**Thursday, May 14**

5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**President’s Reception**

Maynard House, Elon University
2423 Pineway Drive, Burlington

Graduating members of Elon University School of Law and a guest are invited to celebrate Commencement with President and Mrs. Leo M. Lambert. Graduates will formally be welcomed as inaugural members of the law school’s Alumni Association.

Parking at Maynard House is limited. Students and their guests are encouraged to meet at Elon University School of Law at 4:10 p.m. to travel via bus to Maynard House for the President’s Reception.

**Friday, May 22**

3 p.m.

**Baccalaureate**

Alumni Gym, Koury Center, Elon University

The Rev. Janet Cooper Nelson, chaplain of Brown University and director of the Office of Chaplains and Religious Life, will deliver the address. A renowned preacher and consultant to religious and academic institutions, Nelson is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School, where as a student she was awarded the prestigious Billings Prize for preaching. Ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1980, Nelson assumed her present position at Brown in 1990, and she received Harvard Divinity School’s Rabbi Martin Katzenstein Distinguished Alumna Award in 1996.

**Saturday, May 23**

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Dean’s Reception**

Elon University School of Law
201 North Greene Street, Greensboro

Graduating students and their families will be honored at a special reception by Dean George R. Johnson Jr., along with the faculty and staff of Elon University School of Law. At 5 p.m., the charter class gift will be presented to the Law School.

**Sunday, May 24**

3 p.m.

**Commencement Exercises**

Carolina Theatre
310 South Greene Street, Greensboro

The Commencement processional will begin the formal ceremony. Doors to the Carolina Theatre will open at 2 p.m. Family and friends should be seated by 2:45 p.m.

**David Gergen**, adviser to four U.S. presidents, director of the Center for Public Leadership at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and chair of the Elon University School of Law Advisory Board, will deliver the inaugural Commencement address. Elon University will also present Gergen with an honorary doctorate at the ceremony.

As a commentator, editor, teacher, public servant, best-selling author and presidential adviser, Gergen has been an active participant in American national life for 40 years. He held positions in the administrations of Presidents Reagan, Nixon, Ford and Clinton. Currently, Gergen is editor-at-large for *U.S. News & World Report*, a senior political analyst for CNN, and a frequent lecturer at venues around the world.

Gergen, who has chaired the Elon University School of Law Advisory Board since its inception in 2005, played a key role in the formation of the school’s advisory board and in shaping the law school’s emphasis on leadership development. A native of Durham, N.C., Gergen is an honors graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, and is a member of the Washington, D.C. bar.

**Reception for Graduates**

Center City Park, Greensboro

Following Commencement, graduates, families and friends are invited to a reception. In the event of rain, this reception will be held at the Elon University School of Law.

**Additional Events & Information**

Please visit law.elon.edu/commencement for detailed information about student-organized events scheduled throughout the week leading up to Commencement. This Web site also provides recommendations for dining and entertainment in Greensboro along with contact information should you have questions or concerns.

**Photography at Commencement**

Professional photographers will capture images of each graduate during the hooding and awarding of degrees, and those photos will be available for purchase (for details, see elon.edu/commencement). While personal photography is allowed from general seating areas of the theatre, use of the theatre’s aisles is prohibited for photography due to fire code regulations. All guests are thanked in advance for their compliance.

**Purchasing a DVD**

Elon Television Services will record the law school Commencement ceremony. A DVD of the ceremony and highlights from associated events will be available for purchase. Details and the purchase form are provided at elon.edu/commencement. Purchase forms will also be available in the law school lobby throughout the weekend.

**Campus Shop Hours**

Elon University School of Law and Elon University merchandise will be available at a kiosk on the law school’s second floor Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and during the Dean’s Reception.

For additional information, call toll-free: 888-ELON LAW.