



# Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX)

## Sample Ceremony

Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX), was established in 1996  
and is a program of AAFPE

## Sample Induction Ceremony

Please feel free to create an entirely different ceremony that is meaningful for you and your students. The outline below is meant to give you some ideas and to provide a structure upon which you can place your own ideas.

### Pre-ceremony

Halfway through the academic program (i.e., after one semester in a two-semester program)

Choose a date for the induction ceremony (at least six weeks away to allow time for AAFPE processing)

Choose inductees according to the procedures in the LEX handbook [[live link to LEX handbook on AAFPE website](#)]

Complete the online LEX induction form on the AAFPE website [[live link to LEX induction form on AAFPE website](#)]

Send the names of your LEX inductees to the AAFPE LEX National Coordinator at [info@aafpe.com](mailto:info@aafpe.com) with the subject line “[your program] LEX inductees” if you’d like us post the list on our social media

If you’d like, invite a member of the AAFPE board to speak at your ceremony virtually or in person if a member lives near your program. Just email us at [info@aafpe.com](mailto:info@aafpe.com) with the subject line “LEX speaker request” and we’ll connect you to a board member

Send a congratulatory email to LEX inductees and ask them to save the date for the induction ceremony (see sample email)

Order purple-and-gold honor cords for your inductees

You can get a braided cord



Or buy one of each and tie them together



Two weeks before the ceremony:

Send a formal invitation with the time, date, and location of the induction ceremony (see sample invitation)

Sign the LEX certificates and place your school seal on them if you'd like

Invite:

LEX inductees and their guests

Faculty

Staff members who have interacted with the students (e.g., student services, career services)

Dean, associate deans, assistant deans

Department or division chair

Advisory committee

LEX alumni

Photographer

Prospective students (this is a great opportunity for them to see the best of your program at its best and interact with your top students)

## **Ceremony**

Food and drinks

Serve light appetizers, heavy appetizers, or a full dinner – depending on your budget

Serve soft drinks or wine and beer – depending on your budget, school rules, and culture

Order flowers if your budget allows – you can get your school colors or the LEX colors of purple and gold

You may buy gifts – for example, an inscribed copy of *Black's Law Dictionary* – for the inductees if your budget allows

## **Program**

Welcome remarks

Program director, dean, department chair, or LEX alum

Student speaker remarks

LEX inductee or LEX alum

AAfPE representative remarks

Calling the Roll

Faculty member/ dean/ or program chair:

Mr./Ms./Dr./Professor Program Director,

I present to you those candidates who, by virtue of their academic excellence, character, and potential to lead the paralegal profession, have been nominated by the faculty of the [name of your program] to be inducted into the [name of your university] chapter of Lambda Epsilon Chi, the national paralegal honor society.

*Read the names of the inductees – including those not present*

Program Director:

Faculty member/ dean/ or program chair:

Induction

Program Director

Remarks by program director (see sample script)

When the pinning is done, take a group photo if possible and share these photos with the students and with AAFPE so we can post them on our social media.

# Sample Remarks

Good evening, happy spring, and welcome to the [your program] Lambda Epsilon Chi induction ceremony.

Special thanks to [distinguished guests] who are joining us today.

And special thanks to the family and friends of our LEX inductees who have joined us this evening.

You have distinguished yourselves through your hard work, commitment, and achievements. To qualify for LEX, you must have completed half of your program credits with a grade point average of at 3.5 in paralegal studies (add any further requirements for your program).

As I induct you into this honor society and charge you to go forth, the symbols of this ceremony will help you to understand what it means to be a member of Lambda Epsilon Chi.

You are being presented today with a purple and gold honor cord. The honor cord is to be worn at graduation over your academic robe. Purple is the color chosen for law; at Commencement you'll see the paralegal and law school faculty wearing academic hoods rimmed in purple. In America in 1895 an intercollegiate commission adopted a code of academic dress prescribing the colors which were to represent different fields of learning. The royal purple of the English King's Court signifies the law. Gold is the color of highest honors.

As I lay the purple and gold honor cord on your shoulders, I lay upon you the mantle of responsibility to mentor, lead, advocate for your profession, excel, strive, and serve.

The cord also symbolizes the lasting bond between you and your university. As you graduate, you do not leave this university. Rather you change from students to alumni and leaders. Always, though, you are a member of this university family. We invite you stay connected to us – visit, call, email, perhaps come back to speak, present, or teach.

You are being presented today with your LEX pin. The pin displays the name of the honor society as well as the Scales of Justice. The Scales of Justice represent balance, equality, justice, harmony, and economy. They are a symbol of justice as law, order, and truth. The origin of the symbol is the weighing of conduct, of good and evil, of right and wrong, of virtue and vice.

The pin is an outward and lasting representation to the world of your excellence, achievement, dedication, and commitment. You'll wear it over your heart to symbolize the passion and dedication you've brought and will continue to bring to the profession and to your education.

The certificate, with its signatures and seals, represents the contract to which you are all parties; the contract that says: From those to whom much is given, much is expected. Display this prominently so the world will know of your commitment to move the profession forward and to continually reach back to bring others with you.

You have been given the gifts of intelligence and the character to use that intelligence to achieve excellence. Now use those gifts to lift the profession for all who come after you.

*Call each student forward, place the cord on their shoulders, pin the pin on their lapel, and hand them their certificate. (This is a good time for a photo.)*

*When the pinning is done:*

Honored guests, I present to you the 2022 class of the [your university] chapter of Lambda Epsilon Chi.

Thank you and good evening!