

# GW LAW COMMENCEMENT 2022

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Rental caps, gowns, and hoods will be provided to all law school graduates through the Herff Jones Company. All ordered regalia should be delivered no later than May 1, 2022. If you missed the April 1, 2022, deadline for ordering regalia, please contact Dean Tammy Tideswell as soon as possible at [TTideswell@law.gwu.edu](mailto:TTideswell@law.gwu.edu).

Regalia should be returned to Herff Jones immediately after commencement in the same box it was received in and with the prepaid shipping label provided.

## DEAN'S LINCOLN MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY EVENT

Sign up for a photo with Dean Matthew on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Photos will be taken on May 11 and May 12 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please sign up for a 15-minute time slot [here](#).

Please wear regalia and arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Please look for the large GW Law sign upon arrival. We will be located on the left side of the monument with the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting pool behind you. A map will be emailed to all participants. This event will be held rain or shine.

## PRO BONO RECOGNITION

The Pro Bono Recognition Celebration will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Betts Theatre, University Student Center, 800 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The Pro Bono Recognition Celebration Reception will be held on the 1st floor of the law school from 3 to 5 p.m. following the recognition celebration. Please note that this event is by *invitation only* and more information will be forthcoming to the honorees.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY

The Academic Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Betts Theatre, University Student Center, 800 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Please note that this event is by *invitation only* and more information will be forthcoming to the honorees.

The Academic Awards Ceremony Reception will be held from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Marc C. Abrahms Great Hall, University Student Center prior to the awards ceremony. Please note that this event is by *invitation only* and more information will be forthcoming to the honorees.

## DEAN'S RECEPTION

The Dean's Reception will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Smithsonian **National Portrait Gallery** at 8th and G Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. The National Portrait Gallery will be closed to the public and students and their guests will have unfettered access to the venue. More information on the National Portrait Gallery can be found at <https://npg.si.edu/home/national-portrait-gallery>.

Use of public transportation is strongly encouraged. More information on parking and transportation is at <https://npg.si.edu/visit/getting-here>. All visitors may enter through the F or G Street entrances. The G Street entrance is the accessible/barrier free entrance. More accessibility information can be located at <https://npg.si.edu/access>.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. The dress code is semi-formal or business attire. Please note that face masks are not required as of April 20, 2022.

In addition to their own ticket, each student can receive 3 electronic tickets for family and friends at <https://gwugrad.events.alumniq.com/go/commencement>. Unfortunately, there are no extra tickets available for this event.



## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

The University Commencement Celebration will be held on the National Mall at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2022. The graduate procession will begin at 10:00 a.m. More information can be found at <https://commencement.gwu.edu>.

Each student can obtain 6 tickets for family and friends at <https://gwugrad.events.alumniq.com/go/commencement>. Additional tickets can be requested at <https://commencement.gwu.edu/additional-guests-request-form>.

This event is held rain or shine, but if the National Park Service determines it is not safe to allow guests on the National Mall due to potential severe inclement weather, the University will attempt to hold the ceremony at the Smith Center for graduates and speaking participants only. Please check the **Commencement website** periodically on May 15 for the latest information.

## CLASS OF 2022 PHOTO

The Class of 2022 photograph will be taken on the corner of 20th and G Streets at 1:15 p.m. on May 15, 2022. GradImages will photograph the graduating class as a panoramic photo prior to the diploma ceremony on May 15. Proofs of the panoramic group photograph will be included in the mailing to all graduates following Commencement.

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL DIPLOMA CELEBRATION

The Law Diploma Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 15 at the **Charles E. Smith Center**, 600 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The academic procession will begin at Fonger Hall at 2:30 p.m., and remarks will begin at 3 p.m. The diploma celebration usually lasts for 3 hours. The event will be livestreamed and more information on this will be provided later.

### SPEAKER:

The Diploma Ceremony keynote speaker will be the Honorable Susan Ellis Wild, JD '82. Congresswoman Wild currently serves as the U.S. Representative for Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District. She is the first woman to go to Congress from her district in Pennsylvania.

### TICKETS:

Each student can obtain 5 tickets for the diploma celebration by registering at <https://gwugrad.events.alumniq.com/go/commencement>. Please note that all guests, including children over two years of age, are required to have tickets. Children under two do not need a ticket. Graduates do not need a ticket to attend either the University Graduation Ceremony or the Law School Diploma Celebration. If extra tickets to this event are required, please request them at <https://forms.gle/ZrTmKV8H13Dm294N7>.

### PHOTOS:

Commencement photographs will be taken of each graduate as they cross the stage and receive their diploma. **GradImages** will send complimentary photo proofs to each graduate's home address within one week of the ceremony. A link to an online version of the proofs will be e-mailed to graduates. There is no obligation to purchase photographs. For questions about individual graduate photographs please call **800.261.2576**.

### VIDEO:

The University will videotape the diploma celebration and copies of the tape will be available for purchase through a University vendor. Information on how and where to purchase this video will be made available later.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Free graduation announcements can be picked up at the Career Service Center Reception Desk (B310) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from April 20 to April 29, 2022.

More information on the commencement celebration can be found at <https://law.commencement.gwu.edu>.

*The map (right) outlines the location of every law school commencement celebration event on campus.*

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

All graduates and guests, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a mask for all indoor events.

In addition, we will require that all guests aged 5 and over visiting campus attest that they are vaccinated and boosted (if eligible), or if they are unvaccinated, attest that they will show proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours of their visit. Primary registrants will attest on behalf of their guests at registration and will be asked to provide their registered guests' proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test upon check-in.

We are also asking all of our guests to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms throughout the week. If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and/or seek medical attention.

## DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CONCERNS

Sign language interpreters will be provided for both the University commencement and the Law School diploma ceremonies. Please denote any need for an accommodation when registering online for your commencement celebration tickets. To request an accommodation, please contact the Office of Disability Support Services by visiting <https://commencement.gwu.edu/commencement-accessibility-accommodation-request> and fill out the submission form.

## HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE SEATING AND MOBILITY CONCERNS

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