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When Jeffrey Stravino '97 was informed that he had been selected as a judicial clerk for Hon. John T. Curtin, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, "I was thrilled," he said. Stravino reviews individual cases scheduled before Judge Curtin, researches matters of law, and prepares proposals for the judge based upon his findings. "My research and writing skills have greatly improved, and I have had the opportunity to see things from this side of the bench," Stravino says.

"I have seen great lawyers and lawyering traits that I hope someday to emulate. On the other hand, I have seen things that I now know not to do." Stravino, who graduated from Harvard University as an undergraduate, is considering a career in litigation. Commending his law school, he says, "I really enjoyed UB Law. It was excellent preparation for what I'm doing now."

Every year, a select number of graduating students at UB Law receive the honor of obtaining a position as clerk to a member of the judiciary. In 1997, that number reached an all-time high when 15 UB Law graduates were selected in stiff competition with law students from across the country.

"We're extremely proud of how well our graduates did this year in winning clerkships," says Audrey Koscielniak, Assistant Dean and Director for Career Development. "These are very prestigious

positions and provide our graduates with incredible experience and exposure to the judicial system."

In addition to Stravino, the following members of the Class of 1997 were appointed to judicial clerkship positions:

Flora Chan

Massachusetts Superior Court, Boston, Mass.

Michael E. Chase

Hon. John T. Elfvin, U.S. District Court, WDNY, Buffalo

Abbie J. Chessler

Chief Judge F. A. Little Jr., U.S. District Court, Alexandria, La.

Colleen Farrell

NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Department, Rochester, N.Y.

Danielle M. Grimm

Hon. Deborah J. Venezia, New Jersey Superior Court, New Brunswick, N.J.

Craig A. Hurley-Leslie

NYS Court of Appeals, Albany, N.Y.

Kathryn K. Lee

NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Department, Rochester, N.Y.

Craig Matanle

Vermont Supreme Court, Montpelier, VT.

Amanda Meredith

U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, Washington, D.C.

Michelle K. Navin

NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 3rd Department, Albany, N.Y.

Marianne A. Pansa

US Executive Office of Immigration Review, Seattle, Wash.

Karen Richardson

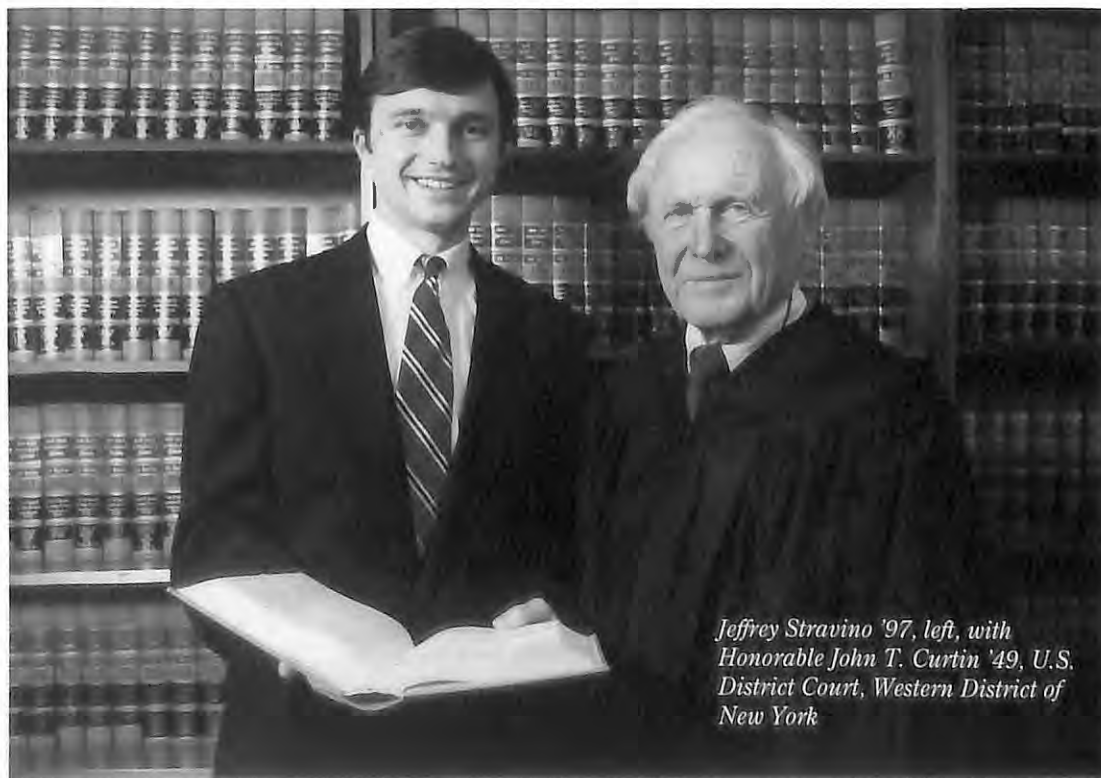
NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Department, Rochester, N.Y.

Jeremy W. Schulman

Hon. John M. Steadman, D.C. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C.

Denise Yates

Magistrate Judge Roger L. Hunt, U.S. District Court, Las Vegas, Nev. ●



Jeffrey Stravino '97, left, with Honorable John T. Curtin '49, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

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