

Fall 2025 Graduate Celebration

The most up to date information will be listed on the webpage.

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

Fall 2025 Graduate Celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 17, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Q: Is there a guest limit for the Graduate Celebration?

A: *No, guest seating is not restricted. There is no assigned guest-seating, and attendees may be seated in the Great Hall on a first-come, first-served basis. This is your night; invite those family and friends who have been with you on your law school journey to join in the celebration of your success.*

Q: Will the Graduate Celebration ceremony be streamed live?

A: *Yes! The afternoon of the Graduate Celebration Ceremony, the livestream link will be posted at the top of the College of Law website. [College of Law website.](#)*

Q: What is the dress code for the Graduate Celebration Ceremony?

A: *This is your chance to Celebrate in style! Your choice to show off in regalia, festive and fun business professional, or cocktail attire is the order of the day. You've worked hard during your time at Stetson – the Graduate Celebration is an opportunity to shine.*

Q: Who is the Graduate Celebration speaker?

A: *December 2025 graduates will vote for a faculty member to speak at the ceremony. The Link to vote for your faculty speaker is accessible [here](#), and from the Graduate Celebration Website. [Vote by November 20, 2025.](#)*

Q: What is the Dessert Reception in the Mann Lounge?

A: *After the formal Graduate Celebration, December 2025 graduates and their guests are invited to join Stetson's Administration, Faculty, and Staff for a dessert reception in the Mann Lounge, to celebrate you and all that you have accomplished.*

Q: Regalia: Ordering and Distribution?

A: *Regalia may be worn by graduates attending the Fall 2025 Graduate Celebration and is worn for graduates participating in the May 2026 Commencement Ceremony.*

Graduates who wish to wear regalia for the Fall 2025 Graduate Celebration must have completed the [Regalia Order Information form](#) by Friday, October 17, 2025. (On the “Find Your School” section, enter “Stetson University College of Law”)

*Graduate regalia ordered for the Fall 2025 Graduate Celebration will be available for pick up **by appointment** from the Office of Career and Professional Development. Specific pick-up details will be emailed directly to graduates and added to this document as they are finalized.*

Graduates who intend to order regalia for May Commencement will receive an email in Spring 2026 with instructions on ordering regalia. Be sure to regularly check and maintain your Stetson email account and password and remember that you may keep that account (log in once a year to maintain your account in active status).

Q: What are Cords/When will I receive my Cords?

A: *Graduation Cords are rope-like accessories worn with your regalia. Cords are awarded for certain student academic leader recognitions, academic achievements, student leadership positions, pro bono service, and memberships in particular honor societies and organizations. The Division of Student Affairs will provide the Office of Career Development with graduation cords that will be distributed with your regalia, depending on whether you order/pick up regalia for December’s Graduate Celebration, or May Commencement. A complete list of Graduation Cords is included at the end of these FAQs and will be available on the May 2026 Commencement webpage.*

Q: What if I don’t order regalia/participate in the May 2026 Commencement Ceremony?

A: *Your Diploma and any Certificates of Concentration will be mailed to the current address on file with the Registrar during the spring 2026 semester.*

You can submit your composite photo directly to the composite vendor to be included in the May 2026 Commencement Composite Photo. Photos should be taken in your regalia and must comply with the following file size/formats:

- File Type: JPG/JPEG
- Minimum File Size: 100 KB
- Minimum Dimensions: 2.5 in. x 3.5 in.
- Minimum Resolution: 300 DPI

Specific submission details will be included in correspondence detailing May 2026 Commencement

Q: How will I receive my Diploma and any awards/certificates?

A: *In early to mid-Spring, Fall 2025 graduates will receive their Diplomas and Certificates of Concentration (if applicable). Diplomas and Certificates of Concentration will be mailed via USPS to the address provided on the Graduation Application.*

Q: Composite Photos – What/When/Where?

A: *Composite photos of your graduating law school class are lasting mementos of your successful law school journey; the composites are framed and hung on campus (examples are near the elevator in the Tower building) and a smaller version is made for you.*

Composite photos will take place on the second floor of the Student Center on Monday, December 15, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Graduates will receive additional communication and instructions on how to sign up for a photo timeslot in late November 2025.

Graduates will don graduate robe and hood (no tams or cords) for the photo.

Q: Why am I being asked for my post-graduation employment information/status?

A: *Each year, Stetson Law is required to provide employment data for each member of our most recent graduating cohort to the American Bar Association (ABA), the National Association for Law Placement (NALP). This information is reported without revealing or reporting graduate names or individually identifying information. Employment data plays an important role in Stetson Law's accreditation, reputation, rankings, and research on the employment market. The most recent ABA Employment Report (for the graduating classes of December 2023, May 2024, and August 2024) is available online, at <https://www.stetson.edu/law/career/home/employment-reports.php>.*

Q: Why am I being asked for my permanent address?

A: *Your graduation from Stetson University College of Law marks not only the completion of your legal studies, but your entrance into the College's engaged alumni community. As a Stetson Law Alum, the College's services are always available to you.*

Completion of the Permanent Address Form allows the College to:

- Mail graduation related materials (diploma, cords, honors, etc) to you;

- *Invite you to campus celebrations and events;*
- *Update you on all the happenings and advancements with the College of Law.*

May 2026 Commencement – Things to Know

- Commencement ceremonies for the Stetson University College of Law are held annually in May of each year.
- May 2026 Commencement, presenting graduates from December 2025, May 2026, and August 2026, will be held Saturday, May 16, 2026.
- Communications concerning all activities and opportunities associated with May 2026 Commencement will be sent beginning in early spring 2026.
- **Regalia:** Graduates participating in Commencement Ceremonies in May 2026 must wear Regalia. In early spring, 2026, all graduates from December 2025, May 2026, and August 2026 will receive an email from the Office of Career and Professional Development with detailed instructions on How to Order, and When/Where to pick up your regalia. December graduates who order their regalia for the Fall 2025 Graduate Ceremony will not need to re-order regalia for Commencement.
- **Composite Photos:**
 - Composite Photos for graduates from December 2025, will take place on December 15, 2025, from 10:00am – 6:00pm.
 - Composite photos for graduates from December 2025, May 2026, and August 2026 will take place on May 12th and 13th, 2025, from 10:00am – 6:00pm.
 - Graduates will be emailed instructions from the Office of Career and Professional Development on when and how to sign up for a Composite Photo timeslot in November, 2025 (For December Composite Photos), and in early Spring, 2026 (for May Composite Photos).
 - Graduates will don their regalia (graduate robe, and hood, but not tam) for the composite photo.
- Graduate Awards Ceremony & Cords: The Graduate Awards ceremony is dedicated to academic recognitions and is held the Friday before Commencement. Participants in select activities, and recipients of named awards will be notified by the College and invited to the Graduate Awards Ceremony. Cords will be distributed in advance of Commencement, with email instructions for pick-up forthcoming in the spring 2026 semester.

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 School Affiliates
 - 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 cumulative grade point average following the end of their prior semester 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 Division 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: gold tassel

Master of Jurisprudence graduates: black tassel

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