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1920s

Judson R. Hoover '25, a practicing attorney in Elmira, N.Y. since 1926, retired in April at age 88. Mr. Hoover was well known and admired for assuming the role of Chemung County's unofficial public defender before there was a defender. He represented countless criminal defendants at his own expense, including 26 murder defendants. He takes pride in the fact that none of these clients were executed. The Chemung County Bar Association honored him in May, 1985 with its first Liberty Bell Award.

1930s

Judge Matthew J. Jasen '39, who recently retired from the state Court of Appeals, received a special achievement award in February from the Am-Pol Eagle, a Polish community newspaper. He was honored "for his lifelong dedication to preserving justice and fairness for the people of the community." Judge Jasen has returned to private practice at Moot & Sprague.

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Robert C. Sanborn '39 was named the Outstanding Accountant of Western New York by Canisius College at the college's 30th Annual Accounting Society Banquet which was held on April 23. A former partner with the international accounting firm of KMG Main Hurdman in Buffalo, he is a business financial consultant as well as



Philip H. Magner, Jr. '49

president of Laub International Inc., a supplier of office and distribution services. He is also president of M.M. Bork & Sons Inc., a bookbinder and finisher. Mr. Sanborn is a past president of the Buffalo chapter of the state Society of Certified Public Accountants.

1940s

Joseph M. Crotty '48 has retired from the practice of law and resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

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Philip H. Magner, Jr. '49 received the Erie County Bar Association's Award of Merit at the organization's 99th Annual Dinner. He was cited for his extensive work in tort reform and service to the Bar Foundation.

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George M. Martin '49 was admitted to the Signum Fidel Society of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in the Town of Tonawanda, N.Y. The society honors Institute alumni who have made distinguished contributions in their professions. Mr.

Martin, executive vice president of Canisius College, was honored at an awards dinner February 15 at the Brookfield Country Club in Clarence.

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U.S. Magistrate Edmund F. Maxwell '49 is the first American judge to travel to England to hear applications for Americans in prison there who hope for transfer back to the United States to serve their British sentences. He was appointed by the U.S. Courts Administrative Office under provisions of a U.S.-British treaty signed in August, 1985. As magistrate of a judicial district bordering Canada, Judge Maxwell has made three to four trips a year to Ontario prisons since the U.S.-Canadian prisoner-exchange treaty was signed in 1978.

1950s

Ralph L. Halpern '53 has joined the Buffalo law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel as a partner. He was formerly a senior partner in the law firm of Raichle, Banning, Weiss & Halpern. Mr. Halpern began his legal career with Jaeckle, Fleischmann, Kelly, Swart & Augspurger, the predecessor to the present firm. He joined the Raichle firm in 1958.

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Hon. Ann T. Mikoll '54, an associate justice of the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court, received the Award of Excellence from the Everywomen Opportunity Center during the organization's annual dinner at the Executive Hotel in Cheektowaga, N.Y. An advocate of women's rights, she has written a number of precedent-setting opinions during more than 28 years as a judge. Judge Mikoll has been a trustee of St. Bonaventure University and Villa Maria College and past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Buffalo. She is a member of the Buffalo Legal Aid Society and Catholic Charities.

Irving M. Shuman '54, a senior partner in the Buffalo law firm of Gross, Shuman, Brizdle, Lamb and Gilfilan, addressed 75 UB Law School students on the subject of entertainment law March 5. Much to the students' surprise and delight, recording artist Rick James, who is Mr. Shuman's client, made an unexpected visit, participated in the discussion and later signed autographs. The event was sponsored by the Entertainment Law Society.

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Marvin R. Baum '55 presented a program on real property law and Herald Price Fahringer Jr. '56 spoke on criminal law when the General Practice and Young Lawyers sections of the New York State Bar Association held a joint meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario during July. Mr. Baum's topic was "What Have I Been Doing for 30 Years?" and Mr. Fahringer's was "Update 1986: Criminal Law."

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Walter J. Barrett '58 made a comic appearance in March as Merriman the Butler in Studio Arena Theatre's production of "The Importance of Being Earnest." After a 25-year hiatus from the stage in order to practice law, Mr. Barrett made a comeback in 1982. He also occasionally works as a broadcast announcer on a classical music radio program in New York City. Mr. Barrett and his wife Emmy live in North Buffalo and are making their love of theater a focal point of their retirement years.

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Anthony J. Colucci Jr. '58 has been elected to the board of directors of National Attorneys' Title Insurance Co. Mr. Colucci is senior managing partner of the Buffalo law firm of Block & Colucci, P.C. He serves as a trustee at Canisius College and St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and is past chairman of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society.

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Maryann Saccomando-Freedman '58, who became New York State Bar Association president-elect on June 1, was presented with the Cattaraugus County Bar Association Law Day Award on May 1.

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George M. Gibson '58, a senior partner in the Buffalo law firm of Damon & Morey, has been elected to serve on the executive committee of the Trial Lawyers section of the New York State Bar Association.

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James L. Magavern '59 of the Buffalo law firm of Magavern & Magavern was presented with a Community Service Award by the Buffalo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He was cited during a dinner April 6 in the Buffalo Convention Center.

1960s

Edward C. Heller '62 has joined fellow UB Law School alumnus Thomas J. Herter '72 in forming the Houston, Tx. law firm of Clark, Heller & Herter, P.C.

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Caesar J. Naples '63 is vice chancellor for faculty and staff relations for the 19 universities that make up the California State University system, the largest in the world with 320,000 students. Previously he was chief negotiator for the Florida Board of Regents, a position he held for 10 years.

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Gerald S. Lippes '64 has been elected to the board of trustees of Studio Arena Theatre in Buffalo. He is senior partner in the law firm of Lippes, Kaminsky, Silverstein, Porter, Mathias and Wexler.

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Leslie G. Foschio '65 has been named a vice president of Barrister Information Systems Corp. of Buffalo. He has been general counsel and will remain as secretary of the firm. Mr. Foschio is a former state commission of motor vehicles and corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo.

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David G. Jay '66, a member of the Buffalo chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union for the past 20 years, has been

elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the New York Civil Liberties Union. A resident of Tonawanda, N.Y., he is a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Jay, Klaif & Morrison.

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Courtland R. LaVallee '66, a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Moot & Sprague, has been appointed chairman of the board of Mercy Hospital. The hospital is operated by the Sisters of Mercy of the Buffalo Diocese.

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Carl J. Montante '67, president of Uniland Development Co. in the Town of Tonawanda, N.Y., has been elected chairman of the Sisters Hospital Foundation. He has also been reappointed chairman of the Large Gifts Division in the 1986 Catholic Charities Appeal. Mr. Montante serves on the board of trustees of Canisius High School and on the Canisius College board of regents. He lives in Clarence, N.Y.

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H. Frank Parson '67, who lives in Amherst, N.Y., has been named district counsel for the Buffalo District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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Mark J. O'Connor '68 of Williamsville will represent John Demjanjuk in Israel when the retired U.S. autoworker is tried there for Nazi war crimes. It is the first time since Adolf Eichmann was convicted in 1962 that someone is to be tried in Israel under a 1950 law allowing the death penalty for Nazi-period war crimes. Mr. Demjanjuk is accused of being the brutal Nazi guard known as "Ivan the Terrible" at the death camp run by Germans in Treblinka, Poland. Mr. O'Connor contends it is "absolutely ridiculous" to think that his client, "a very gentle, very spiritual man," could be the real Ivan.

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Richard J. Lippes '69 was profiled in the February issue of the ABA Journal in an article titled "The New Elite Plaintiffs' Bar." In the piece, the author delves into the motivations of some of the country's



Rick James, the prince of punkfunk, stays close to his lawyer Irving M. Shuman '54.

high-profile, high-stakes personal injury plaintiff lawyers who have been "courtroom legends by taking cases of injured persons and persuading juries to award damages the size of a small nation's annual budget." Mr. Lippes, 41, a specialist in toxic substance litigation, is a partner in the Buffalo firm of Allen, Lippes & Shonn.

1970s

William P. Dixon '70 has resigned his position as commissioner of banking for the State of Wisconsin to return to Washington, D.C. as chief of staff for U.S. Senator Gary Hart.

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John W. Dorn '70 returned to the private practice of law as a partner in the Buffalo firm of Denman, D'Amico, Dorn & Cataldi after serving a clerkship in the Court of Claims for Justice Edgar C. NeMoyer.

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Ernest J. Norman '70 has been appointed vice president and corporate secretary at Goldome Realty Credit Corp., a subsidiary of Goldome Bank. He is responsible for directing the mortgage banking company's legal activities. Previously he had been chief legal officer for Gibraltar Steel Corp. in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Robert E. Whelan '70, Buffalo city comptroller, was chairman of the 1986 Arthritis Foundation Telethon which originated in Buffalo and was aired May 18 over Buffalo area cable TV systems.

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Peter J. Burke '71 has left the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9 to join the Buffalo law firm of Saperston, Day P.C. He handles environmental law for the firm. Burke served as a senior trial lawyer for the Erie County district attorney's office for five years before joining the DEC in 1976.

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John Francis Collins '71, of Colden, N.Y. married Katherine Brodie Connelly in October.

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Bruce R. Fenwick '72 is a new associate member of the Buffalo law firm of Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Schuller & James. He was formerly assistant counsel to the National Education Association of New York.

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John C. Spitzmiller '72, a partner in the Buffalo firm of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, has been elected a fellow of the American College of Probate Counsel.

Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73 resigned as Erie County attorney on June 27 to return to private practice. Mr. Pigott, who held the county post for four years, has joined the Buffalo law firm of Offermann, Fallon, Mahoney and Cassano. He formerly served as County Legislature clerk and vice chairman of the Erie County Republican Committee. He is currently a director of the UB Law Alumni Association.

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Rose H. Sconiers '73, executive attorney of The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. has been reappointed by Chief Judge Sol Wachtler to another two year term on the New York State Unified Court System Advisory Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure. Mrs. Sconiers has also been elected to serve a three year term on the board of trustees of St. Mary's School for the Deaf.

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Alexander W. Hunter Jr. '74 was appointed a judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York by Mayor Edward I. Koch on May 15. Previously Judge Hunter, 36, was Bronx County assistant district attorney and principal law clerk to Justice Albert P. Williams of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

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Mark J. Mahoney '74 married Sharon Lindstedt at the Buffalo State College Newman Center on St. Valentine's Day.

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Douglas S. Coppola '75, president of the UB Law Alumni Association, has been named a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Saperston, Day, P.C. Mr. Coppola joined the firm in 1983. His area of concentration is personal injury litigation.

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Charles P. Jacobs '75 is a new partner in the firm of Saperston, Day, P.C. He joined the firm in 1984. Previously he served as vice president in charge of legal matters for Envirogas Inc. His practice is focused on oil and gas law, joining venture transactions, and leveraged buyouts.

Stephen A. Levine '75, who practices law with Ted Akira Chihara in Lihue, Hawaiian Islands, returned to Kauai after two years with the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Harry F. Mooney '75 was elected vice president for development by the board of trustees of Buffalo's Studio Arena Theatre. He is a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Moot & Sprague.

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Joseph A. Sakowski '75, Elma, N.Y. town justice, married the former Mara Jean Reynolds in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Springbrook, N.Y. in February.

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Jay M. Wishingrad '75 is an attorney with the firm of Frankfurt, Garbus, Klein & Selz, P.C. in New York City.

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Laura Zeisel '75 is an attorney with the New Paltz, N.Y. law firm of Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C. Previously she served as chief prosecutor for Region 3 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Ms. Zeisel is an adjunct professor of legal studies at Marist College. She is a member of the Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence and is a director of the Women's Bar Association of N.Y.

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Patrick J. Brown '76 was chairman of "Carousel Ball," the 21st annual charity ball of Kenmore Mercy Hospital. Sponsored by the Men's Sustaining Society of the hospital, the event was held on May 3 in the Buffalo Launch Club.

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Kevin M. Dillon '76 of Amherst has been named a partner in the law firm of Condon, La Tona & Pieri, P.C. where he specializes in criminal and civil litigation. With his promotion, the name of the firm was changed to Condon, La Tona, Pieri & Dillon, P.C.

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Sue S. Gardner '76 was recognized for outstanding leadership by the Greater Buf-

falo Chapter of the American Red Cross at their 70th annual meeting on May 20 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. A partner in the law firm of Kavinoky & Cook, Mrs. Gardner served as president of the Buffalo Red Cross from 1984 to 1986.

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Eileen J. Katz '76 is a staff attorney in the Family Law Unit of Neighborhood Legal Services in Buffalo. Previously she was an attorney for seven years in the law firm of Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Schuller & James.

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Joseph A. Matteliano '76, an attorney with the Buffalo law firm of Block & Colucci, has been elected president of the Marshall Club, an organization of young lawyers of the 8th Judicial District. Serving with him are the following UB Law School alumni: vice president, Mark G. Farrell '72; treasurer, Richard G. Abbott '80; and secretary, Horace A. Gioia Jr. '80. ■

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Richard M. Miller '76 is senior attorney for Chesebrough Ponds Inc. in Greenwich, Conn.

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Gary K. Norgaard '76, a partner in the Englewood, N.J. law firm of Norgaard & Scher, serves as special counsel to financial institutions in bankruptcy litigation. He lives in Leonia, N.J.

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Scott L. Slesinger '75 of Chevy Chase, Md. was recently a guest on Ted Koppel's "Nightline" program discussing apartment construction investments. Mr. Slesinger is executive vice president of the National Apartment Association in Washington, D.C.

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Harry H. Weintraub '76 recently formed the New York City law firm of Glick and

Weintraub. He is also proud to announce that he has become a grandfather.

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Janice A. Barber '77, a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Smith, Murphy & Schoepperle, spoke on "The Importance of a Well Documented Hospital Chart in Defending Medical Malpractice Actions" during Kenmore Mercy Hospital's Nurse Education Day on April 24.

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Robert N. Convissar '77, a veteran prosecutor on the staff of Erie County District Attorney Richard J. Arcara, has been promoted to chief of operations, training, and planning. He will also serve as Arcara's executive assistant.

In his new position, Mr. Convissar will be in charge of the Erie County Central Police Services training programs for local police agencies and a continuing education program for prosecutors.

Mr. Convissar has been a prosecutor for four years. He had a private law practice before joining Arcara's 75-lawyer staff. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

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Rebecca P. Dick '77 is an attorney with the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. She is presently assigned to the legal policy section.

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Robert J. Jenkins '77 was appointed to the full-time position of Onondaga County Family Court Hearing Examiner effective November 1, 1986. Mr. Jenkins lives in Syracuse, N.Y.

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Matthew J. Leeds '77 co-authored "Cooperatives, Condominiums & Homeowner's Associations." The work is part of a four volume New York Real Estate Practice Guide published by Matthew Bender. Mr. Leeds donated a copy of this set to the UB Law Library. He is with the New York City law firm of Robinson, Silverman, Pearce, Aronsohn & Berman.

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Rodney L. Schermer '77 has been named a partner in the Grand Haven, Mich. law firm of Scholten, Fant & Marquis, P.C.

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Robert E. Scott '77 is a new partner in the Buffalo firm of Saperston, Day, P.C. He joined the firm in 1983. His practice focuses on insurance defense.

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Roger D. Avent '78, a seven-year veteran of the county attorney's office, was appointed interim county attorney by County Executive Rutkowski.

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John C. Herbert '78 received the 1985 Young Lawyer Annual Award from the Insurance Compensation and Negligence Section of the New York State Bar Association. An associate attorney with the Rochester, N.Y. firm of Harter, Secrest & Emery, Mr. Herbert was cited for his contributions to the practice of insurance law. He and his wife Amy and son Ryan live in Irondequoit, N.Y.

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William J. Kita '78 has become a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Cox, Barrell, Murrett, Ehman & Gersten. He joined the firm in 1979, where he specializes in civil litigation and real estate matters.

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Mark J. Moretti '78 has become a partner in the Rochester, N.Y. office of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber. He practices in the area of civil litigation.

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Peter A. Muth '78 is a new partner in the Buffalo law firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear. He concentrates on commercial and bankruptcy law.

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Kenneth F. Barone '79 has been named a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear. He specializes in banking law.

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Marianne B. Hanley '79 has been named a partner in the Buffalo law firm of

Magavern & Magavern, where she is a trial attorney.

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Gary M. Kanaley '79 was named a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Magavern & Magavern. A specialist in tax and corporate law, he is also a certified public accountant and teaches at Canisius College.

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Terrie B. Murray '79 has been named a regional partner for Upstate New York by Hyatt Legal Services. She was managing attorney at the firm's Buffalo-Southgate office.

1980s

Cynthia Antanaitis '80 is senior assistant counsel for the State of Connecticut Department of Banking. She resides in Hartford, Conn.

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Loula Barkas '80 recently wrote an article for the National Law Journal titled "Law Schools Must Find a Continuing Legal Education Niche." The piece dealt with the special responsibility of law schools to provide quality programs for the practicing bar. Ms. Barkas is director of the Office of Continuing Legal Education at the New York University School of Law.

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Edward Boncek '80 was elected mayor of Johnson City, N.Y. in November, 1985. He will serve a four year term.

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Alan R. Butterworth '80, an associate in the Orlando, Fla. law firm of Davis, Downing, Williams, Crowell & Foster, P.C., received his master's degree in tax from the University of Florida in 1985.

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Phillip M. McIntyre '80 has been named a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann and Mugel. His practice focuses on commercial litigation.

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John M. Pawlik '80 is a vice president of John Nuveen & Co. Inc., investment bankers in Chicago, Ill.

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Oliver C. Young '80 was attorney-coach of the Clarence High School team that placed second in the New York State mock trial tournament. The competition involved more than 400 schools. Mr. Young presently serves as a director of the UB Law Alumni Association.

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Jane Louise Bacon '81 of Williamsville, N.Y. and Navy Lt. Mark W. Pedersen '82 of Norfolk, Va. were married August 16.

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Howard E. Berger '81, a civil litigation specialist, was named a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods and Goodyear.

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Amy Jo Fricano '81 was appointed chief of Erie County District Attorney Richard J. Arcara's sex crime bureau, officially known as the Comprehensive Assault, Abuse and Rape Unit. A member of Arcara's staff since 1982, she has prosecuted approximately 200 cases. Since March, she had been a member of Arcara's felony trial bureau. Previously she had been assigned to the career criminal prosecution unit. Ms. Fricano will supervise five prosecutors in her new position.

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Edward C. Northwood '81 has been named a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear. He specializes in estate planning, trust law and estate and gift taxation law.

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Paul B. Shore '81 received his master's degree in library science from Syracuse University in 1984. He is now employed as a reference and documents librarian in the law library of Touro College School of Law in Huntington, N.Y.

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David S. Smith '81 is an attorney with the firm of Donald J. Cayea & Associates in New York City and lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

IN MEMORIAM

Helen F. Pittaway '17

Gowanda, New York
June 18, 1986

Frank G. Raichle '19

Buffalo, New York
Jan. 24, 1986

Adolph M. Newman '23

Knoxville, Tennessee
Jan. 13, 1986

Michael P. Geraci '24

Buffalo, New York
Jan. 14, 1986

Nathan Relin '26

Rochester, New York
Feb. 18, 1986

Winton H. Church '30

Tucson, Arizona
July 3, 1986

Francis J. McGrath '30

Hamburg, New York
Feb. 16, 1986

Harvey H. Monin '32

Gardenville, New York
Jan. 16, 1986

William H. Bell '34

Lockport, New York
Feb. 21, 1986

Paul W. Lapey '34

Pinehurst, North Carolina
April 23, 1986

Hon. William J. Regan '38

Buffalo, New York
July 21, 1986

Benjamin Galperin '41

Buffalo, New York
May 7, 1986

Norman B. Lewis '41

Buffalo, New York
July 4, 1986

Cornelius J. Kelleher '47

Buffalo, New York
Jan. 14, 1986

Hon. John C. Broughton '50

Lewiston, New York
June 2, 1986

William A. DePonceau '64

Kenmore, New York
Jan. 20, 1986

Joel W. Gellar '71

Hartsdale, New York
April 1986

John L. Hargrave '75

Buffalo, New York
Feb. 8, 1986

Martin A. Feinrider '78

North Miami Beach, Florida
June 16, 1986

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Michael Wiseman '81 practices law in New York City and lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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John P. Feroletto '82 has become associated with the Buffalo firm of Lewis & Lewis, P.C.

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Michael A. Fracassi '82 has formed the Law Offices of Michael A. Fracassi, P.C., with headquarters in Washington, D.C. and affiliated offices in London, Zurich and Dubai, for a practice limited to taxation and international commercial transactions. He was formerly with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Brownstein, Zeidman & Schomer.

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Lee Coppola '83, WKBW-TV Channel 7 investigative reporter, has been elected president of the University Club in Buffalo.

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Jeffrey S. Eisenberg '83 has joined Robert D. Fenster of New York City for the general practice of law.

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Neil E. Higgins '83 is an associate member of the Wall Street law firm of Bigham, Englar, Jones & Houston. He now lives in Forest Hills, N.Y.

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George W. Collins Jr. '84 of Snyder, N.Y. has been named an associate member of the Buffalo law firm of Koren, Bertell & Hoey. Collins had been a prosecutor in the Erie County District Attorney's Office.

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Robert E. Knoer '84 has become an associate with the Buffalo law firm of Grosse, Rossetti, Chelus & Herdzik.

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Paula M. Ciprich '85, an attorney with the Buffalo law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann and Mugel, and Douglas R. Edwards '85, an attorney with the Buffalo firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, are engaged to be married.

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John D. Curran '85 is an associate in the Boston, Mass. law firm of Gallagher & Gallagher, P.C. He resides in Milton, Mass.

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Randy Donatelli '85 of Savannah, Ga. is an associate in the Savannah law firm of Brennan, Harris & Rominger. He specializes in admiralty and maritime law.

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Marc N. Garver '85, presently a law clerk in Dallas, Tx. for Federal District Court Judge Jerry Buchmeyer, plans to work in the litigation department in the Dallas office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, a Los Angeles-based law firm.

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Heidi Juhl '85 of Coconut Creek, Fla. is an associate member of the Baco Raton, Fla. law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King.

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Michelle C. Lombino '85 has been appointed an associate member of the Buffalo law firm of Magavern & Magavern.

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Richard A. Moore '85 has been appointed an associate member of the Buffalo law firm of Magavern & Magavern.