Introduction

The purpose of this Handbook is to answer questions regarding Commencement activities. Please read it carefully as it contains all the appropriate places, dates and times of activities.

The 42nd Commencement for Whittier Law School will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Quad on the Whittier Law School campus. Students who have earned degrees during Fall 2009 and those expected to earn degrees during Spring and Summer 2010 are invited to participate in the ceremony.

The Dean, Administration, Faculty and Staff congratulate all graduating students and hope to make Commencement 2010 an enjoyable experience for you and your family by providing information about events, deadlines, requirements, and accommodations in this Handbook.
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Graduation Information

Location, Date, and Time of Commencement

The 2010 Commencement Exercises will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Quad on the campus of Whittier Law School. The ceremony lasts approximately two hours with a reception immediately following the ceremony. Graduates should arrive on campus no later than 8:30 a.m.

Commencement Honorees and Speakers

The Keynote Speaker will be Tony Rackauckas, Orange County District Attorney. In addition, the SBA President, Dave Abad, will address the graduating class.

Valedictorian

The 2010 class Valedictorian is Alison Flowers.

Class Speakers

Dave Abad, Student Body President, will present the Teacher of the Year and Class Gift for the Class of 2010.

Graduation Program Booklet

Students were asked to verify the correct spelling of their names for the Commencement Program during the Grad Fair. The program will include only the most recent degree earned.

In addition, student organizations are asked to supply lists of their graduating members for the Commencement Program. Information must be submitted to Shannon Phillips by April 5th.
Cap & Gown Fittings and Distribution

Whittier Law School absorbs all costs in connection with commencement regalia. Cap and Gown fittings took place during the Grad Fair which was conducted last November. **If you did not attend Grad Fair, it is imperative that you contact the Whittier Law Bookstore or you may not be able to order your commencement regalia and announcements.**

Caps and Gowns will be distributed on campus during the week of April 28th through the Whittier Law School Bookstore. Students should arrive at the ceremony with their caps, gowns, and hoods. A robing room will be available. After the ceremony, students must leave their caps, gowns and hoods in the boxes indicated.

Invitation/Guest Lists

This year, we will not distribute tickets for you to give to your guests. However, students are strongly urged not to invite more than 10 to 12 guests to the ceremony. We can seat approximately 2500 people on campus, and we are confident that there will be enough seating for all of your guests. Handicapped seating will also be available. Due to the limited number of seats for handicapped guests, it is recommended that you contact the Shannon Phillips no later than April 30th if any of your guests will require handicapped seating.

Graduation Announcements

You had the opportunity to order graduation announcements during the Grad Fair. Announcements may also be ordered directly from Josten’s by going to their website at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or by telephone at 1-800-854-7464. Generic announcements may also be purchased through the Whittier Law School Bookstore.

Ceremony Arrival Time and Location

Graduates must arrive at the Law School **no later than 8:30 a.m.** for check-in.
Arrive **with your Cap, Gown, and Hood**. Changing facilities will be available on campus. The student processional line-up will begin **promptly** at 9:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Students will receive maps and their line-up assignments when Caps and Gowns are distributed. Graduates will march in alphabetical order by last name. Promptly at 10:00 a.m., the Marshals will lead the commencement processional line into the arena. **Details regarding the processional, where you line-up, where you sit, and the logistics of the ceremony will be posted on the Whittier Law School website approximately one week before the ceremony.**

**Parking**

Parking is available in the student parking lot. Additional parking will be available across the street from the Law School.

**Disabled Students and Guests**

There are ample disabled parking spaces on campus. In addition, special seats will be available near the front of the guest seating area. If you or your guest(s) will need special assistance to be seated before the processional, please contact Shannon Phillips at extension 278.

**Grand Marshal**

The Grand Marshal is Professor Patricia Leary. Professor Leary was voted Teacher of the Year by the 2010 graduating class.

**Photographs during Ceremony**

The Law School has made arrangements with an independent professional photographer to photograph all graduates. During the ceremony, the photographer will take photos of each graduate as he/she receives his/her diploma cover. (Actual diplomas are mailed in mid-July). Photos can be viewed and purchased on-line from HMP&P Photography shortly after the graduation ceremony. [www.gradportraits.com](http://www.gradportraits.com)

Due to the lay-out of the facilities, it will **not** be possible for friends and family members to leave their seats during the ceremony. Anyone attempting to leave
their seats and stand in the aisles will be restrained from doing so.

**Graduation Reception**

Immediately following the ceremony, a light reception will be offered for all graduates, their families and guests. For graduates interested in making dinner reservations in the Irvine/Costa Mesa/Newport Beach area, a list of local restaurants is included for your consideration.

**Graduation Diplomas and Certificates**

Diplomas and Certificates will be mailed to your mailing address during the summer. Please be sure to verify your mailing address on my.whittier.
COMMENCEMENT 2010

**IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS**

**Grad Fair (Completed)**
Nov. 17th – 19th
- Cap & Gown fittings for graduates
- Complete Career Services Questionnaire
- SBA Election – Teacher of the Year
- Sign-off on Information for Commencement Program
- Information Distributed regarding Graduation Announcements
- Information regarding ordering class rings and diploma frames

Order Graduation Announcement Online directly from Josten’s by going to their website at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or by telephone at 1-800-854-7464. Generic announcements may also be purchased through the Whittier Law School Bookstore.

**February 9th**
- Graduate Portrait Make-up Date

**April 5th**
- Deadline: Student organizations submitting information for Commencement Program ➔Student Affairs Office ➖

**April 14th 2 p.m.**
- Graduate Financial Aid Exit Sessions

**April 14th 5 p.m.**
- Cap & Gown Distribution

**Week of April 28th**
- Commencement Timetable ☑
  - 8:30-9 a.m. - Graduate Check-in
  - 9:30 a.m. - Graduate Line-Up
  - 10:00 a.m. - Procession begins
  - Dean’s Reception immediately follows ceremony

**TBA**
- Order graduation photos online at [www.gradportraits.com](http://www.gradportraits.com)

**Early June**
- Whittier Swearing-In Ceremony for February Bar Admittees

**Mid-July**
- Diplomas, Certificates and Official Transcripts mailed

**July 27th, 28th & 29th**
- California Bar Examination
Early December  ☉ Whittier Swearing-In Ceremony for July Bar Admittees

Questions regarding Graduation should be addressed to the Registrar, x 208, or the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, x 278

Keep in Touch


Graduation Checklist

Have you?

☑ Given your family the date for graduation?

☑ Ordered your cap and gown?

☑ Updated your mailing address with the Office of the Registrar or on My.Whittier?

☑ Completed and turned in your application to graduate to the Office of the Registrar, including a phonetic pronunciation of your name if needed?

☑ Checked the accuracy of your name with Office of the Registrar in Building 2?

☑ Completed your student loan exit interview with Financial Aid (by May 15th)?
RESTAURANTS

The Orange County area has a variety of restaurants offering a variety of dining experiences. The following is a list of restaurants within a few miles of the campus. It is best to make advance reservations wherever possible.

For those who prefer to “surf the net” for information, there are a few websites with restaurant information guides, including descriptions, review, photos, menus and much more. Here is a list you may want to check out:

- [www.chowbaby.com](http://www.chowbaby.com)
- [www.restaurantrow.com](http://www.restaurantrow.com)
- [www.ocnow.com](http://www.ocnow.com)

Costa Mesa / South Coast Plaza

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**Turner New Zealand**
Address: 650 Anton Blvd.
Cuisine: Upscale Steakhouse & Seafood
Parking: Yes, 2-hr validation
Telephone: (714) 668-0880
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes
Dinner begins @ 5pm

**TGI Friday’s**
Address: 601 Anton Blvd.
Cuisine: American (casual)
Parking: Parking Structure
Telephone: (714) 540-2227
Private Rooms: No
Full Bar: Yes

**Wolfgang Puck’s Café**
Address: 3333 Bristol St. (Inside South Coast Plaza - 2nd level near Macy’s)
Cuisine: Californian
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (714) 546-9653
Private Rooms: No
Full Bar: Beer & Wine Only

**The Yard House**
Address: 1875 Newport Blvd, Ste A219 Triangle Square (Harbor/Newport)
Cuisine: American Fusion
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 642-0090
Full Bar: Yes

**Z’Tejas Southwestern Grill**
Address: 3333 Bristol St. #1876 (1st floor)
Cuisine: Southwest
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (714) 979-7469
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes
## Irvine

### Bistango
- **Address:** 19100 Von Karman
- **Cuisine:** Contempo American w/ Euro Flair
- **Parking:** Yes
- **Telephone:** (949) 752-5222
- **Private Rooms:** Yes
- **Full Bar:** Yes
- **Dinner begins @ 5:30pm**

### California Pizza Kitchen
- **Address:** 2957 Michelson
- **Cuisine:** Multi-Cultural
- **Parking:** Yes
- **Telephone:** (949) 975-1585
- **Private Rooms:** No
- **Full Bar:** Premium Well

### Cheesecake Factory
- **Address:** 71 Fortune Dr. (Irvine Spectrum)
- **Cuisine:** American
- **Parking:** Yes
- **Telephone:** (949) 788-9998
- **Private Rooms:** No
- **Full Bar:** Yes

### El Torito Grill
- **Address:** 1910 Main St.
- **Cuisine:** Mexican/Southwestern Style
- **Parking:** Yes
- **Telephone:** (949) 975-1220
- **Private Rooms:** No
- **Full Bar:** Yes

### Houston’s Restaurant
- **Address:** 2991 Michelson Dr.
- **Cuisine:** American
- **Parking:** Yes
- **Telephone:** (949) 833-0977
- **Private Rooms:** No
- **Full Bar:** Yes

### Il Fornaio
- **Address:** 18051 Von Karman Ave.
- **Cuisine:** Italian
- **Parking:** Yes, do validate
- **Telephone:** (949) 261-1444
- **Private Rooms:** Yes
- **Full Bar:** Yes
- **Dinner begins @ 5pm**

### McCormick & Schmick
- **Address:** 2000 Main St.
- **Cuisine:** Seafood, Steaks & Pasta
- **Parking:** Yes
- **Telephone:** (949) 756-0505
- **Private Rooms:** Yes
- **Full Bar:** Yes
- **Dinner begins @ 5pm**

### P.F. Chang’s China Bistro
- **Address:** 61 Fortune Dr. (Irvine Spectrum)
- **Cuisine:** Upscale Traditional Chinese
- **Parking:** Yes
- **Telephone:** (949) 453-1211
- **Private Rooms:** No
- **Full Bar:** Yes
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<td><strong>Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse</strong></td>
<td>2961 Michelson</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>(949) 252-8848</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>Steelhead Brewing Company</strong></td>
<td>4175 Campus Dr.</td>
<td>American</td>
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<td>(949) 856-2227</td>
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Newport Beach / Fashion Island

Bluewater Grill Seafood Rest. & Oyster Bar
Address: 630 Lido Park Dr.
Cuisine: Seafood, Steak & Pasta
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 675-3474
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes

The Cannery
Address: 3010 Lafayette Ave.
Cuisine: Fine Seafood & Continental
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 566-0060
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes

Cheesecake Factory
Address: 1141 Newport Center Dr.
Cuisine: Multi-Cultural
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 720-8333
Private Rooms: No
Full Bar: Yes

Daily Grill
Address: 957 Newport Center Dr.
Cuisine: American
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 644-2223
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes

Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse
Address: 455 Newport Center Dr.
Cuisine: Steaks & Seafood
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 720-9633
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes

Hard Rock Café
Address: 451 Newport Center Dr.
Cuisine: American
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 640-8844
Private Rooms: No
Full Bar: Yes

Newport Landing
Address: 503 E. Edgewater
Cuisine: Seafood & Steaks
Parking: Street
Telephone: (949) 675-2373
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes

P.F. Chang’s China Bistro
Address: 1145 Newport Center Dr.
Cuisine: Upscale Traditional Chinese
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 759-9007
Private Rooms: No
Full Bar: Yes
**Ristorante Mamma Gina**
Address: 251 E. Coast Hwy.
Cuisine: Tuscan Florentine Northern Italian
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 673-9500
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes

**The Ritz**
Address: 880 Newport Center Dr.
Cuisine: Continental
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 720-1800
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes

**Roy’s of Newport**
Address: 453 Newport Center Dr.
Cuisine: Hawaiian Fusion
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 640-7697
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes
Dinner begins @ 5pm

**Villa Nova Restaurant**
Address: 3131 W. Coast Hwy.
Cuisine: Italian
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 642-7880
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes
Dinner begins @ 4pm

**21 Oceanfront**
Address: 2100 W. Oceanfront
Cuisine: American
Parking: Yes
Telephone: (949) 673-2100
Private Rooms: Yes
Full Bar: Yes
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Listed below are hotels within a few miles of the campus and a list of hotels near John Wayne Airport. We have also listed each hotel’s website for your convenience. It is best to make advance reservations whenever possible. If you are a member of the auto club or another organization which offers a discount, please ask when making reservations.

Close to Whittier Law School

**Marriott Suites in Costa Mesa**
(less than 3 miles from campus)
500 Anton Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 957-1100

**Doubletree Hotel (Full Service Hotel)**
(less than 5 miles from campus)
201 E. MacArthur Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA
(714) 825-3333
http://doubletree1.hilton.com

**South Coast Metro Courtyard**
(less than 1 mile from campus)
3002 S. Harbor Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA
(714) 545-1001 (800) 321-2211
http://www.santaanahotel.info/courtyard-marriott-santa-ana-southcoast-metro.htm

**La Quinta Inn**
(less than 1 mile from campus)
1515 South Coast Dr.
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 957-5841
http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ541&propId=541

**Hilton Costa Mesa Hotel**
(less than 3 miles from campus)
3050 Bristol St.
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 540-7000 (800) HILTONS

**Residence Inn by Marriott**
(less than 2.5 miles from campus)
881 W. Baker St.
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 241-8800 (800) 331-3131
Vagabond Inn - Costa Mesa
(less than 1 mile from campus)
3205 Harbor Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 557-8360  (800) 522-1555
http://www.vagabondinn-costa-mesa-hotel.com

Westin South Coast Plaza
(less than 2.5 miles from campus)
686 Anton Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 540-2500
http://specialoffers.starwoodhotels.com/westinsouthcoast

Wyndham Garden Hotel - Orange Cnty
(less than 3 miles from campus)
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 751-5100  (800) WYNDHAM
http://www.wyndham.com/main.wnt?cid=ROMSSP1

Holiday Inn Costa Mesa
(less than 3 miles from campus)
3131 Bristol St.
Costa Mesa, CA
(714) 557-3000  (800) 221-7220
http://www.hicostamesa.com/
**Hotels near John Wayne Airport**

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