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Legal problems of the elderly, including the availability of Medicare to help pay the horrendous costs of long term illnesses, transferring of assets, mental competency, living wills, the right to die and other related matters were among the subjects addressed by a panel of experts at the 10th Annual UB Law Alumni Convocation.

The event, co-sponsored by the School of Law and the Law Alumni Association, was held on Saturday, March 1 at the Center for Tomorrow, Amherst campus. The morning symposium focused on the topic, "Counseling the Elderly: Legal Considerations Outside the Wills."

According to Chairman Robert W. Keller '66, "Innovative medical treatments and new technologies are greatly prolonging life and in some cases blurring the line between life and death. Furthermore, today's elderly must function in an increasingly complex economic environment, negotiating a legal maze to manage their own resources. It is imperative that attorneys be able to assist their older clients in successfully planning their affairs."

Speakers at the program included:
- Eugene F. Piggott Jr., Erie County Attorney.
- Gregory Stamm of the law firm of Stamm & Murray.
- Thomas P. Cleary of the law firm of Walsh & Cleary.
- Professor Kenneth F. Joyce of the State University at Buffalo Law School.

Serving with Keller were Hon. Margaret Anderson '72, Paul A. Battaglia '72, Carl A. Green '50, Barbara Howe '80, Dan D. Kohane '79, Hon. Edmund F. Maxwell '49, Daniel C. Oliverio '71, Veronica D. Thomas '75 and Kevin P. Maloney '54.

A record crowd filled the Moot Court room to hear the panel discussion.