Alumni Association President's Message

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

It is a genuine pleasure to be addressing you all for the first time in the Law Alumni Association’s own publication. Over the last two years, many people labored long and hard creating this vehicle for bringing our alumni closer together. In my term as president, I hope to emphasize bringing us closer together to achieve mutual professional benefits, and to support the school that launched our careers.

This year, we are working to launch local chapters in New York City; Washington, D.C.; Rochester, New York; and Albany, New York. We have designated regional directors in each of those cities (and other cities) to get the ball rolling with informal meetings or social occasions in each city. We hope to send a representative of both the Law Alumni Association and the Law School to each of these meetings to discuss current developments and projects. Alumni in those cities will be hearing from us.

We will also be encouraging class reunions this year, in Buffalo, for the classes of 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966 and 1976. Many classes have held successful reunions over the years. In May, the class of 1975 had a very successful reunion in conjunction with the Association’s Annual Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Buffalo. For many, it was their first return to Buffalo in ten years, and their first opportunity to rekindle the friendships first ignited by the terrors of the first year of law school. For those of you interested in class reunions, either this year or in the future, rest assured that our Association will assist you in many ways to make the event successful. Just contact us and let us know who you are.

The Association will continue to assist individual students in need, and hopefully, broaden that support by establishing scholarship funds with contributions from the community and from our alumni. We will be holding our Annual Convocation program and bestowing our highest award for service and hosting our Annual Dinner meeting in the Spring of 1986 to honor distinguished alumni in private practice, public service and the judiciary.

All that we do now and hope to do in the future, however, depends upon our alumni becoming members of the Association, and continuing to support it. Please join us and support our efforts to maintain and improve upon the growing national reputation of our Law School.

The Law Alumni Association is governed by four elected officers and 21 local directors. The current officers are Leslie M. Greenbaum (‘74), president; Douglas S. Coppola (‘75), vice-president; Robert W. Keller (‘66), treasurer; and Robert Schaus (‘53), secretary.

Directors are elected to three-year terms at the association’s annual meeting in June. The local directors, listed according to the year in which their terms end, are:

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J. Glenn Davis
Bernard B. Freedman
Maryann S. Freedman
Sue S. Gardner
Carl A. Green
Joseph G. Makowski
Peter J. Martin

1987
Hon. Margaret Anderson
Paul A. Battaglia
William R. Brennan
Kevin P. Maloney
Hon. Joseph D. Mintz
David E. Parker
Veronica D. Thomas

1988
Barbara Howe
Dan D. Kohane
Hon. Edmund F. Maxwell
Daniel C. Oliverio
Eugene F. Pigott, Jr.
Margaret Lillis-Snajczuk
Thomas M. Ward

Any association members interested in director positions should contact Alan Carrel at the Law School for information.