



# GRADUATION 2017

## General Information

Ordering Academic Regalia (*tam, hood, gown & tassel; the tassel is your to keep*) The UGA Bookstore will be at the law school on November 7, 2016, to take orders for regalia. Orders may also be placed at the UGA Bookstore Customer Service area. Students will receive e-mail reminders with additional information before November 7, 2016. All official communication regarding graduation will be distributed via the law school's e-mail listserv at [lawstu17@listserv.uga.edu](mailto:lawstu17@listserv.uga.edu).

## Commencement Ceremony

The School of Law's commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sat., May 20, 2017, in the Ramsey Center Volleyball Arena located at 330 River Road, Athens, GA.

## Time of Commencement Ceremony

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 11:30 a.m.

## Invitations to the Saturday Commencement Ceremony

You may order official graduation invitations from a vendor of your choice (*e.g., UGA Bookstore, Bel-Jean's, from online sources, etc.*) *There is no limit of the number of guests you may invite to attend the Saturday commencement ceremony and no limit of the number of guests who choose to attend the Saturday graduation ceremony.*

## Lodging

Room blocks have been made at the hotels that are the closest to the law school for the Law School Commencement activities.

**Hilton Garden Hotel** 706.353.6800

[www.hi-athens.com](http://www.hi-athens.com)

390 E. Washington St., Athens, GA 30601

Room Block Drops: 4/26/17

Reservation Code: 00LAG

**Holiday Inn Hotel** 706.549.4433

[www.hi-athens.com](http://www.hi-athens.com)

197 E. Broad St., Athens, GA 30601

Room Block Drops: 4/26/17

Reservation Code: LAW/University of Georgia

**Holiday Inn Express** 706.546-8122

[www.hi-athens.com](http://www.hi-athens.com)

513 W. Broad St.

Athens, GA 30601

Room Block Drops: 4/26/17

Reservation Code: LAW/University of Georgia

## Link to review all hotels available in Athens, GA:

<http://www.georgiahotels.com/>

## Schedule of Commencement Events

### Friday, May 19

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

School of Law open to guests of 2017 graduation candidates for self-guided tours.

6:00 p.m. - Cocktail Reception for Class of 2017 and their guests (*UGA Tate Student Center Addition, Grand Hall*)

7:30 p.m. - Dinner on your own

### Saturday, May 20

**8:15 a.m.** - Assistance with Donning Regalia - Law school staff will be available in the Ramsey Center Volleyball Arena on the second floor to assist individuals in donning their regalia. Tassel is to be worn over the left eye (*indicating you*

*have already received a baccalaureate degree.*) You do not switch the tassel after receiving your law degree.

**9:00** a.m. - Class Photograph will be taken (*Please begin congregating at 8:50 a.m. for the photo.*) The J.D. class photograph is scheduled to be taken in the atrium of the law school graduation entrance to the Ramsey Center.

**9:15** a.m. LL.M. candidates will meet in the atrium for their group photo.

**9:30** a.m. - Line Up for the Processional  
All graduation candidates will begin to line up in alphabetical order by last name for the processional. Registrar will distribute index cards that have both your name and a number printed on them. The number helps to make lining up alphabetically much easier.

**10:00** a.m. - Processional  
The processional will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Athens-Clarke County Sheriff Ira Edwards.

### **Accepting Your Diploma Tube**

After the speeches, the presentation of the LL.M. candidates and the conferring of degrees to the J.D. candidates, each graduate will walk across the graduation stage to accept a diploma tube as one of the Honorary Marshals reads their name aloud. The GradImages Photography Co. has been engaged to take individual photos as you cross the graduation stage and accept your diploma tube. Family members and friends are welcome to take their own photos of this particular moment. Space is limited in front of the

stage so we ask that individual photographers only stay at the front to snap photos of their graduate and then leave the area so others may come forward.

### **Diploma**

The diploma tube you receive on Saturday does NOT contain your diploma. Diplomas will be mailed to graduates once all grades are in and honors have been determined (e.g., *cum laude, magna cum laude, etc.*) Generally, diplomas are mailed in late June. **For framing purposes, the size of the diploma you will receive is 12" x 15".**

### **Length of Commencement Ceremony**

The ceremony can last anywhere from 75 minutes upwards to 90 minutes.

**Live streaming** will be available on the law school website.

### **Returning regalia and the diploma tube**

After the graduation ceremony concludes and you have taken all the photos you want with friends and faculty members and you are ready to leave the quadrangle, **please return the gown, hood, tam, and diploma tube to the graduate robing area.** The purple tassel is yours to keep.

### **For Questions call:**

Lisa C. Mathis, Sr. Events Coordinator  
at 706.542.5075 **or e-mail**  
lcmathis@uga.edu

### **Sample Wording for School of Law Graduation announcement**

*(should you choose to print your own invitations)*

The Faculty and Graduating Class  
of the  
University of Georgia School of Law  
announce that  
*(insert candidate's name here)*  
is a candidate for the degree of  
Juris Doctor (or Master of Laws)  
at the  
Commencement Exercises  
on the morning of Saturday,  
the twentieth of May  
two thousand and seventeen  
at ten o'clock  
University of Georgia  
North Campus Quadrangle  
Athens, Georgia