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JUDGE JASEN RETIRES FROM STATE COURT

Senior Associate Judge Matthew J. Jasen '39 of the New York State Court of Appeals was honored by members of the legal community on his retirement at a testimonial dinner held Dec. 11 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. The celebration capped a distinguished legal and judicial career spanning 45-years, including 18-years upon the Court of Appeals.

State law requires judges to retire at the end of the year in which they reach the age of 70. In February, Jasen resumed the practice of law and became senior counsel to the Buffalo law firm of Moot & Sprague.

Among the 500 people present at the dinner, sponsored by the Bar Association of Erie County, were Judge Sol Wachtler, chief justice of the New York State Court of Appeals. He commented on Jasen’s “sense of loyalty and devotion,” and said that Jasen’s more than 800 opinions were known for their clarity.

Charles D. Breitel, retired chief justice of the court from 1973 to 1978, praised Jasen for his high moral standards. The Law Alumni Association was among several legal organizations to sponsor a table for the event.

Jasen, who attended Canisius College, the University of Buffalo School of Law and Harvard Law School, School of Public Affairs, was admitted to practice law in 1940.

During World War II, he served with the 7th Army in Europe. In 1946, he became U.S. Judge for the 3rd Military Government Judicial District in Heidelberg, Germany. In 1948, he returned to Buffalo to practice law as a senior partner in the firm of Jasen, Manz, Johnson and Bayger.

He was appointed to the New York Supreme Court in 1957 by Gov. Averell Harriman and elected to a full term the following year. He was elected associate judge of the New York State Court of Appeals in 1967 and nominated for an additional term in 1981.

Justice Jasen has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award of the UB Law School Alumni Association and the Edwin F. Jaeckle Distinguished Alumnus Award conferred by the Faculty of Law and Jurisprudence and the Law Alumni Association, among many other honors.

Because the UB Law Forum is an ideal vehicle to keep alumni in touch with their former classmates, teachers and friends, this issue marks the debut of our Class Action column. Please let us know about your professional activities, community involvement, recent marriage, or new children, so that we can include your news in our next issue. Write to: Class Action, c/o UB Law Forum, 723 John Lord O’Brian Hall, Amherst Campus, Buffalo, NY 14260.

1930s

Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters on Willard A. Genrich ’38 of Snyder at its commencement last May. Genrich is chancellor emeritus of the University of the State of New York. He serves as a member of the Board of Regents from Western New York.

1940s

M. Robert Koren ’44 of Koren, Bertell & Hoey has been re-elected to the board of trustees for the University at Buffalo Foundation Inc.

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John J. Naples ’47, former Buffalo Corporation Counsel, has joined the Buffalo law firm of Condon, La Tona and Pieri. Naples retired as head of Buffalo’s law department in 1984 after a 30-year career with the city.

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Raymond F. Roll, Jr. ’47 received the La Rabida Citation of Merit from the National Columbus Day Committee.
1950s
Supreme Court Justice Joseph J. Sedita '50 has received the Jurist Citation of Honor from the National Columbus Day Committee.

Justice Michael F. Dillon '51 of Orchard Park, former Erie County district attorney and currently presiding justice of the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court, 4th Judicial Department, received the Award of Merit from the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. He is a past president of the New York State District Attorney's Association and a former vice president of the National District Attorney's Association. He is a trustee of D'Youville College, a member of the New York State Crime Control Planning board, and served on the Advisory Council on Criminal Justice at Niagara University.

Alvin M. Glick '52 of Falk & Siemer has been re-elected to the board of trustees for the University at Buffalo Foundation Inc.

David J. Mahoney '52 has been elected president of the Buffalo Tennis and Squash Club.

On June 12, 1985, exactly 29 years after Richard (Dick) M. English '53 was admitted to the New York bar, his son Richard (Rick) T. English was admitted to the California bar. Dick now lives in Indian Wells, Calif.

Neil R. Farmelo '53, president of Protective Closures Co., was honored by the Nichols School when he received its first Honorary Alumnus Award during Nichols' 60th Alumni Luncheon in December. A Nichols trustee since 1978, he was chairman of the board from 1979 to 1984 and is currently chairman of the development committee.

Sheldon Hurwitz '53, a senior partner in the Buffalo law firm of Hurwitz & Fine, was honored by the Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies at their Annual Dinner in November. He was the recipient of the Foundation's Endowment Development Award for his service as chairman of the Life Insurance Task Force and his work to promote charitable gifts of life insurance to create permanent endowment funds. Hurwitz teaches insurance law and litigation at UB Law School.

State Supreme Court Justice Frank R. Bayger '55 retired from his 17-year career on the bench. He is now president of Milford Corp., a Niagara Falls shopping plaza development; is chief executive officer of Arlington Development Corp., a Sarasota, Fla. developer of condominiums and professional office properties; and is practicing law with the Buffalo firm of Gross, Schuman, Brizdle, Laub & Gilfillan, PC. He specializes in construction and personal injury.

A former partner in the Buffalo firm of Johnson and Bayger, he was appointed to the Erie County Court in 1968, then elected the following year. In 1973, he was appointed a Supreme Court Justice for the Eighth Judicial District and was elected to a full term in 1974.

A graduate of Canisius College, Justice Bayger was awarded an honorary Doctor of Human Letters degree by Niagara University in 1980 and, earlier this year, was appointed a trustee of Villa Maria College in Buffalo. He is a former president of the UB Law Alumni Association, among numerous other voluntary offices he has held.

John P. Patti '55 was appointed to the full-time position of Hearing Examiner for Erie County Family Court effective Nov. 1, 1985.

Edward P. Gueth Jr. '55 was appointed clerk of the U.S. District Court Western District of New York, with courthouses in Buffalo and Rochester. He was general attorney of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. from 1963 to 1973 and associate counsel to the utility in Syracuse from 1973 to 1984. Gueth is a trustee of Daemen College and of the Multiple Sclerosis Association and is chairman for the upcoming 31st reunion of UB Law School's Class of 1955.

Supreme Court Justice Vincent E. Doyle '56 was a speaker at a seminar sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the Vista International Hotel in New York City. His topic was "Winning Cases that Lawyers Have Lost . . . Losing Cases that Lawyers Have Won."

Alan Bernstein '59 of Amherst played the role of Jacob, and his son Marc played the title role of Joseph in a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" during the Festival of Lights celebration last December at the Niagara Falls International Convention Center.

1960s
Herbert H. Blumberg '60 was appointed to the full-time position of Erie County Family Court Hearing Examiner effective Nov. 1, 1985.
Norman J. Mattar '60 was elected to his second term as director of the Town of Amherst Chamber of Commerce in Amherst, N.Y. on Oct. 22.

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Peter J. Fiorella, Jr. '63, chairman of the Matrimonial and Family Law Committee of Eric County, spoke before the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York at their annual conference at the Holiday Inn in Grand Island, N.Y. His topic was, "Pre-Trial Preparation and Settlements of Equitable Distribution and Divorce Action."

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Timothy C. Leixner '63, partner in the Buffalo law firm of Jaecle, Fleischmann & Mugel, has been named chairman of the Document Retrieval Systems Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Economics of Law Practice.

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Robert J. Schutrum Jr. '65 has been appointed an officer of the Christian Conciliation Service of Western New York.

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Arthur A. Russ Jr. '67, a member of the Buffalo law firm of Albrecht, Maguire, Heffern & Gregg, was elected to the board of directors of the Gibraltar Steel Corp. He is a past president of the Lawyers Club of Buffalo and of the Niagara Frontier Chapter of Psi Upsilon Fraternity Alumni Association.

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Robert B. Moriarty '68 recently travelled to Oxford, England where, as a lecturer for the Equitable Life Assurance Company, he spoke on "The Fine Art and Science of Negotiating Settlement in Matrimonial Actions."

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Herbert M. Siegel '69, senior partner in the law firm of Siegel, Kelleher, Hirshorn, Munley & Kahn, has been elected to the board of directors of the New York Easter Seal Society.

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JUDGE DESMOND HONORED AT GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The State University of Buffalo bestowed its highest honor to retired State Chief Judge Charles S. Desmond '20. He received the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal from UB President Steven B. Sample at last year's university commencement ceremonies.

Dr. Sample described Judge Desmond as "a man whose contributions as a jurist, statesman and exemplar of civic patriotism have dignified him and his community in the eyes of the world."

He recalled leaving the UB Law School — "a little old shabby building on Eagle Street downtown" — 65 years ago "with a pocketful of dreams." Three of those dreams, he said, have come true — "to still be alive at 85, to hold a teaching post in the UB Law School and to be a recipient of this great medal."

1970s

Ernest J. Norman '70 has been appointed vice president and corporate secretary at Goldome Realty Credit Corp., a subsidiary of Goldome Bank. Previously he had been chief legal officer for Gibraltar Steel Corp. in Cheektowaga.

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Victor A. Oliveri '71, senior partner in the law firm of Smith, Murphy & Schoepperle, addressed the local chapter of the Nurses Association of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. His topic was "Obstetrical Nurse Testimony in the Brain Damaged Child Case."

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Neil A. Goldberg '71, senior trial partner in the Buffalo law firm of Saperston, Day, Lustig, Gallick, Kirschner and Gaglione, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Arbitration Association. A specialist in personal injury, product liability and insurance coverage cases, Goldberg is involved in the preparation of product liability prevention programs.

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Thomas S. Brett '72 recently joined the Syracuse office of Hiscock & Barclay. Prior to accepting this position, he served as assistant general counsel and earlier, litigation counsel to Carrier Corporation. He also served as trial attorney in the Anti-Trust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

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Kenneth Tucker '72 has been elected president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. He is vice president and general counsel for Snyder Corp.

Mark Farrell '72 was elected vice-president of the Association.

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Richard J. Evans '72, partner in the Rochester firm of Harris, Maloney, Horwitz, Evans & Fox, has become a trustee of the Monroe County Bar Association where he is heading up a task force to study and report on professionalism between the bench and bar and among attorneys. Evans resides in Pittsford, N.Y.

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Mark Farrell '72, managing attorney for Traveler's Insurance and a past president of the UB Alumni Association, is representing UB alumni on a 12-member Intercollegiate Athletics Board that President Steven B. Sample recently appointed. The board will develop a five-year plan to upgrade the university's athletics programs and will review and recommend to the president all athletic policies and budgets.

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Thomas F. Segalla '72 co-authored an article in the November issue of the New York State Bar Journal entitled, "Asbestos: New York's Approach to the Statute of Limitations."

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The Minority Bar Association of Western New York awarded William J. Hamilton Jr. '73, assistant county attorney, its "Lawyer Service Award."

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Robert A. Friedman '73 has become an associate with the Buffalo law firm of Cohen, Lombardo, Blewett, Fisher, Spandau and Nosek.

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UB LAW GRADS HONORED BY ERIE COUNTY BAR AT 98TH DINNER

Numerous UB Law School Alumni were honored by the Erie County Bar Association at their 98th Annual Dinner. Philip J. O'Shea '32, a past president of the Law Alumni Association who died in 1984, was posthumously named Lawyer of the Year.

The Outstanding Jurist Award was presented to Hon. John T. Curtin '49, Chief Judge U.S. District Court.

Fifty-year member awards were presented to: Everett M. Barlow '35, Darvin DeMarchi '34, Chester S. Grove '34, Robert C. McCall '32, Robert I. Millonzi '35, Jerome H. Raynor '34, Salvatore C. Salvo '34, John J. Sullivan Jr. '35 and Aaron Weinstein '34.

Also receiving a 50-year award was Jacob D. Hyman, a former UB Law School Dean.

David J. Mahoney '52 received a Special Service award and Eugene C. Tenney '54 was presented an Award of Merit.

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Rose H. Sconiers '73, executive attorney of the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. and immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, has been appointed to the New York State Bar Association Committee on Legal Aid and to the New York State Senate Higher Education Advisory Committee.

Rose H. Sconiers '73

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Joan Heifetz Hollinger '74, associate professor of law at the University of Detroit Law School and lecturer and visiting scholar at Stanford University, has been awarded a Legal History Fellowship for 1985-86 by the American Bar Foundation. She will research the legal and social history of adoption in the United States since the 19th century.

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Harry F. Mooney '75 has been named to the board of trustees of the Studio Arena Theatre. A partner in the Buffalo law firm of Moot & Sprague, he is active in the United Way campaign and is on the board of Junior Achievement of Western New York.

IN MEMORIAM

Israel W. Dautch '22
Sun City, Arizona
Oct. 31, 1985

Adolph M. Newman '23
Knoxville, Tennessee
Jan. 13, 1986

Michael P. Geraci '24
Buffalo, New York
Jan. 14, 1986

J. Eugene McMahon '24
Buffalo, New York
Sept. 16, 1985

Rudolph S. Weinstein '24
Williamsville, New York
Dec. 14, 1985

Harvey Munin '32
Buffalo, New York
Jan. 16, 1986

Casimir Niemel '38
North Tonawanda, New York
Sept. 2, 1985

Hon. Joseph P. Kuszynski '44
Buffalo, New York
Jan. 3, 1986

Arthur G. Baumeister '50
Buffalo, New York
Oct. 24, 1985

John Beich '50
Buffalo, New York
Oct. 2, 1985

Daniel Bookbinder '50
Williamsville, New York
Dec. 24, 1985

James M. McMahon '51
Buffalo, New York
Nov. 29, 1985

James M. Seville '58
North Collins, New York
Sept. 16, 1985

Elizabeth A. Shephard '84
Cheektowaga, New York
Nov. 23, 1985
pointed education resource editor for the American Society of Pension Actuaries. He will edit study guides and other education materials for a variety of pension courses. Macy is a pension consultant with Stonewall Pension Service Inc. in Portland, Oregon.

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William C. Hultman '77 has joined the Buffalo law firm of Moot & Sprague.

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Catherine G. Novack '77, an attorney and director of the Bay Area Volunteer Lawyers Program in Tampa, Fla., was guest editor of the Florida Bar Journal’s December ’85 issue, a special issue of the magazine devoted completely to pro bono legal work.

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Charlotte D. Roederer ’77 has been appointed vice president and associate general counsel at M&T Bank. She was formerly a member of the Buffalo law firm of Moot & Sprague, where she handled corporate and regulatory matters for a large financial institution. She is president of the Youth Orchestra Foundation of Buffalo, Inc. and a resident of Amherst.

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Louise M. Tarantino '77 has been named Consumer Lawyer of the Year for 1985 by the Washington, D.C. Bar’s Consumer Affairs Committee. Tarantino is the first honoree to receive this award, which was made in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the protection of consumer rights.

Tarantino was cited for her work as a Neighborhood Legal Services Attorney, helping home owners who are defrauded of legal title to their property under the pretext of receiving mortgage assistance loans. She initiated a federal suit challenging the practice and, after similar suits were filed, she coordinated the efforts of the plaintiffs’ lawyers. Tarantino also persuaded the D.C. government to charge the defendant with ordinance violations. As a result of her efforts, the Federal Trade Commission became involved as a plaintiff.

Tarantino and her husband, John Privitera ’77, recently moved to Albany, where Privitera has accepted a position with the state attorney general’s office enforcing environmental laws.

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James M. Muckewe ’78 has become a partner in the firm of Damon & Morey.

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Sandra S. O’Loughlin ’78 has become a member of the Buffalo law firm of Moot & Sprague.

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James W. Gormley ’79 has become a partner in the firm of Damon & Morey.

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Dan D. Kohane ’79, partner in the Buffalo law firm of Hurwitz & Fine PC., discussed “Relief Under the Law” before an international casualty claims seminar in Brussels, Belgium last September. The seminar was in preparation for the upcoming adoption of more stringent product liability laws by Western European countries.

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Joseph G. Makowski ’79 has been re-elected president of Neighborhood Legal Services Inc., Buffalo. He was also appointed corporate counsel by Computer Task Group in May, 1985.

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James Paris ’79 of La Jolla, Calif., a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserves, was recently designated staff judge advocate for Submarine Development Group One in Point Loma, Calif. In civilian life, Paris works for the Navy general counsel in San Diego. He is married to Georgia Lee Williams who is also a Navy lawyer.

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Ann E. Pfeiffer ’79 was elected Rochester City Court Judge. She is the youngest person in Rochester’s history to win that post and the first woman. She is also the first in her law school class to be
MARYANN FREEDMAN
WINS TOP
STATE BAR POST
Maryann Saccomando Freedman '58 has been nominated president-elect of the New York State Bar Association. She will be the first woman to head the 109-year-old organization. She will take office in June 1986 as president-elect and assume the presidency in June 1987.

Mrs. Freedman is the first lawyer from Erie County in 19 years to head the statewide organization which represents more than half the state's lawyers. She is law clerk to Judge William Ostrowski.

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Daniel P. Forsyth '81 has become a member in the firm of Flaherty, Cohen, Grande, Randazzo, Doren, PC.

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Stuart P. Gelberg '81 has been appointed Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York. Gelberg recently opened a law office at 114 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, New York 11542.

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Michael J. Athans '82 specializes in aviation litigation in the Atlanta office of Lord, Bissell & Brook, a Chicago based law firm. He and his wife Pat happily announce the birth of their first child, Cristin, on July 23, 1985.

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Mona L. Baskin '82 of Williamsville has been appointed an officer of M&T Bank. As an attorney with the counsel's office, she advises line management about banking and commercial law, rules and regulations.

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Denise B. O'Donnell '82 has been appointed an assistant U.S. attorney by U.S. Attorney Salvatore R. Martocche. Mrs. O'Donnell was law clerk to Judge M. Dolores Demman, Fourth Department Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court for three years before accepting this appointment.

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Daniel C. Oliverio '82 has been appointed assistant U.S. attorney by U.S. Attorney Salvatore R. Martocche. The new prosecutor also holds a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master's degree in business administration from UB. He is native of Niagara Falls.

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Alan Henry Solarz '83 married Julie Ann Rosenblum '82 September 1, 1985 in Temple Beth Emet, Albany. After a honeymoon in France, the couple took up residence in Manhattan.

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Brian R. Welsh '83 of Snyder has been promoted to associate in the matrimonial department of the firm of Siegel, Kelleher, Hirschorn, Munley and Kahn where he will concentrate on family law and domestic relations.

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Ann Demopoulos '83 is now engaged in the general practice of law with offices at 420 Convention Tower, Buffalo.

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Joyce E. Funda '83 has been appointed senior associate in the Buffalo law firm of Siegel, Kelleher, Hirschorn, Munley & Kahn. Brian R. Welsh '83 has been named an associate in the firm's matrimonial department.

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George W. Collins Jr. '84 has joined the Buffalo firm of Koren, Bertell & Hoey as an associate. Collins had been a prosecutor in the Erie County district attorney's office after graduating from law school. He currently resides in Snyder with his wife and daughter.

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Keith D. Martin '84 and Lawrence J. Regan '84 have become associated with the Buffalo law firm of Rosenthal, Siegel, Muenkel, Wolf & Curvin.

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William E. Nowakowski '84 of Eggertsville has joined the Buffalo law firm of Cohen, Lombardo, Blewett, Fisher, Spandau and Nosek. He was formerly a law clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.

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Elena Cacavas '85 married Richard Jeffrey Schechter '82 on Saturday, Oct. 12, 1985 in Lancaster, New York. They are now residing in Williamsville.
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