Dress Code: Suitable attire. No shorts. Proper footwear (i.e., no flip flops or sandals). Pre-approved sashes and cords only. WPILF will be selling flower leis, but they are to be worn only after the graduation ceremony concludes.

8:30 a.m. CHECK-IN

Graduates should arrive no later than 8:30 a.m., and go directly to the check-in tables set up in the lobby outside of the Library. Whittier Law School staff will be available to direct you. Students whose last names begin with A-L will check-in at one table, and those whose last names begin with M-Z will check-in at the other table. ALL GRADUATES MUST CHECK-IN. Graduates will be given a card showing their name and their numerical order in the processional (the numerical order is alphabetical and not based on rankings). If necessary, please write the phonetic pronunciation of your name on the card. Please hold on to this card, as you will later hand it to Dean Carnahan, who will read the names of graduates at the Commencement Ceremony. After checking-in, you should proceed to the Cafeteria.

NOTE: THE ROBING ROOM WILL BE IN THE CAFETERIA. Graduates who are graduating with honors should be sure to wear the gold tassel that they received when they picked up their caps and gowns. If you did not receive one, then one will be given to you when you arrive in Room 1. LL.M. students should wear their honor cords.

STUDENTS WILL BE ASSISTED IN ROBING. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL BE CARRYING YOUR HOOD DURING THE PROCESSIONAL AND ONTO THE STAGE WHERE YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA AND BE HOODED.

IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PICK UP YOUR CAP AND GOWN FOR THE CEREMONY, YOU MAY PICK THEM UP WHEN YOU CHECK-IN. PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY IF THAT IS THE CASE.

9:30 a.m. LINE UP FOR PROCESSIONAL

The student processional will be organized in the CAFETERIA. Graduates will be divided into six groups. Each group will be lined up in alphabetical order, in two rows, as graduates will march in tandem during the Processional and the Recessional. Staff will be available to assist in robing graduates and lining you up in the proper order. Please refer to your card for your number (groups are indicated on the next page of these instructions). Each group will be led by a Faculty Marshal. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT YOU WILL BE GIVEN YOUR HOODS (FOLDED) AND SHOWN HOW TO CARRY THEM OVER YOUR LEFT ARM DURING THE PROCESSIONAL AND ON TO THE PLATFORM WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA COVER AND ARE HOODED.
YOU MUST RETURN TO THE CAFETERIA TO PREPARE FOR THE PROCESSIONAL NO LATER THAN 9:30 A.M. PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR TASSEL ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF YOUR TAM.

10:00 a.m.   PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp & Circumstance" begins! Professor Patricia Leary, your Teacher of the Year, will lead the Processional. Each group will be led by a Faculty Marshal. The Marshals and their groups this year are:

- Prof. Kenneth Agran (Group 1)  J.D. Candidates 1-25
- Prof. John Heilman (Group 2)  J.D. Candidates 26-50
- Professor Deborah Forman (Group 3)  J.D. Candidates 51-75
- Professor Radha Pathak (Group 4)  J.D. Candidates 76-100
- Professor Robert Webster (Group 5)  J.D. Candidates 101-125
- Professor Seval Yildirim (Group 6)  J.D. Candidates 126 and above
and all LL.M Graduates

Follow your Marshal and stay in the assigned order. When you reach your group’s designated seating area, your Marshal will direct you to enter the row to your seat (alternating entry according to the two rows within each group, so that alphabetical order is maintained). The rows will fill from front to back.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD REMAIN STANDING. MARSHALS WILL REMAIN STANDING WITH THEIR GROUPS. WHEN ALL STUDENTS HAVE ARRIVED, THE MARSHALS WILL JOIN THE PLATFORM PARTY ON STAGE. STUDENTS SHOULD REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

When Dean Bryan comes to the podium, she will ask everyone to remain standing for the playing of the National Anthem. At the conclusion of the National Anthem, Dean Bryan will make the announcement for ALL TO BE SEATED.

Student Speakers: Dave Abad, SBA President. Mr. Abad will present the Teacher of the Year gift to Professor Leary; introduce the student honors organizations (Law Review, Moot Court Honors Board, Trial Advocacy Honors Board, and Whittier Journal of Child & Family Advocacy), asking members of each to stand and remain standing until all honors organization members have risen, then they will be seated. Mr Abad will also present the 2010 Class Gift to Dean Bryan.

Allison Flowers – Valedictorian Address.
Ruu-Jing Tsang, Editor-in-Chief of the Whittier Law Review. Acknowledgment of publication of George Onyango’s article in the Law Review.

**Keynote Commencement Address:** Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas.

**Conferring of Posthumous Degree to the Family of George Onyango:** Dean Bryan.

**CONFERRING OF J.D. DEGREES**

Dr. Sharon Herzberger, President of Whittier College, will confer the degrees. There will be a single hooding team.

When President Herzberger finishes saying "I hereby grant you the degree of Juris Doctor, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto," the Faculty Marshals will return to their groups. Marshals and members of the Whittier Law School staff will help the graduates in their groups. *Graduates will be invited to shift their tassel from the RIGHT to the LEFT.*

Beginning with Row 1, the Faculty Marshals will direct the graduates row-by-row to rise and proceed to the stairs on the right side of the platform (as you face the platform) to Dean Carnahan, who will be standing at a podium. *GRADUATE CANDIDATES WILL PROCEED TO THE STAGE ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER ON THEIR CARD.* When signaled by a Marshal, your row should stand, exit the row to your right, approach the stage and stand quietly in a line. One by one, each graduate should give Dean Carnahan the card with his or her name on it and Dean Carnahan will announce the graduate's name from that card.

When Dean Carnahan calls your name, please proceed across the stage to Dean Bryan, who will shake your hand and present you with your diploma case. [Photo taken.] Then proceed to Dr. Sharon Herzberger, President of Whittier College, to shake her hand. Then proceed to Deans Daar and Haythorn to be hooded.

After being hooded, exit the platform, at which time you will shake hands with the Teacher of the Year, Professor Leary, and pose for your photograph with Professor Leary [Photo taken.] Professor Leary will then step back so that an individual photograph may be taken of you [Photo taken.]. Then follow the directions of the Whittier Law School staff member who will direct you to return to your seat, where you will then be seated.

**LL.M DEGREES**

These degrees will be awarded immediately after (and concurrent with) the J.D. degrees. *Students should follow the same procedure as outlined above for J.D. recipients, with the exception that they will receive a photograph with Dean Calvin Peeler, rather than Professor*

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Patricia Leary. LL.M recipients will walk together, immediately behind the J.D. recipients, during the Processional.

**RECESSIONAL: WHEN RECESSIONAL MUSIC BEGINS, ALL RISE!**

You will exit your seats led by your respective Marshall. Students shall walk in tandem to the cafeteria, simply reversing the order of the Processional.

**CAP AND GOWN RETURN**

** When the ceremony has ended, please return your cap, gown, and hood in the cafeteria. You may keep your tassel. **

**POST-CEREMONY RECEPTION**

The reception will be held in the Quad. Please meet your families there.

**THE CEREMONY SHOULD LAST APPROX. 1.5 - 2 HOURS**

**HAVE A TERRIFIC DAY! CONGRATULATIONS!!**