Villanova University School of Law

Graduate Instructions

Commencement 2012

Friday, May 18, 2012
11:00am
The Pavilion

Assembly

Graduates must assemble in the Pavilion at **10:40 a.m. in the Graduate Robing Area** behind the bleachers. Pick up your name card as soon as you arrive. The cards will be on tables in the center of the Assembly Area. Keep your card with you until you reach the stage, when a member of the faculty will collect the cards in order.

Questions?

Visit the Commencement webpage: http://www.law.villanova.edu/commencement

or contact either
Nicole Garafano at
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610-519-7066, or
Nancy Whalen at
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610-519-5228.

Commencement activities are open to all graduates, their families and friends. For directions and a campus map, visit http://www.villanova.edu/enroll/admission/visit/maps/.

Commencement Mass

9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Main Campus
Graduates and guests of all faiths are welcome to attend.
Continental Breakfast in Driscoll Hall (Nursing School) immediately following Mass.

Reception

Immediately following the ceremony, all graduates, guests, faculty, and staff are invited to a reception back at the Law School (approximately 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.).

Parking

Parking for the Mass and the Commencement Ceremony will be in the Main Lot across from the University on Lancaster Avenue. Arrangements for parking/drop-off for individuals with special needs can be made by filling out the Special Needs Drop-Off Form on the Commencement webpage or with the Law School receptionist.

Seating for Guests

No tickets are needed for the Commencement Ceremony. Seating is unlimited and bleachers, side chairs, and the balcony are all available. Seating for guests with special needs/disabilities is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to limited space, only one family member can be seated with the guest with special needs.

Caps & Gowns

3Ls will be able to pick-up their caps and gowns on the following days...
April 25 and 26: 10am-noon and 2-4pm,
April 25-May 14: 2-4pm, and
May 15-17: 10-noon and 2-4pm.
Distribution location and requirements will be communicated by the Office of Career Strategy. Graduates must return caps and gowns after the ceremony in the Distribution and Copy Center at the Law School.

Diplomas

Diplomas may be picked up following the Commencement Ceremony at the cap and gown return area in the Distribution and Copy Center at the Law School. If you do not attend the ceremony your diploma will be mailed to your home address.

Graduate Procession & Seating

Graduates will form two lines in the Assembly Area. Line up in any order you wish, keeping in mind that graduates on the right side of the line will be seated on the right side of the Pavilion and graduates on the left will sit on the left side. Therefore, the classmate you wish to sit next to should be either in front or in back of you. Do not skip seats. There will be a program placed on each graduate's chair, so you do not need to carry one with you when you process. When your name is called, walk across the stage, take your diploma with your left hand and shake hands with the Dean with your right hand. For a diagram of the Pavilion see page 2 of this document.

Order of March

(front of line)

Dean Lanctot (with Mace)
Marshal for the Students

J.D. Graduates

Professor Maule - Marshal for
Graduate Tax Students

LL.M. Graduates

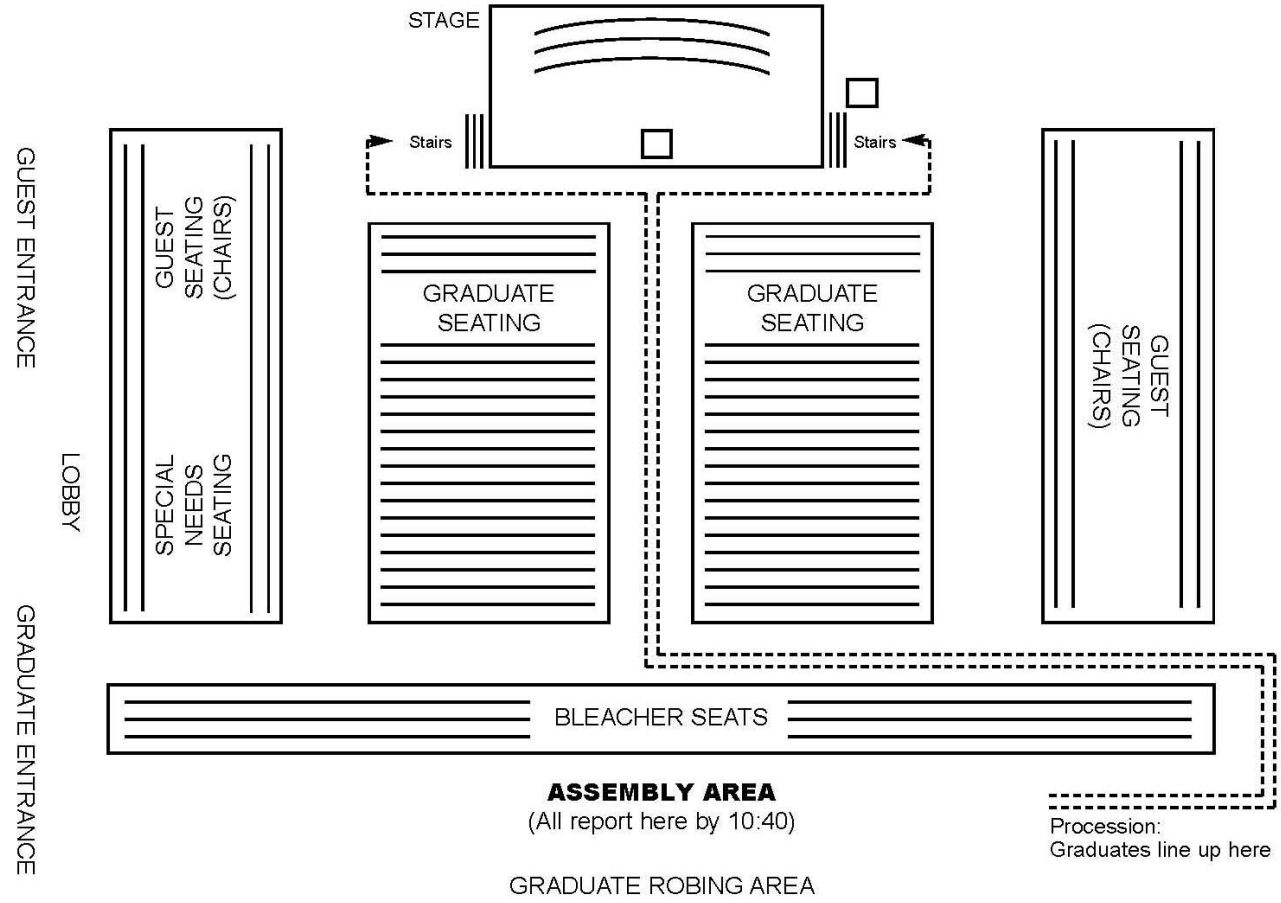
Dean Brennan - Marshal for the
Faculty

Faculty

Legal Writing & Legal Research

Adjunct Faculty

Board of Consultors

Stage Party

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