



HARVARD LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT 2009

WELCOME!

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US AT THIS CELEBRATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2009.

LOCATION OF EVENTS

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

QUESTIONS

The Information Booth, located between Harkness Commons and Hauser Hall, will be staffed Wednesday, June 3 (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) and Thursday, June 4 (6:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.).

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

TICKETS

Tickets are required for a number of events (noted below). Reserved tickets are available for pick-up by graduates in mid-May in the Dean of Students Office, Pound 310. On Wednesday, June 3 and Thursday, June 4, tickets will be available at the Information Booth located in front of Harkness Commons.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Caps and gowns that have been pre-ordered can be picked up on the Law School campus in classrooms on the second floor of Pound Hall from June 1 to June 4 as follows:

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| Monday–Wednesday | 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 6:45 a.m.–5:00 p.m. |

Please note: Caps and gowns may be returned from June 4–5 or June 8–12 on the second floor of Pound Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

FIRST AID

If there is an emergency, call 911. All other guests needing medical attention may visit the First Aid station located next to the Information Booth between Harkness Commons and Hauser Hall.

FLOWERS

Families who wish to purchase flower bouquets on the Harvard Law School campus for their graduate will be able to do so on Thursday, June 4. 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.

GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

While accommodations for guests with disabilities have been made by advance arrangement, we wish to ensure that all guests are able to enjoy the various events and will do our best to accommodate guests with disabilities who have not made arrangements. Please call Thann Scoggin at 617-384-7215 or e-mail tscoggin@law.harvard.edu with questions or requests. On Class Day and Commencement Day, Thann can be contacted through the staff at the Information Booth. Guests with disabilities who wish to view Commencement events indoors may do so in Pound Hall 108.

LOST & FOUND

Any lost items will be collected at the Information Booth. Following the ceremony, guests may inquire about lost items at the Dean of Students Office by phone at 617-495-1880 or e-mail at dos@law.harvard.edu.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Parking during Commencement Week is extremely limited. Please view updated information at www.uos.harvard.edu/transportation/parking/special_event_parking.shtml#comweekpark. Questions should be directed to the University Parking Office at 617-495-3772 or parking@harvard.edu.

Guests in need of transportation may call in advance to arrange a taxi. To assist you in planning, the Class Day reception should end by 5:00 p.m., the Law School diploma 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 in front of the Lewis International Law Center (1557 Massachusetts Avenue).

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| Ambassador Brattle | 617-492-1100 |
| Cambridge Cab | 617-354-5005 |
| Cambridge Checker Cab | 617-497-1500 |
| Yellow Cab | 617-492-0500 |

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

Chappell Graduation Images will be photographing and videotaping the Law School ceremony. They will be in contact with graduates after Commencement. They can be reached by phone at 1-800-261-2657 or by e-mail at service@gradimages.com. 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 Harkness Commons “Harkbox” serving beverages, light snacks, and a limited selection of pre-made sandwiches and salads, will be open at the following times:

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| Wednesday, June 3 | 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, June 4 | 7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. |

SECURITY

Guests will be screened for the University ceremonies and are strongly discouraged from bringing bags to the event because items will be searched. Degree candidates *must* have their student IDs visible. Degree candidates will not be admitted to the University ceremony without their Harvard Law School ID.

TELEVISED BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

The University Commencement exercises are televised live in several Law School venues: Pound Hall Classrooms 100, 101, 102, and 107 as well as Harkness Commons. In addition, the University ceremonies will be shown on local cable television (Comcast) Channel 12 (Boston) and Channel 283 (Cambridge). The Law School ceremony is shown in the Law School venues noted above. Tickets are not required for these locations. A webcast of the Law School diploma ceremony will be available online through the Harvard Law School Commencement website one week after the event. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be broadcast in additional locations throughout the Law School campus noted in the Rain Plan section on page 6.

WHAT TO WEAR

Business casual attire is recommended for the Commencement ceremonies and guests are advised to wear shoes appropriate for walking on grassy areas. The weather in Cambridge in June is unpredictable so guests should plan for a range of temperatures and weather conditions. A jacket and umbrella will come in handy. All of the ceremonies are held outdoors, weather permitting.

CLASS DAY—JUNE 3, 2009

2:30 P.M.

CLASS DAY PROGRAM (HOLMES FIELD)

Tickets are not required.

The Sacks-Freund Teaching Award, the Suzanne L. Richardson Staff Recognition Award, the Frank Righeimer, Jr. Prize for Student Citizenship, and the Dean's Awards for Community Leadership will be presented. The Commencement Class Day Speaker, United States Solicitor General, Elena Kagan, will address the class.

4:00 P.M.

CLASS DAY RECEPTION (JARVIS FIELD)

Tickets are not required.

A casual reception for degree candidates and their guests to meet faculty and classmates.

COMMENCEMENT DAY—JUNE 4, 2009

Commencement at Harvard comprises three events: the ceremonial University Morning Exercises, during which Harvard president, Drew Faust, confers degrees; the mid-day Law School luncheon and diploma ceremony where Law School Acting Dean Howell E. Jackson presents diplomas to each graduate; and the University Afternoon Exercises, during which President Faust and the Commencement Speaker, United States Energy Secretary, Steven Chu, deliver their addresses.

7:00 A.M.

HLS CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

Tickets are not required.

Please join us for a continental breakfast on Jarvis Field. *Please note: the Harkbox, on the first floor of Harkness Commons, will be serving breakfast throughout the morning.*

7:45 A.M.

LINE UP FOR HLS CLASS MARCH WITH DEAN TO TERCENTENARY THEATRE

Law School degree candidates will meet in front of Harkness Commons to join Acting Dean Howell E. Jackson and the Class Marshals in a procession to the 1885 Gate at Quincy Street. Degree 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.

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. 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 (see map on page 9). The procession of the graduates into the Yard begins at 8:30 a.m. Once the ceremony ends, please proceed immediately to Holmes Field for the Law School ceremony. Graduates should arrange to meet their guests on the Law School campus.

11:45 A.M.

LAW SCHOOL DIPLOMA CEREMONY (HOLMES FIELD)

Tickets are not required to attend this ceremony but are required for lunch.

Guests with lunch tickets may pick up boxed lunches and beverages in the tents at the back of Holmes Field. Guests are encouraged to send one member of the party to collect the lunches. Each table can accommodate ten guests during the ceremony and all seating is first-come, first-served.

Please note: a limited number of lunches are available for purchase for \$15 at the Information Booth. Guests are welcome to bring their own lunches to the ceremony as well. 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.

Graduates in academic regalia with their ID displayed do not need a ticket. Graduates may sit with their guests.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information about the day's events and post-graduation matters can be found at www.law.harvard.edu/current/student-services/commencement/index.html.

ENJOY THE CELEBRATION!

RAIN PLAN

June can be a rainy month in Cambridge. While we hope that we do not have to use this rain program, we want you to know what to do in the event of rain. We encourage you to bring umbrellas if the weather looks threatening. In the event of rain, we will distribute rain ponchos from the Information Booth and open the Law School classrooms for those who prefer to view a televised broadcast of the ceremony indoors. In the event of severe weather, the University ceremonies will remain outdoors but the Law School ceremony will move indoors in four small ceremonies (detailed below).

If the Rain Plan is in effect, you will be notified by signs posted around the Law School campus and at the Information Booth. Commencement staff will be around the campus to disseminate information. You may also call 617-496-7669 or 617-496-9022.

CLASS DAY—JUNE 3, 2009

2:30 P.M.

CLASS DAY PROGRAM

The Class Day Program will be moved to the Ames Courtroom. Seating in the Courtroom will be designated for degree candidates only. Guests will be able to watch the ceremony on a televised broadcast in Austin North, East, and West.

4:00 P.M.

CLASS DAY RECEPTION

The Class Day Reception will be held inside the tent on Jarvis Field.

COMMENCEMENT DAY—JUNE 4, 2009

7:00 A.M.

HLS CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

The Champagne Breakfast will be held under the Jarvis Tent rain or shine.

7:45 A.M.

LINE UP FOR CLASS MARCH WITH DEAN TO TRICENTENARY THEATRE

Graduates will assemble inside the tent on Jarvis Field.

9:45 A.M. & 2:30 P.M.

UNIVERSITY MORNING & AFTERNOON EXERCISES (TRICENTENARY 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.

The morning and afternoon University exercises are broadcast on Comcast Cable TV on Channel 283 (in Cambridge) and Channel 12 (in Boston). 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 2:15 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 four indoor ceremonies (by degree and section): ceremonies A and C in the Ames Courtroom on the second floor of Austin Hall and ceremonies B and D will take place in the Ropes Gray room on the second floor of Pound Hall.

Graduates will receive two tickets for their guests to attend the live ceremony in either Ropes Gray or Ames Courtroom. Non-ticketed guests will be able to view the televised ceremony in the locations listed below.

Guests will proceed to various rooms on the Law School campus designated for their degree or section (see chart below). Those with tickets will move, by section or degree, to the Ames Courtroom and the Ropes Gray room when called.

Commencement Staff will be assigned to each section to answer questions and ensure that people arrive at the designated locations at the appropriate time.

Lunch will be available for pick-up either at the food tents on Holmes Field or at the Harkness Commons Food Court on the second floor—a decision will be made at the time and announced by Commencement Staff.

AMES COURTROOM CEREMONIES

- **CEREMONY A: GRADUATE PROGRAM**
- **CEREMONY C: J.D. SECTIONS 4 & 5**

In the event that the Rain Plan is called, graduates receiving S.J.D. and LL.M. degrees should proceed immediately to the first floor of Hauser Hall to begin lining up for the ceremony.

Guests of those candidates with tickets should proceed immediately to the Ames Courtroom from the east staircase and elevators in Austin Hall. Additional guests should proceed to the rooms listed below.

Sections 4 & 5 graduates and guests should proceed immediately to their assigned classrooms and wait to be called.

ROPES GRAY CEREMONIES

- **CEREMONY B: J.D. SECTIONS 1, 2 & 3**
- **CEREMONY D: J.D. SECTIONS 6 & 7**

In the event that the Rain Plan is called, graduates in Sections 1, 2, & 3 should proceed to the assigned classrooms until they are called to begin lining up in Hauser Hall.

Ticketed guests of those candidates should proceed immediately to the Ropes Gray room in Pound Hall. Additional guests should proceed to the rooms listed below.

Sections 6 & 7 graduates and guests should proceed immediately to their assigned classrooms and wait to be called.

Graduates and guests will be assigned to the following locations:

| SECTION | LOCATION(S) |
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| S.J.D.s & LL.M.s | Langdell South and Austin East |
| J.D. Sections 1, 2, & 3 | Langdell North and Pound 107 |
| J.D. Sections 4 & 5 | Austin, North & West |
| J.D. Sections 6 & 7 | Pound 100, 101, 102 |
| Overflow Seating | Harkness Commons and Jarvis Field Tent |
| Disability Seating | Pound 108 (by prior arrangement) |

PLEASE NOTE:

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, graduates should plan to line up on the first floor of Hauser Hall as soon as the prior section begins to receive their degrees. Guests with Rain Plan tickets should plan to head to their assigned ceremony once the prior ceremony in that location ends.

Graduates and guests will eat lunch after the ceremony for their degree or section.

The event will be webcast in a number of locations. In addition, all other classrooms in all Law School buildings will be open for overflow guest seating.



We recognize that the rain program is an imperfect solution. Given the time constraints of the University ceremonies, it is impossible to go off-campus in the event of rain. Seating will be tight 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. Please keep in mind that webcasts of the Class Day ceremony and the Law School Diploma Ceremony will be available on the Law School webpage in late June.