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Five graduates received Distinguished Alumni Awards at the Law Alumni Association's 33rd annual meeting and awards dinner, held on Wednesday, May 3, 1995, in the Hyatt Regency Buffalo.

These awards, established by the association's board of directors in 1963, recognize the valuable contributions that Law School alumni have made to their profession and community.

In addition, Rep. John J. LaFalce received the first Aaron N. Bloch award for service by a non-alumni, "for significant contributions to federal legislation and distinguished service to the University at Buffalo Law School community."

Approximately 350 people attended the event. Awards were presented to:

- Honorable Joseph P. McCarthy '61, acting state Supreme Court justice supervising judge of criminal courts, 8th Judicial District, "for his conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary." Elected an Erie County judge in 1977, McCarthy has lectured at the law school since 1975. A former member of the board of directors of Neighborhood Legal Services, McCarthy lives in North Buffalo.

- John H. Stenger '58, a senior partner in the firm of Stenger & Finnerty, "for his leadership by example as a private practitioner." Stenger has served as an assistant U.S. attorney, as a special assistant to the New York Attorney General in litigation related to the 1971 Attica Prison riots, and as special counsel to Erie County in litigation arising from an aborted domed stadium project. A fellow in the

American College of Trial Lawyers, he resides in Snyder. Mitchell M. Stenger accepted the award for his father, who was out of town.

- Thomas Maligno '77, executive director of Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee Inc., "for his commitment to public service." Maligno is responsible for all aspects of management, including fundraising and litigation supervision, for the bi-county legal services program. A member of numerous committees of the Nassau County Bar Association, he received the New York State Pro Bono Award in 1992. He lives in Huntington Station.

- Anthony J. Colucci Jr. '58 of Block & Colucci, "for his many contributions to the betterment of the community." Colucci served as chairman of the Buffalo Civil Service Commission for 18 years and as president of the Erie County and New York State Bar associations. He served as president of the Catholic Lawyers

Guild, the Marshall Lawyers Club and as a director and officer of the Erie County Bar Association. Past president of the Erie County Bar Foundation and UB Law Alumni Association, he lives in Buffalo.

- Diane J. McMahon '78, general manager and executive president at Stovroff and Herman Realtors, "for her exemplary performance in business." McMahon oversees all aspects of the real estate firm while concentrating on strategic planning and systems. She previously served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for Ecostar International in Tonawanda, a plastics manufacturing firm. She was also a partner for 14 years in the Buffalo law firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods and Goodyear, where she concentrated in real estate law and securities. She resides in Buffalo.

- Honorable John J. LaFalce, (D-NY) U.S. congressman representing the 29th District of New York, for being a forceful and effective advocate of UB Law School. LaFalce was first elected to Congress in 1974 and is a member of the House Banking and Financial Services Committee and the Small Business Committee. He lives in Kenmore. ■



Law Alumni President Peter J. Fiorella Jr. (center) with distinguished alumni award recipients