Time Section 1 JD cohort and students not assigned a section number**

***Students not assigned a section number will receive an individual email from Student Affairs.**

11:15am: Third ceremony graduates report for roll call and line-up to:

Classroom G: May/August 2022 JD Graduates A - H

Classroom F: May/August 2022 JD Graduates K - P

Classroom E: May/August 2022 JD Graduates R - Z

12:00pm: Procession of graduates to Plaza Mayor Courtyard.

12:00-12:45pm: Third ceremony

12:45-1:00pm: Recession of graduates back to classrooms to retrieve personal items and exit campus.

Below are the instructions to follow to find out what section you were in for your first semester at the College of Law.

Step 1: Log on to myStetson. If you had trouble getting in, please contact Information Technology (it@law.stetson.edu).

Step 2: Go to My Academics and then go to the tab that is entitled "Registration."

Step 3: Select "Stetson Student Schedule," then click on the drop-down arrow, then select the term you want, and then click on the "Submit Button."

The section number is the number after the hyphen in the course number. i.e.: Law-1150-01 (section number)

TICKETS: Tickets are required for all in attendance.

- Graduates will be issued **five** tickets for the Commencement Ceremony. Upon arrival to campus guests will surrender their tickets and receive a wristband for entry.
- Each graduation session will have separate color coordinated tickets and wristbands.
- **If a graduate within your assigned session has extra tickets, you may acquire their extra tickets directly from them and use for additional attendance.**

REGALIA: Regalia will be mailed directly from Herff-Jones to the address the graduate provides when placing their order.

- Regalia and Announcements can be ordered on-line [College Graduation Products by Herff Jones](#)
- **Deadline to order regalia is April 8, 2022**
- Regalia will ship within a few weeks of order placement. If you order closer to the deadline, it may take longer to receive your regalia as the vendor gets busier.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: Please verify your activities to ensure we have the correct information for the Commencement program.

Select the link to view the comprehensive list of activities.

<https://www.stetson.edu/law/conferences/graduation/recognized.php>

Please review your activities on *MyStetson*, *My Academics*, *Law School Student Activity*. If you believe there are inaccuracies or missing activities, please contact the appropriate office (Office of Student Affairs or Registrar) listed on the webpage.

Deadline to submit activities is March 10, 2022, to ensure inclusion in the Commencement Program.

COMPOSITE PHOTOS: Composite photos will take place on Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday May 11, 10:00am – 6:00pm in SC 201. Please sign-up for your composite session here

<http://www.universityphoto.com/PortraitScheduling/Search?OccasionRef=176599>

Graduates will don graduate robe and hood for the photo. A limited number of robes and hoods will be available for use for those who don't receive their regalia prior to this event.

TABLING: The Office of Student Affairs will table outside their office during Composite Photos on Tuesday, May 10, and Wednesday May 11, 10:00am – 6:00pm to hand out graduation bags to graduates.

The bags will include graduation tickets, cords, honor tassels, and student recognition certificates. Graduates who do not pick up their graduation bags during graduation tabling, will have them placed at their seat in their respective classroom the day of the ceremony.

WEBCAST: The Commencement Ceremony will be webcast on the Internet. To view the ceremony, visit <https://www.stetson.edu/law/conferences/graduation/>. The morning of Commencement, the link will be posted on the College of Law website.

LEGACY: Graduates who have a family member or members who graduated from Stetson Law with a Juris Doctor are eligible to participate in the Alumni Legacy Program and have their loved one present them with their diploma during the graduation ceremony. Qualifying family members include parents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, aunts/uncles, and cousins. If you would like for a qualifying family member to participate in this program, please indicate your legacy relationship when submitting your online permanent address form or email the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at mjcasey@law.stetson.edu.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Should the Commencement Ceremony be moved indoors due to inclement weather; the ceremony will take place in the Great Hall. The three ceremonies start, and end times and graduate assigned robing rooms will remain the same. The number of guests will be reduced from **five** to **two**, and guests will be directed to various viewing rooms on-campus. Only graduates will be seated in the Great Hall.

COVID AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS: Please be aware that due to our Tier 4 guidelines, masks are not required outdoors. However, if the Commencement moves indoors, masks will be required.

All of this is contingent based on COVID-19 trends, health guidance, state laws and federal compliance requirements.

- Graduates will check-in at the table in the Crummer Breezeway sidewalk by Classroom A.
- Guests will check-in at the Student Center entrance on the

southwest corner of campus and the Horseshoe by the Eleazer Courtroom.

- The ceremony will be livestreamed for anyone not able to attend the ceremony in person.

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES: The live stream of the ceremony will be closed captioned. Graduates and guests with disabilities or health concerns who may require accommodations, such as accessible seating, contact the Office of Events at events@law.stetson.edu prior to **May 2, 2022**. The requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

NOTES:

- Graduates are asked to report to campus **on time** in full regalia at their designated report time. We must take roll and verify name pronunciations and recognitions prior to lining up for the procession.
- Graduates don tams, gowns, hoods, and cords for the processional.
- Graduates' names will be placed at their seat in their respective classroom staging area prior to the processional.
- Graduates are encouraged to leave personal items with their guests (such as wallets, bags, keys, cellphones). If a graduate needs to leave a personal item in the classroom staging area, they do so at their own risk.
- Guests will not be admitted to the classroom staging areas.
- Graduates' names will be placed at their seat in the reserved section under the graduate tent in the Plaza Mayor Courtyard. Graduate seating is located directly to the right of the stage.

FINAL REMINDERS:

- Please be advised that your gowns are black. It is suggested that graduates wear dark or black shoes to the ceremony. If you are not wearing dark shoes, you may wish to bring a pair to change into for the ceremony.
- What should I wear under my robe for Commencement? Traditionally, dress shirts, slacks, skirts, or dresses are worn under the robe with dress shoes. Graduates should wear sensible shoes for climbing stairs, walking in grassy areas, and standing for extended periods of time. Your attire should reflect the auspicious nature of the occasion.
- Grad Images will take pictures of each graduate as they walk across the stage and again behind the staging area. Grad Images will contact graduates individually via email regarding purchasing their photographs.
- Following the ceremony, all graduates are asked to return to their

respective classrooms to retrieve any personal items and exit campus with their guests. Please ask your guests to stay in the Plaza Mayor Courtyard until the recession is complete and then meet them in the parking lots.

- Guests will not be admitted to the classroom staging areas.
- We ask everyone to please exit the Plaza Mayor Courtyard shortly after the recession for the College of Law to set-up for the next ceremony.

If you have any questions, please contact lawgraduation@law.stetson.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Graduation Cords

- **Purple Cord****: LL.M. Graduates
- **Gold Cord***: Honors & Anticipated Honors Graduates
- **Blue Cord****: William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award
- **Red White and Blue Cord****: Veterans
- **Blue & Gold Cord*****: Beta Gamma Sigma
- **Drab****: JD/MBA graduates
- **Purple and White Cord**** – Master of Jurisprudence
- **Gold Blue Red*****: Phi Delta Phi
- **Green Cord****: Student Leadership Recognitions:
 - ABA Campus Reps and Regional/National positions
 - Ambassador Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Senior Stetson Ambassadors & Ambassadors
 - Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division
 - Leadership Development Committee
 - SBA Executive Board Officers and Committee Chairs
 - Student Organization Presidents
- **Green and Gold Cord****: Student Academic Leader Recognitions:
 - All Advocacy Board team members
 - Honors Program graduates
 - Law Review and Journal board members
 - Named Awards
 - National Order of Barristers

*Anticipated honors are based on a student's standing in their class following the end of the prior semester (i.e., fall for May and July graduates) see the Registrar for any questions. The College of Law will provide the yellow cord.

**Provided by the College of Law.

***Provided by Student Organization or Student

All cords and stoles, whether provided by Stetson College of Law or not, must be congruent with the expectations of the Code of Student Professionalism and Conduct and in the spirit of professionalism. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs with any questions about cords and stoles.

Tassels

Juris Doctor and LL.M. graduates - purple tassel

Juris Doctor and LL.M. Honors & Anticipated Honors graduates - yellow tassel

Master of Jurisprudence graduates - black tassel

Gold tassel supersedes purple Tassels. Graduates only wear one tassel.