Where will the Class of 2018 Hooding Ceremony be held?
This year’s ceremony will be held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, 1 West RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, Kentucky 41011, in the Ballroom.

When will the Hooding Ceremony begin?
The Hooding Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2018, and will begin promptly at 1:00pm. Family and friends may enter the Center beginning at noon.

Is there a limit to how many family members and/or friends I may invite? Do they need tickets?
No, there is no limit to the number of guests you may invite. We want your parents, family, and friends to have the opportunity to meet Cincinnati Law faculty, staff, students, and new grads! And no, tickets are not necessary – there is plenty of seating in the Center.

Is handicapped seating available?
Yes. There is ample seating spaces available and all mobility impaired guests may enter ten (10) minutes early with one family member. The Convention Center staff will be available to assist with special seating requests as well.

How may I obtain announcements?
You may purchase the official University of Cincinnati College of Law announcements from Jostens online at: www.jostens.com. The website will be available on Monday, February 12, 2018, and I will email more information to you soon. You may also print your own announcements or purchase them elsewhere.

How will I obtain regalia?
You may order the regalia through Jostens online at: www.jostens.com. The website will be active from February 15, 2018 through March 9, 2018. More information will be emailed to you soon.

May I wear extra cords, pins or items during the ceremony?
Caps and gowns may not be altered in any way. Academic regalia that may be worn at graduation include tams and gowns. Cords will be worn by LLM graduates only.

When should graduates arrive at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center?
Graduates are expected to arrive at 11:00am. Shortly thereafter, you will gather for a group photograph and then begin lining up for the processional around 12:15pm.
Where should I park?
Graduates, their families, and friends may park at various area facilities close to the Convention Center in Covington Kentucky. All garages and lots have several handicap accessible spots:

- Kenton County Parking Garage – 220 Madison Avenue
- RiverCenter Garage – 50 East RiverCenter Boulevard
- Open Air Lot – East RiverCenter Boulevard
- Marriott Garage – 10 West RiverCenter Boulevard
- Embassy Suites Garage – 10 East RiverCenter Boulevard

Where do I go when I arrive at the Convention Center?
Graduates should go to the Madison Avenue entrance and proceed up the escalator on their right to the Ballroom. Whenever possible, please leave your valuables (purses, cameras, phones, etc.) with a friend or family member.

What should I wear under my gown?
Something light but appropriate – the bottom of slacks/pants and the top of shirts/blouses will show.

On what side do I place my tassel?
Place it on the right side. You may switch it to the left side at the end of the ceremony.

How long will the ceremony last?
Normally, the ceremony lasts about 90 minutes.

When will I receive my diploma?
You will not receive your diploma during the Hooding ceremony. Diplomas will be mailed by the University approximately eight to nine weeks after graduation.

Where may my out-of-town family and friends stay?
Following are hotels that are close to the Northern Kentucky Convention Center:

- Embassy Suites by Hilton | Cincinnati RiverCenter:
  10 East RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, KY 41011 – 1.859.261.8400
  (room block and special rate available)

- Marriott RiverCenter:
  10 West RiverCenter Boulevard, Covington, KY 41011 – 1.859.261.2900
  (room block and special rate available)

More information will be posted on the graduation website and shared via email as it becomes available.