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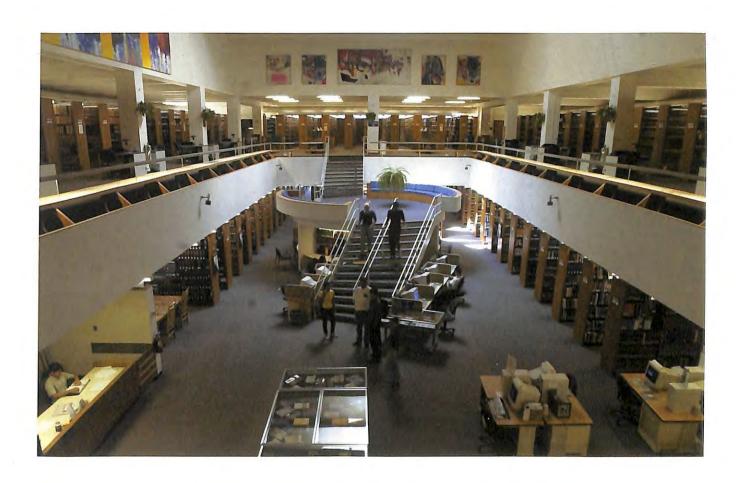
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Message from Dean Nils Olsen

e at UB Law School begin the 2002–03 academic year with high spirits and great expectations. It is always a good feeling to be riding a winning streak, and we are in the midst of several:

• The hiring of Professor Lynn Mather, who has been the Nelson Rockefeller professor of government at Dartmouth College, to head the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy is an exciting development for the Law School and University. We know she will accomplish great things in furthering the mission of this important part of our interdisciplinary focus.

 Our beautiful new courtroom is up and running, and with its first "real" trial and proceedings, it has field-tested beautifully. We are looking forward to working closely with the bench and bar for many years to come as we all enjoy this terrific new facility.

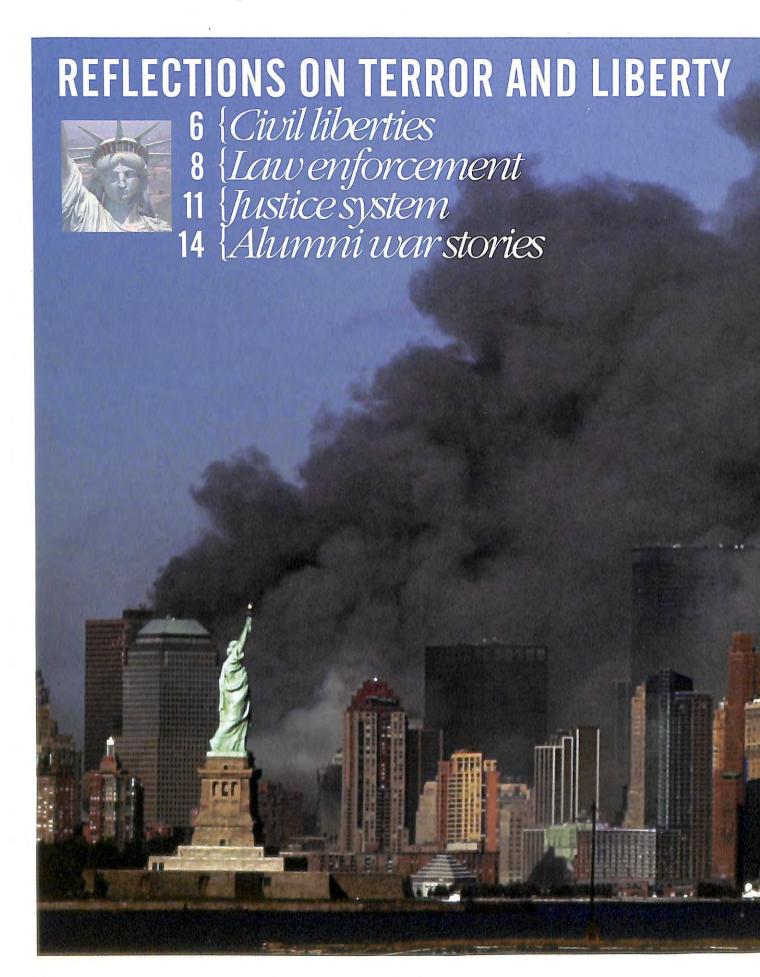
• On the development front, our statistics place us among the top public law schools in the nation – a tribute to alumni and friends who recognize the value of supporting their Law School. Since 1998 – 99, for example, giving to the Annual Fund has risen from \$514,000 to \$657,000; the number of donors has increased from 1,244 to 1,905; and the proportion of alumni participating has grown from 15.8 percent to 22.5 percent. In addition, as the Campaign for UB Law enters its final year,

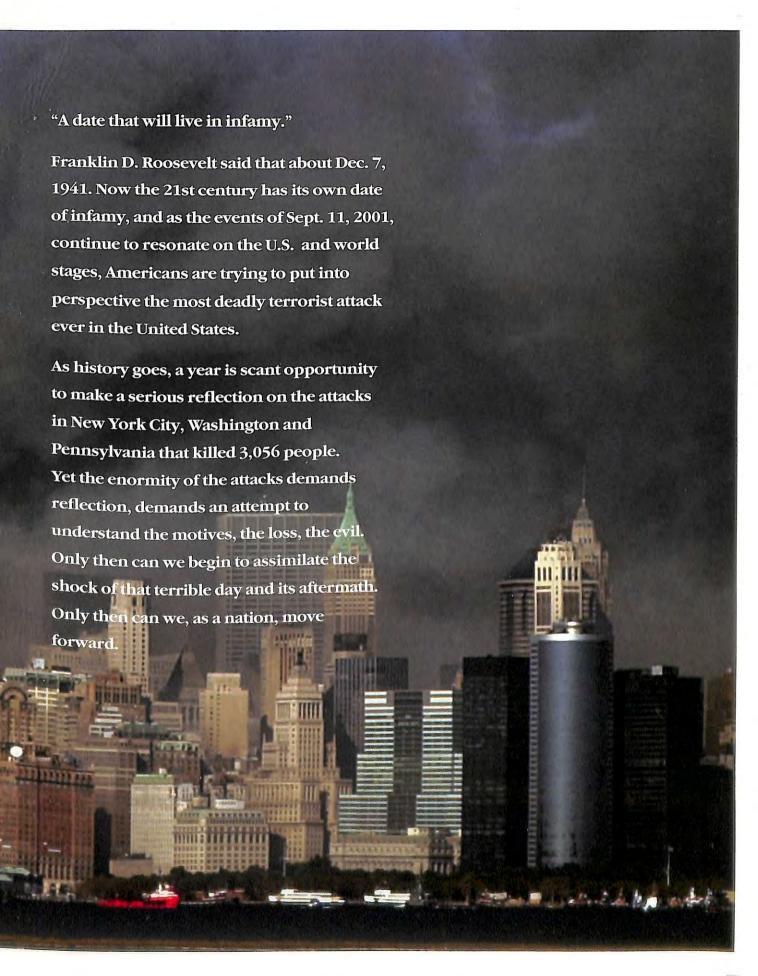
the total in that capital campaign has grown to \$11.1 million, and we fully expect the campaign's \$12 million goal to be reached by June 30, 2003. My thanks to Terrence M. Connors '71 and his committee, who have worked long and hard to make this dream a reality, as well as to the legion of supportive and generous alumni who have helped us reach this ambitious milestone.

 Finally, we have had another banner year in student recruiting. From a record number of applicants, we are welcoming a first-year UB Law class full of bright, talented and diverse students. They are sure to be a credit to the school, both now and when they join the ranks of alumni.

None of this would be possible without your support. As dean, I have come to appreciate just how much energy and enthusiasm UB Law School's alumni and friends pour into the school, and know the tangible and intangible ways that support pays off for our school and our students. Bench and bar, students, faculty, staff and alumni – it is a synergy that is doing great things for an institution we all cherish. Let's keep the momentum going!

Best wishes,





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All three Western New York congressmen came to UB to discuss the intersection of civil liberties and the war on terror

The impact of terror

are Americans, and we cannot allow terrorists to stop us from being Americans," said Thomas M. Reynolds, R-Clarence, during a rare appearance of Western New York's entire congressional delegation – the three men who represent the area in the House of Representatives. The occasion was an informative and challenging "On the Issues" program on March 3 in UB's Center for Tomorrow.

Sponsored by UB Law School, the American Jewish Committee and the League of Women Voters, the forum dealt with a wide range of issues involving civil liberties and church-state questions. In a national climate of heightened alert over the possibility of further terrorism, and amid pressure in some circles to abridge constitutionally mandated freedoms for the sake of national security, the topic was one that hit close to home. More than 200 were in attendance.

UB Law Associate Dean Ilene R. Fleischmann was program chair and also served as moderator for the program, which featured each congressman in turn responding to four major questions. The members of Congress – John J. LaFalce, D-Town of Tonawanda; Jack F. Quinn, R-Hamburg; and Thomas M. Reynolds, R-Clarence – have widely differing backgrounds and political constituencies, but the night was free of partisan political rancor. "It does not make any difference that I am a Democrat and they are Republicans," LaFalce said. "We really have a very, very good working relationship. We try to find areas of agreement."

The intersection of civil liberties and the war on terror formed the basis of one compelling round of discussion. "The challenge is to watch and make sure we have not given away too much of our freedom," said Reynolds. "One of the



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- John J. LaFalce



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-Jack F. Quinn



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-Thomas R. Reynolds

"After 9/11, the concepts of freedom and order must be recalibrated."



things I was concerned about was giving the Justice Department that blank check. So I supported the sunset provision for some of these laws that allow for expanded law enforcement powers. I am not sure we have achieved a solution that should be permanent in America."

LaFalce said he had some misgivings about the policefriendly USA Patriot Act, though he voted for it. He was able to have included in that act a money-laundering bill he had been working on for years. "After 9/11," LaFalce said, "the concepts of freedom and order must be recalibrated. You give greater deference to the concept of order. But I think we have swung the pendulum too far in the direction of order." However, he is conflicted, the congressman said: "So often I want to stand up and say, '51 percent of LaFalce votes one way on this bill, and the other 49 percent votes the other

Our second role besides making laws is our role of oversight," Quinn said, "our role of making sure there is not a knee-jerk reaction even to something as terrible as Sept. 11. It will be just as important that we review what is presented to us as making and drafting legislation."

On immigration policy, all three congressmen were in

agreement that immigration should be encouraged, but with a greater emphasis on screening out potential terrorists.

"I think we can become a greater country if we permit more immigration in the United States rather than putting the Statue of Liberty aside," LaFalce said. "But I do not think we have to be stupid about our immigration policy, either. We have to be much more discriminating in our issuance of visas. That is where I think we should concentrate our ef-

"We cannot have it both ways," Quinn said. "In order to be smart about immigration, it costs money for the people and the technology involved. Some very tough decisions will have to be made.

Reynolds said, "I think we can have a generous immigration policy but with stronger controls. It is OK to say, 'Yes, we welcome you here, but we need to know something about you.' I think that is fair.'

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The Patriot Act under scrutiny



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has been called "the eternal tension between freedom and security" – a tension increasingly in evidence in the aftermath of the events of the terror attack Sept. 11 – became the subject of a spirited panel discussion March 21 in UB's Student Union auditorium.

Moderated by UB Law School Professor David Engel, the panel also featured the University at Buffalo's point person for international students, two UB Law professors who specialize in constitu-

tional law and civil rights, and two federal law enforcement officials.

At issue was the advisability of measures the federal government has taken to defend against further terrorist attacks, weighed against the abridgement of constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties that such measures often involve. Of particular interest was the USA Patriot Act, an omnibus anti-terror bill passed by Congress that gives law enforcement agencies sweeping new powers to detain and investigate individuals who are deemed suspicious.

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Ellen A. Dussourd

Director of international student and scholar services for the University

Speaking first, Ellen A. Dussourd detailed her office's role in mediating between UB's over 3,000 foreign-born visitors and law enforcement.

"We have become more than ever the defenders and protectors of international students," she said, "but we have also become quasi-enforcers of immigration regulations as they apply to international students. And we have unfortunately been give a new role as providers of information to government agencies."

During a Justice Department blitz of interviewing foreign nationals, the consequences of refusing such an interview were unclear, she said. When one international employee of the University was "invited" to an interview, she said, "we communicated to all international students and employees that this was happening, and told them which documents to bring to the interview. This is a new responsibility for us. We have always educated international students about immigration regulations and urged them to comply, but we are doing so now with much greater urgency."

Dussourd argued that the media have focused unfairly on student visas as a potential threat, noting that "fewer than 2 percent of visas issued per year are issued to international students. Only one of the hijackers was on a student visa. The others presumably were on tourist visas.

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Martin J. Littlefield '74

Assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York
Law enforcement was the priority for the next speaker, Martin J. Littlefield '74. He explained the structure of the Department of Justice, and spoke of how the terrorist attacks altered the department's mission.

"Sept. 11 changed things dramatically," Littlefield said. "I went from being a prosecutor dealing with historical events and facts to being a coordinator. My title is anti-terrorism coordinator for the Western District of New York.

"The mission changed. We had to bring together disparate law enforcement agencies in an era and an aura of national *Continued on page 10*

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emergency." The natural suspicion between separate police agencies, he said, had to be overcome in order for the anti-terror effort to succeed.

"We had no idea what was out there on Sept. 11," Littlefield said of the urgency attached to the effort. "The mission was to bring law enforcement together, to get information as quickly as possible, and try to analyze that information in order to protect and deter, identify, prosecute, and hopefully put this country back on an even keel.

"We did not know that there were not 200 other people, or 2,000 – we still do not know – waiting to attack another building, to blow up a railroad car, to attack our infrastructure, and we sure as the devil did not know it on Sept. 12."

David B. Filvaroff

UB Law professor

Professor David B. Filvaroff responded with an accounting of what he characterized as abridgements of civil rights, justified or not. "The attorney general has announced that he will exercise authority to authorize eavesdropping on communication between lawyers and their clients, a clear violation of a well-established privilege in this country." Filvaroff said by way of example.

He also said of the 342-page USA Patriot Act: "A number of its provisions were powers that law enforcement authorities had sought for a long time. There is a pattern evident in a number of the proposals: a dramatic increase in executive power

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and a significant decrease in the authority of the federal courts to supervise, control, restrain, even review the exercise of those powers. There has been in this Congress a significant delegation of power from the Congress to the executive."

In addition, Filvaroff said, the attorney general is authorized by the statute to imprison – indefinitely, if need be – any non-citizen he certifies he has reasonable grounds to believe is a danger to national security. Now, we all have

a vague idea of what national security means, but as used in a statute utilized to imprison people. I do not know what it means. In short, this statute allows indefinite imprisonment of a person who has never had a trial or been convicted of a crime.

"What will be the ultimate impact on civil liberties? That we cannot really know. It is going to depend how this broad authority is implemented and how the courts interpret it. In the meantime, the attorney general and the government say, trust us. Now, that is not my idea of the way we ought to function in this country, and not my idea of democracy."

Kathleen M. Mehltretter '78

First assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York
For her part, Kathleen M. Mehltretter '78 said, "I personally
believe that the current system will continue to monitor and
perform the checks and balances that the Founding Fathers put
in the Constitution. It is a very difficult balance, and it is something that the attorney general has been struggling with since
Sept. 11."

Mehltretter said that, in part, the USA Patriot Act merely enabled law enforcers to ply their craft effectively in a changed technological environment. "Over the past 10 to 20 years, many of our law enforcement tools had grown out of sync and out of touch with the new technology," she said. For example, "law enforcement agencies could obtain subscriber information from a phone company, but if your telephone service was provided by a cable company, there was a provision in the telecommunications act that said the cable company could not provide subscriber information. So many of the changes in the Patriot Act are just letting law enforcement move up and apply the same rules to the new technology: voice mail, pagers, the Internet.

"It made it much more practical. This is the way the world really exists."

In the question-and-answer session that followed the panel discussion, Mehltretter revealed that her office interviewed 19 people in Western New York during the post-Sept. 11 blitz. "I do not know of anybody who refused to be interviewed," she said. "We decided that we would not approach individuals on college campuses. We were concerned that it would look very heavy-handed if we came to a center of learning and tried to buttonhole the person."

Lee A. Albert

UB Law professor

Professor Lee Albert gave a brief history of abridgement of rights in the United States during wartime, and added: "We are not alone. Since Sept. 11, our European allies have engaged in waves of arrests of young Middle Eastern immigrants in France, Great Britain, Germany and the Netherlands."

He noted that the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizure requires a determination of probable cause: "The government must have some reason to believe something is amiss before it may seek to engage in surveillance and searching activities. Probable cause is an important threshold to invasions of personal privacy.

"But that is only true if the information is in the possession of its owner, you. The Constitution protects the subject's own information so long as the information remains in his possession. When information, however personal, is in the hands of third parties, such as universities hold about students, the telephone companies have about you and your telephone usage, Internet service providers have about you and your e-mail and meanderings on the Internet, there are no Fourth Amendment safeguards applicable to this information whatsoever." Nothing in the Constitution limits access.

Albert characterized the tension between civil liberties and security as cyclical: "The assault on civil liberties in our history comes and goes. During periods of insecurity, periods of heightened security and concern, the pendulum swings and infringements are made on civil liberties. But presidents change, laws change.

"One thing that does not change for a long time are judicial decisions: Like appointments to the Supreme Court, judicial rulings are with us long after the crisis that prompted the legislation or executive action has passed. They remain the law of the land after the period of assault and the period of danger are over. Such has been the unfortunate legacy from eras of fear and repression in the past, and that is my fear of cases going to court today."

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At our annual alumni luncheon in New York City, held this year on Jan. 25, alumni from across the state heard a compelling speech by **Hon. Jonathan Lippman**, the chief administrative judge of New York.

The state courts post-Sept. 11

By Hon. Jonathan Lippman

me begin by giving you a sense of what unfolded for the courts that fateful day. The chief judge and I, and most of the court system's administrators, were in Albany for a conference. Hearing about the first plane, most of us concluded it must be an accident caused by a small aircraft that had strayed off course. While I was on the phone talking to our central offices in lower Manhattan, the second plane hit. There was a pause. Finally, my counsel, clearly unnerved, got back on

my counsel, clearly unnerved, got back on the line, explaining that the building was literally shaking – from what we now know was a tremendous impact just hundreds of yards away. From that moment on, I knew we were in uncharted territory.

The enormity of what was happening began to sink in. The chief judge and I fought to put aside our shock, our dismay and our personal concerns to focus on what needed to be done in the courts. We knew how important it was, both on a practical and a symbolic level, to keep the courts functioning during a time of crisis and national emergency.

There are many state courts in lower Manhattan: The Court of Claims was located in 5 World Trade Center, while others are just blocks from the site. We decided that the courts would remain open as long as possible, safety permit-



ting, but that our offices just a few blocks south of the World Trade Center should be evacuated. I vividly remember speaking to the last court official remaining in the lobby of our building as it was being evacuated, and worrying how our employees would find their way home in the chaos of that day.

Before leaving Albany, I met with the administrative judges at the conference, and sent them back to their respective districts around the state, cell phones in hand, all of us in constant touch with security personnel. Ironically, we communicated more easily with each oth-

er than if we had been at our desks. For as the morning progressed and the towers fell, there was no phone service in downtown Manhattan, no computer access, no cars on the street, no public transportation – even subway service was brought to a standstill. The air was full of smoke, the streets full of ash, and soon, eerily deserted. I headed downstate.

As the day wore on – it seemed interminable – we decided that the courts should close statewide at 3 p.m. so everyone could get home to their families. Some courts remained open as a refuge, particularly in downtown Brooklyn, where people were streaming over the bridges, often with difficult or impossible routes home.

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"As fire and smoke and unthinkable images filled the sky, among the first to see and comprehend the horrific sight were our court officers."



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By 8 p.m., after consulting with the mayor and the governor, we decided to close New York City courts the next day, but reopen courts elsewhere. We worked hard to get this information out, with TV and radio announcements. Even so – and despite great transportation difficulties – many New Yorkers felt it was their patriotic duty to appear for jury duty in those first few days. It was a heartening sight.

All that first day, while dealing with the crisis institutionally, we each had our personal dramas, our unease about the whereabouts of loved ones – in my case, about my son, clerking in the federal District Court just blocks from the World Trade Center. I tried over and over again to reach him on his cell phone. I became more and more frantic until he finally, finally responded just before noon to a message I had left on his voice mail. He described coming out of the subway that morning, seeing the towers burning and people throwing themselves out of the windows to escape the fire. My eyes welled up as I tried to visualize that sight and what must have been going through the mind and heart of my el-

dest - the new lawyer on his first job.

The next few days were nonstop: arranging for emergency arraignments outside the frozen zone in lower Manhattan; finding locations for emergency civil applications; tightening security in courts around the state.

On Thursday, courts in the outer boroughs reopened. We established a statewide "war room" in my White Plains chambers. On Friday, we breathed a sigh of relief that we had survived the week, but were still uncertain about open-

ing courts in lower Manhattan on Monday.

Saturday morning, the chief judge and I surveyed the eight court locations in the frozen zone. The air quality was horrendous, requiring masks in many areas. We found, to our amazement – and God knows how they got there – administrative judges, clerks and other personnel in the courts, preparing for the possibility of opening Monday. Court security personnel were vigilant but in good spirits despite what they had been through, some of them part of the rescue effort. City personnel were cleaning every air filter in each building to ensure that the air was suitable for the courts to reopen.

On Monday, Sept. 17, the court system was back in full operation. Emotions were high as administrative judges and supervisors greeted employees with hugs and kisses, relieved to see the familiar faces. We looked ahead with determination, but also with great uncertainty. For the next several months, everything we did was directly or indirectly affect-

ed by what had transpired on Sept. 11.

The most devastating impact was, of course, on our people. On the day of the attacks, 27 court officers had rushed to the World Trade Center to lend a hand. As fire and smoke and unthinkable images filled the sky, among the first to see and comprehend the horrific sight were our court officers. Some of them ran almost halfway up the North Tower to help the evacuation effort. What they did is beyond my comprehension. They helped save many people that day, bringing medical assistance and a sense of calm and order. We are very grateful that most of them returned to us and to their families.

ut fate separated a number of them as they helped lead the wounded and dazed to safety. Three were on the lower level of 5 World Trade Center, helping those who had taken refuge there, when the South Tower fell, partially crush-

ing the building. They were never seen again.

We held out hope for weeks, clinging to the talk about pockets of air where people might still be alive. The Monday after the attacks, the chief judge and I visited ground zero to see for ourselves exactly where the officers had last been seen. Nothing could have prepared us for what we saw: the devastation – and the dedication of the rescue workers, as they guided us with masks and hard hats to the spot where they searched repeatedly for our missing. Each time, they noted the date and time on the wall, so the next team would know precisely when and where the last search had taken place. We left covered with white ash.

The missing court officers were very much on everyone's mind when the courts reopened, and during the weeks that followed as we waited for word. There was another blow: Over 70 people in the courts had lost immediate family members – children, siblings, parents – and some more than one. Grief counselors were in every courthouse. Weeks later, we were moved by the tremendous outpouring from our community – and from court employees around the country who, unsolicited, sent contributions to help the affected families.

The profound effect of these events on our people is mirrored in the new reality that we face in operating the courts. Many courthouses around the state have 24-hour security and permanent perimeter-watch assignments. Magnetometers and X-ray machines are everywhere. We grapple with a fundamental question: At what point do security concerns erode our way of life as an open society, a justice system

committed to providing access for all?

In the first weeks, New York City courts were at 10 to 50 percent of operational capacity. In trying to resume full activity, we had to balance the need to get the courts running with sensitivity to litigants and lawyers, many directly affected by the tragedy. On the criminal side, the police were largely unavailable to testify, stretched to the limit with security, rescue and recovery responsibilities. On the civil side, there was tremendous dislocation of lawyers, including major institutional litigants, with 14,000 to 17,000 lawyers locat-

ed in the original hot zone below 14th Street, and 1,400 who had offices in the World Trade Center. We immediately offered assistance in providing copies of court files, but it has taken these past months to get back on track, especially in Manhattan.

ou should be aware, also, of the spectacular efforts of the organized bar. The week after the attacks, the city Bar Association held a training session for volunteer lawyers to help victims of the tragedy. Far more lawyers showed up for the training session than could possibly be accommodated. The chief judge and I spoke to the crowd, which filled every inch of the hallways and stairs, trailing out the door and down the street. The training room could hold 500 lawyers, and there were at least two to three times that many.

Attorneys served at the Family Assistance Center – a facility on a West Side pier as big as a football field – helping people obtain death certificates and with other legal problems. Volunteers were from big firms, small firms, solo practices, corporations. Bar groups joined to provide volunteers with different specialties – housing, family, small business, and on and on. The State Trial Lawyers put together a volunteer ef-



"Over 70 people in the courts had lost immediate family members," says Hon. Jonathan Lippman.

fort to create, in essence, a public-interest law firm for victims

using the federal claims process.

The courts have now returned to some level of "normality" – a new normality. Like the rest of society, we know that we operate in a framework far different than the one that existed Sept. 10. Tempering that sober recognition, however, is a feeling of immense pride in the court and legal community. It was through the strength and resiliency of those communities that we accomplished our task of keeping the courts open and running. Everyone felt the need to contribute, in their own way, to the well-being and stability of our city and our nation. They needed to be part of the effort to show we were as strong as ever. The experience was both draining and energizing at the same time.

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Alumni war stories



Hon. Elena Cacavas Schietinger'85

"I think about Sept. 11 all the time. I do not think I will ever be able to put it out of my mind."



Joseph Belluck '94

"It is a huge emotional challenge to be dealing with hundreds and hundreds of victims of a disaster like this."



Ronnie L. Edelman '75

"Everybody is much more focused on terrorism. It is very much in the forefront for everyone in the fustice Department."



Craig D. Bell'83

"I still get calls from some of the victims."

events of Sept. 11, 2001, have left an indelible mark on us all. For some UB Law School alumni, though, the terrorist attacks and their aftermath were felt more deeply because they were so immediate. UB Law Forum spoke with four alumni — two in New York City, two in Washington, D.C. — about their experiences of Sept. 11 and beyond, the impact of the attacks on their lives in the year that has passed, and how their work in the legal system was affected. Their stories are poignant, inspirational and heartfelt; their message is one of resilience and strength in the face of great tragedy.

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'I watched the whole thing unfold'

Hon. Elena Cacavas Schietinger '85 serves as an administrative law judge for New York State's Public Employment Relations Board. Her office is in Brooklyn, within sight of the World Trade Center location. She lives with her family in the town of Manhasset, N.Y., a half-hour train ride from

Probably the most dramatic impact," Cacavas says, "was that so many people from Manhasset were killed in the attacks. I heard that the town suffered more losses from that one day than in all the wars combined. They were neighbors, friends, acquaintances. I can remember people going to the train station to see whose cars were still there, because then they knew that those people did not make it home. The fathers of my children's friends were killed; coaches were killed.

"I watched the whole thing unfold. I probably saw it from the closest safe distance. I was driving in to work when it happened. I thought there was an earthquake or something I do not know whether I felt the impact or heard it.

"The air was full of black smoke, sirens were abundant, police cars were all over the street - and that was in Brooklyn. From my office, I remember seeing the twin towers on fire and seeing them fall, all the while knowing my husband was at a meeting somewhere in the financial district.'

Her husband, George, was unhurt. After walking for a

while, he shared a cab with a handful of other refugees from Manhattan and made it home. Cacavas remembers "The air was full how surreal the scene was at home. "made even more so by the fact that it was a magnificent fall day. My children of black smoke. sirens were abunwere playing in the yard, and we could hear them laughing – as I stood in the living room watching this horror on TV dant, police cars were all over the street — and that with my neighbors. was in Brooklyn."

The funerals, Cacavas says, did not stop until December - and then began again as more bodies were found.

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with. But I also now have a profound sense of how lucky we are, how lucky we have been as a nation — how extraordinary the ordinary days are. There has been a real reshuffling of values and priorities.

"In the aftermath, there was such an overall sense of kindness and concern and sensitivity in this whole down-state area. I still see its remnants. I know people whose lives have been affected — oddly enough, positively — because of the perspective it brought to them.

"I gained a new sense of respect for New Yorkers. I was very moved as I watched television and saw that two

days after the attacks, people were back on the subways, back in the tunnels, back on the bridges, and carrying on as we needed to do as a nation."

The experience of New Yorkers, she said, was different from that of the rest of the nation. "The whole nation wept, the whole world wept, but being in the epicenter of things had a much more dramatic impact on us than it did on friends and family in Buffalo," she says. "It struck me that when we watch footage of an earthquake in another country, we feel for them and it is moving, but then we go on to other things. That is what struck me about this."

Even with a year's distance, Cacavas says, "I think about Sept. 11 all the time. I do not think I will ever be able to put it out of my mind.

"I think about it when I see the children who have lost a parent. And I see them every day."

"I still get calls from some of the victims. We have now placed close to 113 families with pro bono lawyers throughout the country. We have about 70 estate lawyers, firm-wide, who have rolled up their sleeves."

'We slept on the floor'

Craig D. Bell '83 had a professional role in the aftermath of Sept. 11 in Washington. A tax attorney for the Richmond, Va., law firm McGuireWoods, Bell also heads a team of six tax attorneys for his unit of the Army Reserve, where he serves as a lieutenant colonel and tax adviser to the Army's judge advocate general. After a hijacked airliner plowed into the Pentagon, his unit went into action to provide legal assis-

tance to the families of the 189 people who died there.
"Some things you will not forget," Bell says. "It was radically different from my usual law practice, sitting here

looking over the James River, doing my little tax stuff."
When his unit was mobilized, they set up shop at a

Sheraton Hotel about four blocks from the Pentagon, part of the hastily assembled Department of Defense Family Assistance Center. "When we got there, it was going to be just for a day," he says. "We had no changes of clothes. I had no shaving cream. The Red Cross gave us clothes and shaving cream. We slept on the floor. We had two cell phones that had died, no chargers, and no computers."

Despite the hardships, they managed to counsel dozens of family members on estate issues, probate procedures, powers of attorney and death certificates. For families whose lives had been turned upside down, speed was of the essence. "We would get someone from the right states to review it and establish a trust in 48 hours.

We were getting judges to come into the hotel where we were living to do guardianship hearings and hear custody disputes. When you sit down and talk with these victims and their families about getting their personal belongings back — their burned pictures and diplomas — it is a very moving thing.

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"When I look back at what I have done in 23 years in military service, I have tried practically every imaginable type of case: espionage, murder, drugs. I have done estate plans for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the chairman of the Army. But this was the first time in my career I thought that, as a JAG, I made a difference."

Bell points to one happy event in his own family that came about, indi-

rectly, because of his post-Sept. 11 experiences. Exhausted from dealing with 300 e-mails a day, sitting in a hotel room at 2 a.m., he picked up a book: a history of the 94th Infantry Division, his father's unit in World War II. In the back of the book was a list of decorations awarded to members of the unit, and in the list of Silver Stars awarded there was his father's name: Bell, Thomas L., Sgt.

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"I did not know my dad had a Silver Star," Craig Bell says. He called his father the next morning. It turned out the star, and several other decorations, had never been awarded. Bell called Sen. John Warner and arranged for the medals — seven in all — to be presented to his father at last. It never would have happened, Bell said, if he had not sought relief from the overload in a book.

And as for the disaster-relief work: "As a practicing lawyer, I view it as one of the most satisfying events in my entire career. The volume of work, the incredible conditions we were working under, the fragile nature of the people we were dealing with, make that event so unique. When I look back at it now, it worked."



'Trying to stay ahead of the curve'

As principal deputy in the Justice Department's Terrorism and Violent Crime Section, *Romie L. Edelman '75* found her work shifting into overdrive after the terrorist attacks. The Justice Department, of course, has led the investigation into the attacks, and the department's efforts quickly gained attention and spread throughout the country.

"We went into a seven-days-a-week, around-the-clock mode. That lasted for a couple of months." "We have responsibility for certain crisis response functions," Edelman says. "Since this was the largest nationwide investigation the FBI has ever conducted, it had a very significant impact on our of-

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days-a-week, around-the-clock mode. That lasted for a couple of months.

"One of the things to keep in mind is that while we are responding to what is the most significant terrorist event on American soil, we also have the regular flow of our office — cases pending, investigations under way that need to continue to move along on their own track — and we need to continue to staff those. One of my responsibilities is to make sure these things are staffed."

The department drew on volunteers from U.S. attorney's offices across the country. Most of them have gone home now, Edelman says, yet "the work flow is still above what it was before Sept.

11. We are in the process of hiring additional permanent resources. As with the work of the department as a whole and the FBI, more of our focus is on terrorism and especially on international terrorism. We are also working more on

terrorism matters with U.S. attorney's offices around the country. We have regional coordinators who work with all the terrorism coordinators in the U.S. attorney's offices.

"It is more of a constant thing than just reacting to an individual case. It is more of a constant monitoring, trying to stay ahead of the curve ... trying to be more in a preventive mode."

The emotional component of the work — the real human tragedies that her section's staff is trying to prevent — did not much come into play during the aftermath, Edelman says. "We were in such a reactive mode, and so much occupied with the ongoing and unfolding events, that you almost did not have time to think about it," she says. The exception was the death of the wife of the soliticitor general, whose phone call to her husband from one of the hijacked planes was played repeatedly by the media: "That really hit home."

For her, the legacy of Sept. 11 is the nation's new attention on terrorism as a real possibility in American life. "Everybody is much more focused on terrorism," she says.

"It is very much in the forefront for everyone in the Justice Department."

'It is a huge emotional challenge'

Manhattan trial lawyer *Joseph Belluck* '94 has been back to the Law School a couple of times since graduation to teach "bridge" courses. Last spring, the course he taught dealt with compensating victims of mass disasters, with a focus on the Sept. 11 victims compensation process.

Belluck, whose firm is Belluck & Fox, is heavily involved with Trial Lawyers Care, or TLC, a project of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association to give free legal representation to World Trade Center victims and their

families. "It has been an amazing experience on a lot of different levels," he says. "So far we have matched up 1,000 volunteer attorneys from around the country with 1,000 families who either lost a relative in the Sept. 11 attacks or had someone who was injured in the attacks.

"Obviously many of the people who died and many of the people who were injured suffered huge economic loss to their households. The New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association offered to provide free representation to any individual or family who wanted to make a claim against the Victim Compensation Plan." Individual claimants, he says, are required to submit evidence of damages. Belluck says he also

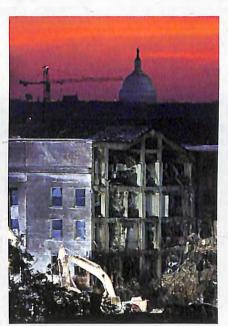
has been working on five to 10 claims himself as an individual attorney.

Through the volunteer effort, he says, "basically we make sure that these families are helped financially. Nothing can deal with the emotional trauma, but at least they will not have any financial stresses on them. Particularly the children will get the care and the schooling they need so that their trauma will be reduced."

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The whole experience, he says, has brought home to him the idea of the obligation that lawyers have to serve their clients, and "the difference you can make in someone's life. It is a huge emotional challenge to be dealing with hundreds and hundreds of victims of a disaster like this, getting to know them and realizing that each of them has a unique story that is completely individual."

Finally, Belluck says, "I feel that the legal education and training that I got at Buffalo, which in many ways teaches you why you want to be a lawyer, served me very well in the last six or eight months."



Supreme Court Justice ANTONIN SCALIA makes an original case

Backtobasics

he U.S. Supreme Court's foremost "originalist," who bases his decisions on the premise that he will not read into the Constitution more than the Founding Fathers intended, was the featured speaker March 13 at a luncheon in his honor at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo.

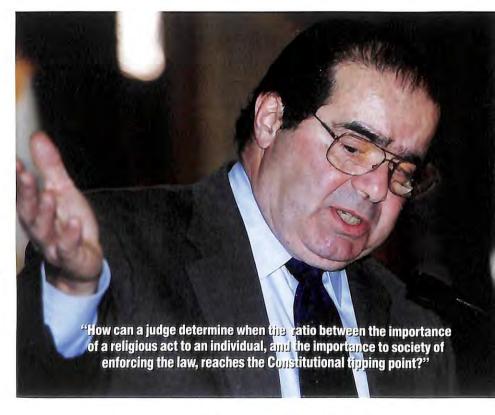
An overflow crowd that included more than 130 law students and 45 judges heard Scalia, nominated to the nation's highest court by President Ronald Reagan in 1986, defend his position on that issue with analysis, example and a healthy dollop of wit.

His appearance was sponsored by Chabad House of Western New York and the UB Law School. Ilene R. Fleischmann, associate dean for alumni and communications, served as master of ceremonies. Nearly 1,000 tickets were sold for the event.

In his 40-minute speech and in a question-and-answer session that followed, Scalia was consistent in arguing that the Constitution "says what it says, and no more than that." He cited what he called the "three supporting pillars" of Constitutional construction: the text; the tradition in which the text was written ("Where the text is ambiguous, it is to be understood as it

was understood when written"); and the principle of immutability ("We have an enduring Constitution, not a living one").

He spoke of a Texas case, Texas Monthly v. Bullock, concerning whether the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment contravened a state law that exempted doctrinal publications from the state sales tax. That case was decided by "the application of formulaic abstractions," he said. "Now, I have nothing against formulaic abstractions, otherwise



known as rules. But those formulaic abstractions ought to be derived from the text of the Constitution, or in cases where that is unclear, the practice that we have applied to those texts."

He quoted a priest in his Jesuit high school as justification for applying what Scalia called the "Shakespeare principle" to judicial interpretation. Father Tom Matthews, in the midst of a student's criticism of *Hamlet*, stopped the boy and said: "Mister, when you read Shakespeare, Shakespeare is not on trial – you

are." Likewise, Scalia said, "the prudent jurist does not judge traditions, he is judged by them."

For example, he said, the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of prayers said at the beginning of a legislative session, saying that in light of their long tradition, such prayers do not violate the Establishment Clause. "These traditions are the raw data from which opinions should be derived," Scalia said, "much as the conditions of nature are the raw data from which the laws of physics are derived."

calia also cited Oregon v. Smith - "my most popularly acclaimed opinion," he noted wryly, because within two years Congress sought to overrule it. The case involved two men who had been fired from their jobs as drug counselors because, as members of the Native American church, "they had been going up into the hills and using peyote on weekends, and this did not seem to be a very good thing for a drug counselor to be doing." The men sued after being denied unemployment benefits, claiming that the Free Exercise Clause "permits any person to follow his conscience as to what he must do, and the state cannot prevent him from doing that unless there is a compelling state interest for doing so." What the court ruled against, Scalia said, was "the notion that all laws are subject to a religious exception - that it is up to the courts on a case-by-case basis.

The crux of the case, he said, was this question: "How can a judge determine when the ratio between the importance of a religious act to an individual, and the importance to society of enforcing the law, reaches the Constitutional tipping point?"

"The Establishment Clause does not say that any person may disregard a law that goes against his religious belief. That's a very different thing" from the proscription of government establishment of religion.

In another case, Goldman v. Weinberger, the issue was whether an Air Force captain who is Jewish can be denied the right to wear a yarmulke. The U.S. District Court ruled that there was a compelling state interest at stake – a position with which Scalia said he agrees. In this case and others, he argued that it is up to state legislatures, not judges, to decide these questions.

During the question-and-answer period, he referred to a copy of the Constitution that he kept in his breast pocket. He spoke in strong terms of the split between the constructionist and originalist camps of Constitutional interpretation. "People who believe in a 'living Constitution' say, 'That is not what it used to mean, but it means that now.' People did not used to think that way.



Justice Scalia and Associate Dean Ilene R. Fleischmann.



Justice Scalia greets his friend David B. Filvaroff while Rabbi Noson Gurary looks on.

And we are not going to last another 200 years if we keep thinking that way. Once you depart from that (originalist) understanding, you leave it up to the Supreme Court to decide what the Constitution ought to mean."

And as a practical consequence of that attitude, he said, "You are going to find that selection of judges for the court becomes a very political hot potato. Every time you need to appoint a new Supreme Court justice, you are going to have a mini-plebiscite on what the Constitution means."

Digital dilemnas

A new concentration delves into fast-growing technologies

he practice of technology-related and intellectual property law is undergoing a revolution that parallels the technological revolution rapidly changing the society in which we live. From the exacting but largely static fields of copyright and patent law, IP is becoming a fast-growing area for practice and research. As the Internet and other digital technologies continue to evolve, lawyers worldwide are working overtime to help define a range of legal issues that such growth spins off.

At UB Law School, a new Technology and Intellectual Property Concentration will delve into some of those issues and prepare students for this fast-paced practice area. The Law School's faculty advisers for this interdisciplinary program are Associate Professor Shubha Ghosh and Professor Robert I. Reis.

"People have a lot more access to technology," Ghosh notes, "and they realize that technology is an integral part of what their personal and professional life entails. Part of the iclea of this program is to tap into that. As a lawyer, the more you know, the better."

At the heart of the concentration is the issue of ownership and right of use of information and knowledge. This extends to such questions as protection of intellec-





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tual property rights in copyright, patent and trademark law; ownership and use of communications and databases; free speech as it applies to new technologies; e-commerce issues; and how changing technologies affect the legal profession.

The concentration includes core courses in copyright, patent, trademark, computer law, ecommerce and cyberpiracy, and broader "context courses" dealing with antitrust, corporations, law and eco-

nomics, securities regulation and international trade.

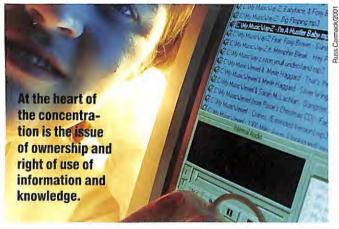
In addition, third-year students in the program will take an Intellectual Property Colloquium that focuses on cutting-edge issues of contemporary relevance – "hot issues in the field," as Ghosh puts it.

As well, students are encouraged to take related courses from outside the Law School, such as in UB's School of Informatics, and to work on the *Buffalo Intellectual Property Law Journal*.

"The nice thing about intellectual property is that there is a real historical component," Ghosh says. "The law is often about taking the dynamic and fluid, and putting it into some sort of categories. With intellectual property, the categories are shifting every day."

A course in the practice of intellectual property law, in which students would work for a concern and write about real-world issues arising from that situation, has already been established. Currently a third-year law student works each semester with the counsel for the Albright-Knox Art Gallery on issues related to what information the gallery might legally collect on visitors to its Web site as part of an Intellectual Property Practice course.

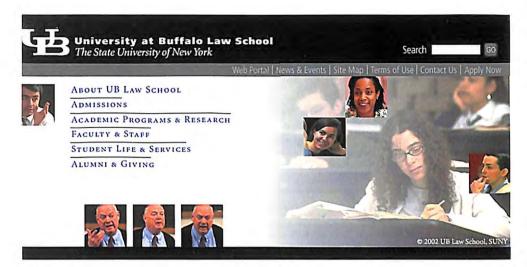
"The economy in general is changing.



It is moving toward a services-based, professional-based economy. That means that the main property being exchanged is information and knowledge," Ghosh says. Such developments as the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, which made it a crime to bypass the encryption of DVDs have spawned "a lot of very interesting cases," he says.

Reis, the co-director, said one useful aspect of the program is that he and Ghosh come to the field from different perspectives. "An interesting synergy is created by having more than one person run it," Reis says. "Shubha came to this after the denomination 'intellectual property' was applied to patent law. Most of my work with copyright and patents came before intellectual property. I have done a lot of work in early computer development – before Apple, before the PC. Technology drives intellectual property, and vice versa."

As one might expect, the tenets of the concentration are not set in stone. "This is a concentration that is going to undergo some significant change and evolution," Reis says. "We are trying to form a critical mass to attract other professors to it and also new faculty, and make this an important part of the Law School."



Visit our new Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu

By David Rodwin

Alumni, faculty, students, prospective applicants, friends – just about anyone, anywhere, who is interested in UB Law School can now easily access the information they want with a few computer clicks. Visit the new UB Law Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu and you will see that the school is moving forward with the lightning-fast changes of the Internet era. The layout is sleek and stylish, while the features are efficient and practical.

The site was designed by Rebecca Farnham, an art director in the UB office

of Creative Services. Her task was to integrate the look of the award-winning UB Law School catalog and other printed admissions materials with a new and elegant Web design. According to Professor Peter Pitegoff, chair of the Web Advisory Committee and vice dean for academic affairs, "The launch of the new Web site signals an ongoing process of expanding, updating and refining the Law School's Web presence and initiatives."

Features of the site include the capability to: apply online; e-mail faculty and

staff; make a gift; join the Law Alumni Association; apply for a job; view schedules, courses and calendars; view faculty accomplishments and research; read the latest press releases and newspaper articles; view photo books of classmates; register for reunions; update personal information; submit professional news to Class Action; read sections of *UB Law Forum*. The list goes on.

The information technology staff of the Law School, and in particular John Christensen and Wei Li, built the architecture of the site and implemented the design recommendations masterful-

ly. "John and Wei built a site that is accessible, fast and user-friendly," Pitegoff says. "They assured a substantive logic to the site map." Part of this logic was dividing up the many features of the Web site into different categories that are easily navigable from the home page. The structure of the new site is comparable to that of a pyramid, with each successive page detailing an increasingly specific set of information. However, the user constantly has the ability to jump to an entirely different topic quickly and easily.

Plans for the near future include the development of two password-protected areas within the site to serve specific constituencies: a comprehensive Alumni Community and a Law School portal sys-

tem.

Law School is now wired and wireless

By David Rodwin

Ever wish you could look up a case, silently ask a classmate a question, or quickly locate statistics to support an argument for a discussion — in the middle of class? Now that UB Law School is wireless, students can do all these things, and more.

All 11 classrooms in O'Brian Hall are now Internet-ready, with a speed of 11 megabytes per second — similar to that of a cable modern. The Law School is the first on campus to have all of its classrooms wireless, and it sets a high standard in doing so. UB Law was recently ranked by *Jurist* magazine as the 23rd best wired of all law schools. Alexander Dzadur, assistant dean for educational technology and director of information technology services, says, "We

want our students to have access to the Internet from every point in the building."

In addition, in the largest lecture halls
— Rooms 102, 104, 106, 107 and 108 – electrical outlets have been installed at each seat for plugging in laptops. Be-

sides being wireless, Room 5 has a stateof-the-art electronic teaching station, including a desktop, monitor, an electronic projector for exhibiting to the class what is on the professor's computer, and a VCR.

The courtroom on the first floor is

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similarly equipped as wireless and electrical. The Web access point is hidden behind a panel in front of the judge to blend in with the decor. In the back of the courtroom, the judge's chambers and support-staff offices are wired and wireless-ready, with the intentional exception of the jury deliberation room.Professor Robert Reis, the faculty member who heads the Technology Committee for the Law School, sees the new wireless access as "a significant educational advancement." In his experience, it enables students to keep their class materials highly organized. "They can download the materials on the Web in an electronic format and then bring their laptops to class," he said. "They can then put their pop up notes and class notes right into the case and keep it all together.'

Race v. gender

Baldy Center conference tackles progressive black masculinities

major conference in spring 2002 brought to UB Law School many of the leading thinkers and writers in an emerging subject of critical scholarship: African-American male

identity.

Titled "Exploring, Constructing, and Sustaining Progressive Black Masculinities," the conference was held at the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy for three days in mid-April and was cosponsored by Buffalo State College. The brainchild of UB Law Associate Professor Athena D. Mutua, the conference was an outgrowth of a continuing initiative, the Black Masculinities Project, which organized a workshop sponsored by the Baldy Center last year. The steering committee, chaired by Mutua, is jointly composed of faculty of UB Law and Buffalo State College, including: UB Professor of Law Stephanie Phillips and Buffalo State Assistant Professors Scott Johnson, Criminal Justice, Tim Brown, Communications, and Professor Ron Stewart, Sociology

Other UB Law participants included Associate Professors Shubha Ghosh, Martha McCluskey and Teresa A. Miller, and Professors Isabel Marcus and

Makau Mutua.

Athena Mutua explained that "progressive black masculinities" involves looking at "the ways that men relate to the world and others around them, as well as the ways the world relates to them. More specifically, "progressive black masculinities are those masculinities that are not predicated upon the subordination and domination of others. They take a critical stance toward



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— Associate Professor Athena D. Mutua

social structures such as racism, sexism, heterosexism, homophobia, classism, etc.," she said.

"Masculinities" is plural because "we are committed to the notion that there is not one model of manhood. Similarly, blackness is a term that we also understand as multidimensional. There is no one way to define blackness, nor a single model or standard of blackness or of being black."

Part of the theory, Mutua suggests, is that black men are subordinated by race but privileged by gender. "We are exploring this aspect of the theory, as well as the role of law in its operation. But sometimes black men seem to be oppressed by both race and gender."

For instance, the phenomenon of "driving while black" – the tendency by some law enforcers to pull over black drivers more than white drivers – "happens more to black men than to white men, white women and black women, seemingly because black men are both black and men," she said.

Other examples include the historical practice of lynching and the current imprisonment of large numbers of men of color. "Society views black men as something to be feared, and that perception also operates in the criminal justice system. When a black man reaches to pull out his wallet and is shot dead by 40 bullets, what are the images in the police officers' minds that cause that to happen?"

The issue has many dimensions, Mutua said, some of them addressed by panelists and speakers at the conference covering topics such as: black men and economic marginalization; law, religion and gender; sexuality and the politics of desire; black men and popular culture; nurturing progressive black children; and "black civil society."

Kendall Thomas, professor of law at Columbia and participant in the workshop suggested that the discussion of black masculinities is very much tied to the project of "reviving a 'black public sphere'" or black civil society in U.S. communities. The attrition of blackowned newspapers, for instance, has limited the forums for African-Americans to express "distinctively black American views on a whole range of

subjects." Ironically, he said, the success of the civil rights movement in making blacks' voices heard in the larger society has "eviscerated the remaining institutions of the black civic public, of the black public sphere, in largely urban communities throughout the United States."

eynote speaker Michael Eric Dyson is an African-American scholar and bestselling author whose work addresses urban, cultural and religious studies and popular and hip-hop culture. He spoke in the auditorium of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

Part Baptist preacher (by training), part stand-up comedian and part deadly serious scholar, Dyson riveted an appreciative audience with a discourse that focused on the "demonization" of African-American men by the larger society; the problem of the "deification" of black men in black communities in response to that demonization; and the need to "de-mythologize" black men so that the full range of their personalities and potential is recognized and realized.

"To think about black men in the 21st century," he began, "is to think about the profound and complex history of how black men have been viewed, not only here but around the globe." He argued that the success of American capitalism has been built "upon the labor of black people in general, but the labor of black men in particular. This becomes the exploitable commodity for the perpetuation of white supremacy.

Sustaining that situation, he said, "demanded the demonization of black men in order to justify and legitimate their being extirpated from African soil and brought to American soil in the West to serve as the engine of

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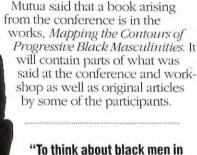
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This characterization of black men, Dyson said, includes stereotypes of laziness, suspicions of an inclination toward violence and images of uncontrolled sexuality, especially in relation to white women. This, he said, was part of the public fascination with the O.J. Simpson case, because the victim was a white woman and the defendant - especially in the infamous Time magazine cover, in which editors artificially

tivity. "And in the pre-Sept. 11 atmosphere," he said, "black men bore the brunt of race-based suspicions. What we saw was the demonization of black identity," Dyson said. "Post-9/11 is just an extension of that, and we look undarkened his face - was black. American if we speak up about it. Dri-When I think about black men beving while black is not that much different from flying while Muslim." ing demonized," he said, Mutua said that a book arising "you have to remember



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Bythenumbers

New program melds legal skills and economic concepts

s controversy swirls nationwide around the issue of corporate accountability and shoddy accounting practices, UB Law School has instituted another interdisciplinary program, one that bridges the gap between the worlds of business and law.

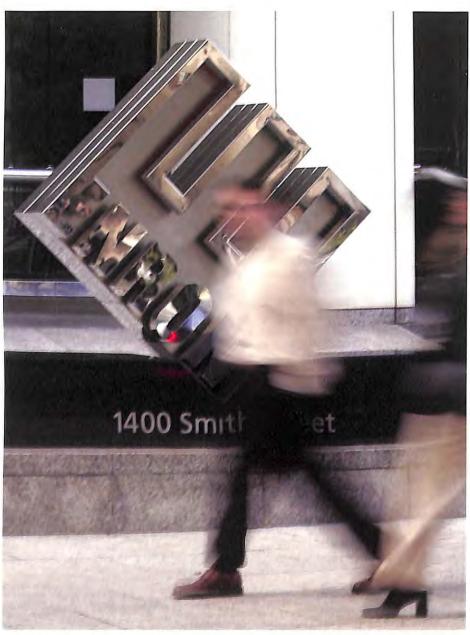
The collaborative program in Law and Applied Economics will train students in legal theory as it relates to economics, and will provide practical skills and knowledge that could be used in such fields as management consulting, corporate legal work and governmentagency professional work.

Students in the program, drawn from both the Law School and the University's Department of Economics, will graduate with joint degrees of Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in economics. Taking 3½ years to complete, the program is slightly longer than the traditional three-year law degree.

"It makes sense to do this, because of synergy between the Economics Department and the Law School," said Peter Pitegoff, UB Law's vice dean for academic affairs. "We already had law students who were pursuing these dual degrees in an ad hoc way. There is real interest in the program."

Pitegoff said the program also should draw economics students who want to increase their expertise and employability by acquiring a measure of legal theory and skills.

"The J.D. helps people understand the structure of power in society," he



The collaborative program in Law and Applied Economics will train students to understand issues of corporate accountability such as those swirling around Enron Corp.

said. "One of the signatures of UB Law School is its interdisciplinary focus. Much of the scholarship here, as well as much of the teaching, puts law in the context of the broader society. A number of our faculty have advanced degrees in other disciplines."

The economics program, Pitegoff pointed out, joins several other interdisciplinary degree programs offered through the Law School, including programs combining a J.D. degree with degrees in management, social work, public health and library science.

saac Ehrlich, chair of UB's Department of Economics, said the program's "twist" on the law-and-economics movement in legal theory is to use economic factors to explain the development of the legal system. "Our program puts together law and economics in a new way," Ehrlich said. "It is applied economics – it will give students skills they can use."

"No other school has a program of the magnitude and design that we have here," said Chris S. Connor, who coordinates the program through the Economics Department. He said interest among potential students has been so high that "we are running out of brochures."

As examples of fields in which such a combination of degrees might serve well, Ehrlich ticks off a list: regulatory activity such as antitrust work, wrongful-death cases, patent work, commercial activities, intellectual property and Internet property rights. In antitrust, for example, "corporations need a lot of economic advice, and so does the government, to try to prove that there was a trust. When you deal with a case like this, the corporation spends millions of dollars on economic advice, and so does the government. Lawyers have to become more conversant in these types of skills and knowledge.

Connor said the program likely will



AFL-CIO President John Sweeney asks for corporate reform. The collaborative program teaches students skills they can use to solve business problems.

attract a high proportion of international students. The Economics Department, which four years ago had only 23 students, expects to have a complement of 120 students in the 2002-03 school year, 60 percent of them from countries outside the United States.

Said Ehrlich: "This program should attract international attention. The word will get out there that if you want to get a specific leg up in the legal process, as a product of both programs in law and economic and econometric skills, consider the University at Buffalo."



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Professor Herman Schwartz keynotes Commencement 2002

By Nicole Peradotto

mbition. Edification. Consternation. Appreciation.

To Yolanda Afua Asamoah-Wade, these words could serve as chapter titles for a book chronicling the typical student's law school experience. Naturally, the final chapter of that book would be devoted to graduation day, when appreciation flows as freely as congratulatory champagne.

UB Law School's 2002 commencement ceremony certainly followed in that tradition. On a sun-drenched May afternoon in the Center for the Arts, graduates thanked loved ones for their support, professors thanked students for their diligence, and alumni thanked the school for creating such a nurturing environment for aspiring lawyers.

For her part, Asamoah-Wade, chosen as the Class of '02's student speaker, used a portion of her time at the podium to express gratitude toward her peers.

"For some of us, our paths may never cross again, but this experience that we have shared will leave an indelible mark on our souls. In



Marcy E. Golomb '02 and Gregory A. Goodman '02

PROFESSOR HERMAN SCHWARTZ:

"In A Christmas Carol, the ghost of Jacob Marley, Ebenezer Scrooge's partner, says to him, 'Mankind was my business.' That's true for everyone. But for lawyers, there's something more. The entrance to the United States Supreme Court proclaims 'Equal Justice Under Law.' For us as lawyers, making that a reality is our business."





Professor William R. Greiner presents degrees to the graduating class of 2002.

this, we are forever united," she said.

"For others of us, the relationships we have established here will remain with us for the rest of our lives. We truly could not have done this without each other."

During an address notable for its inspiration and humor, Asamoah-Wade reminded students that the journey to law school began, for many of them, with an ambition "to effect change in this crazy world."

"Once here we embarked on a journey toward our edification, a journey that at first seemed to have crystal clear meaning and purpose. Yet we may have found ourselves beset with consternation at almost every turn. " 'Brief the case'?

"I think I have one of those.

"'Find a carrel'?

"I couldn't carry a tune to save my life.

" 'Sine qua ... who did you say?

" 'Summarize the judgment'?

"It's enough to make a person feel persona non grata."

Similarly, UB President William R. Greiner injected levity into the event during his greeting. Standing behind a stage full of distinguished law school professors, staff, guests and alumni – including members of the class of 1952, present for their 50th reunion — he, too, took the occasion as an opportunity to give thanks. But to differ-

ent people, and for different reasons.

"In the presence of so many members of the bar and the bench, I was about to start my remarks by saying, 'May it please the court,' " the UB Law School professor and administrator quipped.

"That would be inappropriate, so let me just say the following: May God bless this honorable gathering and all the members of the bench and bar, all the soon-to-be members of the bench and bar, and their families. And one last blessing: For those alumni who are supporting the school, and the taxpayers of the state of New York. I

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Yolanda Afua Asamoah-Wade '02 gives the student address.

Joshua L. Farrell '02 and family.



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say, 'Thank you.' "

Dispensing with the traditional speech, Greiner then read the poem "A Chance for the Soul" written by UB English professor and 2002 Pulitzer Prize winner Carl Dennis.

Like Greiner, the keynote speaker for commencement day was a member of UB Law School's faculty during the 1960s and 1970s. Herman Schwartz joined the faculty in 1963, beginning a distinguished career in the area of civil liberties. At UB until 1976, Schwartz was heavily involved in studying and monitoring New York State's criminal justice system. In 1971, during the infamous uprising at Attica State Prison, he served as the first intermediary between the prisoners and the prison administration. He also founded the American Civil Liberties Union's prisoners' rights program and took two prisoners' rights cases before the Supreme Court.

It was in the context of the civil rights movement that Schwartz reflected on his tenure at UB. Arriving in Buffalo the day after Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I have a dream" speech during the March on Washington, he remembered that just a few months later, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated — "the first of our several losses of innocence."

"Throughout my 14 years here, more shocks followed," said Schwartz, now a professor at American University's Washington College of Law.

"The Vietnam War tore the country apart. Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were assassinated. Urban riots erupted with frightening regularity. George Wallace attracted a huge following with his racist message and he, too, was shot. Richard Nixon was forced to resign because of dress, describing it as a civicminded institution fiercely committed to students and scholarship.

"The school offered its faculty an opportunity to think and write about the law. It provided us with a constantly changing group of bright minds as the captive audience who had to listen to us if they wanted to get through law school.



Members of the Class of '52, left to right: Phyllis H. Wilkinson, June Sworobuk, Hon. Mary K. Davey-Carr, Hon. Alfreda W. Slominski and Hon. Mary Ann Killeen Ast.

the Watergate scandal. The abortion wars began. And America was into a much more troubled era.

"The opening line of Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities begins: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.' Perhaps that's always true," Schwartz observed, "but it certainly describes the years I was here."

The keynote speaker recalled UB Law School with great fondness during his ad"It provided students and colleagues with room to exchange ideas. And equally important with my particular interests was the opportunity to work in the community."

Schwartz's "particular interests" since that time have prompted him to write two books: Packing the Courts: The Conservative Campaign to Rewrite the Constitution (1988) and The Struggle for Constitutional fustice in Post-Communist Europe.

The latter title, published





Professor Makau Mutua, marshal, and Professor Herman Schwartz, keynote speaker, top.

Nadine C. Smith '02, above.

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in 1999, is inspired by Schwartz's passion of the past 12 years. As an adviser on matters of constitutional and human rights reform, he has worked extensively with nations in the former Communist bloc in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as Russia.

Describing their struggles to build a constitutional democracy under the rule of "Legal reforms have flagged badly in many of these countries. Yet without such reforms, economic recovery is impossible. Without the cooperation and security of law – anti-monopoly laws, banking laws, commercial codes – without the legislation that we take for granted, a modern economy simply cannot function."

Bringing his address



Kareen V. Zeitounzian '02 surrounded by her family.

law, Schwartz told the audience that he has seen glimmers of hope in these regions. For example, some countries adopted a version of judicial review with special constitutional tribunals independent of the regular court. In Russia and Hungary, Schwartz said, such tribunals effectively abolished capital punishment.

Nonetheless, he observed, too much is still being done by "connections, cronvism and corruption."

back home, Schwartz reminded the assembled graduates that it's not only in farflung countries where citizens struggle to make ends meet, and where children go hungry.

"It's often said that our country has too many lawyers. That depends. We certainly don't have too many lawyers for the poor and the others shortchanged by luck. Yet such

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LATIN HONORS 2002

Summa Cum Laude Patrick Gerard Radel

Magna Cum Laude
Marina Belaya
Joanna Dickinson
Joshua Lynch Farrell
Scott Thomas Hanson
Kim Koski Taylor
Ryan Andrew McPherson
Melissa Anne Meyer
Julie Jean Olenn
Erin Elizabeth Popovich-Fontana

Patrick Fiore Tedesco
Jack Trachtenberg
Jennifer Nowak Weidner

Cum Laude
Frank Vincent Balon
Matthew J. Beck
Kristy Lynn Berner
Mary Beth Bowman
Paul James II Brodnic

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David P. Case
Jennifer Rebecca Darling
Owen William Demuth
Deanna L. DeVries
Karen Beth Feger
Dierk Allen Flemming
Donald Greenwood Frey
Hillary Kaine Green
Michael Paul Joy
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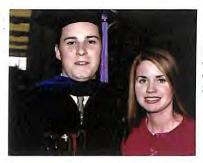
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Christopher Wisniewski Melanie May Wojcik



Temietan O. Ofuya '02, top.

Amanda A. Gresens '02 and her father James W. Gresens '73, above.



Patrick G. Radel '02 with his wife, Mary Snyder '01

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Vice Deans Dianne Avery and Peter R. Pitegoff presented the awards and prizes:

- The Law School's top award, the *Max Koren Award*, went to **Patrick G. Radel** (Williamsville).
- The John N. Bennett Achievement Award was shared by Erin E. Popovich-Fontana (Grand Island) and Ryan A. McPherson (East Aurora).

 Dale S. Margulis Award went to Rashondra M. Jackson (Amherst).

• Birzon Prize in Clinical Legal Studies was given to **Emily A. Vella** (Holland, NY).

American Baankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy went to Christopher A.
 Schenk (Kenmore)

• American Bar Association and the Bureau of National Affairs for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law was presented to

Christopher E. Copeland (Gainesville, NY); George Hajduczok (Lancaster) and Thomas E. Popek (Orchard Park)

• American Bar Association and the Bureau of National Affairs for Excellence in the Study of Labor and Employment Law was given to Joanna Dickinson (Buffalo); James S. Skloda (Cicero, NY); and Andrew J. Blanton (Rochester)

 Charles Dautch Award for research in the law of real property was presented to Michael P. Joy (North Tonawanda)

 Professor Louis DelCotto Award in Tax was presented to Erin E. Popovich-Fontana (Grand Island)

 Maurice Frey Award in Family Law was given to Laura Ann Kelley (North Tonawanda) and Kim Koski Taylor (West Henrietta)

 Edith and David Goldstein Award for debtorcreditor and bankruptcy law was presented to Deanna L. DeVries (Amherst)

• The *Thomas E. Headrick "Trees and Forest"*Award in corporate finance was given to **Marina Belaya** (Williamsville) and **James C. Thoman**(Glenwood, NY)

• Adolph Homburger Law Alumni Association Award went to **Sandra Friedfertig**

(Williamsville) and Joshua L. Farrell (Buffalo)
 Judge Matthew J. Jasen Appellate Practice
 Award was given to Patrick G. Radel
 (Williamsville)

 David Kochery Award was given to Paul J. Brodnicki II (Buffalo)

 Laidlaw Law Ahmmi Association Award was presented to David P. Case (Palmyra, NY) Moot Evidence Award went to Michael P. Joy (North Tonawanda)

Harry A. Rachlin Prize in Property and Real Estate Transactions was given to Michael P. Joy
(North Tonawanda)

• Judge William J. Regan Award went to Julie J. Olenn (Buffalo)

• Robert Connelly Trial Technique Awards were presented to: David P. Case (Palmyra, NY); Brian M. Chella (Buffalo); Lorisa D'Angelo (Rochester); Joanna Dickinson (Buffalo); Perry M. Duckles (Penfield, NY); Hillary K. Green (Buffalo); Gregory Grizopolous (Amherst); Sean D. Lair (Class of 2003 - Brockport); Kathryn J. Land (Amherst); James P. Mulhern (Kenmore); Jon A. Nichols (Amherst); Destin C. Santacrose (Norwich, NY); Kim Koski Taylor (West Henrietta); Christopher G. Todd (Amherst); Cynthia L. Warren (Williamsville); Jennifer N. Weidner (Victor, NY); Daniel N. Wilkens (Buffalo); Julie Atti (Class of 2003, Buffalo)

 Law Faculty Awards were presented to: Joshua L. Farrell (Buffalo); Mark M. Popiel (Niagara Falls, Ont.); Nicole C. Lee (Buffalo); Kareen V. Zeitounzian (Pittsford); Joseph E. Schneider (Buffalo)

 New York State Bar Association Ethics Award went to April J. Orlowski (Class of 2003 – North Tonawanda)

• Carlos C. Alden Award for the Buffalo Law Review went to **Julie J. Olenn** (Buffalo)

• Justice Philip Halpern Award for excellence in writing went to Julie J. Olenn (Buffalo)

• Order of the Barristers went to: Paul J. Brodnicki (Buffalo); Todd A. Gold (Commack, NY); Hillary K. Green (Buffalo); Megan A. Griffin (Plattsburgh, NY); Natalie A.Grigg (Lockport); Paige M. Junker (Amherst); Stephen W. Kelkenberg (Buffalo); Jennifer M. Noto (Mount Morris, NY); Karen E. Peterson (Kenmore); Melanie M. Wojcik (Orchard Park)

• Justice M. Dolores Denman Award and scholarship was presented to **Karen B. Feger** (Buffalo) and **Yolanda Asamoah-Wade** (Rochester)

• Linda S. Reynolds Award for equal justice was given to **Anne R. Babcock** (Buffalo)

• Kenneth A. Gomez Award for equality and justice went to **Danita C. Mendez** (Buffalo) and **Richard S. Ortiz-laPorte** (Queens Village, NY)

Activist's Gavel Award for democratic and liberal ideals was presented to Dennis L. Fish
(Amherst)

• Minority Bar Association Award went to Rashondra M. Jackson (Amherst)

 National Association of Women Lawyers Award went to Kathryn J. Land (Amherst)

 UB Law Alumni Association GOLD Group Award for leadership skills went to Nicole C. Lee (Buffalo)

 NY State Bar Association /Law Student Bar Association Achievement Award was presented to the Student Bar Association and Domestic Violence Task Force.

On stage, all in the family

For one proud family, Commencement 2002 was not only a chance to celebrate a graduation, but also to make a bit of UB Law history.

Josie Lipsitz, a member of the Class of 2002, is the fourth generation of her family to take home a UB Law diploma. She was preceded in that line by her aunt, Nan Haynes '92; her uncle, John Lipsitz '78; her grandfather, Richard Lipsitz '43; and her great-grandfather, Harry Lipsitz '12.

"Every one of the succeeding generations made the decision on his or her own, without any input from me. It just happened through osmosis," says Richard Lipsitz, now the family patriarch and a partner in the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria. "She just decided that she wanted to go to law school and become an attorney."

The occasion was also a special one because Law School Dean Nils Olsen first invited Richard Lipsitz to be part of the Commencement processional, then – just before they left the robing room – told him that he could present the diploma to his granddaughter.

It was a family moment unique to UB Law School. "I was thrilled by the opportunity, and touched," Lipsitz says. "That was very nice of the dean. I was touched by his thinking of me and inviting me."



SUNY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING PROFESSOR KENNETH F. JOYCE:

"In the course of learning all these rules, you have also learned – or perhaps more accurately, learned to live with - a fact that's undeniable: A good deal of the law is ambiguous, unclear, in a state of flux, evolving, up in the air or just plain unknown."

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people are totally enmeshed in the law, whether it involves welfare, food stamps, subsidized housing. Medicare, immigration law and, of course, criminal law."

Urging the graduates not to neglect their responsibility to those in need, he read Canon Two of the American Bar Association Code of Professional Responsibility, which calls for "every lawyer regardless of professional prominence or professional workload to find some time in serving the disadvantaged."

In keeping with that theme, Schwartz concluded his talk with another quote from Dickens.

"In A Christmas Carol, the ghost of Jacob Marley, Ebenezer Scrooge's partner, says to him, 'Mankind was my business.' That's true for everyone. But for lawyers, there's something more. The entrance to the United States Supreme Court proclaims 'Equal Justice Under Law.' For us as lawyers, making that a reality is our business."

The faculty address was given by SUNY Distinguished Professor Kenneth F. Joyce, who reminded the graduates what it means to think like a lawyer.

"From the beginning of law school to the end, you have been subjected to rules and exceptions to rules, principles and countervailing principles, distinctions and

Graduates get ready to march in the Center for the Arts false dichotomies, rationales marks. and flawed reasoning," he However, the broad said. smiles that accessorized their "In the course of learning caps and gowns indicated all these rules, you have also that most graduates were not

learned - or perhaps more accurately, learned to live with - a fact that's undeniable: A good deal of the law is ambiguous, unclear, in a state of flux, evolving, up in the air or just plain unknown.

It seemed fitting that Joyce uttered the word "unknown" just minutes before 230 Juris Doctor and 13 Master of Laws candidates walked across the stage and toward a future punctuated with numerous question

thinking about the bar exam, interviews or first jobs. Clearly, they were reveling in the moment.

As the commencement exercises took place May 11, a day before Mother's Day, each student received a long-stemmed red rose — in yet another gesture of appreciation - to honor their mothers.

Anthem soloist Phillip Dabney Jr. '02, top.

Joseph E. Schneider '02 and fiancée Laurel Ode, above.

Erma Hallett Jaeckle '36 receives SUNY bonorary doctorate

longtime friend of UB Law School who has made her home in Florida now has a piece of New York to remember it by: a State University of New York honorary doctorate in law, the highest honor that can be presented by the State University system.

Only a few honorary degrees are awarded each year to outstanding individuals whose personal and professional accomplishments have

exceptional significance on both state and national levels. Selection is based upon the recommendation of college presidents and faculties and by a statewide committee.

UB President and Professor William R. Greiner presented the honorary degree to Erma Hallett Jaeckle '36 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Also in attendance were Jennifer A. McDonough UB Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations and Carol Greiner, wife of the president.

A pioneering female lawyer, Mrs. Jaeckle was one of only four women in her graduating class. Mrs. Jaeckle spent much of her career as a trial lawyer specializing in matrimonial and custody matters, as well as handling

adoptions and probate. She eventually formed the first firm in her area in which all of the partners were women.

Mrs. Jaeckle was also involved in the St. Petersburgh community. She was a founder and first president of Altrusa International, a women's service organization, and helped found the St. Petersburg Business and Professional Women's Club, of which she was also the first president. She was a leader in the St. Petersburg Bar Association, serving as one of the first women on its executive board.

Her support of the Law School has been substantial and sustained over her long career of professional achievement. In announcing the award, Greiner said: "Erma Hallett Jaeckle has left an indelible mark on the UB Law School, providing generations of UB Law students the opportunity to develop expertise in the state and regional governmental institutions. Her leadership has provided the inspiration and support to bring UB Law students into greater contact with community public service agencies, and the Law School is stronger and more vibrant thanks to her depth of commitment."

In nominating Mrs. Jaeckle for the honorary degree, Law School Dean Nils Olsen noted that she "inspired and paved the way for thousands

> of women to have meaningful legal careers. The transformation in the profession that has occurred since she began making inroads has been extraordinary. The profession and society at large have been greatly enriched because women, a pool of talent that was formerly excluded, now comprise more than one-third of the members of the profession."

Olsen also noted that Mrs. Jaeckle, besides significant individual support from herself and her late husband, Edwin F. Jaeckle '15, has helped lead UB's advancement and development program by serving as an honorary co-chairperson of the University's ongoing capital campaign, the most ambitious ever in the SUNY system.

Mrs. Jaeckle is especially proud of the Law School's Edwin F. Jaeckle Center for State and Local Government. The Jaeckle Center exposes students to the intricate problems that arise in the public sector and helps agencies develop innovative solutions. For example, one Jaeckle Center project informed county governments across the state of alternative sources of funding available for providing health care to poor residents, thus eliminating the need for many millions of dollars in Medicaid expenses. As a result of legal work done primarily by law students, the center has also obtained over \$60 million in financing for the construction and management of affordable housing.

"Erma Hallett
Jaeckle has
left an
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mark on the
UB Law
School."

– President William R. Greiner





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The State University of New York

Law School Report

Where our recent graduates practice law

UB Law graduates choose to work in many cities throughout the United States and internationally. The following is just a partial list indicating some of the metropolitan areas and employers where our graduates have gone in the past five years.

AZ

Phoenix

AZ State Court of Appeals

Lewis & Roca Maricopa County DA

Hollywood

Judge Judy

Los Angeles

National Labor Relations

Board

San Diego

Federal Defender of San

Diego

San Diego County DA

San Francisco

Pillsbury Winthrop

Brighton

Adams County DA

Vinton Allen & Velone

CT

New Haven

CT Superior Court

Stamford

Cummings & Lockwood

DC

Washington

Amnesty International

Comptroller of Currency

Chief Counsel's Office Congressman John LaFalce

Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission

Internal Revenue Service.

Chief Counsel's Office

McKenna & Cuneo

Morgan Lewis

Pillsbury Winthrop

US Air Force, Judge

Advocate General

Headquarters

US Court of Veterans

Appeals

US Department of

Housing and Urban

Development

LS Department of Justice. Antimust Division

US Patent and

Trademark Office

US Secret Service

US Securities and

Exchange Commission

US Tax Court

Delaware Community

Legal Aid Society

Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell

Belle Glade

Florida Legal Services

Cocoa

Florida State Child

Welfare Legal Services

Daytona Beach

Cobb, Cole & Bell

Punta Gorda

Office of the State

Attorney St. Petersburg

Hillsboro County

Attorney's Office

West Palm Beach

Florida Public Defender

Atlanta

Alston & Bird

King & Spalding

Lord Bissell & Brook

US Court of Appeals,

Eleventh Circuit

Chicago

Arena Football League

Katten Muchin &

Zavis

Lord Bissell & Brook

Mayer Brown

US Court of Appeals.

Seventh Circuit

Louisville

Louisville-Jefferson County

Public

Detender

I.A.

Alexandria

US District Court

New Orleans

L'S Customs

Boston

Mayor's Office

Massachusetts Superior

Plymouth

South Shore Women's

Center

MD

Baltimore

St. Ambrose Legal Services

US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Auburn

Maine Superior Court

Portland

Pine Tree Legal Assistance

Southeast Michigan Council

of Governments

Genesee County Circuit Court

MN

Minneapolis

Faegre & Benson

Halifax

Halifax County DA

Raleigh

IBM

North Carolina Court of

Appeals

Womble Carlyle

Claremont New Hampshire Legal

Assistance

Manchester McLane, Graf, Raulerson &

Middleton

Morriston

Pitney, Hardin, Kipp &

New Brunswick New Jersey Superior Court

Covenant House, Youth

Advocacy Center

Las Vegas

Appeals

Albany

Carter Conboy

Hiscock & Barclay

Legal Aid Society of

Northeastern New York

New York State Appellate

Division, 3rd Department

New York State Court of

New York State Department of Corrections

New York State Senate

Whiteman, Osterman &

Hanna Binghamton

Broome County Attorney's

Broome County Public De-

fender

Bronx

Bronx DA's Office

Brooklyn

Kings County DA's Office New York State Appellate

Division, 2nd Department **US Bankruptcy Court**

Buffalo

Damon & Morey

Erie County DA's Office

Hodgson Russ

Hon. Jack Ouinn, US House of Representatives

Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel

Legal Services for the

Elderly

National Labor Relations

Neighborhood Legal

Services New York State Attorney

General Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock,

Blaine & Huber Rich Products Corporation

Univera Healthcare US District Court

Western New York Peace

Center Central Islip

Suffolk County DA's Office

US District Court East Aurora

Fisher-Price Corporation Hembstead Nassau Legal Aid Society Kew Gardens

Queens County DA's Off

Mineola Nassau County DA's Offi

New York

Cadwalader Wickersham

Chase Manhattan Corporation

Clifford Chance Rogers &

Wells

Dewey Ballantine Fish & Neave

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Hellman LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene &

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Rogers & Wells

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Career Services statistics for Class of 2001

Less than a year after graduation, 99 percent of qualified graduates had found a job or were pursuing advanced degrees.

Geography

Many of our 2001 graduates choose to work in New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, and other locales in New York State. Others find work in cities and towns throughout the United States (there is a particular concentration in Washington, D.C.), as well as abroad.

In the Class of 2001, 19 percent of the class found employment outside New York State - up 2 percent from last year.

Within the state of New York, the class of 2001 found employment in these areas:

Albany	1%	I
Buffalo	59 %	the state of the s
New York City	14%	
Rochester	14 %	
Syracuse	2%	1
Other	10%	

Practice areas

Consistent with most law schools, 55 percent of the 2001 graduates went into private practice. Another 16 percent of that class joined business enterprises. The success of the 2001 UB Law graduates in the public sector is noteworthy: About 5 percent were employed in legal services, legal aid or other not-for-profit organizations. In addition more than 16 percent of these graduates serve the public through government employment, military or judicial employment, including 4 percent in judicial clerkships.

Salaries

Even factoring in the large number of our graduates in public practice, the median starting salary for 2001 graduates was \$52,855. Starting salaries ranged to a high of \$135,000. When compared to the costs of attending UB Law, the return on investment is the best in New York State.

Class of 2001

Private practice	Low	High
501+	\$55,000	\$135,000
251-500	\$60,000	\$125,000
101-250	\$65,000	\$125,000
51-100	\$35,000	\$100,000
26-50	\$25,000	\$ 63,500
11-25	\$35,000	\$ 43,900
2-10	\$23,400	\$60,000

Business & Industry

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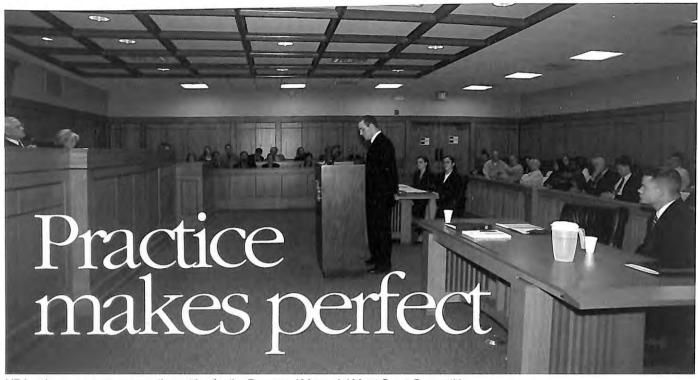
Government		
Federal	\$31,000	\$55,000
State	\$28,800	\$37,000
Local	\$30,000	\$50,000
Public Interest	\$18,500	\$41,000
Judicial Clerkships	\$44,000	\$59,000



"UB Law alumni play a crucial role in the placement success of our graduates. Besides hiring our new graduates, they offer much-needed advice, encouragement and networking help. In these days of economic uncertainty, we rely heavily on the support and participation of the law alumni in our Career Services efforts."

— Lisa M. Patterson **Associate Dean for Career Services**

Law School Report



UB Law's new courtroom was the setting for the Desmond Memorial Moot Court Competition.

Moot court and trial programs winning national renown

t has been a banner year for moot court competitions at UB Law School and for UB Law teams that have traveled to national trial competitions.

The school's long-standing strengths in traditional moot courts are being increasingly augmented by opportunities for participation in regional and national contests that enable students to practice and showcase their skills in writing briefs and oral advocacy.

For instance, for the first time, UB has been invited to participate in the prestigious "Tournament of Champions" in Texas this fall. "We received our invitation because of the performance of UB students in trial competitions last school year," said James W. Grable Jr. "76, one of several practitioners who help coach such teams at UB Law. "We will also field strong teams in the ATLA Trial Competi-

tion and the William C. Daniel Trial Competition in Atlanta."

Professor Lucinda M. Finley took students from her appellate advocacy class to two national competitions: the Northeast regional American Bar Association Moot Court Competition in New York City, and the Herbert R. Wechsler First Amendment Competition in the District of Columbia.

Finley points out that in the ABA competition, two UB Law students – Paige Junker '02 and Dan Willkens '02 – placed in the Top 10 for best-oralist awards. "To have two students from one school in the top 10 is quite an extraordinary achievement," Finley said. "There were close to 100 students who competed. This shows that UB students can compete with the best students anywhere throughout the nation."

Junker, who was named seventh-best

oralist in the competition, said: "I really enjoy the oral advocacy portion of it. It is a good experience because I get to do the part that I like and I get to improve my writing skills at the same time. Being forced to sit down and turn out quality work product has been really helpful.

"It is just a lot of fun. It is a nice break from the grind of class."

Junker, whose partner was Brendan Mehaffy '02, said the case in question was a civil appellate matter having to do with a family that had bought a manufactured home that turned out to be grossly defective. The case dealt with whether the home was covered by the Magnusson-Moss Warranty Act and whether disputes over its quality should be heard in arbitration rather than through the courts.

Willkens, named 10th-best oralist, said he "really liked doing" the competition. "It is the competitive part of the profession that I really enjoy," he said. "For me, seeing people from other schools and getting up before the judges is part of the fun. It was probably the most fun I had in law school." He noted that the competition was the culmination of Finley's full-year appellate advocacy course.

Willkens' partner, Hillary Green '02, pointed to the tough judges as one challenge. "It is a competitive bar in New

York City," she said, "and they were pretty brutal. It kept us on our toes. We had to think a little bit harder than we would have if we were in a competition with people we know. They created a hostile environment and tried to put us off of our game. That was something I did not anticipate.

"When you are a trial attorney, there is often only one judge. Here there were three. When you want to get every aspect of your argument out, but you are constantly interrupted and they will not let you, your understanding of the material needs to be very fluid. The judges do not like it when you do not answer their

Another UB Law trial technique coach is Hon. Thomas P. Franczyk, a Buffalo City Court judge. He now coordinates UB Law's mock trial competition program.

"Every year it gets bigger,"
Franczyk said of UB Law's participation in these competitions.
"The better you do, the more invitations you get, the more invitations you get, the more you can show how well you can do and the more invitations you get, and on and on.

"It definitely is a program that is on the rise. We are now on the nation's radar screen as far as the top trial competitions are concerned. Every year we have gotten better, and we have gotten noticed."

Of the mock trial experience, the Franczyk said: "This is, in my opinion, the best possible training that a law student who wants to be a trial lawyer can have. You are trying cases, working for months at a time, constantly being evaluated by top judges and lawyers. This gives them real-life training

"We have a good cross-section of lawyers who are doing a great job on this. We hope that the alumni will continue to support the program."

Another recent success was the appearance by two UB Law teams at the Northeast regional of the 2002 Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition. The team of Dave Morrisett '03 and Terry-Ann Llewellyn '04 reached the semifinals of the competition before being eliminated by eventual champion Columbia University. The team of Malissa N. Lewis '03 and Anthony J. Jones '04 upset Yale University and Syracuse University before eventually losing to Harvard. Twenty-four teams

competed in the event, run by the National Black Law Students Association.

UB last entered the competition in 1988, said Langston D. McFadden '03, a UB Law student who coached the team along with Sheri D. Crosby '02. "It was really difficult, especially the first couple of rounds," he said. "Buffalo had a lack of respect from Harvard, Yale, Columbia. It was really personal. We felt that the education at UB was as good as or better than Harvard or Yale. So it was extremely gratifying to beat Yale."

McFadden said the competition also pointed up the abilities of African-American students. "There seems to be a misconception that somehow minority students are not as good as non-minority students when it comes to such things as oral arguments and writing appellate



Kristin St. Mary '03 and Julie Ann Atti '03, winners of the Desmond competition.

briefs," he said. "Not only are UB's minority students just as good as the Tier 1 schools, the level of education at Buffalo ensures that."

ack at O'Brian Hall, the Charles S. Desmond Memorial Moot Court Competition enjoyed a successful year. UB's most popular moot court competition, it saw about 70 people competing this year, said Joseph E. Schneider '02, who chaired the Buffalo Moot Court Board and is now assistant director of the Buffalo Criminal Law Center. "It is really a tremendous enterprise when you consider that we recruit judges from the local legal community." Schneider said.

Jennifer Noto '02 chaired the committee responsible for recruiting those judges. "Most of the time, the response is really positive," she said of soliciting volunteers among the bench and bar. The Desmond typically has three-person panels of judges, in a competition that reaches throughout O'Brian Hall.

Hon. Julio M. Fuentes 75 of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, was among the judges for the competition's final round. "I was very happy to do it," he said. "It is a wonderful, wonderful experience in law school for any law student, because of the writing required and the ability to get up before any judge and present a case in a persuasive and thorough way.

"The quality I saw was outstanding. I have had an opportunity to judge moot court competitions at NYU, Brooklyn Law School, and the students in Buffalo are just as good as any other students I have had the pleasure of hearing. I had a

great experience.

Fuentes' companions on the final-round bench were Hon. Judith Lieb of the Criminal Court of the City of New York, and New York State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Howe '80, of the 8th Judicial District.

Said Howe: "It really is a joy to watch students function as litigators or at least appellate counsel, and then to watch those who in their second and third years choose to subject themselves to the rigors of the Desmond Moot Court Competition; the Mugel Tax Court Competition, which I have also judged; and other highly competitive contests which take them in many instances to compete with others throughout

the country.

"In the language of the bar and the bench, we are trying to be a 'hot court' – a court that has read and reviewed and sometimes even pre-conferenced the cases that are to be argued before it, so that an oral argument is not the first education that the judges are having about the particular cases before them. Every lawyer in practice deserves a hot court, and therefore every student likewise deserves a hot court when they have worked so hard."

Other prominent moot court competitions that have UB Law School components include the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, the Fasken Campbell Godfrey International Law Moot Court in Toronto, the Albert R. Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition and the Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition.

Law School Report

Native treasures

Law Library adds two superb collections of Native American-related materials



 An 1851 original edition of Lewis H. Morgan's League of the Hodenosaunee or Iroquois.

 A 1938 reprint of a volume of Indian treaties first published in the 18th century by Benjamin Franklin.

Such are the treasures on the fifth floor of the Charles B. Sears Law Library, now that a major gift and an additional purchase have brought to the library's Archives and Special Collections Room two major collections of works related to American Indian law and the rights of indigenous peoples.

The major part of the acquisition is the library and personal papers of Howard R. Berman, a 1973 UB Law graduate who taught American Indian

law and human rights law at UB from 1978 to 1982. Berman then went on to teach and conduct research at Harvard Law School and California Western Law School until his untimely death in 1997. He donated his entire collection to the Law Library in his will.

"Howard would scour used and rare

bookstores for items on New York, United States and Indian history, as well as international law," says Karen L. Spencer '88, Archives and Special Col-

lections librarian, who studied under Berman at UB Law. "He was a historian at heart."

Spencer says Berman's work included historical analysis of the terms of treaties between the nascent United States and its Indian nations. Using the doctrine of intertemporal law that requires events to be interpreted according to the law at the time, he pierced the veil of 20th century literature's tendency to read 19th century legal concepts back into the 17th and 18th centuries. "He exposed

the fact that Indian nations
were strong powers to be
reckoned with, and that
the European countries
dealt with them as such at
the time according to the rules of

international law."

Berman also traveled world wide to work with indigenous peoples, and his library and papers reflect that interest. "He was a pioneer in establishing the notion of aboriginal rights," Spencer says. "Judge Arcara (Hon. Richard J. Ar-





Library Director
James Milles:
"We see this collection
as a public service to
the community. Not
necessarily only
lawyers, but people in
the Native American
community find it very
useful."

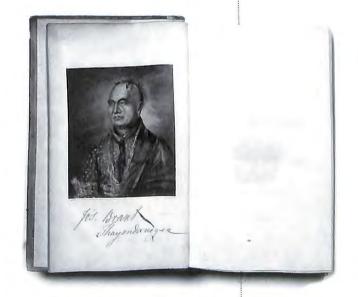
cara, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York) cited Berman's seminal 1978 *Buffalo Law Review* article in the recent case involving the Seneca Nation's claim for Grand Island."

To supplement the Berman collection, the library has purchased a collection of books owned by Marilyn L. Haas, who as a member of the University Libraries faculty developed an expertise in American Indian sources. The Haas collection specializes in Iroquois-related books, and it is rich in historical, anthropological and cultural sources.

Spencer says she has had e-mail inquiries from researchers who have seen the Law Library Web site. In a major research project, former Dean Barry B. Boyer has used the collection to look at the natural history of Western New York as he researches the Holland Land Company.

Says Law Library Director James Milles: "We see this collection as a public service to the community. Not necessarily only lawyers, but people in the Native American community find it very useful."

Added John Mohawk, co-director of the Center of the Americas and director of the Center for Indigenous Studies at



UB: "Howard was a pioneer. He led the way. He started in Buffalo. His legacy will remain in Buffalo. It will, in fact, make the University, the Law School and the Law Library a significant place in both that history and as a geographical place – as a place to come and browse. This collection is a wonderful place for that."

The Law Library's Web site more fully describes these collections at http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/law/collections/specialcollections.html

Law School Report

Funding good work



Elena A. Gekas '03 and Paul A. Sanders '03, with herdsmen in Nairobi, working for the Kenyan Human Rights Commission.

Buffalo Public Interest Law Program offers stipends for interns

or law students, summer is a time to put the endless reading aside for a few months and, with any luck, settle into an internship that brings a taste of the lawyer's life.

That works fine for UB Law School students interning at a law firm or a corporate law department. But for those whose passion for the law runs to public-interest work, there is a pesky little problem of money: Most public-interest internships pay nothing. How is a struggling student to survive?

Enter the Buffalo Public Interest Law Program, a student-run program that is one of UB Law's most active and most successful. Founded to help students take internships in public-interest settings, the group awards fellowships to UB Law students to help make that financially possible. This year, seven students received BPILP fellowships of about \$3,500 for the summer.

"Someone might make \$2,000 or \$3,000 a week working for a big law firm for the summer," says third-year student Stephanie Rohrer, co-chairwoman of BPILP with fellow third-year Elena Gekas. "But public-interest internships are almost always unpaid. Unfortunately, law students are not taking those jobs because they cannot afford to. Our mission is to fund people so they can."

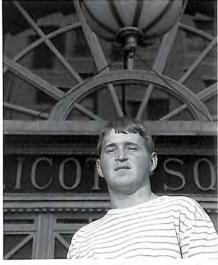
To do that, BPILP has established a highly successful annual auction, held this year on March 1 at Samuel's Grande Manor. It is an extravaganza of goods and services offered to the highest bidder – from wristwatches to artwork, jewelry to clothing, BAR/BRI gift certificates to a mountain bike. More exotic offerings included a tour of wine country with lunch, offered by three professors, and dinners for eight prepared by chefprofessors.

"We have been trying to expand the auction," the group's major fund-raiser, Rohrer says. "We had more people attend this year who were not in the legal field. It was a good step in the right direction. And many businesses now expect us to solicit their donations, so it is becoming a little easier."

The group's other fund-raisers, she says, have included a faculty music jam at the Pearl Street Grill. But the auction raises the most – \$17,500 in sales and ticket fees. "We are one of the few fundraising organizations that is looking for more than money," Rohrer says. "We appreciate creative donations that go over well. A batch of cookbooks, for instance – you would be surprised at how well something like that sells."

"UB really is a public-interest law school, and we have received a lot of support from the administration," says Gekas, who worked for the U.S. Immi-





Diana C. Proske '03 at Prisoners' Legal Services, in Buffalo, left. Michael H. Mc-Cormick '04, Neighborhood Legal Services, Buffalo.

gration and Naturalization Service in Buffalo this past summer on a BPILP fellowship. She points out that there is a fellowship committee that awards the grants, separate from the fund-raising arm of the organization.

Gekas' work last summer is a case in point of the kind of internships BPILP helps to fund. She and fellow student Paul Sanders traveled to Nairobi to work for the Kenyan Human Rights Commission, doing research on that nation's cutflower industry – the world's third-largest supplier of cut flowers is Kenya. Sanders was there on a BPILP fellowship; Gekas took out a loan, a heavy burden.

But the work, she says, was fascinating: They interviewed flower-farm laborers about their working conditions, and some spoke of 12-hour days for which they were paid \$1 a day, with no benefits. They also ran discussions with groups of workers. "It was empowering to bring people together and discuss their lives," she says. The goal of the project as a whole was to think about ways to pressure the global companies that run the industry to improve working conditions.

Similarly, second-year UB Law student Shaun Ellis is worked this summer—thanks to a BPILP fellowship—with the statewide group Citizens' Environmental Coalition, in Buffalo. He says the internship incorporated two projects. The first was research on mass animal agriculture

The summer 2002 Buffalo Public Interest Law Program fellows, and the internships they have accepted:

- Shaun M. Ellis '04, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Buffalo.
- Elena A. Gekas '03, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Buffalo.
- · Lara Kasper-Buckareff '04, Farmworker Legal Services, Rochester, N.Y.
- Michael H. McCormick '03, Neighborhood Legal Services, Buffalo.
- Manuel A. Prado '04, Legal Aid Bureau, Housing Unit, Buffalo.
- Diana C. Proske '03, Prisoners' Legal Services, Buffalo.
- Erica R. Williamson '03, Legal Aid Society, Prisoners' Rights Project, Brooklyn.

in Western New York – "looking at the available state data about the environmental effects of these farms, studying the regulations, and talking to farmers and concerned citizens. I also researched farm runoff and the practice of spreading sewage sludge." The second project, Ellis says, was with the coalition's Environmental Hazards Advocacy Project; it involved working to develop Geographical Information System maps of potential environmental threats, such as from chemical plants, if there were to be a disaster of some sort.

"My undergraduate degree is in biology, so I am interested in getting a different perspective and being a non-traditional lawyer," Ellis says. "I would not be able to go into a job like this without the BPILP fellowship. I would be starving otherwise."

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Buffalo Law Review bonors Judge Scott at Golden Anniversary Dinner



golden anniversary is a significant milestone, whether it be a celebration of a personal nature, like a happy marriage, or of a professional sort, such as a thriving business. In 2001, the Law School celebrated a golden anniversary of its own as it commemorated five decades of publishing the *Buffalo Law Review*.

The occasion was marked during the 13th annual *Buffalo Law Review* dinner, held April 12 at the Saturn Club in Buffalo. As its outgoing editor in chief, Julie J. Olenn '02 proudly summarized the *Reviews* banner year as one that saw the publication of valuable legal articles across a broad spectrum of subjects.

"Perhaps the overarching goal of the Law Review these 50 years has been to

provide a platform for legal scholarship — scholarship that is serviceable to our profession as a resource for information about developments in the law, the way we think about it, or the way we should," she said.

"Certainly, this year the *Review* has fulfilled that function. And I think we have done it well."

The Review's symposium issue was devoted to the topic of pension and employee benefit law. It was published with substantial editorial assistance from Associate Professor James A. Wooten, who contributed an article on the origins of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

Other issues have included articles advocating legal reform, such as providing a mechanism for adjudicating parenthood for non-biological lesbian co-

parents, and topics of contemporary legal debate with historically deep roots, such as the social responsibilities of business corporations. One article was self-referential, addressing the frequency with which the state Court of Appeals has found *Law Review* scholarship useful in deciding cases before it.

Among the student comments published during the 2001–2002 *Law Review* cycle was an analysis of the passage of landmark environmental protection legislation, and an examination of evolving state case law in the area of decedents' estates.

"Our work on the *Review*, and our sharing in these accomplishments, has enhanced our experience of law school beyond its classrooms and the legal training that our education itself provides. In the end, the publication of the *Review* is the best evidence there is of our effective unity," Olenn observed.

Honored at the dinner for his distinguished service in the community and at the law school was U.S. Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott. Dean Nils Olsen said, "Judge Scott has been an inspiration for hard work, fairness and involvement. His commitment to learning and community have not only shown the highest of ideals as a professional and leader, but also as a person."

Scott's legal career has been the definition of pioneering: After receiving his Juris Doctor degree from UB, he was the first African-American to become assistant attorney general in charge of Western New York, the first to become assistant U.S. attorney, the first assistant corporation counsel and the first assistant county attorney.

At the young age of 32. Scott was elected to Buffalo City Court. He was re-elected to another 10-year term before leaving the position to become the



"As lawyers, we must unite in our efforts to maintain the welfare and freedoms of all. We must not allow ourselves to target groups or rush to hostile judgment out of anger."

U.S. Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott

first African-American to sit on the local federal bench.

"This award is so very special coming from people whose lives have enriched mine much more than I have enriched theirs, and from a school that gave me what I like to call an affirmative opportunity to pursue a career for which every day I am truly thankful," Scott said.

uring his keynote address, Scott – making frequent reference to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 – called on his colleagues to bring attention to the critical need to balance this country's need for security with a respect for human rights.

"As lawyers, we must unite in our efforts to maintain the welfare and freedoms of all," he said. "We must not allow ourselves to target groups or rush to hostile judgment out of anger.

"Let's make sure that at the end of this dark period of war, we are not a country more splintered, more divided and less secure," he concluded.

"The legal community must be America's conscience during the challenging times ahead."

Active in numerous civic activities, Scott is regional chairman of the National Conference for Community and Justice, which is dedicated to community involvement and justice initiatives.

He is a vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and serves on the UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council. He has taught trial technique at the school for the past 21 years, is involved in the Criminal Law Center's LL.M. program and is a frequent guest lecturer. Most recently, Judge Scott brought the first federal trial to UB's new courtroom.



Julie J. Olenn '02 presents a plaque to Judge Scott, left.

Below, left to right: Evelyn R. Agnant '02, Temietan O. Ofuya '02, Marie A. Martial '02, Stephanie Williams Torres '00 and SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Kenneth F. Joyce.







Kevin G. Hutcheson '02, above. Judge Scott and wife Trudy, left.

Law School Report

Gays in government

OUTLAW dinner notes progress and remaining challenges

ays in Government – Does
It Make a Difference?" was
the topic of the sixth annual "Dinner and Celebration" by OUTLAW, UB
Law School's student group supporting
gay and lesbian equality in the legal
field.

The dinner, held March 15 in Amherst's University Inn, spotlighted the achievements of gays, lesbians and bisexuals, particularly in the arena of government. Co-sponsor was the Progressive Law Society.

OUTLAW Director Dennis Fish, in his opening remarks, noted that "Gays and lesbians are the last group of people to suffer from de jure discrimination. I do believe that gay men and women have made great progress towards equality under the law, but we still have a long way to go. Gays still cannot marry, nor can they receive the same benefits to which married people are entitled. In many states, gays can still legally be discriminated against in employment, housing and so forth.

"Beyond legal discrimination," Fish added, "gays and lesbians suffer from stereotypes, verbal abuse, physical violence and often just social exclusion. I feel confident in saying that every gay man or lesbian has, at some time, been victim of such discrimination. We live in a heterosexist society where almost everything is aimed at straight men and women. The needs and desires of homosexuals are often not considered."



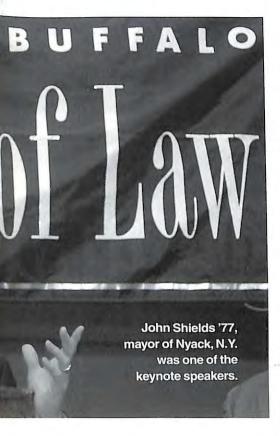
Despite those circumstances, gay men and lesbians have flourished in the public sphere, as exemplified by the night's two keynote speakers, both UB Law School alumni: John Shields '77, mayor of Nyack, N.Y., and Barbra A.





Far left, keynote speaker Barbra A. Kavanaugh '83, chief of staff in Western New York for New York State Attorney General Eliot L. Spitzer.

Left, Thomas Maligno '77, director of public interest at Touro College-Jacob D. Fuchberg Law Center, Barbra A. Kavanaugh and John Shields '77.



Kavanaugh '83, former Buffalo Common Council member and currently chief of staff in Western New York for New York State Attorney General Eliot L. Spitzer.

Speaking first, Shields pointed to a

bitter irony: that because he is gay, he does not have the same rights as his Nyack constituents. South Africa's newly written constitution, he said, features a statement of non-discrimination that includes sexual orientation, but by contrast, in the United States, "we say that we are the guardians of freedom of the entire world, but we do exclude numbers of people from rights in this country."

One evidence of this, he said, is that gays cannot serve openly in the U.S. armed forces. Things have only gotten worse, he said, with the advent of President Bill Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military.

Further complicating matters, Shields said, is a climate of harassment that leaves gays and lesbians in fear. "Students in school are harassed sometimes to the point of suicide," he said, "and this is tacitly ignored. Gay-bashing seems to be a part of the American psyche."

Shields also pointed to government and social forces that conspire to discriminate against gays. Noting that President Bush has described himself as a born-again Christian, Shields said, "Instead of being governed by elected officials, to me we are being governed by the religious right. By and large, this country is in the grip not only of the religious right, but of mainstream religion, which at best views gays with pity."

He urged his listeners not merely to "vote the party line" (which he said for gays has been overwhelmingly Democ-

ratic), but to "hold officials' feet to the fire" in their stands on issues of importance to the homosexual community.

"In a certain way, a gay person comes out every day to everyone he meets," Shields said. "People make all sorts of assumptions about us. But the real issue is not gays. The real issue is the erosion of rights for all human beings."

Kavanaugh, who was a popular member of Buffalo's Common Council after being elected on an at-large basis, noted the unlikely circumstances of her election: "I was an openly lesbian poor persons' attorney who was anti-death penalty. Who was going to vote for me?"

But she defied the "old boys' network," she said, by building a coalition of supporters who knew her for her longstanding work on behalf of disadvantaged clients.

Kavanaugh cautioned her listeners against what she said was "a growing cynicism from people outside the political party structure. Now is the time for women, people of color, gays and lesbians to get involved on a grass-roots level. The time is now. The parties need you. Take advantage of that."

OUTLAW, which comprises gay, lesbian and bisexual law students and their supporters, has as its mission "to bring about further understanding and tolerance, and to build alliances within the Law School and the legal community as a whole."





Some of the many attendees at the dinner.

Law School Report

Students of color told race still matters







Werten F.W. Bellamy Jr., Angela N. Jones '01 and U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York Michael A. Battle '81.

eritocracy is a fallacy. Mentors are for kids. Even in the legal profession, race matters. Werten F.W. Bellamy Jr. is not a man to mince words. And that is precisely why he was chosen to be the keynote speaker at UB Law School's Students of Color Recognition Dinner. After being subjected to "promissory estoppel" in contracts, "res ipsa loquitur" in torts, and the claims, counterclaims and crossclaims of civil procedure, the students who gathered for the annual event delighted in Bellamy's refreshing brand of straight talk.

"Slavery is working for someone else without making a measurable contribution to our own communities," Bellamy told members of the Black, Latin American and Asian American law student associations at the dinner, held April 18 in Fanny's restaurant. "There is nothing noble about that."

As corporate counsel for the Celera Genomics – the group credited with sequencing the human genome – Bellamy manages the corporation's law department. A captain in the U.S. Army Reserves, he is also co-founder of Charting Your Own Course, a national conference directed at the career goals of attorneys of color. Each year, conference leaders urge hundreds of participants to foster their own development and support each other – some of the very points Bellamy stressed during his talk for UB law students.

"The go-it-alone strategy does not work," he told his audience. "Never be too busy for each other. You will continue to be one another's greatest support group for the balance of your career."

Titling his speech "Eight Pearls of Wisdom," Bellamy noted that it represented his best thoughts of the moment. Among his main points were the following:

 Pedigree is not everything. "It is the sum total of our academic credentials, social background and presentation," Bellamy said. "And this access that we call pedigree goes into steep decline shortly after graduation. It may get you in the door, but it is not going to get you home."

 A successful career cloesn't stem solely from hard work, "Meritocracy is a fallacy. Hard work is great, but charting your course strategically is better." • In the legal profession, race still matters. "You are going to spend the rest of your careers selling intellect. That is an interesting thing to sell, particularly when you look different from those who are procuring that intellect at a price. It is a surmountable challenge, but it is going to require that you know the difference between selling and selling out."

• Lawyers of color risk being "ghettoized." "There will be those who would direct you into areas of the law that are less fertile than others — area of the law with more past than future. Steer clear of that. Go into areas of the law where there is more future than past."

• Lawyers need stakeholders, not mentors. "In the traditional mentor model, there is a big disparity in need and ability. It is an empathy-based relationship, which is certainly important. But you need more than that. You need stakeholders, people who view your success and their success as indivisible. That person can be your peer, your grandmama – it could be anybody. But it is somebody who can look you in the eye and say, 'I'm successful and thus you will be successful – and mean it, and act on it."



Left to right, Samuel P. Davis '02, Katrina E. Rawlins '02, Marie A. Martial '02, and Daria L. Pratcher '02.

• Time is an attorney's most precious asset. "Interesting deal you cut at the law firm: In exchange for your salary, they own your time. Many of us, myself included, believed, 'I am on the firm's clock.' Not true. The firm is on your clock – your time. You won't get it back. Use it smartly.

"Successful attorneys invest meaningful time in their own development," Bellamy concluded. "Why? Because they understand, as you will understand, that no one will invest more in you than you are willing to invest in yourself. That goes for time, money and any other resource that one can assign to one's growth."

Throughout the evening, others who took the podium referred to Bellamy's inspirational speech. That included Hon. Michael A. Battle, U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York.

Upon accepting the Alumni Award, Battle said that Bellamy's talk struck a personal chord with him, reminding him of the people who have encouraged him throughout his career. "If you see a door open for opportunity," he told students, "don't just walk through it – run through it."

Receiving the Jacob D. Hyman Award, UB Law School Professor Amy Deen Westbrook sounded a note of appreciation to the students for their scholarship and perseverance. "I wish there were more ways for me and others to publicly honor each of you, especially those of you who are graduating, in order to recognize that you are not only good law students, but also that you are making and will continue to make a vital contribution to the legal profession through your hard work and example."

ne of the two Trailblazer Awards went to Lillie A. Wiley-Upshaw, associate dean of admissions and financial aid. In her former position as director of recruitment, Wiley-Upshaw helped increase the minority representation at the Law School to nearly 20 percent. That fact was not lost on many of the dinner guests, who clapped energetically as Wiley-Upshaw accepted the award, and fought back tears as she spoke.

"I know many of you started with great trepidation – some of you with many fears," Wiley-Upshaw said. "But you should look back on your experience and be very proud of what you have done. I want to thank you all for including me in your life."

Oliver C. Young, principal court attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, also received a Trailblazer Award. The 1980 UB Law School alumnus reminded the graduates in the group to inspire those students who follow them.

"Look back on those you're leaving behind," he said. "Assist them in their journey."

Young's message was perfectly contained in the candle lighting ceremony, a beloved end-of-the-evening ritual in which graduates light the candle of the more junior students, symbolically passing on their wisdom and experience to their peers.

Appropriately, the poem read during the ceremony was Will Allen Dromgoole's "The Bridge Builder."

Faculty



Perfect fit

Dartmouth scholar named head of the Baldy Center

am interested in how law works

not the intellectual puzzle of
law, but law as a political and social institution. An understanding
of law from that perspective requires the skills of social science.
All of my education, all my teaching and
all my research has taken the perspective
of a social scientist looking at the law."

The words are those of Lynn Mather, who comes to UB Law School this fall to head the Baldy Center for Law and So-

cial Policy. But they might just as well serve as a mission statement for the Baldy Center, the nationally known resource for interdisciplinary research on law and legal institutions.

Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a better fit for the Baldy Center than Mather, who has spent 30 years teaching at Dartmouth College and just completed a term as president of the Law & Society Association. That group comprises scholars, from all disciplines and worldwide, who are interested in the place of law in social, political, economic and cultural life.

At Dartmouth, Mather (pronounced with a long a) held the Nelson A. Rockefeller Professor of Government Chair and served as acting director of the Rockefeller Center for the Social Sciences. She received Dartmouth College's Distinguished Teaching award in 1995 for excellence in teaching. At UB, she will have a joint appointment in the Law School and the Department of Political Science,

in addition to directing the extremely active Baldy Center.

Her work in developing a legal studies program at Dartmouth, Mather said, made her appreciate the resources available in O'Brian Hall. "While the Dartmouth program has been successful," she said, "when I compared it to the number of faculty and the resources in Buffalo, it was just clear that Buffalo offered so much more to me."

As well, she said, for those in the Law & Society field, UB Law School enjoys a prominent reputation. "I have known some of the scholars at Buffalo for over 20 years," she said. "The Baldy Center and the Buffalo Law School have a national reputation for excellence in the field of Law & Society. It is probably one of the three or four major educational centers in the country in this field. This is a very lively and exciting place to be."

Mather's research has focused on decision making by lawyers, legal professionalism, the nature and impact of litigation against tobacco companies, trial courts and policy making, women in the legal profession, divorce mediation, plea bargaining and the transformation of disputes. Her most recent book, with two co-authors, is *Divorce Lawyers at Work: Varieties of Professionalism in Practice.* The book has won the American Political Science Association's C. Herman Pritchett Award for the best book published in the Law and Courts field during 2001.

"I am interested in the conversations those in black-letter law can have with those like myself who take a Law & Society perspective." As an example, she cites how the plea bargaining process operates: "What are the informal rules of the court that structure that discussion? They are informed by black-letter law, but also by personal relationships, sociological characteristics of criminals and their cases, the politics of judges in the courts, and organizational structures."

In the litigation against the tobacco industry, "what fascinated me was how such a tenuous legal case could have such a powerful political impact: to mobilize attorneys general to go against the industry, to create networks of medical and legal actors in opposition to tobacco, to generate negative publicity against the industry, to bring pressure from Wall Street on the industry to change its behavior. Now we have had this huge increase in cigarette taxes. I am looking at the economic, political and social impacts of litigation. Litigation is important beyond what goes on in the courtrooms and the lawyers' offices."

At the Baldy Center, Mather says she hopes to increase the visibility of the center's existing programs and conferences.

She will also do some teaching, both in the Law School and in the Department of Political Science, but not until fall 2003.

When she came to interview for the job, Mather said, "I was actually overwhelmed and surprised by how excited I became. I think there is a lot of potential for further growth of the center. What the Baldy Center can do is provide resources to joint degree students and create an intellectual home for them, so that the 'law-and' students will find support from faculty and other students in their education."



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ather's undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, was in political science and mathematics. She has done graduate study in law and social science at the University of Wisconsin and in anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, and has a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Irvine. She has published and lectured widely and is a regular participant in professional conferences.

Said Law School Dean Nils Olsen: "The law faculty and I feel extremely fortunate to have attracted a scholar and teacher of Lynn's caliber. The Baldy Center – which is already nationally respected as a center of excellence at the University – will not only be maintained but enhanced under her leadership."

The Baldy Center for Law and Social

Policy was founded in 1976 and seeks to foster interdisciplinary research on law and legal institutions. Over 120 faculty members at the University at Buffalo are affiliated with the Center, organized in programs and working groups focused on the following topics: Children, Families and the Law; Community and Identity; Gender, Law and Social Policy; International and Comparative Legal Studies; Regulation and Public Policy; Environ-

mental Stewardship; Law and Religion; and Law, Technology and

Society.

In addition to supporting socio-legal research, it administers conferences, workshops, and visiting scholar programs. Workshops and conferences hosted by the center during the past semester included: Technology, Legal Information, and Legal Knowledge: Exploring, Constructing. and Sustaining Progressive Black Masculinities; Feminism and Child Protection: Tensions and Possibilities (co-hosted by the Feminism and Legal Theory Project, Cor-

nell Law School); and Regional Sociolegal Studies Conference at University of Toronto.

In partnership with seven other universities, the center coordinates a growing regional socio-legal network of more than 100 U.S. and Canadian researchers who meet regularly to discuss their work and to plan collaborative teaching and research activities. In May, the regional group met in Toronto co-hosted by University of Toronto's Centre for Criminology & Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. Information about the Baldy Center is available on the Web at www.law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/conferences.html.

Faculty

Makau Mutua

Critiques the state of human rights

rofessor Makau W. Mutua has written a new examination of multiculturalism and human rights which is being well received. Human Rights: A Political and Cultural Critique, published by Penn Press of the University of Pennsylvania, has been put on the press' "Best Sellers and Classic Titles" list in only its third month of publication in hardcover. The 264-page volume is in the Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights series.

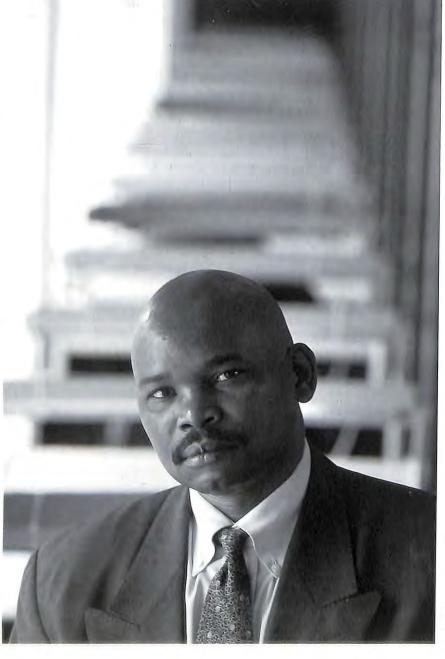
Mutua's book looks at the movement in the wake of the United Nations' 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which purported to set down the definitive understanding of what universal human rights ought to comprise. Not so, says the catalog listing for the book: "This universal reliance on the rights idiom has not succeeded in creating common ground and deep agreement on the scope, content and philosophical bases for human rights."

By contrast, Mutua argues that the human rights movement, though it means well, has built itself on Eurocentric principles and essentially imposes those principles on pop-

sentially imposes those principles on non-Western societies and peoples. He argues that for the human rights movement to succeed, it must be made truly multicultural in approach. Only by embracing the indigenous traditions of Asia, Africa, the Pacific and the Americas, he says, can proponents come up with a workable and just conception of what universal human rights should

look like.

Mutua, whose bachelor's and master of laws degrees are from the University of Dares-Salaam, Tanzania, and whose J.D. is from Harvard Law School, teaches international human rights, international business transactions and international law at UB Law School. He also directs UB's Human Rights Center and co-directs the Program on International and Comparative Legal Studies at the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy. He also chairs the Kenya Human Rights Commission.



JARK MULVILLE

Markus Dubber

Raises profile of Criminal Law program

rofessor Markus D. Dubber, director of UB Law School's Criminal Law Center and editor of the Buffalo Criminal Law Review, was recently elected to the prestigious American Law Institute, which consists of judges, lawyers and legal educators from across the United States as well as some foreign countries. He was selected on the basis of professional achievement and his interest in improving the law and its administration. Said UB Law Dean Nils Olsen:

"Election to the American Law Institute is a significant honor, one that Markus richly deserves."

In addition to his professional recognition by the ALI, Dubber also saw two significant books published this summer: Victims in the War on Crime: The Use and Abuse of Victims' Rights (NYU Press) and an innovative new textbook on

criminal law, Model Penal Code (Foundation Press).

Dubber says two phenomena have shaped U.S. criminal law for the past 30 years: the so-called war on crime and the victims' rights movement. "As incapacitation has replaced rehabilitation as the dominant ideology of punishment, reflecting a shift from an identification with defendants to an identification with victims," Dubber says, "the war on crime has victimized offenders and victims alike

"What we need instead," he argues, "is a system that adequately recognizes both victims and defendants as persons." Victims in the War on Crime provides a critical analysis of the role of victims in the criminal justice system as a whole. After offering an original critique of the U.S. penal system in the age of the crime war, Dubber undertakes a comparative reading of U.S. criminal law and the law of crime victim compensation. The book concludes with a proposal for a wideranging revision that takes both victims and offenders seriously.

Uncovering the legitimate core of the victims' rights movement from beneath layers of bellicose rhetoric, Dubber

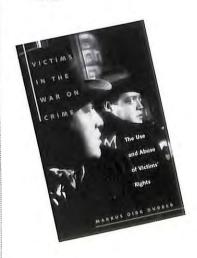
demonstrates how victims' rights can help us build a more evenhanded criminal justice system after the frenzy of the war on crime has died down.

Dubber's textbook, *Model Penal Code*, is an ambitious and thoughtful attempt to work out the principles of U.S. criminal law in a systematic way. By highlighting the code's conceptual structure, the book

helps students to navigate the code's often complex provisions and teachers to unlock its full educational potential. That potential has too often been obscured by a fragmented discussion of sections of the code that deal with a variety of individual topics.

By treating the Model Penal Code as a code, the book also teaches students how to handle criminal statutes. After all, Dubber notes, contemporary criminal law is predominantly statutory law, even in the few jurisdictions that did not recodify their criminal law in response to the code's publication in 1962.

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Faculty

A half-century tradition

Mitchell Lecture renews its prominence



he James McCormick Mitchell Lecture, a UB Law School tradition for a half-century, is gaining a new role as a signature of excellence as UB Law continues to solidify its standing among the nation's top public law schools.

The lecture is funded by a generous endowment from the estate of its

namesake, a member of the school's Class of 1897. Its history has been a rich and varied one, starting with the very first lecture, in 1951, in which U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson spoke about "Wartime Security and Liberty Under Law."

"Over the years we have had a number of exceptional speakers," says Professor Dianne Avery, who for two years has chaired the faculty committee that administers the lecture. Though for some years the endowment had been used to fund smaller events, such as individual speakers for class lectures, "The Mitchell Lecture Com-

mittee wanted to return to an annual event that is more faithful to the original purpose of the endowment," Avery says.

True to the interdisciplinary spirit of the Law School, the lecture has covered a diversity of topics, which have included freedom of speech, the U.S. civil rights movement, feminist discourse, racial inequities and the war-making powers of the president.

The committee solicits suggestions from faculty members for topics, lecturers, and formats. "Through the lecture, we attempt to realize our commitment to interdisciplinary study of the law,

and also to introduce students, who might not be familiar with some of this scholarship, to this kind of discourse," Avery says.

The Mitchell Lecture is primarily for UB Law faculty and students, but is also open to general university faculty, students, and alumni. This year a full-color brochure announcing the lecture was mailed to every law professor in the nation. "This is a way of making other schools aware of what we are doing here," Avery says. "It is important to communicate with our colleagues across the country to focus attention on high-quality programs such as this.'

This year's Mitchell Lecture, titled "Mr. Dooley and Mr. Gallup: Pub-

lic Opinion and Constitutional Change in the 1930s," was delivered by Barry Cushman, the Elizabeth D. and Richard A. Merrill Research Professor of Law and a professor of history at the University of Virginia. His article of the same title was published, just weeks after the April 5 lecture, in the *Buffalo Law Review*. A round-table discussion featured Neal E. Devins, the Earnest W. Goodrich Professor of Law and a pro-



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fessor of government at the College of William and Mary; Mark A. Graber, a professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland; Isabelle Katz Pinzler, special counsel and Director of the Project on Federalism of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund; and William G. Ross, a professor at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, who was then a visiting professor at Notre Dame Law School.

Cushman's lecture dealt with public opinion polls during the New Deal. The polls explored views about political and legal reforms, including issues resolved in a series of famous Supreme Court decisions. Cushman argued that the polls demonstrated that the court was not as out of step with the public as is commonly believed, and that its decisions were cautious and not revo-

lutionary.

In a commentary on the lecture, UB Law Professor Alfred S. Konefsky observed, "It is not that important changes did not take place, but rather that a complex intellectual process was in motion over time. That process involved the gradual breaking up of interdependent structural assumptions about how constitutional cases were to be decided. ... A political or electoral explanation of the so-called 'switch in time' by the Supreme Court to sanction New Deal legislative activity is an unsatisfactory and incomplete historical account. To those versions of the events, Professor Cushman now adds his latest evidence, the public opinion polls."



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Some highlights from the history of the Mitchell Lecture:

1954: "Australia and the United States: Some Legal Comparisons"

1963: "Some Reflections About the Impact of Federal Taxation on American Private Law"

1975: "Vindicating the Public Interest Through the Courts: A Comparativist's Contribution"

1976: "Plea for Utilizing Foreign Experience"

1977: "A Life Not (Or No Longer) Worth Living: Are We Deciding the Issue Without Facing It?"

1982: "Are Americans Too Quick to Complain and Too Prone to Go to Law?"

1983: "The War-making Powers of the President: Do Effective Constitutional Limits Exist?"

1983: "Law Libraries of the Future"

1984: "Feminist Discourse, Moral Values, and the Law: In Theory and Practice"

1988: "Politics, Protest and Legal Change: The Legacy of the American Civil Rights Movement"

1989: "A Hard Look at Home Health Care"

1990: "Buffalo − Community & Change"

Faculty

Five law professors cited by UB for excellence

wo longtime members of the UB Law faculty were named among the first University at Buffalo Distinguished Professors, highlighting a group of five significant awards conferred recently by UB upon Law School faculty.

Professors Alfred S. Konefsky and Guyora Binder were honored with the designation UB Distinguished Professor, created by the Office of the Provost "to recognize those full professors who have achieved true distinction and who are

leaders in their fields," said UB Provost Elizabeth D. Capaldi.

Thirteen such awards were made University-wide. Honorees have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within their field through significant contributions to the research and scholarly literature, or through artistic performance or achievement in the fine arts.

Guyora Binder, a UB Law faculty member since 1982, was honored for his work in constitutional law, criminal law, international human rights and international law. He has written textbooks and instructional manuals on criminal law, and serves on the editorial advisory boards for the Buffalo Criminal Law Review, Buffalo Human Rights Law Review, Buffalo Law Review and Law, Language and Literature. His recent books include Literary Criticisms of Law (Princeton University Press 2000) and, as co-author, Criminal Law (Little, Brown, 1996). He also has published widely in scholarly journals. He was the Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor of Human Rights at Stanford Law School in 1991-92. Binder is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School.

UB Law School Dean Nils Olsen says Binder has an "unmatched record of consistent and high-quality scholarly publication of law review-length articles and significant book chapters. He has earned a national reputation and is a leader among American legal academics. The external reviewers are unanimous in their assessment of his national standing."

Alfred S. Konefsky joined the UB Law faculty in 1977 after terms at Harvard Law School and Dartmouth College. His research interests focus primarily on issues in 19th century American legal history, including the ideology and role of legal professional elites and groups in a democratic culture, the relationship between legal doctrine and its social context, and the intersection of legal history and literary history. He is currently working on a biography of Simon Greenleaf, a professor at Harvard Law School in the mid-19th century. Konefsky teaches contract law and a variety of courses in American legal history, including the subject areas of the 19th century — from the Revolution to the Civil War — the colonial period, law and American labor history, American constitutional history, and Melville and the law. He is a graduate of Columbia University and the Boston College School of Law.

Dean Olsen says that a dozen of Konefsky's law review-length articles "are remarkable for their broad interdisciplinary focus, their very high quality, and their influence upon the American legal history scholarly community." As well, he notes, that "Professor Konefsky has become one of the finest teachers on the faculty, a status well recognized by both his students and colleagues."

Two UB Law School faculty mem-

bers recently received the University's Sustained Achievement Award, in recognition of their work over an extended period of time.

Professor Robert J. Steinfeld was



honored for his work in labor history and his outstanding record of publication in that field. The award cited his books Coercion, Contract, and Free Labor in the Nineteenth Century (Cambridge University of the Nineteenth Century)

sity Press, 2001) and *The Invention of Free Labor: The Employment Relation in English and American Law and Culture* (University of North Carolina Press, 1991). Steinfeld also has published widely in such journals as *Law and History Review, William and Mary Quarterly, American Historical Review* and *Labor History.* He joined the UB Law faculty in 1983. He holds a J.D. from Boston College School of Law, a master of laws degree from Harvard Law School and a doctorate in history from Harvard University.

Professor David M. Engel received the Sustained Achievement Award in recognition of his leadership role in the international Law & Society Association, of which he was president in 1997-98, and for his record of scholarship. Director of international programs for UB Law, Engel served as director of the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy from 1991 to 2001, and as vice dean for interdisciplinary studies. Professor Engel has published and co-published numerous books and articles. His research deals with law and society in the United States and in other countries, particularly Thailand, where he has lived, worked and taught over a





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period of nearly 35 years. He has studied litigation, conflict and legal consciousness in communities in the U.S. Midwest and in Thailand. He also has researched the effects of special-education law on the families of children with disabilities. Professor Engel and Professor Frank Munger have recently completed a book, Rights of Inclusion: Law and Identity in the Life Stories of Americans With Disabilities, which will be published by the prestigious University of Chicago Press, in 2003. Engel joined the UB Law faculty in 1982, and holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and a master,s degree in anthropology from the University of Michigan.

Receiving the Young Investigator Achievement Award was UB Law Associate Professor **David A. Westbrook**, who teaches courses on business and

international topics. Westbrook's scholarly work wrestles with the problem of what he sees as a lack of an adequate political language for public discourse. Grounded in his experience in both European and Ameri-

perience in both European and American governments, private legal practices and educational institutions, he takes a critical and theoretical approach to the study of law. His bookin-progress is *City of Gold: An Apology for Capitalism in a Time of Discontent.* Westbrook's undergraduate work was at Emory University, and he holds the

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Campaign for UB Law

New courtroom named for Francis M. Letro '79

Law School's first \$1 million gift



"I was an ordinary kid who was given an extraordinary opportunity."

hen Francis M. Letro was accepted to UB Law School, he acknowledges that the school took a chance on him.
"I was an ordinary kid who was given an extraordinary opportunity," says the successful Buffalo trial lawyer.

Letro has now decided to return the favor in dramatic fashion. He has committed \$1 million to the Campaign for UB Law to provide major funding for the new courtroom project. Thanks to his generosity, judges, juries and lawyers will be pursuing justice for years to come in the Francis M. Letro Courtroom in O'Brian Hall.

"This gift will have an enormous impact on the quality of the Law School," says Dean Nils Olsen. "We are deeply appreciative to Francis and his wife, Cindy, for helping us to bring the courts into UB Law School."

"I was a non-traditional student," Letro recalls during a conversation in his office on the 10th floor of downtown Buffalo's Dun Building, a framed copy of his UB Law diploma directly behind his orderly desk. "There were no lawyers, no UB graduates, no judges in my family. I had no contacts in Buffalo at all."

What he had was a desire to use the law to change people's lives for the better — a desire born from his own family's tragedy. Letro's father, a foreman for the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad, lost a leg in a railroad accident when Francis, the youngest of three children, was 7. His mother had to go to work to help support the family; his sister had to leave nursing school. But the case that compensated his father for his injury made a big impression on the youngster.

"I remember how my father had great respect and admiration for the lawyer who handled his case," Letro says. "Every Christmas we used to take some present over to him, something homemade. "My life has really been affected by advocacy, and it is that sense of advocacy that I got from UB. That is what we try to do on a day-to-day basis, advocate for the little guy."

Letro came from Olean, "a small town, where I was an average student. I felt fortunate to get into law school. UB looked beyond the GPA and the LSAT scores for certain qualities. There was an essay component to the application, so that might have made the difference. But they took a chance on me, they really did."

He arrived in Buffalo in 1972, just past the crest of the civil rights movement and just as the Watergate scandal was heating up. But despite the prominence of crusading lawyers in American society at the time, Letro had a few doubts as he slogged through the workload that a high-quality legal education entails. Was this really how he wanted to spend his professional life?

Law Professor William R. Greiner now UB president — made all the difference.

"President Greiner made it a point to get to know me," Letro says. "I would consider him my mentor in law school — my academic and my spiritual adviser. He gave me a little tough love, too. He encouraged me to get involved in the school's clinic, working with Neighborhood Legal Services, and when I



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graduated, he recommended me for my first legal job.

"I was the first law student in my class to get up and make a presentation in New York Supreme Court. That gave me a real understanding of the possibilities. I gained a whole different perspective on law school at that point.

"That is the thing about UB Law School — it really has a social and a political consciousness. That became obvious to me. I really saw that you can make a difference. They encourage you to go out into the community and use those skills to effectuate change. You can use these skills and these abstract ideas and these concepts to change people's lives."

The timing of his law school career was fortuitous as well, Letro says. His

first year was the school's last year at 77 W. Eagle St., and as a young law student, he joined with others in crossing the street to the county courthouse to watch some of Buffalo's most legendary trial lawyers at work.

"We would spend the time between classes going to watch the attorneys in action," Letro says. "It was great being downtown. We would even talk to the lawyers in the halls. I remember seeing one lawyer pacing in the hall there, because the jury was out, and he told me how nerve-racking it was to be waiting for the verdict. I very much enjoyed that kind of conversation. When I think back about going to law school, I think about watching trials and seeing lawyers in action.

"It became evident on the new campus that we had lost the advantage of seeing day-to-day trials. And when I was approached about contributing to the courtroom project, I thought, here is a way of bringing the legal community to the Law School.

"I had thought about doing something sometime for the Law School, and this seemed like a perfect opportunity."

With the support and encouragement of his wife, Cindy Abbott, Letro hopes his action will encourage others to support the school's ongoing projects.

"To the extent that I can encourage other graduates to contribute to the Law School," he says, "that is all to the good."

Campaign for UB Law

Court is in session

UB Law's new courtroom bosts its first trials



f jurisprudence is a spectator sport – and truth be told, for lawyers and legal junkies, sometimes it is – then UB Law School students now have front-row seats. The Law School's long-awaited courtroom facilities on the first floor of John Lord O'Brian Hall opened for official court proceedings last fall, affording students, as well as faculty, staff and the public, the opportunity to watch appellate division and U.S. magistrate's court in action. Not since the Law School moved to Amherst from its old location in downtown Buffalo have observers had such ready access to the business of the judiciary. The new courtroom, recently named the Francis M. Letro Courtroom, is unique among U.S. law schools – the only fully functional court housed on a university campus.

"This will be an extraordinary educational opportunity for students," Dean Nils Olsen said at opening ceremonies for the facility. In addition, he said, "we are using this teaching opportunity to leverage a great deal of public service. Our University truly benefits the community when public service is the product of our teaching and scholarship."

The project, funded through substantial alumni contributions, the University provost's office, and state support includes two 85-seat lecture halls and three small classrooms, in addition to judge's chambers, a jury deliberation room, a technology support room and seating for up to 100

spectators. Overall, it totals 11,700 square feet. The entire facility was installed in a two-story space formerly occupied by a large lecture hall. Designed in the Arts & Crafts style with beautiful oak paneling, it is a triumph of design as well as functionality. Design was by Foit-Albert and Associates.

Despite its classical appearance, the new courtroom incorporates state-of-the-art technology, including computer facilities for all trial participants and the capability of closed-circuit broadcasting.

Details of exactly how the state court system will use the courtroom continue to be worked out. In an ironic twist, the facility's first jury trial – a case before U.S. MagLeft to right, Hon. Ralph A. Boniello III '69, Hon. Ronald H. Tills '59, Hon. Barbara Howe '80 and Hon. John T. Curtin '49 seated in the jury box.

istrate Judge Hugh B. Scott alleging excessive force by law enforcement officials in Genesee County – ended in a mistrial after jurors found themselves deadlocked. Many students watched parts of that trial.

Justice Vincent E. Doyle Jr., administrative judge for the 8th Judicial District of the New York State Supreme Court, said that while logistical factors may come into play, he hopes the judges under his supervision will make full use of the facility. He noted that renovation work on the downtown courthouse may work in UB Law's favor.

"At least certainly for the next 32 months, we are going to be hard-pressed because of the renovation project to find space that is quiet, that will not have construction going on around it which will inconvenience people's access into and out of the courtroom," Doyle said. "To have space available like the Law School's courtroom is going to be a benefit to us, and to the Law School."

Doyle said commercial and matrimonial parts that do not require the presence of juries may be easier to schedule in Amherst, but added that jury trials of all sorts could be situated there. He suggested that, while jury selection still would have to take place downtown, once a jury is empaneled and jurors are asked about their transportation needs, it may be just as convenient to hear some cases in O'Brian Hall as downtown.

"I have asked a couple of the judges to keep in mind the availability of that court-room for cases that can be heard at UB that do not inconvenience great numbers of people, including jurors and/or witnesses," Doyle said. "I am assured by judges that they are doing that and do intend from time to time to utilize the court-room as the opportunity presents itself.

Another recent use of the courtroom was by Appellate Division Justice Jerome









Clockwise from top left: Terrence M. Connors '71, a special donor for whom the jury deliberation room was named.

Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73 meets the press.

Norman J. Pecora '31, a special donor for whom the judge's chambers are named.

UB President William R. Greiner; Dean Nils Olsen receives a plaque from the Appellate Division – Fourth Department, presented by presiding justice Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73; Hon. Vincent E. Doyle Jr '56.

C. Gorski, who brought his New York State Pattern Jury Committee to the facility in late July as they worked on revising the state's Model Pattern Jury Instructions to reflect recent changes in the law.

Said UB President William R. Greiner: "As the first and only full-service courtroom in the nation to occupy a law school, the new UB Law courtroom takes university partnerships with local communities to an unprecedented level. This courtroom will be a tremendous boon to both UB Law School and to the Western New York legal community, whose support for this project has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic. The state-of-the-art technology, combined with daily trial and appellate proceedings, will place UB Law School in a unique position in legal education."

Vice Dean George Kannar, who oversaw design and construction of the project, said, "The UB Law courtroom will provide students with a unique opportunity to gain hands-on insight into the judicial process, from the very first day of their legal education. It is an opportunity for UB Law students to take what they are learning in the classroom and to see those lessons applied in practice, in a full-fledged working courtroom located just across the hall."

n the design of the facility, Kannar said, "We wanted the courtroom to be consistent with Western New York traditions, and the Roycroft style of furniture is something people associate with Western New York. We chose oak paneling and furniture that match the original student lockers in O'Brian Hall to give a consistent sense of design."

In addition to the lead gift from Francis M. Letro '79, major contributions were received from alumni donors to help build the new courtroom facility. They included Norman Pecora '31, for whom the new judge's chambers are named. "I do not donate because I feel that I am obligated, but because my heart made me," Pecora said. "This is a matter of redeeming, to give back part of what the school gave to me."

Said trial attorney Terrence M. Connors 71, a special donor for whom the jury deliberation room was named: "A courtroom

like this distinguishes our already distinguished Law School. It sets us apart from other law schools because it is such a wonderful blend of the academic and the practical. It allows students to display their academic knowledge in a practical setting, and there is no substitute for that in a learning environment."

Connors said such issues as "where to stand, how to approach a witness, how to invade the jury's personal space – now it is all set out in a room, almost like a laboratory that allows students to 'successfully fail' without jeopardizing any client's rights. For me, that was a tremendous project that I wholeheartedly supported. With others, I did what I could to make this a reality."

In keeping with the overall feeling, four photographs by Western New York photographer John Pfahl have been mounted in the judge's chambers. UB's Anderson Gallery has generously lent other original works of art for the jury deliberation room.

Said Dean Olsen of the ambitious project: "This is a brave experiment. I am quite sure it will be a great success."

Campaign for UB Law

Raichle Foundation creates our first endowed professorship

Professor Finley named to post

he first named professorship in the history of UB Law School has been established with a generous gift in memory of a celebrated Buffalo trial lawyer, with the goal of encouraging law students to examine the role of litigation and appellate advocacy in U.S. society.

The gift comes from the Frank G. Raichle Foundation, which was created from the estate of the UB alumnus who graduated with the Class of 1919. Raichle's death in 1986 ended a colorful career in trial courts nationwide that included twice winning acquittals for Roy M. Cohn, controversial aide to Sen. Joseph McCarthy during the senator's infamous Communist "witch hunting" affair in Congress.

Lucinda M. Finley, a UB Law professor who is founder and director of the school's civil litigation and appellate advocacy concentration, assumed the title of Frank G. Raichle Professor of Trial and Appellate Advocacy in the spring 2002 semester.

"Raichle was one of the country's great trial lawyers, and that was his great interest," said Ralph L. Halpern, who was Raichle's law partner for 28 years in the firm Raichle, Banning, Weiss and Halpern, and is a trustee of the Frank G. Raichle Foundation. "We feel this professorship will help law students interested in entering the field of litigation and appellate advocacy to better understand the positive role that the law and lawyers perform in the United States,"

Law School Dean Nils Olsen, calling Raichle "one of our most distinguished and illustrious graduates," said the professorship will help fund instruction in trial and appellate advocacy, relevant faculty research, professional travel, and speakers, lectures and symposia related to litigation.



Left to right: Ralph L. Halpern '53, UB President William R. Greiner, Frank G. Raichle Professor Lucinda M. Finley, Dean Nils Olsen and Terrence M. Connors '71.

In addition, he said, endowed professorships significantly increase both the reputation and the visibility of the Law School, and greatly help the institution to recruit and retain top faculty.

Niece Joelle Raichle knew the celebrated attorney's personal side more than the professional. "He had some incredibly great stories, never surpassed even by comedy writers," she said. "He told some stories that I heard when I was very young and I still remember them — stories about the interesting people he had encountered."

She tells of one trial in which her uncle — who considered himself a poor speller — was trying a case in which he alleged that gas from an ice cream factory was damaging a neighborhood. The judge asked Raichle to write on a blackboard the names of the landscape plants that people claimed had been damaged. "He was making it an issue, but when he had to spell the names of those plants in public, he tried to back away from it," she said.

Professionally, Raichle was perhaps

best-known for his association with "Wild Bill" Donovan, a World War I hero and former U.S. attorney. He also served as special prosecutor in a payroll-padding scandal that rocked City Hall in the 1930s and as an attorney for the City of Buffalo in a 1984 federal court fight over school funding. His practice extended to both plaintiffs and defendants in all types of civil and criminal proceedings, including antitrust, public utilities, condemnation, corporate, negligence, torts, defamation, civil rights and federal securities law. He tried cases throughout the state, appeared in all four Appellate Divisions and the state Court of Appeals, and argued appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

The gift from the foundation, which also funds organizations with interests in the arts and the sciences, is part of UB's \$250 million capital campaign, one of the largest ever conducted by a public university in New York and New England. The Law School's goal in that campaign is \$12 mil-

lion

Campaign total now over \$11 million

The Campaign for UB Law, now in its final year, is heading down the home stretch and is on target to meet its goal of \$12 million. Under the volunteer leadership of Terrence M. Connors '71, \$11,115,162 has been raised through gifts provided by many generous alumni and friends. Campaign gifts have funded a variety of projects in the areas of academic programs, faculty recruitment and retention, scholarships for talented, deserving students and the upgrading of O'Brian Hall.

As an important component of the Campaign for UB Law, participation by all graduates in the School's Annual Fund has been strongly encouraged. The Annual Fund is conclucted every fall and plays a critical role in the overall success of the campaign, as year-end fund totals are applied toward the

\$12 million goal.

Since the campaign's inception, we have been pleasantly surprised by the number of donors who have provided unrestricted major gifts (\$25,000 and over) to the Law School. Rather than limiting the use of their gifts to a certain area, these donors have instructed Dean Olsen to utilize the funds in the manner most beneficial for the advancement of the Law School. Such gestures have served as a tremendous vote of confidence in, and resounding endorsement of both the campaign and Dean Olsen's leadership. Other large gifts designated for the support of special programs and initiatives are likewise most appreciated, for their impact on the school and the campaign total is equally as significant.

We remain very grateful to everyone who has helped us in our effort so far. Here is an update on campaign contributions as we work toward the completion of our \$12 million goal by June 30, 2003.

Where the Campaign stands:

	Raised to date	
Academic Program	\$437,500	
Faculty Excellence	\$950,000	
Student Scholarships	\$1,777,000	
Building & Technology	\$2,177,845	
Unrestricted	\$5,772,817	
Campaign Grand Total	\$11,115,162	

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Annual Giving

The 12 percent difference



How alumni can support the Law School

UB Law School is a public institution, supported by the State of New York; however, state support amounts to just 31 percent of the school's annual budget. Tuition and student fees, interest on our endowment, and grants make up another 57 percent. That leaves 12 percent of the Law School's annual budget provided by our generous alumni and friends. Without that 12 percent, it would be impossible for the Law School to offer the student support and the educational and infrastructure enhancements that make the school a leader in legal education.

Seven ways the Annual Fund advances the quality of the Law School

On-campus courtroom

UB Law School is the only one in the nation to house a fully functioning court-room. Our law students can watch judges and lawyers at work in O'Brian Hall — an invaluable opportunity to see law practiced firsthand. The state-of-the-art court-room can accommodate appellate arguments, as well as trials. Alumni giving made the completion of this project possible.

Leading-edge technology

UB Law School is now wireless. Information technology is a fundamental part of the legal education infrastructure and curriculum at UB Law, just as it is a critical tool in legal practice. Alumni giving has made it possible for the Law School to devote significant resources to staying at the leading edge in this arena.

Innovative, flexible curriculum

Our program has evolved into one of the most distinguished in the nation, allowing for smaller class size, innovative "bridge" courses, and specialized concentrations. Alumni giving directly advances the practice-readiness of UB's law graduates. Scholarships and financial aid

Your gift provides much-needed dollars to fund our highest priority — helping bright, well-qualified students fulfill their dreams of obtaining a quality law degree. Last year some portion of every contribution to the Annual Fund was distributed to a deserving student through scholarships and loans.

Ranking

Participation in the Annual Fund makes a dramatic difference when national publications rank UB Law against other schools. Your gifts are used to enhance program areas most pertinent to ranking formulas.

Clinical education

Our clinical program provides an array of legal services to nonprofit organizations and to the poor and needy. Alumni support helps the community while providing valuable experience to student participants.

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The Annual Fund helps support a variety of alumni/ae activities, such as reunions and other special events and volunteer, mentoring, and teaching opportunities. Alumni receive free counseling, résumé service, and job postings; Law Library services; and interaction with our law faculty. Alumni giving benefits the whole Law School community—including you.

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Thank you!

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In addition, our alumni participation increased to 22.5 percent versus 20.5 percent in the previous year, and 179 individuals gave an annual gift of \$1,000 or more, com-

pared to 149 last year. We applaud our Annual Fund Chair William E. Mathias II '71, our dedicated

phonathon volunteers, and alumni who assisted with their class reunion giving programs.

Appreciation is warmly extended to alumni, friends and others who supported the Law School during the last fiscal year: July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002. Listed here are individuals, law firms, corporations, foundations and other organizations that made a donation during this time period. Gifts of all types are reported, including gifts to the annual fund, specific programs, endowment funds and capital funds.

Please note that contributions made after June 30, 2002, will be included in the report for

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Jaeckle Society honors two faithful alumni

Longtime friends of UB Law School have been honored by the creation of the Edwin and Erma Jaeckle Society, an honorary society to recognize individuals who donate more than \$5,000 in one year to the Law School's Annual Fund.

The late Edwin F. Jaeckle '15 is among the Law School's most distinguished graduates. Founder of the prominent Buffalo law firm that bears his name, Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, Mr. Jaeckle practiced in the areas of corporate, insurance, utility and estate law. He served as Erie County

Republican chairman from 1935 to 1948, and as New York State Republican chairman from 1940 to 1944. He launched the political career of New York State Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, running all three of the governor's victorious statewide races as well as his unsuccessful candidacies for president of the United States in 1944 and 1948.

Erma Hallett Jaeckle, a 1936 graduate of UB Law, has lived for more than half a century in Florida, where she carved out a highly successful career as a trial attorney. But she has maintained close connections with the Law School.

Mrs. Jaeckle has contributed at least \$25,000 annually to the Law School for many years. In addition, she and Edwin jointly made a major gift that resulted in the creation of the Edwin F. Jaeckle Center for State and Local Government. Mrs. Jaeckle also serves as honorary co-chairperson of the school's ongoing capital campaign.

"The Jaeckles personify the highest level of the legal profession and of humanity," said Vice Dean Alan S. Carrel. "The Law School is taking this step because of our enormous respect and admiration for both of them."

Reached at her residence in St. Petersburgh, where she maintains an active life in retirement, Mrs. Jaeckle said her continuing connection with the Law School stems from





Edwin F. Jaeckle '15 and Erma Hallett Jaeckle '36.

the satisfaction she took in her legal career. "It was a wonderful field for me," she said. "It was so gratifying to have clients say, 'Oh, thank you. We did not know what to do.' It is a wonderful feeling."

Mrs. Jaeckle was in law school at a time when women were rare in the legal profession, especially in the South. Consistent with national trends, more than half of UB Law's entering class for the past two years have been women, and they are a substantial proportion of practicing lawyers. Mrs. Jaeckle tells of a time recently when she was up in the stacks of a law library, looking down and seeing dozens of women doing research. "I am amazed at all the secretaries that the offices now send over to the library," she told her companion. "Erma, those are not secretaries," her companion replied. "Those are women lawyers."

In accepting this honor, Mrs. Jaeckle affirmed her enthusiasm for the Law School's new curriculum and its ability to prepare students for the world after Law School. She also expressed her admiration for the vision and leadership Dean Nils Olsen has provided.

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About 60 golfers participated in the tournament, mostly Law School alumni. "Everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable time. People are excited for next year," said James W. Grable Jr. '76, one of the organizers. "We laid the groundwork for bigger, better Murph events in the years to come, to sustain the trial competition fund at the Law School."

Robert M. Murphy '56, or "Murph" to his innumerable friends, was a trial lawyer of the first order. Brash, colorful, and brilliant before a jury, he wove magic in the courtroom.

Murph took over a fledgling trial team program at the University at Buffalo Law School at a time in his career when he had earned the right to play a lot more golf and do a lot less work. He did take the time to play golf, but he dedicated the vast majority of his time to a passion he held closer to his heart: giving back to young lawyers-in-training. He gave thousands of his hours and large sums of his money to the UB Law trial team program. Over those many years, Murph shared his priceless courtroom wisdom with countless lawyers-to-be.



Murph was far too gruff, practical and humble to accept the accolades he so richly deserved. He was quick to scoff at efforts to recognize the time, energy, money and love he gave to the program. All he asked was that others do their best to give back themselves.

On Feb. 15, 2001, Murph passed away after a battle with brain and lung cancer. Days before his passing, too weak to speak or stand, Murph smiled broadly with his characteristic twinkle in his eye when he heard the news that his "kids," a team of Murph-trained law students, won the regional championship of the National Trial Competition. When a new trial team from the Law School won the regional championship this past spring for UB Law's second straight regional title, and then advanced to the top three in the nation in the National Finals in Texas, they did it for Murph.

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1.	1931	50%	
	1932	50%	
	1934	50%	
	1938	50%	
	1949	50%	
2.	1952	41.5%	
3.	1967	40%	
4.	1973	35.5%	
5.	1958	35%	
6.	1954	34%	
7.	1976	33.5%	
8.	1927	33%	
	1950	33%	
	1959	33%	
9.	1949	32%	
	1957	32%	
10.	1963	31%	

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1.	1976	87	
2.	1982	80	
3.	1998	66	
4.	1977	65	
5.	1979	64	
6.	1980	63	
7.	1983	62	
	1936	62	
8.	1973	61	
9.	1981	58	
10.	1978	57	

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Number of Donors	1,244	1,507	1,694	1,905	
Alumni Participation	15.8%	18.7%	20.5%	22.5%	
Leadership Giving	113	147	151	169	
Edwin & Erma Jaeckle Society (\$5,000+)	20	19	21	27	
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New grads pitch in for class gift

ive UB Law School's Class of 2002 credit: They know a good idea when they see it. This year's graduating class took the ball — a first-ever class gift by their immediate predecessors — and ran with it, raising a 2002 class gift that will keep on giving to the Law School for years to come.

"The project itself was a lot of fun," says Derek Thomson '02, who led an eight-member steering committee under the direction of Associate Dean for Development Deborah

The committee raised \$2,675. The money will go for travel scholarships in the Law School's Career Services Office, helping jobhunters with the costs of traveling to out-oftown employment interviews, as well as toward the school's new courtroom project. In the courtroom, the Class of '02 (like the Class of '01) will have a plaque commemorating its gift placed on one of the spectator benches. It is hoped that future classes will contribute their own gifts, making this program a new UB Law tradition.

To rustle up support for the class gift, the steering committee mailed out pledge cards to every graduating senior, held a kickoff

bagel breakfast (with faculty servers), staffed a pledge table outside the Law Library and personally approached their classmates to offer an opportunity for giving.

Most students leave law school with significant debts, and the final semester of the three years is not the most fertile ground for soliciting donations. Says Thomson: "All the students on the committee were in the same boat. We all have debts and payments to make. So we did not have a minimum or maximum donation. People could give what they wanted."

To wrap up the campaign, the organizers held a bar night at a local tavern, making a presentation there and at Commencement 2002. The bar night was held in conjunction with the GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group, giving these soon-to-be attorneys the opportunity to network and seek advice from UB-trained lawyers who have recently graduated.

Besides Thomson, the steering committee included Peter M. O'Hara, Katrina Rawlins, Melissa Reese, Keith Schallenkamp, Amy C. Snyder, Laura Tulyk-Rossi and Amy Weiswasser.

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A lawyer's lawyer

James L. Magavern '59 receives 2001 Jaeckle Award



n the decades since he first set foot in a UB Law School classroom, James L. Magavern '59 has never been away from the school for long. In addition to his thriving private practice with Magavern, Magavern & Grimm L.L.P., he has taught full time, and part time as an adjunct professor, since 1963.

That service to the Law School and the Western New York legal community was honored Nov. 3, 2001, when Magavern received UB Law's highest honor, the Edwin F. Jaeckle Award.

Magavern has concentrated his practice in the areas of health care, corporate, and state and local government law. In the public service, he has served as counsel to the New York State comptroller, as

Erie County attorney and as assistant attorney general of New York State. He also has served as president of the Bar Association of Erie County and as a member of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity. He co-chaired the Citizens' Council on Human Relations and was chair of the City of Buffalo's Charter Revision Commission.

Internationally, in the 1970s, Magavern served as a legal consultant and expert for the United Nations Development Program in the Philippines and as a legal adviser on national housing policy for the government of South Korea. He also served as a senior fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, in its program on law and the city.

At the awards ceremony in the Hyatt

Regency Buffalo, UB Law Dean Nils Olsen called Magavern "a member of our extended family." Among other contributions, Olsen said, Magavern brought his work with the Charter Revision Commission into the classroom in a clinical seminar. "Students had an incredible opportunity to learn municipal law and see it applied in practice," Olsen said. "It was a great experience for all of us and once again showed Jim's total commitment to the intellectual aspects of his practice as well as the public service.

"Jim is an individual who represents the very best of the tradition of the legal profession as a profession," Olsen continued. "The cornerstone of being a true professional is having special knowledge and ability that is important to the public, that the public can't provide for itself—and then sharing that knowledge and ability with all of the community. Jim has always done this to an extraordinary degree.

"To me, he is a lawyer's lawyer, and he is also a true and valued friend of the Law School."

he honoree's brother and partner, William J. (Bill) Magavern II '62, spoke of James Magavern's "passion for pro bono work." "Jim does not have to have the last word, but usually he has the right words for resolution of a problem in the law," said Bill Magavern.

He also spoke of the honoree's personal side – how he and his wife, Robin, "remain devoted city dwellers"; how his nieces and nephews call him "Uncle Frosty"; how, when a grandson was having some academic troubles, he quietly tutored the boy twice a week for two years in math and social studies.

Buffalo Mayor Anthony M. Masiello pointed to, among other accomplishments, Magavern's work as legal counsel to the Joint Schools Construction Board, which is overseeing \$50 million in improvements to the Buffalo Public Schools.

Magavern, said the mayor, is "the best taskmaster, and gets the most and best out of people, because he always expects the most and best out of himself."

Said former UB Law Dean Jacob D. Hyman: "I have been able to think of no one who approaches the range of professional contributions that Jim has manifested other than John Lord O'Brian."

And former Dean Thomas E. Headrick, who has known Magavern for more than a quarter-century, spoke of two occasions on canoe trips when Magavern risked his life to help his friends.

"I also recall," Headrick said, "the sheer enjoyment of many conversations, whether on a canoe trip, on a hike, on the deck of their property in Eden, or after a set or two of tennis. Jim and Robin's thoughtful, reflective engagement with their community and the wider world is what makes it fun to be with them. Their conversations always turn to serious topics. It is their sincere conviction that if good people work together, somehow the world can become a better and more humane place."

Following a standing ovation, Magavern spoke of the legal powerhouse for whom the Jaeckle Award was named. "Ed Jaeckle was a political leader of a by-

gone era," he said. "He created the Erie County government as a regional government. Now our hope for regionalism in this era lies in county government, and the foundations for that were laid by Ed Jaeckle years ago."

He spoke with pleasure of the Western New York bar, of "my fellow lawyers who maintain a civility, a respect, even a mutual affection in the practice of law that make it a pleasure to practice law in this community."

And he recalled the Law School of the late 1950s: "As a law student here, I had the good fortune to be both immersed in



the local practice and the local community in the downtown Law School site. We also had professors like Adolph Homburger and Al Mugel who were great scholars, but also set an example of the standards of local practice.

"At the same time, we got something equally important: We got exposure to the great issues of law, politics, justice, of the world. I remember particularly well the course in constitutional law from Jack Hyman. The Law School has always represented that combination of immersion in the local community and the wider perspectives and issues of the world. That is good education. It trains good lawyers

"Today, the Law School is absolutely thriving in both dimensions."

"To me, James Magavern (left) is a lawyer's lawyer, and he is also a true and valued friend of the Law School."

- Dean Nils Olsen

Alumni Association

Argument at appeal



Mickey H. Osterreicher '98, Hon. Jerome Gorski and Buffalo News reporter Dan Herbeck.

26th annual Alumni Convocation explores the details of appellate work

he challenges and rewards of appellate advocacy were the day's hot topic at UB Law School's 26th annual Alumni Convocation, held Nov. 3, 2001, in the Hyatt Regency Buffalo.

The morning-long Continuing Legal Education program, which attracted a near-overflow crowd, also examined the ethical implications of high-profile cases. The two topics featured speakers from the bench, the bar and the media.

Lucinda M. Finley, the Frank G. Raichle Professor of Trial and Appellate Advocacy and a veteran of the federal appellate advocacy process, spoke in detail about some of the differences lawyers should expect to find in the federal appellate courts as opposed to state courts. Finley has argued cases in six of the 12 federal circuit courts, and has appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court as well.

One key difference between federal and New York State appellate practice, Finley noted, is that the federal system adheres to the "final judgment" rule for when a case can be appealed. With some exceptions, she said, the appeal can take place only after lower-court appeals have been exhausted. By contrast, she said, "Basically, New York law says you can appeal almost anything at any time" – an attorney can approach the Appellate Division with an appeal of any final or any interlocutory order.

By way of practical advice, Finley spoke of the art of writing an appellate brief. For one thing, she counseled, "Do not put too many issues into a motion for appeal. It is a rare appeal that covers more than four or five factors, and one or two or three is generally better."

Because appellate courts have word-count limits on briefs they will accept, she advised leaving plenty of time for editing briefs before they are filed.

"The two most important things I can possibly say about writing a good brief," Finley said, "are, one, establish a theme and weave that theme throughout both your statement of facts and your argument, and two, the most important part of your case is the statement of facts: It should be used to advance your position. The statement of facts is your first chance to persuade.

"The worst way to present the facts is as a chronology. You are telling a narrative, you are telling a story, and you want it to be a coherent story with a coherent theme and logical organizational factual development.

"Use other people as resources," she said. "Bounce your ideas and briefs off other people. If you can get a smart non-lawyer to understand your case, that is a good sign you have written a clear and persuasive brief."

Carl M. Darnall, chief clerk of the New York State Appellate Division, 4th Department, spoke in detail of a number of procedural issues that can make or break an appeals filing. The clerk's office schedules appeals, he said, first by issuing a scheduling order that gets the case on the court docket some months in the future, and includes a deadline for the respondent to file a brief. "If you cannot appear on that date for oral argument," he advised, "notify the office in writing within 15 days. Once that case is scheduled for oral argument, it is very difficult to get the case moved."

He said that rebuttal is not permitted in the oral argument phase, but attorneys have five days to submit a written statement.

arnall noted the Rochester-based Appellate Division's "Have Gavel, Will Travel" program, which takes the entire process on the road to several New York State counties, three or four times a year. "Your oral argument might be scheduled in the Oswego County Courthouse or the Chautauqua County Courthouse," he

said. "In every term, we have had an attorney scheduled to argue in that county show up in Rochester. So pay attention to these notices. They are very important."

Darnall also pointed out that, in addition to printed material, attorneys may submit CD-ROMs that include hyperlinks. "I predict this is a precursor to electronic filing, which some Southern states have adopted as a practice now," he said. "I think you will eventually see this happening nationwide."

Eugene F. Pigott Jr., presiding justice of the Appellate Division, 4th Department, spoke from the perspective of a



Denise E. O'Donnell '82





David G. Brock '72 and John M. Curran '84

judge who has seen the mistakes lawyers routinely make in petitioning for appeal.

"Presenting your case in an objective fashion will help," he said. "Hyperbole will get you nowhere. If you have seven points and they are sincere, that is fine. But if you are going to orally argue, the best thing that I can recommend to you is to say, 'I have seven points in my brief. I would like to argue Points 1 and 3 and rest on my brief in the others.' Take a breath, and if we disagree with your choice of topics, we will let you know. If not, we know you are going to make two points and then sit down."

He, too, pleaded for clarity and brevity in appellate briefs.

"Make sure that documents are readable and that everything can be seen," Pigott advised. "Make sure your pictures are viewable. When you put in an accident report, put in the key. You can really frustrate a judge if it says the weather condition was 2 and the judge does not know what the 2 means.

"The brief is, of course, our first introduction to the case. None of us are Hemingway, or else we would be making our living that way, but we are better than a lot of the briefs I have seen. You can write with some degree of liberality."

As an example of a compelling brief, Pigott spoke of one that "begins with the Fire Department in Utica putting out a car fire in a mall parking lot. The fire popped the trunk open and there were two dead bodies. The rest of the brief traced those bodies back to the crime. It really held our interest."

Also presenting at the Convocation were Samuel L. Green, senior associate justice for the Appellate Division, 4th Department; Christopher J. Burns and Jerome

C. Gorski, associate justices for the Appellate Division, 4th Department; Denise E. O'Donnell, former U.S. attorney who is now a partner in the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ; John M. Curran, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, LLP; and Dan Herbeck, a reporter for *The Buffalo News* and co-author of a best-selling book on Oklahoma City bomber Timothy J. McVeigh.

The event was followed by presentation of the 2001 Edwin F. Jaeckle Award to James L. Magavern; see the story on page 2 for details.

Alumni Association

Six of our best







Robert M. Elardo '82, John T. Frizzell '55 and Dean Nils Olsen







Kenneth Manning '77, Vikki Pryor '78 and Hon. Julio Fuentes '75

UB Law Alumni Association presents 40th annual bonors

he resonance of four decades of excellence was in the air on May 8 as members of the UB Law Alumni Association gathered at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo for the group's 40th annual awards dinner.

The alumni group recognized six outstanding attorneys on a night that recognized both the Law School's past excellence – members of the Classes of 1942 and 1952, celebrating significant reunions, were present – and the promise of even better things to come from the State of New York's law school.

The recipients of this year's Distinguished Alumni Awards from the UB

Law Alumni Association:

Hon. Julio Fuentes '75, 3d Circuit Court of Appeals, "for his conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary."

In his introduction, Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73 cited Fuentes' courtesy, work ethic, listening skills, consistent preparation and overall professionalism on the bench. He also noted Fuentes' meteoric rise from Newark, N.J., City Court to the federal appeals court level.

"It was at UB Law School that I developed a real passion for the law," the honoree said. "That passion was strengthened by wonderful classmates and a faculty that was exceptional, dedicated and

simply superb in every respect. By the time I approached graduation, I had no doubt that I had made the best possible decision in choosing the law as my calling.

"My greatest accomplishment and proudest moment is still the day I graduated from law school, because it was from that day that I would begin my career as a lawyer and I would enter a very proud profession. I couldn't ask for a better start than the one I got at this law school."

Vikki Pryor '78, president and CEO of the life insurance company SBLI USA, "for her exemplary performance in busi-

Presenter Ernest J. Norman 70 noted that Pryor, whose work history includes positions with the Internal Revenue Service, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Oxford Health Plans in Connecticut, has led SBLI through a turnaround that created a \$1 billion company projecting an incredible 20 percent annual growth rate.

In accepting her award, Pryor said, "My time at the Law School did forever change the way that I think, and for that I am eternally grateful. My legal education taught me discipline. It broad-

ened my view of the world in ways that forever changed my path. It helped me to understand that asking questions and pulling up the corner of the rug is not making trouble; in fact, it is the only way to make real change.

"The law is a living, breathing, growing phenomenon – a change master, if you will. My experience at the Law School, my continued education and my embrace of change provided me with the analytical foundation and the confidence to do the job I do today.

"One thing is clear: We as lawyers have a legacy and a destiny. To those who say why, we must continue to lead the way in saying, why not?" Law School Dean Nils Olsen, "for outstanding service to the community by a non-alumnus."

Said UB President William R. Greiner: "We have a terrific College of Arts and Sciences, we have great graduate and undergraduate programs, but within the SUNY family, what really does distinguish us is our professional schools. I am particularly proud of the Law School. We have in Nils a most effective advocate for the Law School, but the beauty part is that he is one of the greatest and most effective advocates for our University. He has provided exceptional leadership for the University at Buffalo."

Isen, greeted by a standing ovation, said: "I accept your generous award tonight not on my behalf but on behalf of a great law school." He cited "a gifted community of scholars, faculty, administrators and support staff," noted with appreciation the work of the school's several vice deans, and thanked the alumni as well for their financial and advisory support. "Our bridge courses and our many subject concentrations are the direct result of your willingness to share the secrets of your successful practices with our faculty and students," he said.

Kenneth Manning '77, partner and chairman of the governing committee at the Buffalo law firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, "for his leadership by example as a private practitioner."

Peter J. Fiorella '63, presenting the award, noted that Manning, whose undergraduate degree at UB was in engineering, now serves on the dean's advisory councils for both the law and engineering schools. A past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, he has coordinated Phillips, Lytle's pro bono activities for over 10 years. The quality of his representation, said Fiorella, " is evident in the fact that three firms he represents have stayed with him for more than 20 years."

Manning thanked his family, his clients, his law partners and the Western New York judiciary, saying of the latter, "I have been fortunate to practice in many courtrooms in many jurisdictions. It would be difficult for them to duplicate what we have here."

Robert M. Elardo '82, head of the Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP), was honored "for his commitment to public service."

"Not only has Bob devoted his career

to this work, he also inspires and encourages VLP lawyers," said Jean C. Powers '79. She cited some numbers: Last year the program developed 800 volunteers who donated 6,286 hours of legal time, with an estimated value of \$950,000. They handled 4,090 clients, 1,786 cases – and 91 percent of clients considered their VLP representation "highly satisfactory."

"In sum," Powers said, "Bob is a man of prodigious energy, keen intelligence, unquestionable integrity and deep compassion. Every day, he brings honor to our school and our legal community."

Elardo accepted the award in recognition of "the combined efforts of staff, volunteers and board members and all we have accomplished over the years. Times are very tough in the legal services for the poor world. We work in a time of shrinking budgets, and if anything there is an increasing need out there. It is my hope that the recognition this award brings to VLP will encourage even more of you to

one lifetime."

Carrell also noted that Frizzell has served for years as a volunteer firefighter. "He is a tower of strength who never loses his temper and always is a voice of reason. Organizations depend on him to bring people together and get things done."

"I have been involved in many law-related activities over the years, and I really enjoy them," Frizzell said. "I really enjoy being among lawyers and being among judges, being in different organizations.

"I think the Law School in particular, because of its prestige throughout this country, the good relations it enjoys with the Erie County bar, is wonderful — and that is why I am so happy about this award."

Terrence P. Flynn '88 served as chairman of the committee that organized the UBLAA dinner, at which Lynn A. Clarke '83 was introduced as the group's new president.





Above, Stephen L. Yonaty '94 and Melinda R. Saran '86, associate dean for student services.

Surrogate Judge Joseph S. Mattina '56 and Professor Louis A. Del Cotto '51.

participate in the Volunteer Lawyers Project. And if that doesn't work, you might be interested to know that we can give you CLE credit for working with us, and of course all your donations are tax-deductible."

John T. Frizzell '55, of Hiscock Barclay Saperston & Day, was honored "for his many contributions to the betterment of our community."

Law School Vice Dean Alan Carrel said of the honoree: "Jack Frizzell has literally spent thousands of hours as a volunteer helping organizations in Western New York and beyond. The breadth, quality and length of service he has provided seems impossible to accomplish in

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Oral history makes history

Digital project is first of its kind

• Hon. John T. Curtin '49 on his favorite Law School course – torts.

Herald Price Fabringer '56 on coaching a team to the state moot court championship.

• Lillian E. Cowan '27 saying, "If you want to be a lawyer, you have to care about people."

 Hon. Matthew J. Jasen '39 on working at the post office after classes ended for the day

hose tidbits of UB Law School history – and thousands more – have become part of a treasure trove of information that is being compiled in a revolutionary oral history project coming close to fruition. The first-of-its-kind project involves interviewing alumni, faculty members and others with close ties to UB Law, preserving their voices for posterity, and digitally indexing their words to provide easy access for historians, researchers and others.

"This project adds another dimension to the chronicle of our Law School's history," said Ilene R. Fleischmann, associate dean for alumni and communications, and executive director of the UB Law Alumni Association. "It is a resource we have never had before.

"With the help of our faculty we will be developing an intellectual history of the Law School, and we will get a much more detailed understanding of our alumni – who they are, what they did and what they believed in."

Fleischmann says the digitized medium in which the interviews are being preserved has a quality that no written page can match. "It is very immediate and very accessible," she said.

Lynn A. Clarke '83, new president of the UB Law Alumni Association, has chaired the project since taking over that job from Denise E. O'Donnell '82. Clarke says 10 interviews have been conducted and processed, with more to come.

"It really makes history come alive," she said. "People think of history projects as dusty archives and long transcripts. This is 180 degrees from that type of concept. It is just incredible, for example, to hear Judge Curtin in his own words talking about some of the cases he worked on."

Clarke said the particular value of the innovative medium of digitizing the interviews is that they are thoroughly indexed. A user will be able to, for example, enter a keyword such as "77 W. Eagle St." and have immediate access to every interviewee's reminiscences of the Law School's old home. "That is what makes this cutting-edge and really user-friendly," she said.

She hopes to have the project in its first usable form within a year to 18 months. We want to have a dedicated

spot in the Law School for all who want to use it, whether they are law students or researchers or the general public. We are trying to design an area that will have information, photographs and other material regarding all the people on the tapes that you can listen to.

And, she said, this UB Law School history will be a never-ending story. "It will be ongoing probably forever," Clarke said. "It is documenting the accomplishments and careers and lives of distinguished alumni and professors and deans, and we will continue to have those kinds of people for a long time to come."

Judith Weiland, a master's degree candidate in history at UB, has been doing the tedious work of digitally indexing the 10 completed interviews.

"In some ways, we are making history," Weiland said. "Most oral histories are transcribed and lightly indexed, if at all. You end up doing a lot of stopping the tape and fast-forwarding. This process saves you that step. It takes you right to the sound bite that you want. It can even be imported into a PowerPoint presentation."

She said the software has been modified from a program originally developed for industrial market research.

Overseeing the project's technical and developmental aspects is Michael H. Frisch, a professor of history/senior research scholar in UB's history department. "This history involves multiple interviews with many different people, and it will be used for a lot of different purposes," he said. "It is like indexing a book. The questions are, what would people be interested in and what is the best way to frame this idea?

"I think this model that we have im-



Hon. Leslie G. Foschio '65 interviews Hon. Matthew J. Jasen '39.

provised with the UB Law School project will be a model for a new kind of institutional oral history. To me, it is a really interesting breakthrough. In conventional terms, there has always been a kind of distance between the archive and the user. The archivist wants to protect things; the user wants to get his grubby hands on them. One of the really liberating things about digital approaches is that it allows both of those things at the same time."

Alumni and other UB Law-connected people have volunteered to do the interviews, and they report that the experience is a fascinating one.

"A well-trained lawyer is trained to respond to any task or challenge that is handed to you. Particularly when it comes to gleaning facts on the basis of asking questions, that is what lawyers are especially trained to do," said Hon. Leslie G. Foschio '65, who interviewed Hon. Matthew J. Jasen '39 for the project.

f his subject, Foschio said: "I marveled at his tremendous sense of grass-roots political ability, his perseverance in preparing himself over years to make that run for State Supreme Court, as a Democrat, successfully. It was really quite an accomplishment. And I admired his skill in developing his career on his own as a trial lawyer and prominent figure in the community.

"It was like a telescope in time, to look back in that way and through his experience what it was like for him, and subsequently relive his career through the interview."

New York State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Howe '80, of the 8th Judicial District, interviewed famed First Amendment attorney Herald Price Fahringer Jr. '56 in his East Side Manhattan office.

"I learned more about Herald Price Fahringer from that time, more about him as a person as well as his claims to fame as a First Amendment attorney and advocate," said Howe, who was a history major as an undergraduate. "For example, I learned of his absolute and singular dedication to the profession and practice of law. I mean singular. He did not try to paint himself as the all-around civic citizen. He knows who he has been, is and wants to be, which is the totally prepared and dedicated advocate for his client.

"What was interesting, too, was how he had gotten into the computer age in terms of using word processing for his appellate drafting, even though that was something that many of his generation have bypassed learning. He was also an extremely gracious person. I found him forthcoming in describing his Law School experience, and his endeavors between undergraduate school and law school, which in his case meant that when he went to law school, he really knew why he was there."

The project is being funded by the Law Alumni Association and the Law School with additional funding from Lauren Rachlin in memory of his father, Harry Rachlin '26.

Alumni Association

Lynn A. Clarke '83 to lead UB Law Alumni Association

Lynn A. Clarke, confidential court attorney for New York State Supreme Court Justice John A. Michalek, has been elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2002-2003. Clarke is a 1980 summa cum laude and phi beta kappa graduate of the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, and graduated in 1983 from the University at Buffalo Law School.

She currently serves as a director of the Bar Association of Erie

County and of the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo. She resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Lynn A. Clarke '83

Other officers elected for the coming year are: Denise E. O'Donnell '82, of Hodgson, Russ LLP, as president-elect; Terrence P. Flynn '88, of Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, as vice president; Terrence A. Greiner '87, of Lippes, Silverstein, Mathias & Wexler, as vice president; Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden '83, of Buffalo City Court, as vice president; and Hon. Hugh B. Scott '74, U.S. Magistrate Judge for Western New York, as vice president.

Also, James M. Gerlach '97, of the Naval & Marine Corps Reserve, as treasurer; John M.

Curran '84, of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, LLP, as assistant secretary; Marion Henderson '65, as secretary; and Ernest J. Norman '70, of Wilson Greatbatch, Ltd., as immediate past president. Ilene R. Fleischmann, associate dean in the University at Buffalo Law School, continues as executive director.

New directors elected for terms ending in 2005 are: Robert L. Boreanaz '89, of Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria; Michael P. Daumen '74, confidential court attorney for New York State Supreme Court Justice Frank A. Sedita Jr.; David M. Hehr '83, of Hiscock, Barclay, Saperston & Day; Michael M. Mohun '80, of Law Office of Michael M. Mohun; Carmen P. Tarantino '77, of Brown & Tarantino, LLP; and Sharon L. Wick '84, of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, LLP.



Left to right, front row: Vice Dean Peter R. Pitegoff, Kenneth A. Manning, President Lynn A. Clarke, Immediate Past President Ernest J. Norman, Hon. Matthew J. Jasen, Executive Director Ilene R. Fleischmann, Mark E. Brand and Michael P. Daumen

Left to right, second row: Lawrence R. Schwach, Howard E. Berger, Dean Nils Olsen, Marianne E. Hanley, Hon. Amy J. Fricano and Diane F. Bosse



Left to right, third row: William F. Savino, Hon. Leslie G. Foschio, Marion K. Henderson

Left to right, fourth row: Hon. Barbara Howe, Mary Q. Wydysh and Margaret P. Gryko

Left to right, fifth row: John M. Curran, Roger T. Davison, Hon. Thomas M. Van Strydonck, Carmen P. Tarantino, David G. Brock, Hon. Mark G. Farrell, Michael M. Mohun, Patrick C. Reilly, John C. Garas, Samuel L. Shapiro, Garry M. Graber and Debra L. Givens

Not pictured: President-elect Denise E. O'Donnell, Vice Presidents Terrance P. Flynn, Terrence A. Greiner, Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, Hon. Hugh B. Scott, Treasurer James M. Gerlach, Robert L. Boreanaz, Hon. Christopher J. Burns, David M. Hehr, Rick W. Kennedy, Lawrence J. Mattar, Dennis R. McCoy, Steven R. Sugarman, Sharon L. Wick

Alumni Association

GOLD Group launches second decade

en years after its birth, the GOLD Group is more connected, more respected and still cool. UB Law GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group has evolved into an active, integral part of the UB Law Alumni Association, organizing fresh and innovative programs that have become increasingly popular with both new and seasoned members of the legal community.

Under the leadership of its 2001–02 president, Gretchen P. Aylward '95, the GOLD Group celebrated its 10-year anniversary in stellar fashion, and began its second decade with a flurry of activity. Expanding its social, educational and recruitment events, the GOLD Group offered more programs than ever before, including informal socials in Washington and Rochester.

Aylward, an associate in the Buffalo office of Hiscock & Barclay, attributes the group's evolution to the hard work of its board of directors. "Throughout this past year, I have had the privilege of working with an outstanding group of attorneys who are dedicated to improving the future of UB Law School," says Aylward. "Despite busy professional and personal lives, GOLD Group board members commit both their time and their talents to the Law School, attending board meetings, chairing committees, and planning and attending our outstanding CLE programs and social functions."

The hard work shows. The GOLD Group's 10-year anniversary party was the premiere social event of the holiday season. On Dec. 7, 2001, the group celebrated its first decade of achievement at the Park Lane Restaurant, and honored the first 10 individuals to serve as board presidents and chairs. The event drew a wide array of friends and supporters from various facets of the legal community.

nity.
"The GOLD Group's anniversary party was a huge success," says Irene Chiu '00, 2001-02 social committee chair and associate at Hodgson Russ LLP. "We had

more than 100 people in attendance including judges, attorneys, law students, and members of the law school faculty and staff." John Bair of EPS Structured Settlements generously underwrote the expenses of the event.

The group's education committee experienced the same success with its most recent UB Law Downtown Breakfast series. The series is composed of three one-hour lectures held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in downtown Buffalo. Each lecture provides attendees with CLE credit, breakfast, and invaluable information on varying areas of law presented by some of the most outstanding members of our local bar.

The series began in November with a lecture on "Immigration Law Basics" presented by GOLD Group President Gretchen Aylward, a member of Hiscock & Barclay's International Business Practice Group. SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Kenneth F. Joyce followed in April with a presentation titled "All About New York's New Principal/Income/Unitrust Act." Associate Professor and local courtroom legend Paul I. Birzon completed the series at the end of April with "An Evidentiary Primer."

This year, the GOLD Group added a new element to its education programs debuting a three-hour seminar in January titled "Ethics in Practice." Designed to provide practitioners with a thorough overview of ethical considerations in day-to-day practice, the program also offered those highly coveted credits in ethics and professionalism. Presenters included Kathleen Boyd '90, associate counsel at the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee, Anthony H. Szczygiel, UB Law professor, and a panel discussion with Hon. Barbara Howe '80, New York State Supreme Court justice, and Hon. Leslie G. Foschio '65, United States District Court magistrate judge.

"The GOLD Group looks forward to presenting similar programs on a yearly basis," says Mari A. Moorman Penn '99, 2001–02 education chair and associate at Altreuter Habermehl. A similar morninglong ethics program was held in Niagara County during September.

he board year ended with a spring bash on April 5 at Soho Bar and Grille in downtown Buffalo. The GOLD Group joined forces with the Law School's Student Bar Association. Students, alumni and members of the Law School came together to commemorate the Class of 2002's upcoming graduation, and to welcome graduating seniors into the GOLD Group.

"Once again, we had more than 100 attendees," says Chiu. "The evening peaked with the seniors' class gift presentation to the Law School to show their appreciation."

Next year promises to be just as eventful. The 2002–03 social committee, chaired by Jennifer DiCioccio '01, associate at the Buffalo office of Damon & Morey LLP, has kicked off the year early with the GOLD Group's first summer so-



cial. In August, GOLD Group members and friends gathered for an Ay Carumba Fiesta at Cozumel Grille & Tequila Bar, in downtown Buffalo.

"The GOLD Group enters the 2002-03 year stronger than ever," says incoming president Gregory A. Mattacola '98, associate at Chiacchia & Fleming LLP in Hamburg, N.Y. "Our goals include enhancing our CLE seminars, continuing the great tradition of bringing alumni together via our social events, and working with the Law School in student recruitment efforts so UB Law can maintain its excellence. It is a daunting task to take over such a committed, involved and proven organization, but one that I am excited to begin."

Officers of this year's GOLD Group:

Gregory A. Mattacola '98, of Chiacchai & Fleming LLP, president; Gretchen P. Aylward '95, of Hiscock & Barclay, immediate past president; Mari A. Moorman Penn '99, of Altreuter Habermehl, president-elect; D. Charles Roberts, Jr. 97, of Webster Szanyi, LLP, secretary/finance chair; Sharon Nosenchuck '94, of Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. education chair; Jennifer DiCioccio '01, of Damon & Morey LLP, social chair; Irene Chiu '00, of Hodgson, Russ LLP and Stephanie Williams-Torres '00, of Hiscock & Barclay, membership co-chairs; Kathleen J. Martin '99, of the Law Offices of Francis M. Letro, recruitment chair;

Front row, left to right: Associate Director Lisa M. Mueller '93, Executive Director Ilene R. Fleischmann, Vice Dean Peter R. Pitegoff, Dean Nils R. Olsen, Antoinetta D. Mucilli '99, President Gregory A. Mattacola '98, President-Elect Mari A. Moorman Penn '99 and Carmen L. Snell '92

Staircase, top to bottom: Secretary D. Charles Roberts Jr. '97, Marc Brown '99, Thomas S. Lane '97, Irene Chiu '00, Hilary C. Banker '96, Jennifer DiCioccio '01, Stephanie Williams-Torres '00, Kathleen J. Martin '99, Immediate Past-President Gretchen P. Aylward '95 and Brigid M. Maloney '98

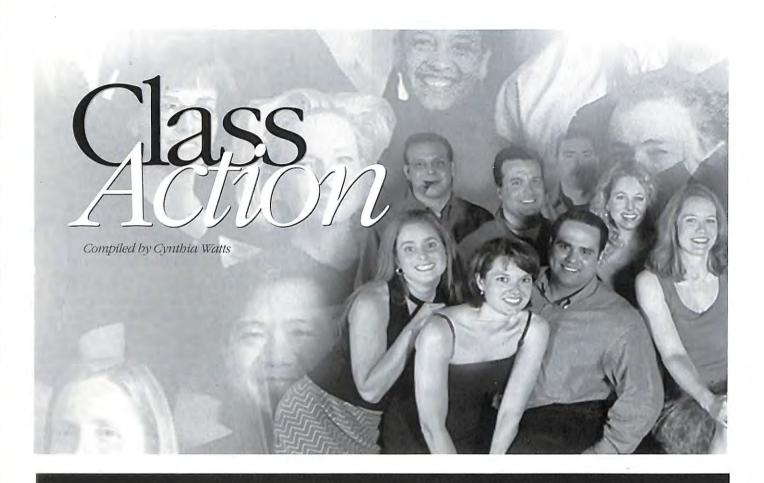
Not pictured: Joseph N. Del Vecchio '96, It. Commander James M. Gerlach '97, Roseanne McMorrow '01, Sharon Nosenchuck '94, Michael Radjavitch '93, Jill M. Tuholski '95, Susan E. Van Gelder '97, and Stephen L. Yonaty '94

and Brigid M. Maloney '98, of the Eric County Attorney's Office, communications chair.

Additional board members include: Hilary C. Banker '96, of Burgio, Kita & Curvin; Marc Brown '99, of Harter, Secrest & Emery; Joseph N. Del Vecchio '96, of National Fuel Gas; Lt. Commander James M. Gerlach '97, of the Navy & Marine Corps; Thomas S. Lane '97, of Webster, Szanyi LLP; Roseanne McMorrow '01, of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine and Huber LLP; Antoinetta D. Mucilli '99, of National Fuel Gas; Michael Radjavitch '93, of Cary & Radjavitch; Jill M. Tuholski '95, of Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton & Liptak, LLP; Susan E. Van Gelder '97, of Goldberg Segalla LLP; and Stephen L. Yonaty '94, of Hodgson Russ LLP.

The GOLD Group encourages interested alumni graduating within the past ten years to become involved with the organization. Contact Greg Mattacola at (716) 648-3030 or gcola@cf-legal.com for information on becoming a member of the GOLD Group board of directors.

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What's new?

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Ilene Fleischmann, Editor, *UB Law Forum*, 310 O'Brian Hall, Buffalo, N.Y. 14260. E-mail: fleisch@buffalo.edu or fill out the form at www.law.buffalo.edu

'40s

Richard Lipsitz '43 was honored at the 2002 Brother/Sisterhood Awards luncheon of the National Conference for Community and Justice's Western New York region on Jan. 17. Lipsitz is of counsel in the firm Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, in the Buffalo office. He has practiced for 51 years in the field of labor law and is chair of the Western New York Civil Liberties Union. Lipsitz is a Buffalo resident.

'50s

Hon. David J. Mahoney'52 received the Outstanding Jurist Award for 2002 from the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. Mahoney, former president of the Bar Association, is a New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Richard M. English '53 has retired from practicing law. English ran his own law firm until January 2001 in Palm Desert, Calif., where he resides. His most famous client was Robert Stroud, the "Birdman of Alcatraz."

John T. Bertell '55 has become of counsel in the new Buffalo firm *Watson*,

Bennett, Colligan, Johnson & Schechter: Bertell is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

John T. Frizzell '55

received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his many contributions to the betterment of our community at the 40th annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on May 8, 2002. Frizzell is of counsel in the firm Hiscock Barclay Saperston & Dayin the Buffalo office. He is a past president of the Erie County Bar Association, former member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and taught trial technique at UB Law School for 20 years. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Gordon R. Gross '55 has been named to the State University of New York's board of trustees. His nomination by Gov. George E. Pataki was confirmed by the State Senate. Gross is a senior partner in the firm Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan in Buffalo and also serves on Gov. Pataki's Fourth Department Judicial Screening Committee. He lives in Eggertsville, N.Y.

Frank J. Boccio '56, chief clerk of Erie County Family Court in Buffalo, has been honored with the Special Service Award from the Bar Association of Erie County for his outstanding contributions to the legal community. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Vincent E. Doyle '56, administrative judge of the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, was honored by the New York State Bar Association at a luncheon in January in New York City. He received the award for Outstanding Judicial Contribution to the Criminal Justice System. Doyle is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Jaeckle Award. He is a Buffalo resident.

Michael Wolford '68 wins multiple honors



Michael Wolford '68 and his Rochester law firm, Wolford & Leclair, have received professional recognition in a series of awards from bench and bar. He was the recipient of the 2001 Adolph J. Rodenbeck Award from the Monroe County Bar Association. The award, established in 1978, recognizes professional and community service. For Wolford, that has meant involving his eight-attorney firm in a good deal of pro bono work; working with the American Board of Trial Advocates, of which he was

president, to set up a mentoring program for young trial attorneys; and working to revitalize the Rochester chapter of the UB Law Alumni Association. He also serves on the Law School's Dean's Advisory Council.

Wolford's firm also received the Monroe County Bar Association's McKnight Award for pro bono service, a New York State Bar Association award for small to midsize firms, and an award from U.S. District Court for the firm's handling of a difficult civil rights case.

"We have been very fortunate with the kinds of work we get," Wolford said. "We represent some major corporations and individuals, and that has given us an opportunity to be able to take on these kinds of pro bono cases as well. We have taken the position that we should do as much as we can."

Wolford founded the firm in 1993 after 21 years with Nixon Peabody LLP. The firm now includes both his daughter, Elizabeth, and his son, James.

Michael Likoudis '56, a solo practitioner, has become of counsel in the firm *Bouvier, O'Connor,* in Buffalo, in the general practice section. While in private practice, Likoudis focused his attention on personal injury, real estate and probate matters. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Joseph S. Mattina '56 has been reappointed Erie County Surrogate Court judge in Buffalo. Mattina is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Jaeckle Award and the Distinguished Law Alumni Award. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Edward J. O'Connor '56

has been re-elected president of the Alden Chamber of Commerce in Alden, N.Y. O'Connor is managing partner in the law firm *Bouvier*; O'Connor in Buffalo. He is an Alden resident.

Richard F. Griffin '57,
partner in the firm Phillips,
Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine &
Huber, in the Buffalo office,
has been appointed to the
newly formed Commission
on Public Access to Court
Records. The commission will
investigate the accessibility of
court records on the Internet
in relation to privacy issues.
Griffin is a Buffalo resident.

Anthony J. Colucci Jr. '58 was named to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission.
Colucci is a partner in the firm Block & Colucci in Buffalo, where he resides.

Thomas Beecher Jr. '59, partner in the Buffalo firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber*; received St. Bonaventure University's Gaudete Medal for 2002. He also received a Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award from the Canisius College board of regents in Buffalo. Beecher lives in Buffalo.

Gordon Gannon Jr. '59 has become vice president and legal counsel of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Gannon is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Gannon*, *Gannon & Sullivan*. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

William H. Gardner '59 was honored by Gay and Lesbian Youth Services of Western New York. He was recognized for his efforts before the New York State Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court in obtaining groundbreaking rulings eradicating unconstitutional statues that were used to inappropriately target gay men. Gardner's work was documented in a recent study, Courting Justice: Gay Men and Lesbians Versus the Supreme Court, by Joyce Murdoch and Deb Price. In addition, he was honored by the Empire State Pride Agenda. Gardner is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where he is a resident.

James L. Magavern '59, partner in the Buffalo firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm, received the Jaeckle Award from the UB Law Alumni Association.
Magavern, an adjunct professor at UB Law School and a member of the school's Dean's Advisory Council, was

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Class of '52

The Class of 1952 kicked off its 50-year reunion at the Law Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Dinner on Wednesday, May 8. Classmates listed in the dinner program and those in attendance received given special congratulations

in honor of this special milestone.

On Friday, May 10, the class gathered for an elegant dinner at the Wanakah Country Club. The Law School gave special gifts to classmates who helped plan the reunion: Winthrop H. Phelps, Phyllis H. Wilkinson and Alfreda W. Slominski. Out-oftowners, including Dr. James J. Sherman (Florida), Charles S. Carmer (Maryland), Jerome C. Rosenthal (Florida), Charles F. "Ted" Rand Jr. (Ohio) and June Sworobuk (Virginia) were also recognized.

On Saturday morning, May 11, classmates joined Dean Nils Olsen for a tour of the Law Schoool, including the beautiful

new courtroom, student lounge and classrooms.

Classmates then continued on to the Center for the Arts, where the Class of 1952 donned graduation robes and marched with the senior Class of 2002 in commencement ceremonies. The class was seated on the dais with faculty and other honored guests, and each class member received a commemorative 50-year anniversary certificate.

First row, left to right: Phyllis H. Wilkinson, Hon. Mary Ann Killeen, Hon. Mary K. Davey-Carr, Professor Jacob D. Hyman, June Sworobuk, Alfreda W. Slominski

Second row, left to right: John G. Wick, Harry P. Weinrib, Frank R. Papa, Jerome C. Rosenthal

Third row, left to right: Dominic J. Terranova, Morree M. Levine, Patrick T. Hurley, Hon. John V. Rogowski, Morton H. Abramowitz, Thomas G. Poulos, Edwin J. Kuzdale, Hon. David J. Mahoney Jr., Robert E. Wedlake, Winthrop H. Phelps, Charles S. Carmer, John M. McKee, James J. Sherman, Alexander J. Russ, Andrew Diakun, John A. Krull, Anthony J. Spann, Samuel Miserendino, Kenneth L. Cooper, John W. Rickers Ir., Charles F. Rand Jr.

honored at the UB Law Alumni Association's 26th annual Convocation on Nov. 3, 2001, for his contributions to the Law School and the legal profession. He is a resident of Buffalo.

Lawrence J. Mattar '59, partner in the Buffalo firm Mattar & D'Agostino, was named to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Mattar lives in Buffalo.

'60s

Hon. Mario J. Rossetti '60 was reappointed for another nine-year term on the New York State Court of Claims. Rossetti was first appointed to the court in 1987. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Joseph P. McCarthy '61 received the 2002
Outstanding Jurist Award from the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. McCarthy is an Erie County Court judge in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Roger T. Davison '62, a solo practitioner, has been named special counsel in the firm *Bouvier*, *O'Commor* in Buffalo. He will practice in the firm's family law department as well as continue to practice in his own firm in East Aurora, N.Y. Davison is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and resides in East Aurora.

David M. Wexler '63 has been elected an overseas fellow of the International Royal Society of Medicine, in London. Wexler is a member of the American College of Legal Medicine and is a solo practitioner in Buffalo.

John P. Dee '64, partner in the Tonawanda, N.Y., firm Blair & Roach, was elected to the Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center board of directors. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y. Peter Martin '64 was reelected chairman of the Heritage Centers board of directors. Martin is a partner in the firm *Bouvier*, O'Connor in Buffalo, where he resides.

Peter T. Ruszczyk '64 received the Bankruptcy Award from the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. Ruszczyk, partner in the Buffalo firm Carey & Ruszczyk, was recognized for his pro bono service. He lives in Buffalo.

Marion K. Henderson '65, an attorney retired from HSBC Bank USA in Buffalo, was recently named secretary of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Henderson is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

Carl J. Montante '67 and his wife, Carol, were named 2001 Western New York Philanthropists of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Montante is the managing director and president of Uniland Development Co. in Amherst, N.Y.

Michael Chelus '68,

president and CEO in the law firm *Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak* in Buffalo, was listed in *Who's Who In Insurance and Risk Management 2002/2003.* Chelus is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Robert B. Conklin '68, an Orchard Park, N.Y., resident and senior partner in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ*, has been named president of the firm. Conklin will oversee the firm's general operations.

William P. Franklin '68 has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in Washington, D.C. Franklin is a senior partner in the firm *Oliver, Maner & Gray* in Savannah, Ga., where he is also a resident.

Giles P. Manias '68, a Buffalo solo practitioner, has been named to the board of Carol Alaimo '67 makes TV history on Millionaire

When **Carol Alaimo '67** faced Regis Philbin from the hot seat on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, it was a watershed moment for the show as well as for the Buffalo solo practitioner: Alaimo was the very last contestant on the landmark ABC-TV show.

And she helped *Millionaire* go out with a bang, taking home a \$125,000 check and a level of celebrity that has not abated since the show aired on June 27.



directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. Manias is a Buffalo resident.

David R. Pfalzgraf '68 has been named Lawyer of the Year for 2002 by the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. He was also named a member-at-large of the New York State Bar Association's executive committee. Pfalzgraf is a partner in the law firm Renda, Pares & Pfalzgraf in Buffalo, where he resides.

Donald Alessi '69, partner in the firm *Sargent, Alessi & Collins* in Buffalo, was inducted as president of the Federation of Italian-American Societies of Western New York, Alessi is a resident of Clarence, N.Y.

'70s

Jerome M. Hesch '70, formerly a full-time law professor at the University of Miami Law School, is now practicing in the firm Greenberg Traurig in the Miami office but will still continue to teach part time at the university. Additionally, the West Group published a law school casebook that Hesch co-authored The Individual Tax Base: Cases. Problems and Policies in Federal Taxation. He also had an article published recently as part of the 36th annual

Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning. The article was titled "Coordinating Income Tax Planning With Estate Planning: Uses of Installment Sales, Private Annuities and Self-Cancelling Installment Notes." Hesch lives in Aventura, Fla.

William Mitchell '70 has been promoted to vice president, assistant general counsel and sector counsel for Northrop Grumman Corp. in the Newport News, Va., office. He was previously associate sector counsel for the company. Mitchell lives in Glenwood, Md.

Jon A. Nichols '70 accepted the VLP V.I.P. Award from the Erie County Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project. Nichols was honored for volunteering his time on matrimonial and family court cases for the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Nichols is a Hamburg, N.Y., attorney and resident.

Ernest J. Norman '70 was named to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Norman is director of investor relations and corporate communications for Wilson Greatbatch Technologies in Clarence, N.Y. He is immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and lives in Clarence, N.Y.

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Class of '57

Law School classmates from the Class of 1957 kicked off their 45-year reunion weekend on Friday, May 3, at the Saturn Club, in downtown Buffalo. Law School faculty joined classmates for a brunch on Saturday morning held in O'Brian Hall. The highlight of the reunion weekend was an elegant reunion dinner held at the Park Country Club where attendees enjoyed live music, an open bar and a gourmet meal while reminiscing about their days at the Law School.

First row, left to right: Richard F. Griffin, Robert J. Plache, Professor Jacob D. Hyman, John G. Putnam Jr., Weston B. Wardell Jr. Second row, left to right: Mark H. Klafebn, Richard A.Grimm Jr., William F. Keenan Margaret Quinn '70 has joined the Social Security department in the firm Renaldo & Myers in Williamsville, N.Y. Quinn was the former chief administrative law judge for the Buffalo Social Security Office of Hearings and Appeals. She lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

Eric Kerness '71 is the new vice president of construction dispute avoidance and resolution for the construction consultant PinnacleOne in Middletown, Conn. Kerness was previously assistant counsel and director of the contract and tort bureau for the New York State Department of Transportation.

Raymond H. Barr '72 is the new employee benefits practice group coordinator in the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huberin Buffalo. Barr, partner in the firm, handles cases involving qualified retirement plans, ERISA, taxation, professional corporations and estate planning. Barr is director of the New York Employee Benefits Conference and an adjunct professor at Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72 received the Jurist of the Year Award from the Judges and Police Conference of Erie County, N.Y., at its annual awards dinner in April. He also addressed the ninth annual conference of the Florida Compulsive Gamblers Council Association in February. Farrell, Amherst, N.Y., town justice, recently executed the first gambling court in the country in Amherst and is also recognized for establishing the first suburban drug court in the United States. He resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Arthur Jackson '72 was named secretary of the board of directors of New Directions Youth and Family Services. Jackson is a partner in the firm *Jackson*. *Balkin € Douglas* in

Jeffrey S. White '70 Nominated for U.S. District Court Bench



Jeffrey S. White, a litigation partner in the San Francisco, Calif., law firm *Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP*, has been nominated by President Bush to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he is expected to assume the bench later this year. He will fill the vacancy left by retired Judge Legge.

According to a firm colleague, "Jeff White will make a superb addition to the

Federal bench. He is a great trial lawyer, truly fair and balanced, and has an innate drive to see justice done."

After graduating from UB Law in 1970, White moved to California in 1978 to join Orrick, the first and only private firm with which he has been associated. Since that time, White's career has flourished both through his many victories as a trial attorney and as a leader in the firm and in the community. White led the firm's national Litigation Department for more than 15 years. During the course of his career, he has tried scores of significant, high-profile jury trials and has represented notable clients such as Siebel Systems, Lucent Technologies,

and Oracle.
White has taught a course in Civil Trial Advocacy at the
University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law,
for more than twenty years, where he was awarded the Roscoe
Pound Foundation award for Excellence in Teaching Trial
Advocacy. He has also authored numerous articles on litigation
issues and has served as a frequent panelist for the Practicing
Law Institute's Pretrial and Trial Skills programs and as a faculty

member at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Lockport, N.Y., where he is a resident.

Thomas F. Segalla '72 spoke at a first-ever live satellite broadcast program sponsored by the Defense Research Institute in Chicago. The topic was "Insurance Law Practice and Procedure - The Basics and Beyond." He also participated in three programs dealing with environmental exposure to mold and environmental toxins at the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel in Boca Raton, Fla., a seminar conducted by the Defense Research Institute in San Diego and the annual meeting of the Property Law Research Bureau in Anaheim, Calif. Segalla is a partner in the firm Goldberg, Segalla. He lives in Buffalo.

Rosalie M. Stoll Bailey '73 has been named Lawyer of the Year by the Women Lawyers of Western New York. Bailey is a Supreme Court referee in the New York State Supreme Court. Eighth

State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Bailey created the fast-track statewide program Expedited Matrimonial Part. This program was used as a model to screen and settle contested divorce cases in Erie County, N.Y. She is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. Rose Sconiers '73 was a 2002 Athena Award nominee at the 13th annual Athena Award Ceremony in May that benefited the Western New York Women's Fund. Sconiers is a New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, where she resides.

Buffalo resident, was a presenter at the New York State Bar Association seminar "Franchise, Distribution and Licensing Law" in New York City on June 17. Bailey is a partner in the corporate department in the firm

Thomas Bailey '74, a

Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, in the Buffalo office.

George R. Blair '74 was honored with the Permanency Planning Award from the Bar Association of Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project. Blair is a partner in the law firm *Bouvier*; O'Connor; in the Elma, N.Y., office.

Michael P. Daumen '74
has been named confidential
law clerk to Hon. Frank A.
Sedita Jr., New York State
Supreme Court justice, Eighth
Judicial District, in Buffalo.
Daumen was also newly
elected as a member of the
UB Law Alumni Association
board. He is a Buffalo
resident.

Christopher T. Greene '74 has been named chair of the management committee in the Buffalo firm *Damon & Morey*. Greene is a partner in the firm's corporate and business law practice group and health care practice group. He is a Buffalo resident.

william Z. Reich '74 addressed the annual law review symposium at Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law on the topic "Immigration Options Under NAFTA" in March. Reich, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, is a senior partner in the firm Serotte, Reich & Seipp in Buffalo.

Hon. Hugh B. Scott '74, federal magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, was named vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors for 2001-2002. He also was honored by the editorial board of UB Law School's Buffalo Law Review

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First row, left to right: Angelo F. LaDuca, Anthony C. Noto, Phillip Brothman, Richard I. Reitkopp, Robert A. Moeller

Second row, left to right: William J. Magavern II., Marvin T. Dubin, Daniel E. Barry Jr.

Third row, left to right: Melvin L.
Hurwitz, Daniel J.
Gorman, Robert (Bob)
Gunderman, Gerry J.
(Gerry) Greenan Jr.,
Roger T. Davison

Class of '62

The Class of 1962 celebrated its 40-year milestone with a dinner at the Buffalo Club on May 3. Classmates in attendance enjoyed a gourmet meal while reminiscing about their days in law school. "We have held reunions at the five-year milestone since 1987," says reunion committee member Phil Brothman '62. "It is always great to get together with our classmates, and this reunion was terrific. The Law School staff made our job much easier, and their contributions of reunion mugs, the group photos and other gifts added a special touch to an otherwise wonderful evening."

"For all who attended, it was a special opportunity to catch up on what has happened in our lives over the last 40 years," says Angelo LaDuca '62. "To our classmates who were unable to make it: We were talking about you! You will never have the chance to deny those exaggerated stories about you that made us laugh so hard!"

Check out the 1962 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."

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at its annual dinner in April. He is a Buffalo resident.

Dianne Bennett '75 was newly named co-chair of the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ*, concentrating on client service and business development. She was also elected chair of the Kaleida Health Foundation board of directors and named a member of the regional advisory board for the University at Buffalo Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach. Bennett is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. Julio M. Fuentes '75 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UB Law Alumni Association at the 40th annual dinner and meeting on May 8. Fuentes, justice, U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, was honored for his conscien-tious and diligent perfor-mance in the judiciary. He is UB Law's highest-ranking federal jurist and is a resident of Caldwell, N.J.

Pamela Davis Heilman
'75 has been named to the
World Trade Center
Buffalo/Niagara board of
directors. She was also a
nominee for the 2002 Athena
Award, which benefits the
Western New York Women's
Fund in Buffalo. Heilman is
vice president of the business
division in the firm Hodgson
Russ in Buffalo, where she
resides.

Linda Joseph '75 has joined with Ginger Schroder '90 to form *Schroder Joseph & Associates* in Buffalo. The firm will handle cases involving management-side labor and employment law and commercial litigation such as franchises and intellectual property. Joseph is a resident of Springville, N.Y.

Robert Olivieri '75 is practicing in the corporate and securities practice group in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ*. Olivieri is a resident of Elma, N.Y.



David R. Pfalzgraf '68



Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72

Hon. Richard C. Kloch Sr. '76 was elected judge for the New York State Court of Claims in Buffalo. Kloch was formerly a City Court judge in North Tonawanda, N.Y., where he resides.

Carol M. Matorin '76 has become vice president, senior counsel for The Limited, in New York City. She is involved with all of the company's brands and businesses, using her experience in intellectual property, advertising and individual case law. Matorin lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rodney Personius '76 opened his own law firm, *Personius Melber*: in Buffalo with **Brian Melber '96.** The firm will concentrate on white-collar criminal defense and business and commercial litigation. Personius lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Brent L. Wilson '76 is a partner in the firm *Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson* in Atlanta. Wilson specializes in

the areas of labor relations, equal opportunity, civil rights, disability discrimi-nation and immigration. He is a resident of Lithonia, Ga.

David Colligan '77, partner in the Buffalo firm Watson, Bennett, Colligan, Johnson & Schechter; has written an article, "Forest Land Taxation in a New Millennium: Stewardship Incentivized," published in the Denver University Law Review, Vol. 78, No. 3. Colligan lives in Buffalo

Margaret P. Gryko '77, assistant general counsel for Delaware North Cos. in Buffalo, has been elected to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Gryko resides in West Seneca, N.Y.

Matthew Leeds '77 has been appointed second vice chair of the New York State Bar Association Real Property Section. He also recently published an article in the New York State Bar Journal on "Concerns of Leasing in Commercial Condominiums." Leeds is a partner in the firm Robinson, Silverman, Pearce, Aronson & Berman, in New York City.

Kenneth A. Manning '77, partner in the Buffalo firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber*; was honored at the 40th annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on May 8. Manning, immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his leadership by example as a private practitioner. He is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

Dennis R. McCoy '77 was elected chair of the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Hiscock*, *Barclay*. *Saperston & Day*. McCoy was also named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Hon. Marjorie Mix '77 has retired from a nine-year tenure on the Erie County Family Court in Buffalo. A retirement dinner was held in her honor on Nov. 29, 2001, at the Buffalo Yacht Club. Mix is a Buffalo resident.

David E. Parker '77 has become of counsel in the Buffalo firm *Berger & Berger*: Parker is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

John T. Privitera '77 has been elected chair of the real property section of the New York State Bar Association. Privitera is a partner in the Albany, N.Y., firm McNamee, Lochner; Titus & Williams, practicing in the areas of environmental law and real property land use and planning. He lives in Glenmont, N.Y.

Carmen P. Tarantino '77 was newly elected a member of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Tarantino is a partner in the firm *Brown & Tarantino* in Buffalo, where he resides.

Bryan G. Brockway '78 has become a partner with Catharine M. Venzon '82 to create the firm *Venzon Brockway* in Buffalo. The firm will handle cases involving wills and estates along with matrimonial and family law and criminal matters. Brockway lives in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Warren M. Emerson '78 has retained his position as law clerk and court attorney for the new Allegany County Court judge, Hon. Thomas P. Brown '81, in Belmont, N.Y. Emerson has been law clerk and court attorney for four Allegany County judges. He resides in Fillmore, N.Y.

David E. Franasiak '78, senior partner in the Washington, D.C., firm Williams & Jensen, led a panel discussion on "Government — How the System Works & Effects on Regulating Change." He led the

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To Robert A. Milne '89 and **Erin Ringham '90,** a son, Alexander James, on Aug. 7, 2001, in New York City.

To Lawrence Wood '90 and Gwenan Wilbur, a daughter, Miranda Davis, on May 26, 2001, in Chicago.

To Scott B. Schwartz '91 and Emily Feinzig, a son, Brandon Seth, on Feb. 7, 2002, in Palo Alto, Calif.

To Carmen Snell '92 and Anthony Davis, a daughter, Kristin Asha, on Jan. 18, 2002, in Buffalo.

To Lisa Mueller '93 and Jeffrey Mueller, a son, Jeffrey Montgomery, on Jan. 30, 2002, in Tonawanda, N.Y.

To Yasmin Hassan Mukhtar '93 and Dr. Muhammad A. Mukhtar, a daughter, Hera Yasmin, on Feb. 24, 2001, in Monroeville. Pa.

To Christine Haight Farley '94 and William Farley '95, a son, Aidan Nyle, on Oct. 21, 2001, in Washington, D.C.

To Guy C. Giancarlo '94 and Susannah M. Bochenek '94, a son, Robert Guy, on March 31, 2001, in Snyder, N.Y.

To Alex Korotkin '94 and **Tamra Diamond '93,** a son, Jonathan Isaac, on Feb. 1, 2001, in Rochester, N.Y.

To David Wright '96 and Mimi Meng Wright '95, a daughter, Georgia Meng, on March 6, 2001, in Buffalo.

To Maureen Blake '00 and Victor Blake, a daughter, Kerry Anne, on July 15, 2001, in Lincoln, Va.

discussion before the Securities Traders Association in November 2001 in Boca Raton, Fla. Franasiak lives in Annapolis, Md.

Linda J. Marsh '78

received the M. Dolores Denman Lady Justice Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Marsh is a founding member of the bar association and past president of the chapter. She also was elected to the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. She is a partner in the Buffalo firm Ziller, Marsh, Lang, Small & Zweig. Marsh is a Buffalo resident.

Mark G. Pearce '78 has formed the Buffalo law firm Creighton, Pearce & Johnson.

Pearce has practiced in the areas of labor and employment law for the past 20 years and is currently president of the Volunteer Lawyers Project in Buffalo. Besides being an attorney, Pearce is also a painter and sketch artist. The Arts Council of Buffalo and Erie County presented his artwork in an exhibit called "Hope and Honor" that ran from Feb. 26 to March 28. Pearce is a Buffalo resident.

Vikki L. Pryor '78, president and CEO of SBLI USA Mutual Life Insurance Co., received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for her exemplary performance in business. Pryor was honored with the award at the 40th annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on May 8. She also

spoke at the Minority Bar Association's 20th annual awards dinner in Buffalo on Oct. 12, 2001, where her topic was "Meeting the Challenge in a Changing Society." Pryor resides in Stamford, Conn.

Candace Appleton '79, a Merrick, N.Y., resident, had an article published in the summer 2001 edition of NYSBA Elder Law Attorney titled "Representing the Younger Disabled Client." Appleton is a senior staff attorney in charge of the Disability Advocacy Project for Nassau/Suffolk Law Services in Hempstead, N.Y.

Peter F. Brady '79 was elected to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers
Association. Brady is a partner in the Amherst, N.Y., firm
Brady & Schaefer. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Robert B. Druar '79, a
Buffalo attorney, was awarded the Erie County Bar
Association Volunteer Lawyers
Project VLP V.I.P. Award for his longtime dedication and commitment to pro bono work, particularly in the areas of divorce and bankruptcy for the Volunteer Lawyers Project. He is a Buffalo resident.

Marianne Hanley '79 was appointed by County Executive Joel A. Giambra to the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women. Hanley is a partner in the firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm in Buffalo. She lives in Buffalo.

William Hites '79, a Buffalo solo practitioner, was honored by the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project with the Haven House Project Award. Hites received the award at the ninth annual Volunteer Recognition Reception on Nov. 29, 2001, for his commitment to providing advice and counsel at Haven House, a shelter for battered women and children. He is a resident of Buffalo.

Dan D. Kohane '79 has been named director of the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, In addition, he also addressed a national seminar on "Using the Internet to Evaluate Damages" at the Litigation Management College in Illinois and spoke at the fifth National Conference for Insurance Professionals, Legal Advisors and Risk Managers in New York City on the topic "Online Liability." Kohane is a senior partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Debra A. Norton '79 has been named chair of the appellate practice committee of the Bar Association of Erie County. Norton is an attorney in the Buffalo firm of *Paul W. Beltz* and handles the firm's appellate matters. She is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Jean Powers '79 was honored with a nomination for the 2002 Athena Award, which benefits the Western New York Women's Fund. Powers is a partner in the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel in the new office in Williamsville, N.Y., where she resides.

Paul Suozzi '79 received the Committee Chair of the Year Award from the New York State Bar Association's torts, insurance and compensation law section. Suozzi was honored at the organization's annual dinner in January for his contributions as chair of the section's municipal law committee. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine, and resides in East Aurora, N.Y.

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Richard J. Barnes '80 was elected president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association for 2002. Barnes is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Cellino & Barnes*.

He is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Sheldon Cohen '80 has become the new director of real estate and buildings in the Nassau County Office of the County Executive in Mineola, N.Y. Cohen was previously vice president of facilities and services at MetLife in Manhattan, N.Y. He is a Woodbury, N.Y., resident.

William A. Lundquist '80, a Hamburg, N.Y., resident, was elected president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Lundquist is general counsel of Birdair in Amherst, N.Y.

Karen L. Mathews '80 has become deputy general counsel of Birdair, serving on the staff of General Counsel William A. Lundquist '80, in the Amherst, N.Y., office. Mathews is a Buffalo resident.

Michael M. Mohun '80 was newly appointed as a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Mohun is a solo practitioner and the town justice in Bennington Town Court in Attica, N.Y. He resides in Cowlesville, N.Y.

John Troll '80 has become a partner in the firm Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis. Troll, practicing in the firm's intellectual property group, was previously vice president and trademark counsel for Harley-Davidson.

Oliver C. Young '80 has been elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. Young also received the Trailblazer Award from the Asian American Law Students Association, the Black Law Students Association and the Latin American Law Students Association at the annual UB Law School Students of Color Dinner in April, Young, a matrimonial referee for the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, resides in Williamsville, N.Y.



Thomas C. Bailey



Robert Olivieri '75

Michael A. Battle '81 has been appointed U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York. Battle is the first African-American in New York to be named a U.S. attorney outside of the New York City area. Battle also received the William & Barbara Merriweather Sims Alumni Award at the annual **UB Law School Students of** Color Dinner in April. He was also recently honored by the Minority Bar Association of Western New York and Mount Olive Baptist Church at a reception in Buffalo. He also received the Award of Merit by the Bar Association of Erie County. This award is not an annual award but given only in extraordinary circumstances. Battle was formerly a judge for Erie County Family Court and president-elect of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a Buffalo resident.

Howard Berger '81 was elected to the board of

directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Berger is an attorney in the firm *Duke*, *Holzman*, *Yaeger & Photiadis* in Buffalo. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Thomas P. Brown
'81 has become the judge in
Allegany Family, County and
Surrogate Court in Belmont,
N.Y. He appointed Warren M.
Emerson '78 as his law clerk
and court attorney. Brown
was previously a partner in
the firm Williams & Brown in
Cuba, N.Y., where he resides.

Robert M. Elardo '81 was honored for his commitment to public service with the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the UB Law Alumni Association's 40th annual dinner on May 8. Elardo is managing attorney of the Bar Association of Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project. He has been administering the pro bono program since 1984. Elardo is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. Amy Jo Fricano '81, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., was named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Fricano lives in Lockport, N.Y.

Lawrence Friedman '81 was re-elected district attorney in the Genesee County district attorney's office in Batavia, N.Y., where he resides. Friedman has been working in the district attorney's office for the past 20 years.

Susan H. Sadinsky '81 focuses her practice in the areas of insurance coverage and defense litigation. She joined the *Law Office of Roy A. Muna* in Buffalo as an associate. She lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

H.A. Terri Zionts '81, a
Buffalo solo practitioner, was
given the Divorce Award at
the ninth annual Volunteer
Recognition Reception hosted
by the Erie County Bar
Association Volunteer Lawyers
Project on Nov. 29, 2001

Zionts has lent her insight in divorce matters to the Volunteer Lawyers Project. She lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Peter Bergenstock '82, a Buffalo attorney, received the Ruth Ritchell Memorial Award from the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project at the ninth annual Volunteer Recognition Reception on Nov. 29, 2001, in Buffalo. Bergenstock received the award for his pro bono work. He lives in Buffalo.

Richard S. Binko '82 was appointed fourth president of the Western Region affiliate of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Binko is a Cheektowaga, N.Y., solo practitioner and resident.

Dr. John Brazil '82 has completed his residency in anesthesiology at the University of California at Irvine. He is now doing a one-year fellowship in pain management. Brazil resides in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Hon. Steven P. Cullen '82 has opened his own law firm in West Palm Beach, Fla., after serving for 12 years as a compensation claims judge in Florida State Court in West Palm Beach. Cullen's practice is limited to mediation, arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and private judging. He lives in Jupiter, Fla.

John P. Feroleto '82, a
Buffalo resident and solo
practitioner, authored the
article "Trading Places" in a
symposium on running a
small law firm. The
symposium appeared in the
national magazine *Trial*,
published by the Association
of Trial Lawyers of America.
Feroleto is currently secretary
of the small office practice
section of the ATLA and cochair of the ATLA political
action committee.

Paula Feroleto '82 is the new president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Feroleto is a partner in the firm *Brown &*

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First row, left to right: Frank J. Clark III, Hon. Judith A. Hillery, Alan S. Carrel, Paul E. Rudnicki, Sheldon B. Benatovich, Carol J. Alaimo, Arthur A. Russ Jr., Robert E. Walter, Alan S. Biernbaum, Richard (Dick) C. Pohlman, John A. Jenny

Second row, left to right: Vincent O. Ladd, Carl J. Montante, Frederick A. Wolf

Third row, left to right: Roger A. Pies, Thomas J. Gaffney, Harold J. Brand Jr., John T. Agate, Hon. Samuel L. Green, Charles J. D'Arcy, Timothy M. O'Mara, Hon. David A. Gerard, Walter L. Rooth, Sr., Hon. David F. Lawlor

Class of '67

The Class of 1967 celebrated its 35-year reunion on April 20. Over 50 classmates and guests were in attendance to celebrate this milestone occasion.

The reunion began in the morning with a casual reception at the Law School, followed by a tour of O'Brian Hall including the new state-of-the-art courtroom. The highlight of the reunion was an elegant dinner held at the Buffalo Club. Attendees enjoyed a gourmet meal while reminiscing about their days in Law School. "Harry Brand was a wonderful emcee! I haven't laughed that hard in years!" says Art Russ '67. "It was great to spend some time with my old friends Bob and Marie Walter, who now live in Wooster, MA. Bob and I are planning a ski weekend next winter to relive the Vermont ski trip we took in 1965."

All in attendance agreed that the reunion was a great success. "It was virtually a perfect reunion," says Harry Brand '67. "We had a high percentage of our classmates attending who enjoyed a well-prepared program of reminisces in the delightful setting of the Buffalo Club. What more could you ask for in a 35-year reunion? It was my pleasure to plan, participate and attend. Barbara and I enjoyed seeing men and women with whom we had shared such a significant life experience."

Check out the 1967 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."

Kelly in Buffalo, where she also resides.

Vincent O. Hanley '82 has been named vice president of the Buffalo and Western New York Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Hanley, partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Mark S. Klein '82 was chosen to serve as contributing editor of the 2002 *Guidebook to New York Taxes*. Klein is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ*. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Eric W. Lawson Jr. '82 gave the collection of his labor/management arbitration awards that he had accumulated over a career of more than 30 years to the archivist at Cornell University's Industrial and Labor Relations School. He was selected by the Industrial Relations Research Association of Western New York as the 2002-2003 Man of the Year. Lawson is a labor arbitrator and member of the National Academy of Arbitrators. He is a resident of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Matthew B. Newman '82 has his own nationwide ERISA practice based in Savage, Minn. Newman represents claimants in disability benefits cases against insurance companies. He lives in Savage, Minn.

Denise E. O'Donnell '82, partner in the law firm *Hodgson Russ* in Buffalo, was appointed to a two-year term on the board of directors for the National Women's Hall of Fame. O'Donnell is president-elect of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. David J. Pajak '82 was re-elected town justice of Pembroke, N.Y. Pajak is also a Buffalo solo practitioner and lives in Corfu, N.Y.

Ruth M. Pollack '82, a Mineola, N.Y., attorney, had an oil painting that she created



Dennis R. McCoy '77



Michael A. Piette '80

titled September 11, 2001 displayed in the student exhibition at the Cork Gallery, Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center Plaza, New York City. Pollack practices in the areas of employment discrimination, real estate and negligence in the firm Pollack & Kotler. She resides in Garden City, N.Y.

Andrea Schillaci '82 spoke at a seminar titled "Non-Profit Centers Going Entrepreneurial" in Reno, Nev., in January. Schillaci is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine, specializing in professional liability, commercial litigation and environmental regulatory matters. She lives in Buffalo.

Catharine M. Venzon '82 and Bryan G. Brockway '78 have formed the firm *Venzon Brockway* in Buffalo. They will be dealing with cases involving matrimonial and

family law as well as criminal law, wills and estates. Venzon lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

John Ziegler '82 was named confidential law clerk to Hon. Rose Sconiers '73, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Ziegler has experience in cases involving civil litigation, personal injury, insurance coverage and appellate practice. He lives in Buffalo.

Lynn A. Clarke '83, confidential law clerk to Hon. John A. Michalek, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, was elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Clarke is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Neil E. Garvey '83 was presented with the Liberty Bell Award at the annual Law Day Luncheon hosted by the Bar Association of Erie County in Buffalo in May. Garvey, president and CEO of Shakespeare in Delaware Park, dedicated his theatrical production and direction talents to the Bar Association's re-enactment of the trial of Leon Czolgosz, assassin of President William McKinley. Garvey is also a partner in the firm Garrey & Garrey in Buffalo, where he resides.

David M. Hehr '83 has been elected partner in the Buffalo firm *Hiscock, Barclay, Saperston & Day,* Hehr handles cases involving civil litigation and environmental practice. He also recently became a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Hehr lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Barbra Kavanaugh '83, assistant New York State attorney general in the Buffalo office, and her son, Jack, received the Community Service Award at AIDS Community Services' annual awards dinner. She was also elected to the board of directors of New Directions Youth and Family Services. Kavanaugh is a Buffalo resident.

Linda Nenni '83 was elected assistant secretary of the board of directors of the Kaleida Health Foundation. Nenni is vice president and general counsel at Kaleida Health in Buffalo, where she resides.

Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden '83, a Buffalo City Court judge, was named vice president of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is a Buffalo resident.

Ellen G. Yost '83 spoke at a conference sponsored by the American Council on International Personnel in Pentagon City, Va. Her topic was "European Efforts to Address Personnel Mobility Issues." She also addressed the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association in Ottawa, Ont., on the subject of international opportunities for corporate counsel. Yost is managing partner in the firm Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen € Loewy in Buffalo, where she also resides.

Tracey Bannister '84 was elected to the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. She is a court attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, Office of Court Administration, in Buffalo. Bannister lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

George W. Collins Jr. '84 has become chairman of the litigation department in the firm Bouvier, O'Connor in Buffalo. Collins lives in Amherst, N.Y.

John M. Curran '84 was appointed assistant treasurer of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Curran is a partner in the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber* in the Buffalo office. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.



The Class of 1976 celebrated their 25th reunion in New York City on Oct. 19 and 20, 2001. This was the first time that a UB class had a reunion outside of Buffalo, and it was a very poignant and special occasion.

The original decision to have the reunion in New York City was made to reflect the large number of classmates who came to the Law School from the New York area, But after Sept. 11, holding the reunion in New York City took on much greater significance. The committee questioned whether classmates would want to continue with the plans. The response was immediate and strongly in favor of going ahead. According to the organizers, the overwhelming sentiment was that now more than ever the class should gather together to appreciate their friendships, pay their respects to those who lost their lives and support the people of the city of New York.

One of the most moving responses was from Flo Dean, who wrote:

"This is a great city. The reasons we chose for having the reunion are as valid now, if not more so, than the reasons we focused on last spring. While it is clearly true that none of us feels like celebrating, and some appropriate tribute is clearly in order, the best thing we can do for the people who

died is to insist, through our actions, that they did not die in vain. Terrorism and insensible acts of cruelty are the enemy of freedom and dignity and liberty. Aren't those the ideals we learned in law school? What greater tribute than to say that UB graduates stand on the side of freedom and the liberties granted in the Constitution. Let me assure you that New York City will survive this and come back stronger than ever. Please don't let us down."

The weekend began on Friday evening with a cocktail reception at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. On Saturday night, classmates enjoyed dinner and music as they sailed around Manhattan on Spirit Cruises. "Seeing old friends is even more special in light of the tragic events of Sept. 11," said Ellen Forrest, co-chair of the reunion. "Being here in New York City has made this reunion much more meaningful as we reminisce and look to the future."

The 25th Reunion Committee was chaired by Ellen Forrest and Robert J. Feldman, along with a hard-working New York City Steering Committee. Visit the UB Law Web site at www.law.bufalo.edu to see pictures of this special reunion.

First row, left to right: Margaret W. Wong, Robert J. Feldman, Karen B. Leeds, Ellen Forrest, Michael F. Calabrese, Florence V. Dean

First row standing: Beaufort N. Wilburn, John Hartje, Barbara Ryniker Evans, Gary K.Norgaard, Carol M. Matorin, Jay M. Solomon, Frances C. Berger, Brenda C. Desmond, Ingrid K. Hansen, Michael A. Hass, Alan H. Kaufman, Kenneth B. Forrest, Bari J. Schulman

Second row, left to right:
Susan E. Carpenter, J. Carlton
Howard Jr., Ruth V. Siegel, John J.
Fargo, Arthur J. Levy, David E.
Liebowitz, Po Wang Yuen, Carl S.
Heringer, Kevin D. Ribakove,
Ronald W. Ramierez, Thomas L.
Bondy, Bert L. Slonim, Diane F.
Bosse, Victoria Quesada, Donald
H. Vogelman, Jeffrey L.
Tanenbaum, Stephen P. Gleit,
Richard S. Feldman, Mark R.
Hellerer, Alan D. Mantel

Missing from photo: Judith Levin, Bette Gould-Ross, David G. Ross Norton T. Lowe '84

practices in the law firm of Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo. Lowe recently became associated with the firm and practices in the personal injury department. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

David Marcus '84 is a partner in the firm Webster Szanyi in Buffalo. He deals with legal matters involving commercial litigation and personal injury. Marcus is a founding partner in the Buffalo firm Marcus, Knoer; Crawford & Hilton, and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Keith D. Martin '84 is now a senior attorney with the New York State Department of Transportation. Martin is involved with transportation infrastructure, contracting and procurement issues. He is involved in transportation-related projects near "ground zero." Martin lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Paul T. Nesper '84, a
Getzville, N.Y., resident, spoke
as a faculty member at a New
York State Bar Association
seminar on "Purchase and
Sale of Real Estate." Nesper is
a partner in the firm Nesper;
Ferber & DiGiacomo in
Amherst, N.Y.

Lawrence J. Regan '84, a Buffalo attorney, was elected secretary of the Western New York Trial Lawyers
Association. Regan is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Sharon L. Wick '84 is a new member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Wick is a partner in the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber* in the Buffalo office. She specializes in estate planning and trust administration. Wick lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Theodore L. Araujo '85 is practicing in the firm *Altman & Wolfson* in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. Araujo focuses his practice in the areas of intellectual property, licensing,



Paula Feroleto '82



Patrick J. Higgins '84

corporate and litigation matters. He is a resident of Manlius, N.Y.

Jill K. Bond '85 has been promoted from deputy general counsel to vice president, general counsel in the legal department in Rich Products Corp., the nation's largest privately owned frozen food manufacturer, in Buffalo. Bond will be responsible for all of the corporation's legal matters and also serves on the corporation's Leadership Council. She is a resident of Buffalo.

Paul Chiaravalloti '85, of counsel in the firm Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn in the Williamsville, N.Y., office, has become a member of the board of directors of the Pharmacists Association of Western New York. Chiaravalloti is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

John C. Garas '85 was elected a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.
Garas is an attorney in the
Buffalo firm *Renaldo*, *Myers & Palumbo* and resides in
Clarence, N.Y.

Cynthia Lenkiewicz '85, a New York City resident, has joined the corporate law department of Citigroup. Lenkiewicz accepted a position as associate general counsel in the New York City corporation.

Daniel J. Marren '85 was named to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers
Association. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Brown & Kelly*. Marren lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Patricia A. Obstarczyk '85 was named a partner in the Rochester, N.Y., office of the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber*: Her practice concentrates on employee benefits law and a range of federal and state insurance and public health laws influencing employee benefits. She is a resident of Rochester.

Steven R. Sugarman '85 has been elected a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Sugarman is a partner in the Buffalo firm *Pusatier*; *Sherman*, *Abbott & Sugarman*. He is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Matthew J. Fusco '86 presented a paper at the renowned Oxford Round Table in Oxford, England, in March, where the discussion at the round table focused on civil rights and employment discrimination. Fusco is a partner in the firm Chamberlain, D'Amanda, Oppenheimer & Greenfield in the Rochester, N.Y., office, He lives in Canandaigua, N.Y.

William P. Johnson '86 acted as a moderator and spoke as a faculty member at a New York State Bar Association seminar on "Purchase and Sale of Real Estate." Johnson is a member of the firm *Nesper*; *Ferber & DiGiacomo* in Amherst, N.Y., where he resides.

Lisa L. McDougall '86, partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, is the new health care practice group coordinator in the firm. McDougall concentrates her practice on health care matters involving compliance issues, fraud and abuse, HIPAA, information management, privacy and patient care. She lives in Buffalo.

Timothy McEvoy '86 was promoted to administrative vice president of M&T Bank in the Buffalo office. McEvoy was associate general counsel for M&T Bank's trust and investment and treasury divisions. He is a Buffalo resident.

Shari Jo Reich '86, a solo practitioner, received the Everywoman Opportunity Center Award of Excellence. She was honored at the organization's annual dinner on May 2. Reich is an adjunct professor at UB Law School and is a Buffalo resident.

Melinda R. Saran '86 was awarded the Friend of Gateway-Longview Award from Gateway-Longview, a Buffalo agency that has comprehensive care and treatment programs for children, youth and families. She received the award in recognition of her dedication, encouragement and advocacy for the educational rights of the agency's residents. Saran, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, is associate dean for student services at UB Law School.

Donna Burden '87 received the 40 Under Forty Award in the law category from the publication *Business First*. Burden was also elected to the board of directors of the Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center Foundation and named director of the Heritage Centers board of directors. She

Marriages

Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

Sharon J. Fine '87 and Edward A. Schwartz, *Oct. 13, 2001* Hon. Andrew C. LoTempio '88 and Kathleen McHale.

Dec. 31, 2001

Melanie A. Jenkins '90 and Andrew G. Smith, Oct. 13, 2001

Jonathan Kurens '90 and Leslie Beth Julich, Jan. 13, 2002

Jeffrey P. Markello '90 and Mia McFarlane '99, Sept. 15, 2001

Yasmin Hassan '93 and Dr. Muhammad A. Mukhtar, March 18, 2000

Joseph L. Mooney '93 and Sheri L. Keeling '96, Oct. 6, 2001

Denis J. Bastible '94 and Julie A. Cellino, Dec. 9, 2001

Stephen L. Yonaty '94 and Marla Kim Babat '97, Nov. 11, 2001

Jeffrey J. Calabrese '95 and Andrea M. Sutton, *June 23, 2001*

Terri L. LoTempio '95 and Todd M. Kopacz, Nov. 3, 2001

Mark W. Pawlak '95 and Jennifer Marell, July 28, 2001

Jennifer A. Bernacki '96 and Richard S. Smith III, *May 18, 2002*

Jenifer M. Scalisi '96 and James A. Barr, Sept. 8, 2001

Christopher Centore '98 and Jeanne Albanese, *Sept. 22, 2001*

John S. Cipolla '98 and Elizabeth Alexandra Cerone, *July 13, 2002*

Shannon Heneghan '98 and Vincent Lepera, Sept. 8, 2001

Theresa M. Wolniewicz '98 and Peter D. Walsh, *August 10, 2002*

Irma Eagleton '99 and David Hill, Dec. 9, 2001

Mari Moorman '99 and Ernest G. Penn Jr., Aug. 9, 2002

Kelly L. Gotham '00 and Christopher S. Audin, *Sept. 29, 2001*

Megan Herstek '00 and Travis Brett Wolfinger, May 11, 2002

Ruth P. Newman '00 and Bryan A. Laskowski, Oct. 13, 2001

Rachel L. Trapp '00 and Robert N. Newton, July 20, 2002

Devin L. Palmer '01 and Karen Beth Zobel, Oct. 27, 2001

is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Doris Carbonell-Medina '87, a Buffalo resident, was recognized by the publication *Business First* with the 40 Under Forty Award in the government category. She is an attorney for the Buffalo Commission on Citizens' Rights and Community Relations.

Terrence A. Greiner '87 has recently been elected vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association. Greiner is a partner in the Buffalo firm Lippes, Silverstein, Mathias & Wexler, practicing in the firm's corporate group. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Patricia Maxwell '87 has been elected Erie County Family Court judge in Buffalo. Maxwell, formerly an attorney in the firm Maxwell & Maxwell, resides in Boston, N.Y.

Steven J. Ricca '87 was elected to the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy board of trustees. Ricca is a partner in the firm *Jaeckle*, *Fleischmann & Mugel* in Buffalo, where he resides.

Louis Rosado '87 is the recipient of the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project VLP V.I.P. award. Rosado deals with divorce, bankruptcy and Family Court cases for the Spanish-speaking community for the Volunteer Lawyers Project. He is a Buffalo solo practitioner.

Hugh M. Russ III '87, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, has been named one of 20 regional directors worldwide for the Harvard Alumni Association. He has been elected president of the board of directors for a two-year term. He was also named secretary of the board of directors of Homespace Corp. in Buffalo. Russ is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo.

Sharon J. Schwartz '87 was named president of the Vassar Club of Western New York. Schwartz is a partner in the firm *Harris Beach* in Hamburg, N.Y., and practices in the areas of residential real estate and banking matters. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Andrew Winston '87 and his wife, Cheryl, are Clawd Records recording artists, The Winstons, and have recorded their third CD, Sleepy Town. Winston is a regional arbitrator of disputes between the American Postal Workers Union and the U.S. Postal Service in Colorado and Wyoming. He lives in Boulder, Colo.

Cora A. Alsante '88 was named chair of the New York State Bar Association's elder law section. She is a partner in the Syracuse, N.Y., firm Hancock & Estabrook, practicing in the areas of planning for the elderly and disabled, estate planning, and trust and estate administration. Alsante is also an adjunct professor at Syracuse University College of Law and resides in Syracuse.

Paul A. Bender '88, formerly an Erie County assistant district attorney, has become a partner in the Buffalo firm *Knoer & Crawford*. He will practice in the areas of personal injury, criminal defense, wills, real estate and commercial matters. Bender lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Regina A. Del Vecchio '88 has been named a partner in the Buffalo firm *Colucci & Gallaber*. She handles cases involving employment and administrative litigation, construction accident litigation, dram shop liability and products liability. Del Vecchio lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Randy C. Fahs '88 has been elected to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Fahs is general counsel for Superior Technical Resources in Williamsville, N.Y. He lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Sophie Feal '88 was elected to the Alliance Française de Buffalo board of directors. Feal is an immigration attorney with the Bar Association of Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project. She lives in Buffalo.

Terrence P. Flynn '88 was elected vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2002–2003. Flynn is a partner in the firm *Gibson*, *McAskill & Crosby* in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Terrence Gilbride '88, a partner in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ*, received *Business First*'s 40 Under Forty Award in the law category for his dedication to the legal profession and community service. Gilbride lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Brian Martin '88 has been promoted to vice president and general counsel of Sun Microsystems in Palo Alto, Calif. He will be managing anti-trust and competition law as well as coordinating the legal and contract support for the company. Martin is an adjunct professor at UB Law School, teaching anti-trust/intellectual property and corporate counseling courses. He resides in Fremont, Calif.

Peter Baxter '89 was honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award from Niagara University's College of Arts and Sciences. Baxter is chair of the university's political science department and lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Robert L. Boreanaz '89, a Getzville, N.Y., resident, has recently become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Boreanaz is a partner in the firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll. Salisbury & Cambria in the Buffalo office.

Hon. Kevin M. Carter '89 has been named Erie County Family Court judge in Buffalo. Carter was previously an



Patricia A. Obstarczyk '85

attorney in the law firm Sullivan & Oliverio practicing in civil litigation, family law and domestic relations. Carter also was elected to the board of directors of the American Red Cross Greater Buffalo Chapter. He is a resident of Buffalo.

Patricia E. Erickson '89 is director of criminal justice and an associate professor of sociology at Canisius College in Buffalo. She is also an adjunct faculty member for the Consortium of the Niagara Frontier. In addition, Erickson is a practicing attorney in the areas of criminal and family law. She lives in Buffalo.

James G. Hunt '89, associate general counsel of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in New York City, has been elected by the board of directors of MetLife as an officer of the company. Hunt is a resident of New York

Karen Kaczmarski '89 has joined the Buffalo-firm Harter: Secrest & Emery, practicing in the litigation department. She focuses her practice on torts, employment discrimination and professional liability matters. She lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Gregg S. Maxwell '89 has joined the firm *Kenney*, *Kanaley*, *Shelton & Liptak* in Buffalo. Maxwell specializes in personal injury defense and insurance coverage

litigation. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Daniel P. Schwartz '89 received the Faculty Excellence Award from St. Louis University's student government association. Schwartz is an associate professor of curriculum and English education at St. Louis University in St. Louis, where he resides.

'90s

Vanessa Bliss Harris '90

is now an associate in the Atlanta firm *Tillman & York. Harris*, previously a solo practitioner in Buffalo, manages the firm's Social Security disability department. She was also recently admitted to the Georgia Superior Court and the U.S. District Court in the northern district of Georgia. Harris is a resident of Atlanta.

William E. Jemmott '90 has been promoted to special counsel with the Wuerfel Law Group in San Francisco. He specializes in civil litigation in state and federal courts in New York and California. Jemmott is a resident of Oakland, Calif.

Paula Eade Newcomb
'90 has been named to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association.
Newcomb is a personal injury attorney in the Buffalo firm Volgeanau & Bosse. She is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

Ginger Schroder '90 and Linda Joseph '75 have formed a federal women's business enterprise, Schroder Joseph & Associates in Buffalo. The firm specializes in management-side labor and employment law and commercial litigation such as frunchises and intellectual property.

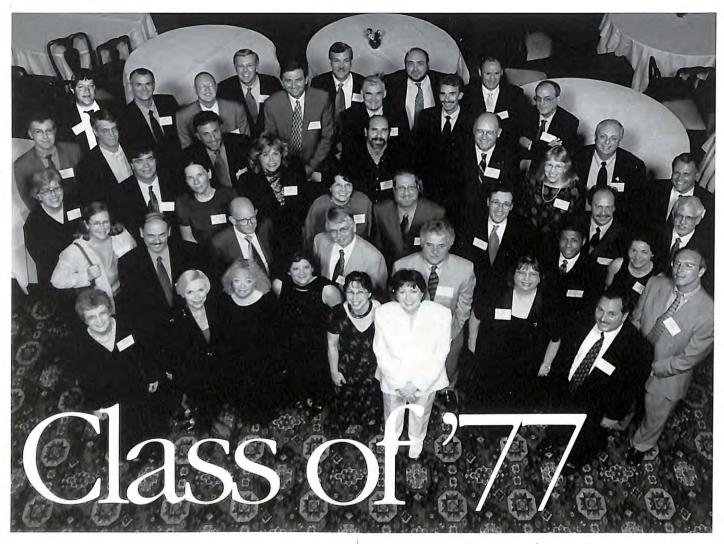
Stephen F. Szymoniak '90 is practicing in the firm Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton & Liptak. Szymoniak, formerly a partner in the firm Falk & Siemer, specializes in personal injury litigation, commercial litigation, employment law and appeals. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

David Whalen '90 was named by New York State Sen. Hugh T. Farley as the first recipient of the New York State Senate's Achievers Award. The award acknowledges an individual's ability to defeat personal physical obstacles and recognizes his accomplishments. "I am especially pleased to honor David. A quadriplegic, David has overcome his disabilities to become a successful lawyer and productive member of society," Farley said. Whalen, a Glenville, N.Y., resident, is an attorney for the New York State Office of Court Administration-City, Town & Village Court in Cohoes, N.Y.

Lawrence Wood '90 is a supervisory attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation in Chicago, which provides free representation to the poor in civil cases. Wood also teaches a seminar on poverty law at the University of Chicago Law School. He is a Chicago resident.

Robert Heary '91 has become a partner in the firm Hiscock, Barclay, Saperston & Day in Buffalo. Heary deals with cases regarding labor and employment issues and employment law. He is a resident of Lancaster, N.Y.

Jonathan G. Johnsen '91 is a partner in the newly formed law firm *Creighton*, *Pearce & Johnsen* in Buffalo. He will be involved with cases dealing with unions and community economic development matters. Johnsen is also currently general counsel to the Western New York AFL-CIO



Members of the Class of 1977 celebrated their 25-year reunion on the weekend of May 3-4. Nearly 75 classmates and their guests attended events honoring this milestone.

The class kicked off the celebration Friday night with an informal reception at the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery. Saturday morning featured a brunch, hosted by the Law School, where attendees were led on a brief tour of recent improvements to O'Brian Hall. The weekend was highlighted with an elegant clinner at the Park Country Club where classmates were treated to a gourmet meal and live piano entertainment.

"I was apprehensive when we first started planning the reunion, because we never had a reunion before," says Barbara J. Del Gross '77. "But it was great to see everyone again. I think we were all happy to reconnect with each other and our law school experience.

"The best party I have been to in years," says Bruce S. Zeftel 77. "Everyone had a great time and we are ready to do it again in five years!"

Check out the 1977 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."

First row, left to right: Kandace F. Melillo, Catherine G. Novack, B. Kastle Brill, Michelle D. King, Leslie K. Rauhala, Sharyn G. Rogers, Flora M. Sliwa, Kenneth A. Manning

Second row, left to right: Neal B. Katz, Lewis M. Klee, Gene A. Rauhala, William D. Maldovan

Third row, left to right: Rebecca P. Dick, Barbara I. Delgross, Hon. Judith A. Joseph, Sharon K. Sayers, Steven, J. Pheterson, Alan P. Gerstman, Franklin R. Pratcher, Louise M. Tarantino, David A. Munro Fourth row, left to right: Margaret P. Gryko, James A. Esgrow, Harvey L. Kaminski, Barry R. Fertel

Fifth row, left to right:
Donald W. O'Brien Jr.,
David R. Sheridan, Peter A.
Muth, Ronald C. Berger,
John C. Doscher, Robert
M.Graff, Hon. Patrick H.
NeMoyer, Janice A. Barber,
John J. Privitera, Joseph M.
Melillo

Sixth row, left to right:
Robert H. Citronberg, David
J. Colligan, Dennis R. McCoy,
Bruce S. Zeftel, Charles
Chehebar, David J. Clegg,
John P. Deveney, Robert J.
Jenkins, Hon. Edward M.
Sharkey

Economic Development Group. He is a Buffalo resident.

Scott B. Schwartz '91

recently became a member of the firm *Cozen O'Connor*; in the Philadelphia office. Previously a senior attorney with Intel Corp., Schwartz practices in the area of intellectual property. He is a Philadelphia resident.

Christopher D. Thomas

'91 is a partner in the firm Nixon Peabody in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Thomas practices in the litigation department. He is a Rochester resident.

John M. Walsh '91 has become associated with the firm *Lipsitz*, *Green*, *Fabringer*; *Roll*, *Salisbury & Cambria* in Buffalo. Walsh will practice in the labor and employment law department. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Robert S. Attardo '92 has become associated with the Rochester, N.Y., firm Woods Oviatt Gilman. Attardo will handle cases involving commercial and banking litigation and transactions. He lives in Rochester.

Glenn J. Bobeck '92 has become a partner in the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huberin Buffalo, He specializes his practice in the areas of corporate and securities law and taxation. He was also elected to the board of directors of the Western New York Venture Association. Bobeck is also a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. He lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

Nan Haynes '92 has been named a partner in the Buffalo firm *Lipsitz & Ponterio*, which handles cases in the areas of personal injury asbestos litigation, workers' compensation, work-related accidents and employee



Andrew Winston '87 and his wife, Cheryl.

benefits. Haynes is a Buffalo resident.

Marc E. Hirschfield '92 was elected as counsel in the firm *Dewey Ballantine* in the New York City office. Hirschfield practices in the reorganization bankruptcy group. He resides in Forest Hills, N.Y.

Darryl McPherson '92, assistant corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo, was honored in the government category with *Business Firsts* 40 Under Forty Award. McPherson is a Buffalo resident.

Russell J. Matuszak '92, general counsel of Barrister Global Services Network in Buffalo, has been named to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. He lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Kevin Merriman '92, associate in the Buffalo firm *Humvitz & Fine*, received the Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the New York State Bar Association.

Merriman was recognized for his contributions to the torts, insurance and compensation law section of the bar association. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Keith D. Miller '92 is a partner in the Sugarman Law Firm in Syracuse, N.Y. Miller handles cases involving personal injury and negligence claims, no-fault issues and professional malpractice claims against real estate brokers and appraisers. He lives in Liverpool, N.Y.

Michael J. Roach '92 was named to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Roach is a member of the firm *Connors* & Vilardo in Buffalo, where he resides.

Andrea L. Sammarco '92 has opened her own law firm in Buffalo. She will concentrate her practice in the areas of labor and employment law and litigation. Sammarco lives in Lockport, N.Y.

Carmen L. Snell '92 won the 40 Under Forty Award in the law category from Business First. She has also been made a member of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group board of directors. Snell is an attorney with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Western New York in Buffalo, where she also resides.

Amilcar Antonio Barreto '93 has been granted tenure by Northeastern University in Boston and is now an associate professor in the political science department. He has also written his third book, Vieques, the Navy, and Puerto Rican Politics. Barreto is a resident of Boston.

Christopher J. Belter '93, has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Goldberg Segalla. He handles cases involving product liability, work site injury and commercial litigation. Belter is a resident of Grand Island, N.Y.

Elizabeth Dobosiewicz '93 has joined the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber* in Buffalo. She practices in the immigration department and is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

Eric Fitzgerald '93, of Scranton, Pa., is the new

designee representative for the Northeast region of the Casualty Underwriters Club. He presented the program "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Recent UM/UIM Decisions From the High Courts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Ohio" to members of the CPCU. The group also made a donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund in his name in recognition of Fitzgerald's presentation on "Negotiation Skills" to CPCU members. Fitzgerald practices in the firm Marshall, Dennebey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in the insurance coverage/bad faith group and lives in Mountain Top, Pa.

Christopher M. Marks '93 of Buffalo Financial Associates is now a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Marks lives in Buffalo.

Joseph Marris '93 was named partner in the Buffalo firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber*: Marris focuses his practice in business law, concentrating on mergers, acquisitions and corporate finance. He is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

Joseph L. Mooney '93, a Buffalo resident and attorney, has become a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla. He concentrates his practice in the areas of product liability and construction site litigation.

Michael R. Radjavitch '93 was named recruitment chair of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group board of directors for 2001-2002. Radjavitch is a partner in the firm Cary & Radjavitch in Fairport, N.Y.

Wendy A. Scott '93, formerly a partner in the Buffalo firm Sliwa & Lune, is now practicing in the firm *Kenney. Kanaley, Shelton &*

Liptak. Scott concentrates her practice in personal injury defense litigation, with attention to labor law and premises liability litigation. She is a resident of Buffalo.

Guy C. Giancarlo '94 has become confidential law clerk to Hon. Salvatore R. Martoche, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Giancarlo is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

Cathy Maloney '94 has accepted a position as director of human resources for Child and Family Services in Buffalo. She was previously an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Bond, Schoeneck & King*. Maloney lives in Pendleton, N.Y.

Sharon Nosenchuck '94, an attorney with Buffalo Neighborhood Legal Services, has been named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Nosenchuck was also honored as Outstanding Board Member by the Buffalo Jaycees at their 70th-anniversary celebration. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

A. Drew Pinkney '94 is assistant general counsel for Plastech Engineered Products in Dearborn, Mich. She practices in the areas of management-side labor law, employment law and commercial law, in addition to supervising outside counsel in various legal areas. Pinkney is a resident of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Kevin Raphael '94 has joined the Philadelphia firm Miller, Alfano & Raspanti. He specializes his practice in white-collar criminal law, complex commercial litigation, federal whistle-blower actions, and liquor control litigation and licensing. Raphael is a Philadelphia resident

Paul H. Roalsvig '94 has joined the New York City firm Wilens & Baker as an associate. Roalsvig specializes in immigration law. He is a resident of New York City.

Brette McWhorter Sember '94, a freelance writer, has written three new books: Repair Your Own Credit and Deal With Debt, The Visitation Handbook: A Complete Guide to Parenting Apart and Child Custody, Visitation and Support in New York. Sember has previously written five self-help law books. She lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Stephen L. Yonaty '94 has been made a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. He is an attorney in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ* and lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Gretchen P. Aylward '95 was named president of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group for 2001-2002. Aylward is an attorney in the firm *Hiscock, Barclay, Saperston & Day* in Buffalo, where she also lives.

Paul Beyer '95 was elected to the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York. Beyer is a confidential law clerk to Hon. Patrick H. NeMoyer, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, Buffalo. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

John Comerford '95
practices in the firm Lipsitz & Ponterio, which handles cases involving personal injury asbestos litigation, workers' compensation, work-related accidents and employee benefits. The firm has recently named him partner.
Comerford is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

David Koepsell '95, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, has joined the law firm *Getman & Biryla* in Buffalo. Koepsell specializes his practice in the areas of commercial and

intellectual property litigation. Additionally, he also had his first novel published this year, Reboot World, and his book The Ontology of Cyberspace: Law, Philosophy, and the Future of Intellectual Property received a favorable review from the Green Bag Law Journal.

Wendy Marsh '95 is now a partner in the Syracuse, N.Y., firm *Hancock Estabrook*. Marsh concentrates her practice in environmental and land use law. She lives in Liverpool, N.Y.

Mark W. Pawlak '95 accepted a new position as the labor and enforcement counsel for Philips Electronics North America Corp. in New York City, where he also resides.

Jay C. Pletcher '95 is a partner in the firm Bouvier; O'Connor in Buffalo. Pletcher practices in the disability law group focusing in the areas of special-education law, the rights of the disabled, estates, wills, trusts, guardianships and health care law. He teaches about special education as an adjunct professor at Daemen College, in Snyder, N.Y., and contributed to the legal textbook Legal Rights of Persons With Disabilities: An Analysis of Federal Law. He is a Buffalo resident.

Jill M. Tuholski '95 has become treasurer of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. She practices in the firm *Kenney*, *Kanaley*, *Shelton & Liptak* and is a Buffalo resident.

Hilary C. Banker '96 has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She is also a local delegate of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Banker practices in the firm Burgio. Kita & Curvin in Buffalo, where she also lives.

Joseph N. DelVecchio

'96, attorney for National Fuel Gas Corp. in Buffalo, was elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group as comembership chair for 2001-2002. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Noemi Fernandez '96 has been elected second vice president of the Interclub Council, a coalition of women's organizations in Western New York. Fernandez is a solo practitioner in Buffalo, where she is a resident.

Thomas Ferrazzi Ferris
'96 has formed his own law
firm, Comnors & Ferris, in
Rochester, N.Y. The firm
focuses on representing
injured workers with cases
involving the Workers'
Compensation Board and the
Social Security Administration.
Ferris lives in Brockport, N.Y.

Daniel W. Gerber '96 was the New York coordinating editor for the Defense Research Institute's Protecting the Privilege Project. Gerber practices in the litigation department in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Brian Melber '96 has formed a partnership with Rodney Personius '76 to create the firm *Personius Melber* in Buffalo. They will deal with cases involving white-collar criminal defense and business and commercial litigation. Melber lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Thomas M. Mercure '96 has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria. Mercure practices in the areas of personal injury, product liability, and automotive and construction accident cases. He lives in Hudson Falls, N.Y.

Suzanne E. Ouellette '96 practices in the Rochester,

N.Y., office of the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel.
Ouellette joined the firm as an associate specializing in intellectual property litigation. She lives in Rochester.

Dianna L. Ramos '96 has become a state delegate as well as treasurer of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Ramos practices in the firm Lewis & Lewis in Buffalo, where she also resides.

James Syta '96 has joined the intellectual property law firm Heslin, Rothenberg, Farley & Mesiti in Albany. Syta, an associate in the firm, will specialize in software-related patent preparation and prosecution.

Jason Botticelli '97 joined the litigation department in the Buffalo firm *Damon & Morey*. Botticelli practices as an associate in the areas of legal and medical malpractice defense and municipal liability defense. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Raymond Caso '97 has joined the Buffalo firm *Block & Colucci* as an associate. Caso will specialize in banking and real estate. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Lynn W. Catalano '97 received the Pathfinder Award sponsored by Business First, Buffalo Alliance for Education, Independent Health, Junior Achievement and Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council. Catalano, executive director of the Mount St. Mary's Hospital Foundation in Lewiston, N.Y., was recognized for her volunteer work at the Center for Joy, a not-for-profit family life center in Niagara Falls, N.Y. She is a resident of Lewiston, N.Y.

Lt. Col. James M. Gerlach '97 of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Buffalo was appointed assistant treasurer of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2001-2002. Gerlach was also named



Joseph Marris '93



Gretchen P. Aylward '95

a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. He is a Buffalo resident.

Thomas S. Lane '97 has recently become a member of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group board of directors. Lane is practicing as an associate in the Buffalo firm Webster Szanyi. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Jessica Murphy '97 joined the litigation department in the Williamsville, N.Y., firm Renaldo & Myers. Murphy, previously a field claims representative for State Farm Fire and Casualty Co., lives in Buffalo.

Melissa Hancock Nickson '97 has been named president-elect and a state delegate of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Nickson is an associate in the Buffalo firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber.* She is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Charles F. Pitarresi '97 has become an assistant district attorney in the Niagara County district attorney's office in Lockport, N.Y. Pitarresi will be handling motor vehicle theft and auto insurance fraud cases. He lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Karen Richardson '97 has become confidential law clerk to Hon. H. Kenneth Schroeder Jr., U.S. District Court, Western District of New York. Richardson was also reelected as a state director of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association and is also a state delegate. She is a Hamburg, N.Y., resident.

D. Charles Roberts Jr. '97 was elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group for 2001-2002 as co-membership chair. Roberts practices in the firm Webster Szanyi in Buffalo, where he also is a resident.

Michael P. Stuermer '97 is now a partner in the Buffalo firm Lipsitz, Green, Fabringer; Roll, Salisbury & Cambria. He practices in the areas of criminal defense and constitutional law and is a member of the firm's criminal department. Stuermer is a Buffalo resident.

Susan E. Van Gelder '97, attorney in the Buffalo firm *Goldberg Segalla*, has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She lives in Buffalo.

Marla Kim Yonaty '97 was recently appointed Erie County law guardian liaison to the Fourth Department Law Guardian Advisory
Committee. Yonaty practices
in the *Law Office of Michael M. Babat* in Buffalo and
specializes in the area of
family law. She lives in East
Amherst, N.Y.

Corinne Carey '98 stated, "Stable housing is the key component for anyone struggling with addiction" in a March 27 New York Times article about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the HUD v. Rucker case. The court held that federal drug laws permit the eviction of public housing tenants for drug use by any household member or guest. Carey is an attorney working for the Urban Justice Center in Manhattan representing families fighting drug evictions from public housing. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Todd Genovese '98 is now a marketing analyst at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio. Genovese is a resident of Strongsville, Ohio.

Shanon Heneghan '98 recently joined the *Sugarman Law Firm* in the Buffalo office. Heneghan practices in the litigation department and has had previous experience in commercial and tort litigation, zoning and constitutional matters. She is a Buffalo resident.

Amy Kendall '98 practices in the areas of environmental law and litigation. She has joined the firm *Jaeckle*, *Fleischmann & Mugel* as an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office.

Brigid M. Maloney '98, an East Aurora, N.Y., resident, has been appointed a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Maloney works with the Erie County attorney's office in Buffalo.

Gregory Mattacola '98 has been elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last



The Class of 1982 celebrated its 20-year reunion on the weekend of May 3-4. Over 65 classmates and their guests traveled to Buffalo from across the country to commemorate this milestone.

The festivities began on Friday evening with an informal open-bar reception at the Barrister's Bar in downtown Buffalo. Classmates and their guests regrouped the next morning for a brunch at the Law School, featuring a tour of the recent improvements within O'Brian Hall. Attendees finished off the reunion weekend on Saturday evening with a catered party at the Albright Knox Art Gallery. Party attendees shared memories and renewed old acquaintances late into the evening while enjoying live DJ entertainment, an open bar and gourmet stations within the galleries of the Albright-Knox. "It was great seeing all of our classmates," says John P. Feroletto '82. "It made me think of the saying 'Old friends are the best friends.' When we started talking about our UB days, I didn't think we would ever stop laughing!"

All in attendance agreed that their reunion weekend was a great success. "The reunion was a memory-filled homecoming for Sonia and I," says Mark K. Suzumoto '82, who traveled to Buffalo from Santa Monica, Calif. to attend the festivities. "It was gratifying to confirm that being exiled to the west coast has created no barrier to enduring law school friendships. Please visit our UB outpost in California, where Buffalo is still spoken daily."

Check out the 1982 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."

First row, left to right: Andrea Schillaci, Gregory L. Dalton, Ruth M. Pollack, Emil R. DiNardo, Gary A. Carleton, Catharine M. Venzon, Johannah M. Farugia, Paula L. Feroleto

Second row, left to right: William C. Altreuter, Edward M. Flint, Francis H. Scifo, Scott S. Oakley, Robert K. Miller, Richard A. Denmon, David Joseph Pajak, John P. Feroleto Third row, left to right Richard S. Binko, Mark K. Suzumoto, Thomas J. Eoannou, Hon. Denise E. O'Donnell, David D. White, Michael H. Doran, Carol A. Condon, Kevin J. Moran, Dianne Avery, Michael J. Hughes, Neil E. Botwinoff, Andrew J. Cataldo, Gary J. Gleba

Fourth row, left to right: Gerard M. Meehan, Robert B. Schultz, Mark S. Klein, Thomas A. Catalano Terence E. Barnes, Guy A. Van Baalen, Cheryl A. Possenti, Maureen Helmer, Marc David Ganz, William Helmer, John A. Ziegler

Decade) Group for 2002-2003. Mattacola is an associate in the firm *Chiacchia & Fleming* in Hamburg, N.Y., where he also resides.

Valerie Milonas '98 has accepted a new position as law clerk to Hon. Joseph D. Valentino, Rochester, N.Y., City Court judge. Milonas is a Rochester resident.

Christopher Nickson '98 is practicing in the Buffalo firm Wilder & Linneball as an associate. He specializes in the areas of civil litigation; labor relations and employment law. Nickson is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mickey H. Osterreicher '98 received the Liberty Bell Award from the Bar Association of Erie County for his efforts in leading the video production team for the recreation of the trial of Leon Czolgosz, assassin of President William McKinley. Osterreicher has a dual career as an attorney and as an award-winning photojournalist, currently working at WKBW-TV in Buffalo. A photojournalist for the past 30 years and a longtime supporter of cameras in the courtroom, Osterreicher also recently addressed the issues of cameras and video media in the courts at a Media Day Seminar in Niagara County presented by the New York State Unified Court System. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Jennifer C. Persico '98 was named an associate in the firm Sugarman, Wallace, Manheim & Schoenwald in Buffalo. She works in the litigation department in the areas of defense of premises liability, auto negligence claims, land use and environmental litigation, municipal law and federal civil rights litigation. Persico lives in Buffalo.



Amy Rendal '98

Michelle H. Cappa Reardon '98, a Rochester, N.Y., resident, is an associate in the firm *Modica & Associates* in Rochester. She practices in the areas of workers' compensation, Social Security disability and personal injury.

Kevin Reedy '98 received the New York State Bar Association's President's Pro Bono Award for the Eighth Judicial District. Reedy is a solo practitioner residing in Kenmore, N.Y.

Scott Riordan '98, formerly an assistant district attorney for Erie County, N.Y., has joined the Buffalo law firm of *Francis M. Letro* as an associate practicing in the area of personal injury. Riordan is a resident of Tonawanda. N.Y.

Joanneke K.M. Brentjens '99 has joined the firm *Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton & Liptak* in Buffalo, where she is a resident. Brentjens concentrates her practice in personal injury defense litigation, with a focus on medical malpractice litigation.

Marc W. Brown '99, a Rochester, N.Y., resident, has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Brown practices in the Rochester, N.Y., firm Harter, Secrest & Emery. Kevin W. Hourihan '99 has joined the firm *Lipsitz*, *Green*, *Fabringer*; *Roll*, *Salisbury* & *Cambria* in Buffalo, where he also resides. Hourihan is an associate practicing in the firm's real estate sales and acquisitions department.

Mindy Marranca '99 was named vice president of the board of directors of Homespace Corp. Marranca has also started her own notfor-profit agency, Child Care Advocates, in Buffalo, where she resides.

Kathleen J. Martin '99 is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Martin practices in the Law Offices of Francis M. Letro in Buffalo, where she is also a resident.

Stephanie Miner '99 has become councilor-at-large in the Syracuse, N.Y., Common Council. Miner, a Homer, N.Y., native and labor attorney, was a first-time candidate and received the third-highest vote total of any candidate. She is a Syracuse resident.

Mari A. Moorman '99 has been named president-elect of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Moorman was previously education-chair. She is a Buffalo resident and associate in the firm Altreuter, Habermehl & Callanan.

Antoinetta D. Mucilli '99 is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She is an attorney for National Fuel Gas Corp. in Buffalo, where she resides.

Daniel E. Sarzynksi '99 is an associate in the firm *Rupp*, *Baase, Pfalzgraf & Cunningbam*. He handles cases involving construction law, suretyship, fidelity, contract law, commercial and civil litigation. He lives in Buffalo.

Dennis K. Schaeffer '99 has joined the Buffalo firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel as an associate. Schaeffer will practice in the litigation department. He is a Buffalo resident.

Kinda Serafi '99 is a staff attorney for the juvenile rights division in the Legal Aid Society in Bronx, N.Y. She represents children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Serafi is a New York City resident.

Mark J. Stuhlmiller '99, an Eggertsville, N.Y., resident, was named treasurer of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. He is associate general counsel at Computer Task Group in Buffalo.

Kara Utzig Welgoss '99 has changed careers. She has left the legal field and is now teaching history at West Seneca East High School in West Seneca, N.Y. Welgoss also serves as the club adviser of the school's mock trial team. She lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

'00s

Gino Agostinelli '00 has opened his own law firm in Rochester, N.Y. He was previously an associate in the firm Forsyth, Howe, O'Dwyer, Kalb & Murphy. Agostinelli is a Rochester resident.

Irene Chiu '00 was elected social chair of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group for 2001-2002, Chiu practices in the firm *Hodgson Russ* in Buffalo, where she also resides.



Class of '92

The Class of 1992 celebrated its 10-year reunion on the weekend of May 3-4. Over 55 classmates and guests attended events celebrating the 10-year anniversary of their graduation from UB Law School.

The class began their celebration with an informal reception Friday night at the downtown Hyatt Regency Buffalo. The class regrouped on Saturday morning for a brunch hosted by UB Law School, including a tour of recent improvements to O'Brian Hall. The highlight of the reunion weekend was a party held at the Park Lane Restaurant. Saturday evening partygoers were treated to a gourmet, stations-style meal and live DJ music.

Classmates from across the country were in attendance at the reunion celebration. "It was nice to see that some people traveled across country just to attend and renew friendships," said Carmen Snell '92. "Several people came from California." noted Judith A. Shanley '92 "To those who couldn't come, we say: Just wait! Our 20th will be here before you know it. See you then!"

Check out the 1992 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."

First row, left to right: Todd C. Bushway, Christopher D. Thomas, Catherine Thomas, Amy Kritz, David J. Kritz, John B. Licata, Dean A. Hanley

Second row, left to right: Alicia R. Stone, Tara M. Flynn and baby. Miro F. Cizin, Suzanne K. Taylor, Trini E. Ross, Judith A. Shanley, Ellyn Urban, William L. Urban

Third row, left to right: Kevin D. Robinson, Margaret L. Phillips, Brendan P. McCafferty, Courtney J. Walsh, Anthony Davis, Carmen Snell, Kathryn A. Schmidt, Andrea Windley, Marc E. Hirschfield, Madeline S. Finesmith, Carl W. Morgan, Darryl McPherson, Robin W. Sardegna, Norbert A.Higgins. James Maisano, David A. Niles, Andrea L. Sammarco, Scott Sackett

Karen Danahy '00, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, has been chosen as a local delegate of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Danahy practices in the Buffalo office of the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber*:

Steven K. Erickson '00, a Snyder, N.Y., resident, has been appointed a forensic psychology fellow at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

David Polak '00 is an associate in the Buffalo firm Cohen & Lombardo He concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance law, civil litigation and personal injury. Polak lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Stephanie Williams
Torres '00 has become a
member of the board of
directors of the UB Law
Alumni Association's GOLD
(Graduates of the Last
Decade) Group. Torres, an
attorney in the Buffalo firm
Hodgson Russ, has also been
elected to the board of
directors of the Greater
Buffalo Chapter of the
American Red Cross. She lives
in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Rachel Trapp '00 has become an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. She has been assigned to the Buffalo City Court bureau. Trapp lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

'01s

Thais Alexander '01

joined the New York City law firm *Schulte, Roth & Zabel*. Alexander practices as an associate in the area of corporate law. He is a Harrison, N.J., resident.

Michael Argentieri '01 was named an associate in the Buffalo firm *Bouvier*: *O'Connor*: He practices in the



Carolyn Hensley '01

litigation group specializing in the areas of defense and plaintiff's personal injury litigation and commercial trial work. Argentieri lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Jorge E. Artieda '01 has become an assistant district attorney in the Kings County district attorney's office in Brooklyn, N.Y. Artieda is a resident of Woodhaven, N.Y.

John M. Baxter '01 has become associated with the Buffalo firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber*: Baxter practices in the firm's banking and commercial department. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Howard S. Beyer '01 practices in the trial department of the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber* in Buffalo. Beyer joined the firm as an associate. He lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Karlee S. Bolanos '01 has joined the firm Harris Beach in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She will practice in labor and employment law. Bolanos lives in Rochester.

Elizabeth A. Brewer '01 practices as an associate in the area of criminal law in the Buffalo firm *Harrington € Mahoney*. Brewer is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

Sue Ann T. Bucholz '01 accepted a position as staff attorney for the Farmworker Law Project in New Paltz.

N.Y. Bucholz lives in Waterport, N.Y.

Elizabeth D. Carlson '01 has joined the law firm Schulte, Roth & Zabel in New York City. Carlson is an associate in the firm's litigation department and resides in New York City.

William Chen '01 is an associate in the firm *Hurwitz & Fine* in Buffalo. He specializes in the area of corporate practice and lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Charles H. Cobb '01 was named director of the Western New York Peace Center in Buffalo. For his community activism, he was awarded the UB Law School Law Faculty Award at the May 2001 commencement. Cobb was also instrumental in organizing the Buffalo Activist Network's protest against the Free Trade Area of the Americas in April 2001. He is a Buffalo resident.

Andrew Cohen '01 is as an associate in the New York City firm *Clifford, Chance, Rogers & Wells,* where he practices in the litigation department. He lives in North Massapequa, N.Y.

Stephen P. Coolbaugh
'01 has accepted a position
as an associate in the
Cleveland firm Jones, Day,
Reavis & Pogue. The firm
handles cases involving
government regulation,
litigation and tax matters.
Coolbaugh lives in Mayfield
Heights, Ohio.

Catherine Grantier
Cooley '01 is an associate in the firm *Hodgson Russ* in the Buffalo office. Cooley specializes in the areas of torts, insurance defense, products liability, construction litigation and securities litigation. She lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Karen Darling '01 has become associated with the firm *Hamberger & Weiss* in the Buffalo office. She will be focusing her practice in areas relating to workers' compensation. Darling is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

Jorge deRosas '01 is an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo, assigned to the Buffalo City Court domestic violence bureau. He is a Buffalo resident.

Jennifer DiCioccio '01, associate in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, has been named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She is a Buffalo resident.

Stephen J. DiLorenzo '01 is practicing in the *Aramini Law Office* in Rochester, N.Y. He joined the firm as an associate and lives in Rochester.

Gabriel DiMaio '01, a Buffalo resident, is a producer at public radio station WBFO at the University at Buffalo.

Daniel Dolce '01 is a law clerk in the Buffalo firm Aaron, Dautch, Sternberg & Lauson. Dolce lives in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Amy J. Fitch '01 has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She practices in the Buffalo firm *Hodgson Russ*. Fitch is a resident of Elma, N.Y.

Simon Fleischmann '01 is an associate in the Chicagobased law firm Lord Bissell & Brook, where he concentrates his practice in banks and financial institutions and business litigation. He resides in Chicago.

Tracy Fourtner '01 is a staff attorney for Univera Healthcare in Buffalo. Fourtner is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

Shannon Fuhrman '01 is an associate in the law firm *Wilder & Linneball* in Buffalo,



Class of '97

The Class of 1997 celebrated its reunion on April 20. The class broke all records for attendance at a five-year reunion, with over 60 classmates and guests attending reunion events.

The celebration began on Saturday morning with a reception at the Law School featuring a tour of the latest improvements to O'Brian Hall. The highlight of the reunion was a casual party at the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery, where classmates enjoyed an evening of open bar and delicious buffet while renewing friendships with their Law School classmates. "We had a great time!" says Jessica V. Murphy '97. "You realize what a luxury it is to see your friends daily while in school. It really hits home how much you miss them when you get together for a reunion!"

Classmates put their time at the reunion to good use, catching up with friends and sharing their accomplishments since graduation. "What struck me about the five-year reunion," says Georgette M. Hasiotis '97, "was that in that relatively short amount of time so many people have solidly established themselves as practicing attorneys and, amazingly enough, seem to be enjoying it!" Says David R. Pfalzgraff Jr. '97, "It was great to see all of my classmates and to hear about their experiences since graduation. "I am already looking forward to our 10-year reunion!"

Check out the 1997 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."

First row, left to right: Michael E. Plochocki, David R. Pfalzgraf, Jr., Steve Laprade, James M. Gerlach, Christopher Viney, Chris Nickson

Second row, left to right: Lynn Wolfgang Catalano, Jennifer D. Bowen, Kathryn K. Lee, Jason A. Botticelli, Jessica Vrooman Murphy, Melissa Hancock Nickson, Anne M. Peterson

Third row, left to right: Caroline A. Wojtaszek, Mercedes R. Lindao, Sue Van Gelder, Prudence Chungyen Fung, Bari Levant, Georgette M. Hasiotis, Dr. Anita C. Costello, Nancy A. Pappal

Fourth row, left to right: William J.
McDonald, Scott M.
Philbin, William T.
O'Connell, David J. Luzon, Scott D. Lovelock, Tucker C.
Stanclift, H. Francisco
Chavez Jr., Sylvia Valentin, Julie M. Rosenberg, Karen
E. Richardson, Frank J.
Longo

where she also resides. She practices in the area of corporate law.

Kevin J. Graff '01 is a law clerk in the *Law Office of Paul W. Beltz* in Buffalo. Graff is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Jeri N. Hagen '01 has become associated with the firm *Sanders & Sanders*. *Hagen* practices in the area of employment law in the Amherst, N.Y., firm. She is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Amy Hemenway '01

practices as an associate in the firm *Jaeckle, Fleischmann* & *Mugel* in Buffalo, where she also resides. Hemenway concentrates her practice in labor and employment law.

Amy Henderson '01 is associated with the firm Boylan, Brown, Code, Vigdor & Wilson in Rochester, N.Y., practicing in the corporate department. She lives in Henrietta, N.Y.

Jonathan S. Hickey '01 has become an associate in the litigation department in the Buffalo firm *Hurwitz & Fine*. Hickey lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Suzanne B. Hill '01 is an enforcement coordinator for the Business Software Alliance in Washington, D.C. She manages intake leads from the association's antipiracy hotline and Web reports, and reviews Canadian cases from the Canadian counsel and the companies under investigation. Hill is a resident of Chevy Chase, Md.

Jiangxiao Hou '01
practices in the areas of antitrust, securities, intellectual
property and commercial
litigation. She is an associate
in the San Francisco firm
Zelle, Hofmann, Voelber;
Mason & Gette. Hou lives in
Milpitas, Calif.

Thomas Hurley '01 has been assigned to the Buffalo City Court bureau as an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's



Roseanne McMorrow '01

office in Buffalo. Hurley lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Gregory Kammer '01 is assistant county attorney in the Erie County attorney's office in Buffalo, where he is a resident

Deborah Karet '01 is a judicial law clerk for Hon. E. Thomas Boyle in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, in Central Islip, N.Y. Karet lives in Stony Brook, N.Y.

Brendan P. Kelleher '01 practices in the areas of labor and employment law and education law. He joined the firm *Hodgson Russ* as an associate in Buffalo, where he resides.

Patricia Kelleher '01' joined the Buffalo firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel as an associate practicing in corporate law. She lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Stanley P. Konzel '01 has joined the law firm *Simpson & Simpson*. He is an associate in the intellectual property firm in Williamsville, N.Y. Konzel lives in Buffalo.

Peter Kooshoian '01 practices in the areas of estate, litigation and real estate in the firm *Block & Colucci* in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Rachel M. Kranitz '01 practices in the areas of criminal trial and appeals and constitutional litigation.
Kranitz recently became an

associate in the criminal department of the firm *Lipsitz*, *Green*, *Fabringer*, *Roll*, *Salisbury & Cambria* in Buffalo, where she resides.

J. Patrick Lennon '01 has been appointed an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo, where he resides. Lennon has been assigned to the justice courts bureau.

Tanya D. McDuffie '01 is practicing in the area of litigation. McDuffie has joined the New York City firm *Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe* as an associate. She lives in Forest Hills, N.Y.

Roseanne McMorrow
'01, an associate in the firm
Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock,
Blaine & Huber; has become
a member of the board of
directors of the UB Law
Alumni Association's GOLD
(Graduates of the Last
Decade) Group. McMorrow
lives in Buffalo.

Patrick Makin '01 is an associate in the Buffalo firm Brown & Kelly. He practices in the areas of elder and business law. Makin is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mark Moldenhauer '01 is an associate in the firm *Bond*, *Schoeneck & King* in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. He concentrates in the areas of general practice and is a Liverpool, N.Y., resident.

Gretchen M. Nichols '01, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, practices in the areas of residential and commercial real estate. Nichols is an associate in the firm *Nesper*; *Ferber & DiGiacomo* in Amherst, N.Y.

Maryellen O'Brien '01 was selected first-place winner in the Law Student Intellectual Property Award Writing Contest 2001, sponsored by the Intellectual Property Section of the New York State Bar Association. O'Brien's article, "The Uniform Computer Information

Transactions Act: A Fatal Blow for Libraries," appears in the spring/summer 2002 edition of the Intellectual Property Section's newsletter, *Bright Ideas*. O'Brien resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Erin Pemberton '01 joined the firm *Hamberger & Weis* in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Pemberton practices in the areas of workers' compensation. She lives in Spencerport, N.Y.

Donald Pingleton '01 is an attorney/editor with the West Group in Rochester, N.Y., where he resides.

Alexander Pleshkewych '01 is a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, in Atlanta, where he resides.

Norma A. Polizzi '01, a Rochester, N.Y., resident, has become associated with the firm *Nixon Peabody* in its Rochester office. Polizzi will work in the environmental law practice group.

Rachel Roberts '01 is an assistant district attorney in the Chautauqua County district attorney's office in Mayville, N.Y. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Sean D. Ronan '01 is an appellate court attorney in the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, where he is also a resident.

Nicholas Rossi '01 has joined the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber* in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Rossi is an associate and anticipates practicing in the area of civil litigation. He is a Rochester resident.

Andrea C. Ruta '01 accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo office in the firm *Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber.* Ruta will be practicing in the firm's banking & commercial and corporate departments. She is a Tonawanda, N.Y., resident.

In Memoriam

The Law School extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following friends and alumni/ae:

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Former UB Law Professor David Riesman dies

David Riesman Jr., attorney and sociologist who rocketed to fame with the publication of his first book, *The Lonely Croud*, a classic study of ever-changing American society, died in Binghamton, N.Y., of natural causes on May 10. He was 92.

Asker Saeed '01, a

Manchester, Conn., resident, practices in the area of commercial real estate. Saeed has accepted a position as an associate in the firm *Murtha Cullina* in Hartford, Conn.

Janice Slaton '01 is an assistant district attorney for the Chautauqua County district attorney's office in Mayville, N.Y. Slaton lives in Dunkirk, N.Y.

Sarah Smith '01 is a staff attorney in Manchester, N.H. Smith is working for New Hampshire Legal Assistance, where she practices in the areas of domestic violence, housing and public benefits. She lives in Lebanon, N.H.

Sheldon Smith '01

accepted a position as an associate in the firm *Hodgson Russ* in the Buffalo office. He practices in the area of litigation. Smith is a Buffalo resident.

Todd M. Smith '01 has joined the firm *Hurwitz & Fine* in Buffalo. Smith is specializing in the area of commercial lending.

Jason Stanek '01 has become a staff attorney for the federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. He lives in Gaithersburg, Md.

Ellen B. Sturm '01 has become associated with the firm *Hodgson Russ* in Buffalo. Sturm practices corporate law, specializing in taxation and planning. She was also recently elected to the board of directors of Homespace Corp. and is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

Melissa Thore '01 is an associate in the Buffalo firm *Miserendino, Celniker, Seegert & Estoff.* Thore is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Andrew A. Washburn '01 is a law assistant for the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, in Rochester. Washburn is a Batavia, N.Y., resident.

Kimberly Whistler '01 has accepted a position as an associate in the firm *Jaeckle*, *Fleischmann & Mugel* in Buffalo. Whistler practices in the litigation department. She lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Matthew M. Wolf '01 has become associated with the Denver firm *Vinton*, *Nissler*; *Allen & Vellone*. He specializes in the areas of commercial, securities and employment litigation. Wolf is a resident of Denver.

Brenda Wonder '01 is an attorney editor for West Group in Rochester, N.Y., where she also resides.

Colleen Wood '01, an Angola, N.Y., resident, is an associate in the *firm Lipsitz*, *Green, Fabringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria* in Buffalo. Wood joined the firm's labor relations department, specializing in employment and labor law.



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Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy presents a workshop on "Financing the Next Generation of Community Development." Law School Faculty Lounge, 545 O'Brian Hall. For information, visit www.law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter or contact Lauren Breen, clinical instructor of law, Community Economic Development Clinic, at (716) 645-2480 (lbreen@acsu.buffalo.edu); or Sara Faherty, clinical instructor of law, Community Economic Development Clinic, at (716) 645-7968 (sfaherty@buffalo.edu).

Friday, Oct. 18, to Saturday, Oct. 20

Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy presents a workshop on "Locked Up, Then Locked Out: A Conference on Prisoners' Civil Disabilities." Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo. For information, visit www.law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter or contact Christopher Mele, associate professor of sociology, University at Buffalo, at (716) 645-2417, Ext. 463 (cmele@acsu. buffalo.edu), or Teresa Miller, associate professor of law, University at Buffalo, at (716) 645-2391 (tmiller@buffalo.edu).

Saturday, Oct. 19

UB's Homecoming is bigger and better for 2002. A week full of activities climaxes on Saturday, Oct. 19, with a pregame tent party (free!) and a football game against Miami of Ohio. For information or reservations, call the UB Alumni Office at (716) 829-2608.

Saturday, Nov. 2

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Friday, Nov. 8

Baldy Center for Law & Social-Policy presents an event on "Building Politics: Law, Institutions, and Democratic Theory." Law School Faculty Lounge, 545 O'Brian Hall. For information, visit www.law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter or contact James A. Gardner, professor of law, University at Buffalo, (716) 645-3607; fax (716) 645-2064; jgard@buffalo.edu.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Rudolph W. Giuliani, 107th mayor of New York City, will speak as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series at 8 p.m. in Alumni Arena on UB's Amherst Campus. Call Ticketmaster at 852-5000.

Friday, Jan. 24

The Law Alumni Association will host its annual New York City luncheon in conjunction with the New York State Bar Association meeting at The Union League Club, 37th Street, corner of Park Avenue, noon to 2 p.m. For information, call Executive Director Ilene Fleischmann at (716) 645-2107 (fleisch@buffalo.edu).

Thursday, Feb. 20

The Dean's Dinner for those who give to the Law School at a level of \$1,000 or more. Spouses are invited. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Place to be determined. For information, call Associate Dean Deborah J. Scott at (716) 645-6429 (devclm@acsu.buffalo.edu).

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