Welcome & Information Booklet

Wednesday & Thursday,
May 27 & 28, 2020
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Welcome!
We are delighted to have you join us at this celebration for the Class of 2020.

Location of Events
The maps on the back pages identify the locations for the Law School and University events.

Questions
The Information Booth is a tent conveniently located outside of the Caspersen Student Center on the Harvard Law School Campus, in between Holmes Field and Jarvis Field. It will be staffed Wednesday, May 27 (12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.) and Thursday, May 28 (6:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.).

On Wednesday and Thursday, Law School Commencement Staff will be available around the Law School campus to assist with questions about the Class Day and Commencement ceremonies. University staff members will be at Tercentenary Theatre and at Harvard Yard to assist with questions about the University ceremonies.

Tickets
Tickets are not required for any ceremonies or events on the HLS campus, with the exception of purchased lunch tickets for the Law School Diploma Ceremony on Commencement Day. Conversely, tickets are required for both the morning and afternoon ceremonies on Commencement Day in Harvard Yard. Tickets for the Commencement lunch and Harvard Yard ceremonies are available for pick-up by graduates in mid-May in the Dean of Students Office (DOS). In addition, on Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28, tickets will be available in the DOS Office from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.; and then at the Information Booth beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Academic Regalia
Caps and gowns must be pre-ordered online starting Monday, February 24, 2020 via a link provided on hlscommencement.com. Orders MUST be placed by Wednesday, April 1, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. to guarantee delivery in time for the ceremony. Cap and gown orders can be picked up in WCC-1023 from May 26 to May 28 as follows:

- Tuesday–Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Thursday 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Please note: The Harvard Law COOP will be collecting regalia in WCC-1023 on Commencement Day from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Friday May 29, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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First Aid
If there is an emergency, call 911. All guests requiring medical attention may visit the First Aid station located across from the Information Booth between the Caspersen Student Center and Hauser Hall.

Flowers
Anyone who wishes to purchase flower bouquets on the Harvard Law School campus for a graduate will be able to do so on Commencement Day. There will be a flower tent located behind Austin Hall on the path between the University Ceremony and the Law School Diploma Ceremony on Holmes Field; and another located directly across from the Information Tent. Bouquets can also be pre-ordered at hlscommencement.com.

Guests with Disabilities
Accommodation requests can be made through the Dean of Students Office. Please visit the Guest Information section of hlscommencement.com for additional information. The deadline to place accommodation requests is Friday, May 15, although it is recommended that requests be made prior to this date. Please email accessibility@law.harvard.edu with questions.

On Class Day and Commencement Day, Accessibility Services staff members will be available in the Information Booth to assist with accommodation inquiries and requests.

Lost & Found
Any found items will be collected and held at the Info Booth until 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 28th. Afterwards, items will be brought to Holmes Hall, Room 4 (1st Floor, Facilities). Following the ceremony, guests may call or email the HLS Facilities Office at 617-495-5521 or facmgmt@law.harvard.edu to inquire about lost items.

Nursing Facilities
Nursing facilities will be available for guests and attendees who would like access to a private space for the purpose of nursing or pumping. Please visit the Information Booth for access and additional information. Please email dos@law.harvard.edu in advance with questions. The Nursing Facilities will be located next to the Information Booth.

Parking & Transportation
Parking during Commencement Week is extremely limited so guests are encouraged to use public transportation or taxi services. Questions should be directed to the University Parking Office at 617-495-3772 or parking@harvard.edu.

Guests in need of transportation may use Uber® or Lyft® or call to arrange a taxi in advance (see below). If you are planning your travel times, note that traffic around Harvard Square will be quite congested. The Class Day reception should end by 6:00 p.m., the Commencement Day ceremony should end by 2:00 p.m., and the University Afternoon Exercises should end by 4:00 p.m. A taxi can meet you at
the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Everett Street, which is near the North entrance to Wasserstein Hall (1585 Massachusetts Avenue).

Ambassador Brattle 617-492-1100
Cambridge Checker Cab 617-497-9000
Cambridge Taxi 617-649-7000

In addition, there is a taxi stand and an MBTA “T” Station (subway—Red Line) in Harvard Square, directly across the street from Harvard Yard.

Photography
GradImages will be photographing the Law School ceremony and will be taking three professional photos of the graduates as they receive their diplomas. They can be reached by phone at 800-261-2576 or by e-mail at ecc.giservice@gradimages.net. We ask that guests who wish to photograph their graduate do so in a way that does not obstruct the view of other guests.

Refreshments
The Pub Grille on the first floor of the Caspersen Student Center will be selling beverages, light snacks, and a limited selection of pre-made sandwiches and salads on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Security
Guests will be screened for the ceremonies and are strongly discouraged from bringing bags to the events. All items are subject to search. No strollers will be allowed in Harvard Yard. Degree candidates must have their student IDs visible. Degree candidates will not be admitted to any of the ceremonies on Commencement Day without their Harvard Law School ID.

Televised Broadcasts & Webcasts
The Harvard University Commencement Exercises and the Law School Ceremony are televised and captioned live in several Law School venues: the two large screens facing the audience on Holmes Field, Wasserstein Classrooms 1010, 1015, 1019, 2004, 2009, 2012, as well as The Pub and Harkness Commons South. In addition, the University ceremonies will be shown on a local cable station, Comcast channel 283.

The Law School Class Day and Diploma Ceremonies will be live streamed and captioned through the Harvard Law School Commencement webpage: hlscommencement.com.

What to Wear
Business casual attire is common dress for the Commencement ceremonies and guests are advised to wear shoes appropriate for walking on grassy areas. In May, the weather in Cambridge is unpredictable, so guests should plan for a range of temperatures and weather conditions. A jacket and umbrella will come in handy. All ceremonies are held outdoors, except in the event of severe weather. For more information on Harvard Law School’s severe weather plan, please see page 6.
Class Day—May 27, 2020
2:30 p.m.
Class Day Program (Holmes Field)
Tickets are not required.

The Class Day Program is a celebration of the achievements of the Class of 2020 with speeches, a presentation of awards, and a keynote address from the Class Day Speaker.

4:00 p.m.
Class Day Reception (Caspersen Patio and Crossroads Patio)
Tickets are not required.

A casual reception for degree candidates and their guests.

Commencement Day—May 28, 2020
Commencement at Harvard is comprised of three events: the ceremonial University Morning Exercises, where Harvard President Lawrence Bacow confers degrees; the mid-day Law School Diploma Ceremony, where Law School Dean John F. Manning presents diplomas to each graduate; and the University Afternoon Exercises, where President Bacow and the University Commencement Speaker deliver their addresses.

6:30 a.m.
HLS Sunrise Breakfast (Jarvis Field)
Tickets are not required.

Please join us for a continental breakfast on Jarvis Field.

Please note: The Pub Grille on the first floor of the Caspersen Student Center will be serving light snacks from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

7:40 a.m.
Class March with the Dean to Tercentenary Theatre
Law School degree candidates will meet in front of the Caspersen Student Center to join Dean John F. Manning and the Class Marshals in a procession to Sever Gate on Quincy Street. Degree candidates must be wearing Harvard Law School academic regalia in order to process. Candidates will receive lanyards to hold their student IDs at this time.

9:45 a.m.
University Morning Exercises (Tercentenary Theatre)
Tickets are required. Guests will be screened.

Your graduate will be provided two tickets for this ceremony, and they are for guests. The graduate’s ticket is their school ID.
Please note: a ticket allows admission into Tercentenary Theatre but does not guarantee a seat. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Strollers are not allowed and children are not allowed to process with a graduating parent.

University gates will open at 6:45 a.m. Guests should plan their arrival accordingly. All Law School guests enter the Tercentenary Theatre through Gate D. You must present your ticket to enter. The procession of the graduates into the Yard begins at 8:30 a.m. Once the ceremony ends, guests should proceed immediately to Holmes Field for the Law School Diploma Ceremony.

Graduates should proceed to Hauser Hall to line up for the HLS Diploma Ceremony and arrange to meet their guests on the Law School campus after they receive their diploma.

11:45 a.m.
Law School Diploma Ceremony (Holmes Field)
Tickets are not required to attend the HLS ceremony, but they are required for lunch.

Guests with lunch tickets may pick up boxed lunches and beverages in the Lunch Tent at the back of Holmes Field. Guests are encouraged to send one member of their party to collect all lunches. Guests are also welcome to bring their own lunches to the ceremony.

All seating is first-come, first-served. Reserving seats is prohibited. Degrees will be awarded in the following order: S.J.D.s, LL.M.s, and J.D.s (by section).

2:30 p.m.
University Afternoon Exercises (Tercentenary Theatre)
Tickets are required. Guests will be screened.

Guests will use the same two tickets to enter the University Afternoon Exercises as the University Morning Exercises. The graduate’s ticket is their school ID. Graduates may sit with their guests.

Additional Information
Additional information about the day’s events and post-graduation matters can be found at hlscommencement.com.

Enjoy the Celebration!
Severe Weather Plan

May can be a rainy month in Cambridge. While we hope that we do not have to use the severe weather plan, we want you to know what to do in the event of severe weather. We encourage you to bring umbrellas if the weather looks threatening. In the event of rain, the ceremony will remain outside, and rain ponchos will be distributed from the Information Booth. In addition, Law School classrooms will be opened for those who prefer to view a webcast of the ceremony indoors. In the event of severe weather, the University ceremonies will remain outdoors, but the Law School ceremony will move indoors.

If the Severe Weather Plan is in effect, you will be notified by signs posted around the Law School campus and at the Information Booth. Commencement staff will disseminate information around the campus. You may also call 617-496-7669, the Law School information line, for updates.

Class Day—May 27, 2020

2:30 p.m.
Class Day Program
The Class Day Program will move into the Milstein East and West function spaces on the second floor of Wasserstein Hall. Seating in the Milstein rooms will be designated for degree candidates ONLY. Guests will be able to watch the ceremony in the first and second floor classrooms of Wasserstein Hall, the Pub, the Student Org Workroom in Wasserstein 2062, Harkness Commons South in the Caspersen Student Center, the first floor classrooms and Ames Courtroom in Austin Hall, and the first floor classrooms of Pound Hall. Guests will receive directions from Law School staff.

4:00 p.m.
Class Day Reception
In the event of severe weather, the Class Day Reception will be held inside Wasserstein Hall, the Caspersen Student Center, Pound Hall, and the first and second floors of Austin Hall. Guests will receive direction from Law School commencement staff to proceed to a specific location based on their graduate’s degree or section number. It is very important that guests are aware of their graduate’s degree or section number in advance for this purpose.
Commencement Day—May 28, 2020

6:30 a.m.
HLS Sunrise Breakfast
Please join us for a continental breakfast in Haas Lounge. Guests will receive direction from Law School commencement staff.

7:40 a.m.
Class March with the Dean to Tercentenary Theatre
Graduates will assemble inside the first floor of Wasserstein Hall, at the main lobby entrance.

9:45 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
University Morning & Afternoon Exercises
(Tercentenary Theatre)
The University Commencement Exercises will be held outdoors, rain or shine.
The University exercises will be televised in real time in several Law School venues. Tickets are not required for indoor viewing.
While the processions begin at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., the broadcasts will begin when the speakers begin to address the graduates (at 9:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.).

11:45 a.m.
Law School Diploma Ceremony
The Law School Diploma Ceremony will be held outdoors unless the weather is severe. In the event of severe weather, the Law School will hold one indoor ceremony (by degree and section). The ceremony will take place in the Milstein East function space on the second floor of Wasserstein Hall.

Graduates
If the severe weather plan is called, S.J.Ds and LL.Ms should proceed immediately to Milstein West.
All other sections should proceed to Milstein East, sit within their assigned section, and wait to be directed to Milstein West for lineup.

Guests
Guests of degree candidates will be able to watch the ceremony in any auditorium classroom on the first floor of Wasserstein Hall, the Pub, the Student Org. Workroom in Wasserstein 2062, Harkness Commons South in the Caspersen Student Center, the first floor classrooms and Ames Courtroom in Austin Hall, and the first floor classrooms of Pound Hall. Guests will receive directions from Law School commencement staff.

Lunch will be available for pickup either at the Lunch Tent on Holmes Field or in the Harkness Commons Café on the second floor of the Caspersen Student Center. A decision will be made at the time and announced by commencement staff.
Please Note
Degree candidates: If you choose to sit somewhere other than a location designated for your section, you may not hear the call for your section when it is time to proceed to the ceremony. However, you should plan to line up in Milstein West as soon as the section prior to yours begins to receive their degrees.
Graduates and guests will eat lunch after the ceremony for their degree or section.

We recognize that the severe weather plan is an imperfect solution. Given the time constraints of the University ceremonies, it is impossible to go off-campus in the event of severe weather. Seating will be limited and access to the webcast will not be available in all locations. We will do everything we can to make the day as memorable and enjoyable as possible. You may also view a live webcast of the Class Day Ceremony and the Law School Diploma Ceremony on the Law School’s Commencement webpage, hlscommencement.com.
Holmes Field Events
Class Day Ceremony
Commencement Luncheon
Law School Diploma Ceremony

Crossroads & Caspersen Patio Events
Class Day Ceremony

Sunrise Breakfast

Taxi Pickup/Dropoff
1585 Mass. Ave. (WCC)

Restrooms

Information Booth

First Aid

All-gender restrooms are located in Pound Hall 1st floor, Pound Hall Level B & WCC Level B.