

Diploma Preferred Name Policy

Chicago-Kent College of Law

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Chicago-Kent recognizes that many members of its community use names other than their official legal names to identify themselves. Since the university considers the diploma to be a ceremonial document, you are free to use your preferred name for your diploma, as indicated in your Application for Graduation.

If the name on your diploma differs from your official name in our records, please be aware that you may need to use your diploma in conjunction with an official transcript for legal, immigration, or employment purposes.

- Students who plan to live, study, or work outside of the U.S. should be aware that use of a preferred name on their printed diploma could cause complications due to not matching the name on other documents, such as your transcript, passport, or birth certificate.
- Using a name other than a legal name could result in the rejection, delay, scrutiny, and/or requirements for additional proof of identification associated with an application for employment, licensure for the bar, visa applications, and/or any other process that require verification of your education records. Please note that the Illinois bar does not require applicant names to
- Students who request their preferred name for their diploma and later request an additional diploma with their legal name will be responsible for ordering a replacement diploma and covering the related fees.