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Fleischmann Wins Jaeckle Award

The Law School's celebration of its first century continued Saturday, March 5, 1988 at a Centennial Law Convocation when President Steven B. Sample presented the 1988 Edwin F. Jaeckle Award posthumously to Manly Fleischmann '33. Fleischmann was a renowned UB Law School graduate who died in March, 1987, after a distinguished career in legal service and education. The award was presented to Fleischmann's widow, Lois, during ceremonies held in the Center for Tomorrow.

It was the first time that the Jaeckle award — the highest honor the Law School can bestow — was given posthumously since it was established in 1976. Fleischmann had previously received the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal, which is UB's highest honor, and the SUNY Distinguished Citizen Award, among many others.

"The man whom we honor today symbolized the tradition of excellence which has characterized legal education and the legal profession here in Buffalo," Sample said.

"While we recognize the enormous contribution which Mr. Fleischmann has made to state, national and international law and relations, we also recall his close association with the university and the important influence he had on its early development."

A graduate of Harvard University, Fleischmann taught on the UB law faculty and was one of the original trustees of the UB Foundation. In 1965, Governor Rockefeller appointed him to the SUNY Board of Trustees, a position he held until 1979.

"Fortunately, Manly Fleischmann had the satisfaction of seeing many of his ideas transformed into realities," said Sample, noting he had participated in the decisions to merge UB into the SUNY system, and to build the campus in Amherst.

Professor Albert R. Mugel, who has taught in the Law School for almost 50 years, also spoke movingly of his late friend and partner in the Buffalo law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann and Mugel.

"Manly was much more than just a member of our firm," Mugel said. "He was a great lawyer who was in residence at our firm, the way that a great musician might be in residence at a university ... He was our centerpiece."

Fleischmann was "born into the law," said Mugel. His father Simon was a noted lawyer at the turn-of-the-century. For much of his career he practiced with his two brothers, Adelbert and Justice.

"It was clear from his early years that he was an exceptional person," Mugel told the audience of over 200. "The day he was admitted to the bar at the Appellate Division, he argued a case before the Appellate Division," Mugel recalled.

Accepting the Jaeckle award, Mrs. Fleischmann said, "It's pleasing to me and the family and Manly's partners that he is so well remembered by his alma mater.

"This same alma mater gave Manly another wonderful honor more than 50 years ago," she recalled — a $100 gift towards his senior year tuition. That scholarship money enabled Fleischmann to finish his legal studies.

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Joseph G. Makowski, corporate counsel for Computer Task Group, Inc., was elected president of the University at Buffalo Law Alumni Association at the organization's June 16th meeting.

Prior to joining CTG, Makowski was associated with the Buffalo law firm of Albrecht, Maguire, Heffern & Gregg, P.C. He also serves on the board of directors of Neighborhood Legal Services and is presently chairman of the City of Buffalo Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee, among numerous other activities. Makowski graduated from UB Law School in 1979.

Other officers elected were: David E. Parker '77, president elect; Margaret Lillis-Snajczuk '84, vice president; Thomas M. Ward '66, treasurer; and Robert C. Schaus '53, secretary.

 Newly elected to the board of directors are: Mona L. Baskin '82, Peter J. Fiorella, Jr. '63, Garry M. Graber '78, Sharyn G. Rogers '77, K. Michael Sawicki '73, Hon. Robert E. Whelan '70 and Helen W. Zimmermann '81.

At the June meeting, outgoing President Robert W. Keller '66 was presented with a plaque of appreciation for a job well done. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the following outgoing members of the Board of Directors: Hon. Barbara Howe '80, Dan D. Kohane '79, Hon. Edmund F. Maxwell '49 and Eugene F. Pigott, Jr. '73.