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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS



## Message from the President

Dear Alumni/ae:

**A**s we embark on this year's activities, we look to you as the vital source of financial, moral and professional support to your Law School and its Alumni Association. Our active involvement — in joining and supporting the law alumni/ae program — not only enhances the visibility of the Law School, but also enhances its public image within both the academic and business communities. Your Board of Directors, and specifically the executive committee chaired by President-Elect Jean C. Powers, has scheduled a busy and hopefully productive year, where the goals of the University, its law alumni and the professional community it serves will be strengthened.

This year, we see a continuation of the welcoming reception that is held following Freshman Orientation. Its purpose is to provide first-year law students with an opportunity to meet informally with faculty and alumni/ae. For many, it is their initial introduction to practicing attorneys here in Western New York.

To better serve our alumni/ae throughout the country, your Board continues to reach out to new chapters that are forming in other cities. Chicago, Ill., and Albany, N.Y., were the sites of recent UB Law School events, and steering committees there, and also in New York City and in Washington, D.C., are making exciting plans.

We hope those of you in Buffalo plan to attend our March convocation. Each of these substantive law programs is



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of clinical and practical significance. If you recall, last year the subject "Marriage, Divorce and Death: Its Impact on Business and the Professions" was extremely well received, as was the attendance at the traditional Jaeckle Award luncheon.

Further, Law School alumni/ae assisted in defraying the cost of the commencement party for the Class of 1990 and their families. This was a heartwarming as well as a gala event, and one which we hope will generate loyalty not only to the Law School, but to its

Alumni Association.

Additional business and social events we can look forward to will, of course, include our annual meeting and festive dinner, where we honor outstanding graduates and recognize their achievements through the Distinguished Alumni Awards. Other services provided by your Association include the distribution of mailing lists, the publication of our magazine — the *UB Law Forum* — and the annual Law School luncheon that is held in conjunction with the New York State Bar Meeting in January.

Many of you ask, "What is the Alumni Association doing to help law students learn the art of advocacy, argumentative logic and clinical developmental procedures?" For starters, your Association funded a \$2,700.00 grant to enable our law students to compete in several regional and national moot court programs. Moreover, several hundred of our alumni/ae volunteered their time to judge the Desmond Moot Court competition.

In short, I can assure you that this is indeed an active Board, with one important goal: to improve and to continue to support the Law School and its alumni/ae. As your team leaders, we look forward to this challenge. We welcome your suggestions and we thank you for this opportunity to serve. ■

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