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# ALUMNI SOCIAL EVENTS

## Annual Dinner Draws Record Crowd

A record crowd of over 370 persons attended the Law School's 23rd Annual Dinner held at the Buffalo Hyatt May 3 and saw awards presented to three distinguished alumni.

George M. Zimmermann, Judge Rose D. LaMendola, Congressman Henry J. Nowak, and the late Charles Ryan Desmond were honored at the annual event. In attendance were law students, Law School administration and faculty, and alumni.

Professor Zimmermann received the Private Practice Award for his knowledge of the law, his diligence, and his respect for fellow practitioners. Law Alumni Association President Rose Sconiers said, in presenting the prize, that it goes to those individuals who enhance the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public.

Judge LaMendola accepted the

Judiciary Award which recognizes efficiency and diligence, community involvement and integrity. Sconiers noted that the honor is a tribute to open-mindedness, conscientiousness and consideration for fellow practitioners.

The Public Service Award, presented to Congressman Henry J. Nowak, salutes courtesy, skill and generous devotion of one's time to the public and the profession. According to Sconiers, the recipients devote more energy, time and diligence to their callings than has been required.

Charles Ryan Desmond's award was accepted by his father, Judge Charles Desmond. The honor was bestowed posthumously in recognition of service to the Law School, and the Law Alumni Association, in which he was an active member when he died.

Law School Dean Thomas Headrick, during his remarks,

thanked alumni for the financial support and time which they give to the School. A number of important programs would have to be eliminated without their assistance, he said. The Dean also expressed his appreciation for the many hours spent by alumni in the One-to-One Program, career seminars, the Moot Court Program, and in part-time instructor positions.

According to Associate Dean Alan Carrel, whose responsibilities include fundraising and alumni affairs, "The excellent turn-out for the dinner and the enthusiasm of those in attendance indicate the growing affection of alumni for the school."

The 1985 Alumni Dinner Committee included: Co-chairmen Joseph G. Makowski and Thomas C. Bailey, David E. Parker, Dan D. Kohane, Veronica Thomas, Andrew C. Hilton Jr., and J. Glenn Davis.

## Alumni Gather in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Successful gatherings in New York City and Washington have once again demonstrated that alumni take advantage of the opportunity to be with each other and with faculty and administrators from the Law School.

On October 3 over 125 graduates from the New York City area turned out for a cocktail party at the Penta Hotel on 7th Avenue. Held annually the evening before the School's New York City Interview Program, this year's event drew the biggest crowd ever. Representing the school were Dean Thomas Headrick, Associate Dean Alan Carrel and Associate Direc-

tor of the Career Development Office Audrey Koscielniak. The party attracted a good cross-section of people, especially those from recent classes. Those who attended enjoyed catching-up on class news, learning about the School's accomplishments and hearing about alumni developments.

A number of Washington alumni joined Professor Howard Mann, Headrick and Carrel at a cocktail party in the Washington Hilton and Towers Hotel on January 3. Despite poor weather there was an excellent turnout, including some former faculty members who were in town for the

American Association of Law Schools' annual convention.

On January 24, a cocktail party of all alumni in New York State was held in conjunction with the New York State Bar Association's annual meeting. The Omni Park Central provided a pleasant setting as alumni from Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, Buffalo, New York City, Seneca Falls and Batavia enjoyed the occasion.

Based on the success of these events, the School is currently planning similar gatherings in other cities.