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*UB Grads Post Record Year
in National Placement Survey*

The UB Law School class of 1985 must be doing something right. They have achieved an outstanding placement rate of 98.4 percent. Two-hundred forty-four graduates were either hired or accepted for additional graduate work when the survey was completed. Only four of those who passed the bar and sought legal positions were unemployed.

"Naturally, we are delighted to exceed our own past results and to surpass the national placement average," says Alan S. Carrel, associate dean. Mr. Carrel, who oversees the Law School's Career Development Office (CDO), was referring to statistics published by the National Association for Law Placement (NALP), which are based on similar surveys conducted at law schools across the country. In those schools which chose to report their results, the employment rate has hovered around 92 percent for the past 10 years.

The CDO was able to contact all but two from the class of 1985, which is comprised of 271 graduates. Ten were not seeking employment and 11 did not take or did not pass the bar exam. These students were not included in the placement percentages. However, some of those who were originally listed as unemployed have since found jobs.

CDO statistics also show that 192 of the new graduates stayed in New York State. Of those, 87 remained in the Buffalo metropolitan area, with 51 settling in New York City and its environs. Rochester attracted 25 graduates; six moved to Binghamton, five to Albany, three to

Syracuse and 15 to other localities throughout the state.

Regionally, the Northeast was the choice for 211 of the class. The Southeast lured 16 new attorneys, the Midwest six and the West two. Costa Rica and Great Britain at-

tracted one each.

More than half of the attorneys chose to enter private practice, which is still the number one employer of law graduates nationally and at UB. See accompanying chart for a detailed breakdown. ■

SUNY/Buffalo Faculty of Law & Jurisprudence			
Employment Report Class of 1985			
PRIVATE SECTOR	141	57.1%	
1 Self-Employed			
68 Very Small (2-10)			
21 Small (11-25)			
12 Medium (26-50)			
14 Large (51-100)			
21 Very Large (100+)			
4 Size Not Identified			
PUBLIC INTEREST	20	8.0%	
<u>Legal - 17</u>			
6 Public Def./Leg. Aid			
9 Legal Services			
2 Other			
<u>Non-Legal - 3</u>			
3 Other			
BUSINESS	17	6.9%	
<u>Legal - 5</u>			
2 Corporation			
1 Bank/Fin. Inst.			
2 Insurance			
<u>Non-Legal - 12</u>			
1 Corporation			
6 Accounting Firm			
1 Bank/Fin. Inst.			
4 Other			
GOVERNMENT	33	13.4%	
<u>Legal - 28</u>			
6 Federal			
3 State			
19 Local			
<u>Non-Legal - 5</u>			
1 Federal			
1 State			
3 Local			
JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS	13	5.3%	
6 Federal			
7 State			
MILITARY	2	.8%	
2 JAGC			
ACADEMIC	21	8.5%	
7 Law School or other Higher Education Position			
2 Other			
1 Advanced law degree study			
11 Advanced non-law study			