**General Information**
Ordering Academic Regalia *(tam, hood, gown & tassel, 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 21, 2016, 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 21, or if possible, an e-mail will be sent out earlier to the law school’s official law student email listserv (i.e., lawstu16@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, 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.

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel**
706.546.8122
513 W. Broad Street
Athens, GA 30601
Room Block Drops: 4/28/2016
Reservation Code: LAW/University of Georgia

**Holiday Inn Hotel**
706.549.4433
www.hi-athens.com
197 E. Broad St., Athens, GA 30601
Room Block Drops: 4/28/16
Reservation Code: LAW/University of Georgia

**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 20**
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
School of Law open to guests of 2016 graduation candidates for self-guided tours.
6:00 p.m. - Cocktail Reception for Class of 2016 and their guests *(UGA Tate Student Center Addition, Grand Hall)*
7:30 p.m. - Dinner on your own

**Saturday, May 21**
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*
You do not switch the tassel after receiving your law degree. The J.D. & LL.M. 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’ group photo will be at 9:15 a.m.

**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 a while.

**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 read 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.

**Rain Location**
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(The rain location for graduation is Stegeman Coliseum located on South Campus.)

**For those who cannot tolerate heat, there will be a live feed in Classroom F at the law school. Also, after graduation weekend, the ceremony can be viewed on the Law School’s website at http://www.law.uga.edu/multimedia-gallery-recent-events**

**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 lobby area (outside classrooms A & B.) 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 twenty first of May
two thousand and sixteen
at ten o'clock
University of Georgia
North Campus Quadrangle
Athens, Georgia