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The Law School has made significant progress in recent years. This alumni magazine is part of that progress. As the quality and national stature of the School continue to grow, the Law School also wants its communication with its alumni to grow. Up until this time it has had no vehicle to keep you informed.

The Law School had no way to tell you when the Gourman Report rated it 17th best in the country, when the clinic program was recognized nationally, when Moot Court teams won major competitions, when new faculty were added and when your classmates and friends reached milestones in their careers.

Many alumni don't realize that only one-third of UB Law graduates now settle in Western New York. Many don't realize that major firms and public agencies in Buffalo and New York now actively recruit our students.

Many don't realize that the clinic has more than doubled in size in recent years, with six full-time instructors working exclusively in that program.

Many alumni don't know that 1500 prospective students, or about six applicants for each spot, apply annual-

ly for admission to the Law School.

And, many don't know that the appointment's committee, which makes decisions on hiring new faculty, reviews over 700 resumes each year for the two or three positions that are open.

The Law School administration has wanted to share such information with its alumni for a long time but has been frustrated because the state provides no funds for alumni publications. However, because the Law Alumni Association has provided some funding and because alumni donations have increased dramatically in recent years, this semi-annual alumni magazine is now possible.

Communication, however, is by definition two-way. Please take special note of the back covers. Share your news with us so we can keep other alumni informed. Advise us when you move; tell us when your office is hiring. And, above all, remember that this is YOUR magazine. Tell us what kind of stories you like the best, or what we may have omitted that you would enjoy seeing.

We hope you will enjoy this first issue of "Forum" and look forward to hearing from you.

