General Information
Ordering Academic Regalia (tam, hood, gown & tassel)
The cost to rent regalia is $89.88 (the tassel is actually yours to keep and not a rental.)

Commencement Ceremony
The School of Law’s commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sat., May 17, 2014, outdoors on the North Campus Quadrangle directly in front of the law school building. In the event of inclement weather, a change of venue announcement will be made at the entrance to the Law Library at 9:00 a.m. on Sat., May 17, or if possible, an e-mail will be sent out earlier to the law school’s official law student email listserv (i.e., lawstu14@listserv.uga.edu; lawllm@listserv.uga.edu) (The rain location for the commencement ceremony is Stegeman Coliseum located on South Campus.)

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, Kinko’s, off the internet, 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.

UGA Hotel
http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/contact
1197 S. Lumpkin St., Athens, GA 30602
Room Block Drops: 4/17/14
Reservation Code: Law School Graduation

Holiday Inn Hotel
706.549.4433
www.hi-athens.com
197 E. Broad St., Athens, GA 30601
Room Block Drops: 4/24/14
Reservation Code: LSG

Holiday Inn Express
706.546-8122
www.hi-athens.com
513 W. Broad St., Athens, GA 30601
Room Block Drops: 4/24/14
Reservation Code: LSG

Hilton Garden Hotel
706.353.6800
www.hi-athens.com
390 E. Washington St., Athens, GA 30601
Room Block Drops: 4/24/14
Reservation Code: 00LSG

Link to review all hotels available in Athens, GA:
http://www.georgiahotels.com/
or
www.visitathensga.com/stay_and_do/where_to_stay

Schedule of Commencement Events
Friday, May 16
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
School of Law open to guests of 2014 graduation candidates for self-guided tours.
6:00 p.m. - Cocktail Reception for Class of 2014 and their guests (UGA Tate Student Center Addition, Grand Hall)
7:30 p.m. - Dinner on your own
Saturday, May 17

8:30 a.m. - Assistance with Donning Regalia - Law school staff will be available Rusk Hall on the first 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 at 9:00 a.m. sharp on the steps leading from Herty Drive to Baldwin. LL.M. candidates will meet on the entrance steps of the Dean Rusk Center for their group photo at 9:15 a.m.

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. The line will form starting at the Northeast corner of the law library and stretch down the sidewalk towards the UGA Chapel.

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. Water stations are placed strategically thru the crowd and 2,500 folding chairs are set for guests. Additionally, there is plenty of standing room on North Campus, and the law school building will be open in the event a guest needs to go inside for awhile.

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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 seventeenth of May, two thousand and fourteen at ten o’clock
University of Georgia
North Campus Quadrangle
Athens, Georgia