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# Alumni Association

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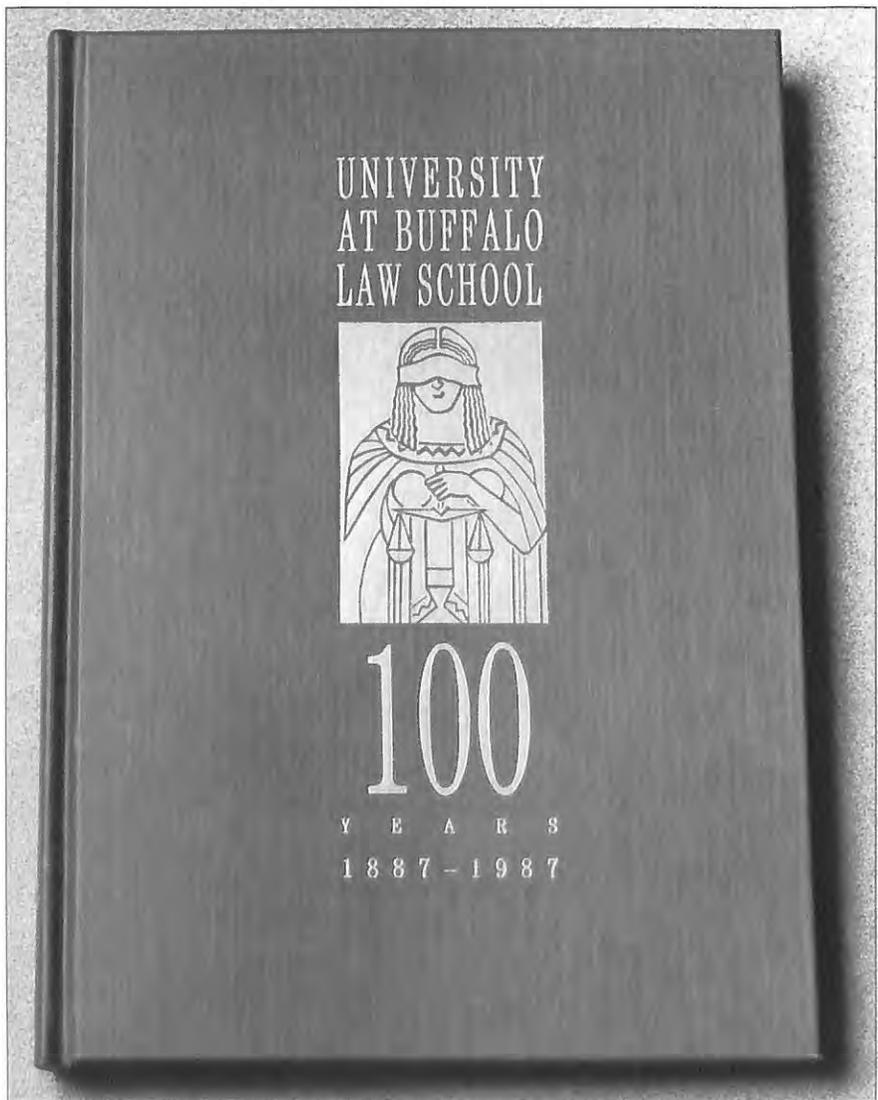
**W**hen the Law School celebrated its Centennial in 1987, alumni renewed their interest in the growth and development of the Law School over the past 100 years. The Centennial Steering Committee decided to establish a History Committee and charged them with a monumental task: compile and publish a history of the Law School's first century.

The book, *University at Buffalo Law School: 100 Years 1887-1987*, has now been published. The handsome hardcover volume has been sent free of charge to all alumni, students, faculty and staff of the Law School, to libraries, media, and to all 175 American Bar Association law schools.

When researching in depth, you discover how rich and fascinating our Law School's history is, say the authors, Robert C. Schaus '53, of Eggertsville, N.Y., a founder of Schaus & Schaus, and James Arnone '85, of Buffalo, an associate in Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel. "It's something to be proud of," they write in their introductory remarks.

High points in the 286-page book include the story behind the Law School's brief affiliation with Niagara University; the long and productive tenure of Dean Carlos Alden; the reasons why Buffalo Law School joined the state university system; and the impact of the move to O'Brian Hall on the Amherst campus.

One of the chapters traces the growth of the Law Alumni Association from its founding and analyzes the reasons for its success. Other chapters fol-



low the development of the library, and detail various student organizations.

Contained in the book is a list of all faculty members from 1887 to the present, as well as a comprehensive list of graduates — approximately 10,000 names. An index makes it easy to find whatever you're looking for.

Researching and writing the history was a tremendous undertaking for Schaus and Arnone, who began their work as soon as the committee was formed. Their task was made easier by Gilbert J. Pederson, a member of the Class of 1933, who had already written *The Buffalo Law School: 75 Years*, a history of the Law School that was published in 1962 for the School's 75th anniversary.

To make the project manageable, they divided the job in half: Arnone took the first 50 years, Schaus the last. For a year-and-a-half, the two volunteers spent much of their free time pouring over dusty documents in archives and libraries and toiling over their word processors. Faithfully each week, they met at Schaus' home to review their work-in-progress with Ann F. Whitcher, editor of *The Reporter*, who served as volunteer editorial adviser. Whitcher is connected to the Law School through her father Francis R. Whitcher '49 and her brother Michael Whitcher '85.

Alan Kegler, who works in the university's publications department, designed the book. Alan S. Carrel, associate dean of the Law School, led the fund-raising effort from alumni and law firms that paid for it, and Ilene Fleischmann, director of alumni and communications in the Law School, oversaw its production.

"I'm a history nut. It was a lot of fun, but also a lot of work," says Schaus.

Says Arnone, "I enjoy history, and it was great working with Bob. He was tireless in his effort to make sure that we produced the best history we could — as factual and accurate as possible, but with enough juicy anecdotes to make it a book people would want to read."

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

*As we expected, people were generally amazed to receive our history, free, in the mail. Many, such as Carolyn Connors Balowitz, wrote to say how much they appreciated receiving it.*

*"It is a beautiful book, which I expect to prize and enjoy forever," she wrote.*

*Dominic F. Nigro, of Sacramento, Calif., wrote:*

*"It was a most pleasant and welcome surprise to receive the book recounting the first 100 years of the University at Buffalo Law School. A big, broad smile covered my face as I thumbed through the pages, reading about the old days and reminding me of my three years at 77 West Eagle St., with Carlos Alden as our dean. He was a wonderful man.*

*"I was in the Class of 1933 and celebrated 60 years as a lawyer in June. Those years were some of the best of times.*

*"What beautiful memories are conjured up when I see the names of all my classmates, who I remember very well. Oh, the wonderful times we used to have!*

*"I will treasure this book and will pick it up very often, flip through the pages, and smile as I do so.*

*"Thanks for the memories."*

*Several law school deans, including Marjorie L. Girth, of Georgia State University College of Law, formerly a professor at UB Law, William L. Wilks, of South Texas College of Law, Frank J. Macchiarola, of Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, and John D. Feerick of Fordham University School of Law, sent letters.*

*"It was a treat well worth waiting for," wrote Girth.*

*"It makes interesting reading even for a non-alum and the pictures are tremendous," said Wilks. "I hope we reach one hundred."*

*"It was fun to leaf through it... You can take real pride in your school," wrote Macchiarola.*

*Florence Fradin, assistant dean in the UB Graduate School of Education, was more blunt. She wrote:*

*"I am jealous." ■*

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## CORRECTION

We worked hard to produce a quality book that was historically accurate. However, considering the many lists and thousands of names that were printed, there were bound to be mistakes. We apologize to Richard E. Gottlieb, Class of 1985, who was unintentionally left out of the list of Student Bar Association presidents. Gottlieb served as president from 1984-85.

If you notice any other mistakes, please call them to our attention and we will print the correction in a future *Forum*. ■