The following has been compiled in an effort to answer the most frequently asked questions concerning Commencement and related events. For further information and assistance, please contact Joan Mannix, the Law School Commencement Director (617-552-4544, mannixj@bc.edu) in the Dean’s Office.

**COMMENCEMENT LOCATION**

The Law School Commencement exercises will be held at Conte Forum on the Boston College Chestnut Hill campus (see reverse for a campus map). Enter the Forum at Gate A by 9:30 a.m. Students will line up under the bleachers at the Forum.

**OFFICIAL GRADUATION DATE**

Monday, May 21, 2012. Official University Graduation Date. For purposes of Bar applications or at any time your OFFICIAL date of graduation is required, please note that May 21, 2012 is the date that will appear on your final transcript of courses. Boston College’s Board of Trustees formally confers degrees to all students graduating from BC on this date. Our commencement ceremony, on Friday, May 25, celebrates the presentation of diplomas, awards and honors.

**BAR CERTIFICATION**

Massachusetts bar certifications will be submitted electronically. Out-of-state bar certifications must be submitted to Theresa Kachmar in Academic Services (Stuart 208) for completion.

**PRONUNCIATION**

Graduates who want to avoid having their names misspoken at graduation should see Elizabeth Rosselot, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Registrar, in Stuart Myci and give her the phonetic pronunciation of their names.

**MAILED DIPLOMAS**

If you will not attend the Law School Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 25, but want your diploma mailed to you, please inform Theresa Kachmar in Academic Services, Stuart House Myci.

**INVITATIONS**

Commencement invitations will be distributed the week of April 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Stuart Hall (Dean for Students Office). You will be given a packet of five invitations. However, please note that there is no limit to the number of guests you may invite to Commencement and related events.

**CARR**

You will be measured and given your Commencement garb on Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 12 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Stuart Snack Bar (yellow room). The rental fee is payable at pickup. Any students not able to pick up their garb may do so between 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11 and 4 p.m. in the Stuart Snack Bar (yellow room).

**WEARING OF ACADEMIC CARR**

After robing, secure your hood over the graduate robe and wear your tassel to the left. When your name is announced, walk up the center stage stairs and proceed to the side to receive your diploma and return to your seat. The Dean will announce when you may transfer your tassel from left to right, signifying conferral of the degree.

**GARB RETURN**

Signs will be posted instructing you where to return your academic garb after the graduation ceremony. Please be sure that your receipt is attached to the robe or included with it in the plastic bag. If you do not return the academic garb after the commencement ceremony, it will be your responsibility to ship it to the address on your receipt. Please be sure that the hood is included in all returns. If you wish to purchase academic regalia, please call University Cap & Gown, 592/46-4656.

**LINEUP OF STUDENTS FOR PROCESSION**

Graduating students must arrive at Conte Forum by 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 25 (note: those attending a 9:00 a.m. Mass should wear their garb to the chapel, and go directly to line up after Mass ends). After robing, you will line up alphabetically. It is important that you stay in alphabetical order to receive the correct diploma.

**PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOGRAPHING**

A professional photographer will take your photo when you receive your diploma. You will receive information about placing orders from the photographer, Commencement Photos, Inc. If you do not receive an order form, you may call the studio directly at 592/89-5524. Please note: So that all guests may have an unobstructed view, video cameras are not permitted when approaching the stage during the ceremony.

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

If you have guest(s) with special needs (i.e., handicap, parking, seating) please contact Joan Mannix (617-552-4544) in the Dean’s Office, Stuart 307, to make arrangements.

**PARKING**

Boston College Campus Police will direct you to the parking site in the Beacon Street garage. There will be specially marked spaces for handicapped students and guests, podium guests, faculty and staff.

**FACILITIES**

Signs posted around Conte Forum will identify restrooms. Water stations will be set up throughout the graduation site. If any special needs arise, staff will be available to assist you and your guests. They will be wearing identification badges.

**PROGRAMS**

You will be handed a program when you assemble for the procession. Ushers will pass out programs to your guests. They will be wearing identification badges.

**RAIN SITE INFORMATION**

In case of inclement weather, the Commencement ceremony and reception will be held as scheduled in Conte Forum on the Chestnut Hill Campus. The Commencement Mass will be held as scheduled at the Parish of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Chestnut Hill campus (directions and map on reverse). Graduating students are asked to be at Conte Forum no later than 9:30 a.m., rain or shine.

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**OFFICIAL COMMENCEMENT EVENTS**

**SPEAKER**

Victoria Reggie Kennedy
President, Board of Trustees, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate

Victoria Kennedy practiced law for nearly two decades, with an emphasis on the federal and state regulation of domestic commerce banks and savings and loan institutions. She has served in key strategic and political roles on issues ranging from health and education to labor, especially issues affecting women and children. She established the Massachusetts Women’s Council during the 1992 election campaign. Kennedy was involved in the passage of the Affordable Care Act and stood at President Obama’s side as it was signed into law. The wife of the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Co-Founder and President of the Board of Trustees of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, chairs its Education Committee, and is a member of the Committee on Architecture and Design. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, and also serves on the Board of Catholic Democrats. Her other roles include current service as a Distinguished Professor and Mentor at the University of Massachusetts and as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. She co-founded and served as President of Common Sense About Kids and Guns. Mrs. Kennedy is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Mrs. Kennedy earned a J.D., summa cum laude, from Tulane Law School, was an editor of the Tulane Law Review and was elected to Order of the Coif. Mrs. Kennedy began her legal career as a law clerk for Judge Robert Sprecher in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago. She has received numerous awards including Honorary Doctorate from Boston University, Northeastern University, University of Massachusetts Boston, Lesley University, Emmanuel College, and Suffolk University Law School.

Tuesday, May 22
Boston College Law School
885 Centre St.
Newton, MA 02459
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Boston College’s Chestnut Hill campus.
978/686-4566.
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**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Location: TBD.
Time: 8:00 p.m.

**BAR CRAWL**

Locations: TBD. Starting 5:00 p.m.

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**COMMENCEMENT WEEK STUDENT EVENTS**

Individual tickets to each event are available for purchase for BC Law students and their guests.

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**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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617/552-8591

Joan Mannix
Commencement Director
617/552-4544

Academic Services
617/552-9252

Boston College Law School Bookstore
617/552-4401

Boston College Police
EMERGENCY: 617/552-4444
Lost & Found: 617/552-4440

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**OFFICIAL COMMENCEMENT EVENTS**

Tuesday, May 22
PICNIC
1:00 p.m.
Alumni House Lawn, Newton Campus
Barbecue for faculty and staff
Rain location: Snack Bar

**COMMENCEMENT EVE CELEBRATION FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Rain location: Snack Bar

Thursday, May 24
COMMENCEMENT EVE CELEBRATION FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS
5:30 p.m., Law School Courtyard. Includes a short awards presentation.

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**Friday, May 25**

**COMMENCEMENT WEEK STUDENT EVENTS**

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**Monday, May 21**

31 Pub Crawl Locations: TBD. Starting 5:00 p.m.

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**Tuesday, May 22**

Class Picnic Location: Alumni House Lawn
Time: 1:00 p.m.

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**Wednesday, May 23**

Black and White Graduation Ball Top of the Hub Skywalk
8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

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**Thursday, May 24**

Commencement Eve Celebration for Family & Friends
DRIVING DIRECTIONS
BC LAW CAMPUS

Boston College Law School, the location of the
Commencement Eve Celebration, is located at 885 Centre
Street in Newton Centre approximately halfway between
Newton Corner and Commonwealth Avenue. Boston
College’s Chestnut Hill Campus, where Commencement
Mass and the graduation ceremonies will occur, is located at
140 Commonwealth Avenue.

Travel by Car
From the south and southeast:
Routes 95 or 24 north to Route 128/95 north to Exit 24
(Newton, Route 30/Commonwealth Avenue). Follow Route
30 (Commonwealth Avenue) east for approximately 4 miles.
You will pass Boston College’s Chestnut Hill campus, where
the Commencement ceremonies will take place. Turn left
onto Centre Street at the traffic light at the intersection of
Commonwealth Avenue and Centre Street. Continue on
Centre Street for 1/2 mile, and the Law School campus
entrance is on the left.

From the north and northeast:
Routes 3, 93, or 95 south to Route 128/95 south to Exit 24
(Newton, Route 30/Commonwealth Avenue). To continue,
see directions from the south and southeast.

From the west:
Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 90) east to Exit 17. At the end
of the ramp, turn right onto Centre Street at the first traffic
light. The Law School campus entrance is approximately 1
mile ahead on the right.

From the Chestnut Hill Campus of Boston College:
Continue west on Route 30 (Commonwealth Avenue) for
approximately 2 miles, and turn right onto Centre Street at
the traffic light at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue
and Centre Street. Continue on Centre Street for 1/2 mile, and
the Law School campus entrance is on the left.

From Logan Airport:
Take the Sumner Tunnel into Boston, and follow the
Expressway (Route 93) south to the Massachusetts Turnpike
(Route 90) west. Continue to Exit 17 (Newton). Continue
straight at the end of the exit ramp; the Sheraton Newton
hotel will be on your left. Immediately after the Sheraton
Newton, turn left; this will bring you around the hotel and
over the Massachusetts Turnpike. Take the first right onto
Centre Street, and continue approximately 1 mile. The Law
School campus entrance will be on the right.