

10-1-1986

## Three Alumni Honored at Annual Dinner

UB Law Forum

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.law.buffalo.edu/ub\\_law\\_forum](https://digitalcommons.law.buffalo.edu/ub_law_forum)

---

### Recommended Citation

UB Law Forum (1986) "Three Alumni Honored at Annual Dinner," *UB Law Forum*: Vol. 2 : No. 1 , Article 12.  
Available at: [https://digitalcommons.law.buffalo.edu/ub\\_law\\_forum/vol2/iss1/12](https://digitalcommons.law.buffalo.edu/ub_law_forum/vol2/iss1/12)

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Alumni Publications at Digital Commons @ University at Buffalo School of Law. It has been accepted for inclusion in UB Law Forum by an authorized editor of Digital Commons @ University at Buffalo School of Law. For more information, please contact [lawscholar@buffalo.edu](mailto:lawscholar@buffalo.edu).



Association President Leslie M. Greenbaum (far left) joins honorees (left to right) George M. Martin, Richard F. Griffin and Judge Michael A. Telesca.

## THREE ALUMNI ARE HONORED AT ANNUAL DINNER

**T**hree popular alumni accepted standing ovations from their colleagues and friendly jibes from Law Alumni Association President and Master of Ceremonies Leslie M. Greenbaum as they were presented with Distinguished Alumnus Awards. The ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Buffalo was filled to capacity with well-wishers at the 24th Annual Meeting and Dinner on Friday, April 18.

Hon. Michael A. Telesca, United States District Judge, Western District of New York, received an award for outstanding performance in the judiciary. Richard F. Griffin, senior partner in the Buffalo law firm of Moot & Sprague, was cited for excellence in private practice and George M. Martin, executive vice president of Canisius College, was honored for

---

*“They have brought honor and distinction to our Law School and we are pleased to honor them for their outstanding contributions.”*

---

achievements in public service.

“Each of our 1986 recipients is held in high esteem by their professional peers and

in the Western New York community. They have brought honor and distinction to our law school and we are pleased to honor them for their outstanding contributions,” said UB Law Alumni Association President Leslie M. Greenbaum.

For the first time, UB Law School reunions were held in conjunction with the dinner. Classes that met were 1926, 1936, 1946, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1976.

Co-chairmen for the event were Joseph G. Makowski and David E. Parker. Serving on their committee were Thomas Ward, Peter J. Martin, J. Glenn Davis and Dan Kohane.

The dinner was sponsored by: Barrister Information Services, Charles R. Anderson Auctioneers and Appraisers, Gar Associates Real Estate and Appraisal Services, Marine Midland Bank, Ray Son-

nenberger, Ticor Title Guarantee, and West Publishing Co.-Terrence Barnes, J.D.

Hon. Michael A. Telesca, who resides in Rochester, was appointed U.S. District Judge by President Ronald Reagan in 1982. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Rochester in 1952 and graduated from UB Law School in 1955.

Judge Telesca served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantry platoon leader and staff legal officer, and was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in 1957.

He was a partner in the Rochester law firm of Lamb, Webster, Walz, Telesca & Donovan for 16 years. He was Town Attorney for the Township of Gates, N.Y. from 1966 through 1970.

Judge Telesca also served as Monroe County Surrogate Court Judge from 1973 until 1982.

He is a director of the Association for Mentally Retarded Persons, Al Sigl Center; serves on the Genesee Hospital Board of Governors and on the Advisory Board of the National Kidney Foundation, and is a trustee of the Monroe County Bar Association Foundation.

He is a member of the Monroe County, New York State and American Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society and the Justinian Society of Jurists.

Richard F. Griffin is chairman of the litigation department of Moot & Sprague. He graduated from Canisius College with a bachelor of arts degree in 1954 and from UB Law School in 1957.

Griffin is a past president of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel. He is presently vice president and a member of the executive committee of the New York State Bar Association. A former president of the Erie County Bar Association, he is currently chairman of their Public Interest Committee and Pro Bono Project.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Legal Services for the Elderly Project and is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

George M. Martin was the first non-Jesuit appointed to a vice-presidency at Canisius College. After graduating from Canisius College in 1942 with a bachelor of science degree, he served for three years

in Europe during World War II as a member of the 402nd Field Artillery Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division. Upon his return to civilian life, he entered UB Law School and graduated from there in 1949.

Martin practiced law in Buffalo with George R. Blair, James J. White and others until 1967, when he was appointed Administrative Vice President of Canisius College. In 1969 he was named Executive Vice President, and continues in that role today.

In 1959 he was appointed Buffalo's Commissioner of Parks by Mayor Frank Sedita. He served as Public Administrator of Erie County from 1962 to 1966, and from 1967

to 1977 was Chairman of the Board of Assessors of the City of Buffalo.

He is Secretary of the Board of Trustees and a member of the Board of Regents of Canisius College; a member of the Board of Trustees and a past president of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute; chairman of the Niagara Frontier State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission; chairman of the New York State Council of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and chairman of the Natural Heritage Trust for the State of New York.

He also serves as a director of Artpark & Company and the Buffalo Zoological Society. ■

## UB LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

**I**f you have been frustrated in attempts to trace the whereabouts of your classmates — last seen in Pago Pago, or was it Topeka? — help is on the way. An alumni directory is now in the works and is scheduled for release during the fall of 1987, as we begin the celebration of our 100th anniversary. This "centennial" directory will be a valuable personal and professional reference volume for all alumni.

The directory will list alumni alphabetically, with each entry to include name, class, and business or professional information, including title, firm name and address, and telephone, as well as home address and telephone. Two complete indexes will follow the alphabetical listings. One will be arranged geographically by towns within states and foreign countries, and will include primary areas of practice codes. The other will list alumni by class year.

Updated information will be derived from brief questionnaires mailed to alumni and followed up by telephone verification by the Harris Publishing Company, which has completed alumni directories for

more than 1,000 colleges and universities over the past two decades. Your cooperation in responding to the questionnaires when they arrive will insure the success of this project.

Alumni will be able to place an order for a copy of the directory when their information is verified by phone. Only enough directories to fill these prepublication orders will be printed, and circulation will be restricted to alumni.

The directory project will be undertaken at virtually no cost to UB Law School. Harris has contracted to compile, publish and market the directory, financing the operation solely through the sale of individual directory copies to alumni. While UB Law School will not benefit financially from the directory sales, we will derive substantial benefit from the updated records which will be turned over to us at the completion of the project by the Harris people.

So, for those of you who have wondered, "Where are they now?" you will soon find out! Watch for specific dates in future publications. ■