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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**UB Law Alumni Association President
Leslie M. Greenbaum**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leslie M. Greenbaum".

Dear Fellow Alumni:

As you can readily see, this second issue of the Forum has a number of changes. Because of the very favorable and warm response you gave to our first issue, we were able to present a new look and an expanded format introducing new features. In the "Class Action" section, for example, you will read about the current activities, honors and appointments of your classmates and friends. Let us know what you think. Our editorial board is anxious to have your input to make the Forum as interesting and informative as possible.

A key member of the group that labors long and hard to make the Forum a reality is our new Executive Director, Ilene Fleischmann. Ilene's welcome talents, experience and energy will help assure the success of our programs this year and the continued high quality of the Forum.

The programs which we planned for 1985-86 are progressing well. On October 10, we had our first meeting of former presidents of the Alumni Association. The turnout was spectacular. More importantly, this group of extraordinarily talented men and women demonstrated a strong motivation to help the Law School. Many of our past presidents will be assisting us with the Law School's 100th birthday celebration in 1987. Several are currently involved in the search for a new dean. We welcome the efforts and support of our past presidents and greatly appreciate their help.

Our plans for the Annual Dinner on April 18, 1986 are nearly complete. We hope to attract a large number of alumni from the classes of 1926, 1936, 1946, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1976. If you are in one of those classes you will soon be hearing from your reunion chairman. Please commit early to join us in Buffalo for events I'm sure you will enjoy and remember.

The Law Alumni Association has again been instrumental in the success of the Law School's annual Moot Court competition. Our alumni gave willingly of their time to judge the preliminary, semi-final and final rounds. In addition, our Association again

underwrote the costs of the Moot Court dinner for the judges and competitors. We extend our congratulations to the winners and our thanks to all alumni who helped make the competition a valuable experience for our law students.

I am sure that those of you who were able to attend the October cocktail party in New York City enjoyed seeing old friends and colleagues, as well as meeting some new ones. We plan to hold similar events in Washington, D.C., Rochester and Albany in 1986. Alumni in those cities can expect to hear from our local chairmen shortly.

One of your Association's prime responsibilities is to raise critically needed funds for the Law School. Under the able direction of Associate Dean Alan Carrel, our fundraising effort has been achieving greater and greater success. But there is still much more that needs to be done to enrich our programs in ways that can't be provided by the publicly-funded state university system. I sincerely hope that those of you who may still be considering your pledge, or those who may not have been contacted, will make a contribution to this important effort.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to Tom Headrick not only for his achievements at the Law School, but in particular for his nine year commitment to cooperation with the Law Alumni Association. Dean Headrick made it a point to maintain open and close communication with the alumni during his stewardship and encouraged and expanded our role in setting the direction and policies of the Law School itself. The direct result was a tremendous growth in alumni interest in and support of the Law School. Today, the Law Alumni Association enjoys a higher profile in the minds of the faculty, students and university administration, in large part due to Dean Headrick's efforts.

Thank you, Tom. All of us wish you the very best in the future! ■