



## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR GRADUATION DAY

Be on time! Be on the church steps no later than 9:00 am **in your regalia**. There will be an alternate location announced in the event of rain. The picture will be taken at 9:10 on the dot.

There will be a fun photo opportunity to the left of the church steps by the covered entrance starting at 8:30 am. If you would like to snap some pictures there, give yourself plenty of time!

Attire (this applies for pictures AND the ceremony):

Please leave your suit jacket with a guest or family member (but remember the dress shirt and tie!)

Please leave any handbags, satchels, etc. with guests or family members.

Please wear shoes that are suitable for walking and standing!

This is a formal and reverent occasion marking the exciting completion of your law school experience. We ask for your help in ensuring the dignity of the ceremony and the church sanctuary in which it takes place.

Children are always welcomed in the sanctuary, however please note that there is not a nursery provided during this time. Keep this in mind when considering the reverence and respect given to this particular ceremony.

Please ask guests to hold their applause until ALL names have been called.

Make sure all cell phones are on silent.

Please tell guests that no balloons or other items blocking views are allowed into the sanctuary.

No food is allowed into the sanctuary.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

Take a deep breath. You've made it to the finish line and this is a day for celebration!

Immediately following the class picture, graduates will begin lining up in alphabetical order (staff members are assigned to help you with this.)

For the processional, it is very important that you follow the person in front of you! Remain standing throughout the processional.

Listen to the marshals and watch the first 5-10 students. They have rehearsed!

When it is time for you to receive your degree, only the FIRST row will stand and move forward. Each subsequent row will stand and proceed at the direction of marshals. (In case of changes, always pay attention to the speaker.)

On your way to the stage, stop at Ms. Durham's table by the stage for your name card. Give your card to Dean Purvis, who will call out the name listed on the card.

Once your name is announced, President Thompson will present you with your diploma. There should be taped Xs on the floor where you stop at each point. You will then cross the stage and exit down the stairs. Proceed back to your row and be seated.

After the benediction the recessional will follow. The stage party and faculty will exit first. Please follow the marshals through the foyer and outside if the weather permits. Please remember to keep the line moving so that fellow graduates will be able to exit the church sanctuary (to get outside.)

Wear your cap and gown downstairs to the reception area. There will be designated tables located outside the fellowship hall EAST for you to return your regalia. DO NOT drop your regalia anywhere else. Follow signs or ask staff members if you have questions!

You did it! Enjoy the reception in the fellowship hall with family, guests, and friends. CONGRATULATIONS and enjoy the rest of your day.