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# LAW SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY IN 1987

**P**lans are well underway for the celebration of the 100th anniversary in 1987 of the founding of the Law School. Edwin F. Jaeckle '15, senior partner in the Buffalo firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel and one of the School's oldest living alumni, has graciously agreed to serve as honorary chairman.

Margaret Lillis-Snajczuk '84, a law clerk to Judge Beryl E. McGuire '58, is the chairman of the Steering Committee which is responsible for coordinating the year-long centennial observance.

Catherine Wettlaufer '85, co-chairman with Linda Nenni '83 of the Events Planning Committee, reports that the schedule of events will correspond with the academic calendar of the Law School's first year in 1887. The celebration will commence in the fall of 1987 with an Alumni Week-End highlighted by a major lecture and a gala dinner dance. The centennial theme will then be carried forward to the Alumni Convocation, to be held in March of 1988 and the Annual Alumni Dinner in May.

The Steering Committee has also established a History Committee chaired by the Hon. Thomas P. Flaherty '50, which is responsible for compiling and publishing a history of the Law School. Through donations from law firms, the History Committee hopes to distribute complimentary copies to all alumni.

Robert C. Schaus '53, and James R. Arnone '85 are especially enthusiastic about the project and have agreed to write the history with the assistance of Ann F. Whitcher, a professional writer on the university's staff whose father, Frank R. Whitcher '49 and brother Michael Whitcher '85 are both alumni. The committee is fortunate to also have as one of its

members Gilbert J. Pedersen '33, author of *The Buffalo Law School: 1887-1962*, published on the occasion of the Law School's 75th anniversary.

As a preview of the upcoming centennial celebration, the Law Alumni Association, the Steering Committee and the Erie County Bar Association, (which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year) worked together to produce an attractive centennial exhibit. Photos, newsclippings and other material from university archives are mounted on acrylic panels to graphically depict the history of the Law School and the many contributions attorneys have made to the Buffalo area during the past century.

We are grateful for donations from the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, the Erie County Bar Foundation, the UB Law



*Distinguished alumni are featured in a panel of our centennial exhibit.*

Alumni Association, the Erie County Bar Association and the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association that made it possible to hire Design for Industry, a professional display firm, to construct an exhibit of museum quality.

This display was formally unveiled at a cocktail reception in the Erie County Surrogate's Court Foyer on September 11, in time for viewing by those attending the General Meeting of the New York State Bar Association which was held in Buffalo. The exhibit will also travel to various public locations around the Buffalo area. ■

## STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE LAW SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Edwin F. Jaeckle '15, *Honorary Chairman*  
Margaret Lillis-Snajczuk '84, *Chairman*

James R. Arnone '85  
Terrence F. Barnes '82  
Harold J. Brand, Jr. '67  
Associate Dean Alan S. Carrel '67  
Douglas S. Coppola '75  
Prof. Louis Del Cotto '51  
Hon. M. Dolores Denman '65  
Hon. Charles S. Desmond '20  
Mark G. Farrell '72  
Hon. Thomas P. Flaherty '50  
Ilene Fleischmann  
Christopher T. Greene '74  
Prof. Thomas E. Headrick  
Andrew C. Hilton, Jr. '55  
Barbara Howe '80  
Prof. Jacob D. Hyman

Erma Jaeckle '36  
Hon. Matthew J. Jasen '39  
Robert W. Keller '66  
M. Robert Koren '44  
Phillip H. Magner '49  
Diane McMahon '78  
Dean Wade J. Newhouse  
Linda J. Nenni '83  
Sandra S. O'Loughlin '78  
Gilbert J. Pedersen '33  
Daniel T. Roach '53  
Robert C. Schaus '53  
Associate Dean John H. Schlegel  
Rose H. Sconiers '73  
Paul C. Weaver '61  
Catherine T. Wettlaufer '85  
Sharon L. Wick '84

# History

In 1891, the School became affiliated with the University of Buffalo. The School moved from building to building in Buffalo's downtown until it found a home at 77 West Eagle Street. Under the leadership of people like Daniels and Carlos C. Alden, Dean of the Law School for thirty-one years, the Buffalo Law School grew in size and reputation. The School remained at West Eagle Street, until its current home in John Lord O'Brien Hall on the University's Amherst Campus opened in 1973. Guided by its current leader, Buffalo Law School has become nationally recognized for its innovative approach to legal education.

February 16, 1891

# 1891

The Law School accepted its first students with Niagara University in 1891.

"The Faculty of the Buffalo Law School has requested me to write you to ask from the officers of Niagara University those records in the custody of the religious board for sending between Niagara University and the Buffalo Law School."

"The trustees of the Buffalo Law School have been called upon to determine as to what course should be taken in such action."

"We desire to express to the Niagara University our appreciation of the confidence which it the Buffalo Law School is giving in the facilities of its name and the privilege of its diploma certificates."

"I enclose you a form of consent to be signed by myself and the other officers of the University."

James P. Fisher  
The Dean

The Third National Bank Building  
An early home of the Buffalo Law School



Walter D.M. Rodgers and Carl D. Brown, 1904. Rodgers was the first dean of the Buffalo Law School.

# Architecture

The Buffalo Law School has had several homes. Its first lectures were given in a building used by the Medical Department of Niagara University. In 1898 the School moved to the Buffalo Library Building, and in 1903 to the Stafford Building at 156 Pearl Street. When the Ellwood Square Building opened in 1906, the School moved to the sixth floor quarters it would occupy for the next 17 years. In the fall of 1913, the School moved to the Third National Bank Building at 275 Main Street.

Four years later the School leased a building at 77 West Eagle Street. In 1920 the School purchased that building.

In 1948, the University decided that a new building should be built to house the School. In 1949 the Law School moved into its new facilities at 77 West Eagle Street where it remained until 1973 when it departed to its present home in John Lord O'Brien Hall on the Amherst Campus.



77 West Eagle St.  
1920-1948



Buffalo Library  
1898-1903



The Third National Bank Building  
1913-1917



77 West Eagle St.  
1906-1913



John Lord O'Brien Hall  
1974-present

Our beautiful centennial display features 10 illustrated panels filled with photos and historical information.