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**Honorable M. Dolores Denman**  
Class of 1965

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"A life to be greatly celebrated, a loss to be deeply mourned."

—Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye from her eulogy
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Message from the Dean
UB Law School is thriving: Planning has begun for a major renovation of O'Brian Hall; our recruitment efforts are attracting significant increases in applications; continued innovation by our faculty is shaping a rich curriculum for our students; our placement programs are being strengthened; and our national reputation for excellence in scholarship is growing. Indeed, by any measure, we are advancing our performance to unprecedented levels.

I am particularly pleased to report such good news in light of the difficult financial environment for the State University of New York. Decreases in state funding for SUNY have required a much greater reliance on alternative sources of support. You, our alumni and friends nationwide, are rising to this challenge. Your generous participation in our annual fund has helped to keep us moving forward on many fronts. Soon, we will be announcing a major capital campaign envisioning the UB Law School of the future and providing the financial resources to secure that future for decades to come.

As we prepare to ask for major new investments in our Law School, I believe it is critical for all of us to listen to our alumni. I have enjoyed my travels around the country, meeting with our alumni in California, Florida, Washington, D.C., New York City, Rochester and Syracuse, as well as those here on the Niagara frontier. In small group meetings, cocktail parties, dinners, and firm events, I have received invaluable feedback from countless alumni and friends who care deeply about our Law School. These discussions and the ideas they have generated will inform our agenda as we move forward.

Next time you visit us, the Law School will undoubtedly look very different. An elegant new student lounge opened last year to rave reviews by students. With alumni and University support, the cavernous Moot Court room is scheduled for transformation into a state-of-the-art courtroom with a number of high tech classrooms. Federal, state and local judges have already expressed enthusiasm for bringing their trial and appellate proceedings to our new facility.

As exciting as these physical changes may be, it is the people in our Law School community who make UB Law so unique. All of us together — students, faculty, staff and alumni — must continue to build and sustain this dynamic institution.

R. Nils Olsen
Front row: Hon. Melanie L. Cyganowski '81, Hon. Ann T. Mikoll '54
Back row, left to right: Hon. Rose D. LaMendola '55, Hon. Barbara Howe '80 and Hon. M. Dolores Denman '65
One hundred years ago, the first two women graduated from what was then Buffalo Law School. They did pretty well for themselves: Helen Z.M. Rodgers became the first woman to argue before the New York Court of Appeals, and Cecil B. Wiener was a judge in the predecessor to Family Court. Both were attorneys for 20 years before the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave them the right to vote.

Recently the University at Buffalo Law School honored that landmark graduation anniversary in a daylong conference. Attendees were invited to reflect on the accomplishments and the future of women in the legal profession, and more than 100 students, faculty and members of Buffalo’s legal community took part.
The conference, "Sisters in Law: A Century of Achievement at UB," was held on Oct. 22, 1999. The salute included several speakers and presentations, an alumnae panel discussion, a salute to women in the judiciary and several educational seminars.

Though much of the event focused on the history and achievements of UB Law alumnae — the school has graduated 3,016 women to date — attendees were reminded of women's long struggle nationally to become a full part of the profession. The struggle, several speakers declared, is not finished.

"While we have a lot to celebrate, we still have a lot to accomplish," UB Law School Dean R. Nils Olsen Jr. said during opening remarks. "Those of us who study the legal profession pin a great deal of hope on the democratization of the profession and the influence that women within the legal profession will ultimately render in terms of the way we interact and serve the society."

The event's keynote speaker was author Lorraine Dusky, who discussed landmark events in the history of women in law. An award-winning journalist, she wrote the book Still Unequal: The Shameful Truth About Women and Justice in America (Crown).

Dusky listed several "courageous women who brought us here" by pushing to get into what had been a male-dominated profession. In particular, she detailed resistance against women's move into the legal field, even after the first women were admitted to law schools (at Washington University, the University of Iowa and Howard University) in 1869. Yale had at one point denied diplomas to women who completed school there, and the New York Times had editorialized that "married women could serve themselves and humanity better than by becoming lawyers."

"And so it went, state by state by state," Dusky said. "We would win some, we would lose some. And the men would come up with some imagined reason why we shouldn't be allowed to be a member of the Bar. But we were proving that we could do it, and a few good men were listening."

One pioneering woman attorney, Dusky said, had a male adversary "who once suggested she would be better off at home raising children. She coolly shot back: 'I had rather be in almost any business than raise a man such as you.' You have to love these women. Their hardships were great, the discrimination seemingly insurmountable, but their legacy is the doors they opened for us."

And, she said, "Consider how far we have come. Forty-five percent of all law students are women, and it is 50 percent here. Twenty-six percent of the lawyers in the country are women. Fourteen percent of the partners in law firms are women. Fourteen of the states' highest courts and that of the District of Columbia are headed by women. There are two women on the U.S. Supreme Court, and Janet Reno is still the attorney general."

Dusky offered advice to today's female law students and graduates: "Mentor each other. Mentor new associates. Don't let them fall between the cracks. If you are a teacher, man or woman, your job is clear: Be a strong advocate for women students. Support each other."

During a panel discussion, six UB Law graduates of different ages discussed their school, professional and personal experiences across the decades. The speakers were Lillian Cowan '27, Hon. Mary Ann Killeen '52, Hon. Betsy Hurley '61, Hon. Rose H. Sciones '61, Barbara Kavanaugh '83 and Tanya Guzman '99. Together, they painted a picture of a profession that gradually — painfully — opened its doors to women.

Cowan, who still practices law, recounted her friendship with pioneers Rodgers and Wiener, who both mentored female law students while Cowan was enrolled at UB Law.

"It was my privilege to know these women and admire them," said Cowan, one of six women in a graduating class of 100. Beginning her practice when the Great Depression hit in 1929, she found work in the Social Security Department. She continued practicing law while raising a family.

"After I got married, I wanted to be with my children and do law work. I kind of fitted law into my life. I worked at home, and grad-
Clockwise from top left:
Hon. Melanie L. Cyganowski ’81
Hon. Ann T. Mikoll ’54
Hon. Mary Ann Kileen ’52
Hon. Betsy G. Harley ’61
Sara Horowitz ’89
Hon. Rose H. Sconiers ’73
Lorraine Dusky

Center:
Rosemarie E. Farrell ’91 and
Lillian E. Cowan ‘77
“Sure, we fought discrimination from time to time. That is in the air and it will always be in the air. We will probably be fighting that all our days, your days and mine. But I always figured that if you have a case, if you do your very best for your client, you are really on a little higher plane, because they will be telling their friends, ‘Oh, what a good job she did, and she was a woman.”

“It wasn’t easy,” said Killeen, who went from a large law firm to election to Buffalo City Court, on the second attempt. “You get a little cynical when you are told by a partner in your law firm, quote, ‘Over my dead body will there be a woman partner in this office.’”

Hurley said she and the other four women in her entering class of 79 law students faced suspicions that they were in school strictly to land a husband. But she found support in a women lawyers’ group that acted as mentors to the women students, and moved from a large firm to a solo practice in Lockport — operating part time out of her home, where she said, “when the phone rang, that was a signal to my young daughter to start getting into things.”

“I think I have been treated with respect by my fellow attorneys,” Hurley said. “But I have always had the philosophy that you can get more with sugar than you can with vinegar. If you go into something with your hackles up, you are going to produce the worst in the person you are dealing with. If you kind of sneak around and be nice to them, they do not know what you are doing, and you get a lot done that way.”

Scioniers spoke of several situations in which she struggled to be taken seriously. “Being taken seriously was a challenge I faced. Being an African-American woman was a double challenge,” she said.

She told of having a hard time finding a study group that would accept her in law school, and of being mistaken by a judge for a client. But success, she said, is sweet: “It is hard not to take you seriously when you are sitting behind that bench with that black robe on.”

Kavanaugh said law school was “a tremendous experience for me. It was my first experience of women as a community. My three years in law school shaped me and changed me to such a degree that the suburban displaced homemaker who first moved to Buffalo left law school with a commitment to a career in public service that has never changed.

“I remember law school,” she said, “as a period of intellectual and self-discovery, including the discovery of a women’s community that led me to use my career in the different ways that I have — in legal services, and certainly in politics, to represent and be sensitive to communities that traditionally have been excluded.”

Recent graduate Guzman spoke of some salutary trends: more diversity among attorneys, good job prospects for recent graduates, and “an increase in women who are passionate about making a difference, getting things done and being successful.”

“As women, we have come a long way and made a lot of progress,” she said. “There is room for all of us, and we should continue to support and uplift one another.”

A luncheon honored UB Law’s 27 women graduates who are currently serving in judicial posts throughout the country. Receiving special citations were four justices of the New York State Supreme Court: Hon. M. Dolores Denman ’65, Hon. Jacqueline M. Koschian ’59, Hon. Rose D. Lamendola ’55 and Hon. Ann T. Mikoll ’54.

The luncheon program’s speaker was the Hon. Melanie D. Cyganowski ’81, a U.S. bankruptcy judge in the Eastern District of New York, in Hauppauge. She discussed the history of UB Law, particularly of the women students here, and of women in the judiciary.

“In 1897, when Wiener and Rodgers entered law school, society didn’t hold women professionals in esteem,” Cyganowski said, noting that an 1897 census showed only 182 female law students in the entire United States. She discussed the pressures placed on politicians and schools to bring women into law school and the judiciary, through Sandra Day O’Connor’s placement as the United States’ first female Supreme Court justice in 1981.

The conference included four substantive classroom sessions, on the topics “Balancing Work and Family,” “Workplace Rights,” “Women and Their Money” and “Access to Health Care.”

A congratulatory letter from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton highlighted the conference. Noting that she spoke at the 150th anniversary of the Women’s Rights Convention in nearby Seneca Falls, Clinton, herself an attorney, tied women’s struggles for workplace equality to family issues. “If women flourish,” she wrote, “their families flourish.”
Clockwise from top left:
Vice Dean Dianne Avery '82, left, and Hon. Denise E. O'Donnell '82
Tanya E. Guzman '99
Asst. Dean Ilene R. Fleischmann, left, and Prof. Winnie F. Taylor '75
Hon. Barbara Howe '80, left, and Hon. M. Dolores Denman '65
Left to right: Irene Chiu '00, Min Min Chan '98 and Gayle L. V. Eagan '83
Professor Marjorie Girth, left, and Lorraine Dusky

Center:
Cecil B. Wiener, left, and Helen Z. M. Rodgers, both Class of 1899
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

FIRST WOMEN UB LAW GRADUATES
Helen Z. M. Rodgers Class of 1899
Cecil B. Wiener Class of 1899

FIRST WOMEN ON THE BUFFALO LAW REVIEW
Mary Davey Class of 1952
Phyllis J. Hubbard Class of 1952
Alfreda Wilczek Class of 1952
Janet C. McFarland Class of 1953
Members of the Law Review for Volume 1, 1951/52

FIRST WOMAN ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE BUFFALO LAW REVIEW
Dawn Girard Class of 1956
Book Review Editor for Volume 5, 1955/56

FIRST WOMAN EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE BUFFALO LAW REVIEW
Josephine Y. King Class of 1965
Editor in Chief for Volume 14, 1964/65

FIRST WOMAN AFRICAN-AMERICAN UB LAW GRADUATE
Barbara Merrweather Sims Class of 1955

FIRST LAW SCHOOL WOMEN'S GROUP
Association of Women Law Students began in 1974

FIRST WOMAN STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
Rosemary Gerasis Roberts Class of 1976

FIRST WOMAN ASSISTANT PROFESSORS
Josephine Y. King Class of 1965
Taught Torts and Procedure 1966/67
Barbara A. Kulzer
Taught Property 1966/67

FIRST WOMAN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Josephine Y. King Class of 1965
Taught Torts and Procedure 1967/68-1968/69

FIRST WOMAN TENURED PROFESSOR
Marjorie Girth
Taught Commercial Law and Bankruptcy from 1971/72-1990/91

FIRST WOMAN LAW LIBRARIAN AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LEGAL RESEARCH
Mildred D. Miles Jaffe
1936/37-1938/39

FIRST WOMAN ASSISTANT DEAN
Marjorie C. Mix
1972/73-1973/74

FIRST WOMAN ASSOCIATE DEAN
Marjorie Girth 1986/87

FIRST WOMAN AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROFESSOR
Judy Scales-Trent
Associate Professor 1984-90
Professor 1990 to present

FIRST WOMAN HISPANIC ASSISTANT DEAN
Vivian Garcia
1981-1986 Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs

FIRST WOMAN AFRICAN-AMERICAN DEAN
Anandra Newell
1986-1994 Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs
1995-1998 Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs

FACULTY, ADMINISTRATIVE, LAW SCHOOL AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS

FIRST WOMAN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
Bertha Strootman Class of 1912
Taught Practical Aspects of Real Property 1918/19-1931/32

FIRST WOMEN ASSOCIATE DEAN
Barbara Merriweather Sims Class of 1955

FIRST WOMAN ASSOCIATE DEAN
Marjorie Girth 1986/87

FIRST WOMAN AFRICAN-AMERICAN DEAN
Anandra Newell
1986-1994 Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs
1995-1998 Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs
FIRST WOMAN EXECutive diRector of the UNIverSity at buffalo LAW alumnI assocIatIon
Ilene R. Fleischmann
1985 to present

FIRSt woman PresidenT of the unIverSity at buffalo LAW alumnI assocIatIon
M. Dolores Denman Class of 1965
Served 1973-74

FIRSt woman To receIve the JAEckle awaRD
M. Dolores Denman Class of 1965
Awarded in 1991

CaReer and profeSSIoNAL aChievemenTs

FIRSt woman to aRgue an appeal befoRe the neW york COurt of apPEals
Helen Z.M. Rodgers Class of 1899

FIRSt woman to preSide over a neW york State COntiStutionaL COntvenTion
Helen Z.M. Rodgers Class of 1899

FIRSt woman to be eLeCTed a JUDge in eRie coUnTy
Cecil B. Wiener Class of 1899
Elected in 1932 to the Erie County Children's Court

FIRSt woman to be eLeCTed a buffalo city COurt JUDge
Madge Taggart Class of 1920
Elected to the Buffalo City Court in 1953 for a 10-year term
Elected to the Erie County Family Court in 1962, retired in 1967

FIRSt woman apPOinted Deputy aTTorney GeNeRal iN the neW york State Fraud preVenTion buReau
Marie Teresa Scalzo Class of 1924

FIRSt woman GradUate eLeCTed to the UNIverSity of RepresentatIves
Winfred C. Stanley Class of 1933
Elected to the 78th Congress in 1942 as Delegate-at-Large
Served 1943-1945

FIRSt woman lawyer on the UNIverSity of RepresentatIves
Carol McCormick Crosswell Smith Class of 1945

FIRSt woman eLeCTed president of the eRie COunTy bar assocIatIon
Maryann Saccomando Freedman Class of 1958
Served 1981/82

FIRSt woman eLeCTed president of the neW york State bar assocIatIon
Maryann Saccomando Freedman Class of 1958
Served 1987/88

FIRSt woman eLeCTed president of the neW york State bar fUndaTion
Maryann Saccomando Freedman Class of 1958
Served 1997 to present

FIRSt woman permanenTly apPOinted to the neW york State supreMe COurt, apPEllate divisiOn
M. Dolores Denman Class of 1965
Given permanent status in 1983

FIRSt woman designaTed as presiDing JusTiCe of the neW york State supreMe COurt, apPEllate divisiOn
M. Dolores Denman Class of 1965
Designated in 1991

FIRSt ub law GradUate apPOinted a fEderal COurt JUDge
Melanie L. Cyganowski Class of 1981
Appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York in 1993

FIRSt woman uniTed States aTTorney
Denise E. O'Donnell Class of 1982
Appointed for the Western District of New York in 1998

FIRSt uniVersity at buffalo law SchOol uniTed States supreMe COurt clerK
Virginia A. Seitz Class of 1985
Clerked for Justice William J. Brennan Jr. 1986/87

FIRSt woman ub law GradUate To win the prEsTigious John D. and CATHERINE T. macArThur "GeniUs" fEllowsHiP
Sara Horowitz Class of 1989
Awarded in 1999 for a five-year period
Executive Director of Working Today
110th Commencement applauds pioneering women

U B Law School's 110th Commencement was, as always, a ceremony imbued with great expectations for the professional future of the graduating class. But it was also permeated with a proud sense of the school's history. With festive banners and fond words, the ceremony looked back to 1899, the year the first two women were graduated from the Law School. And a special guest — Lillian E. Cowan '27, a pioneering woman lawyer who still practices — was honored as a role model for young women entering the profession.

The May 15, 1999, graduation, held at the Center for the Arts, featured remarks early in the proceedings by Faculty Speaker Kenneth F. Joyce, a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor. Joyce was looking backward as well — to John F. Kennedy's presidential inaugural address in 1961.

"Many of you will, I am sure, remember the most famous line of that address," Joyce said, "when President Kennedy inspired millions of young persons by saying, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.' I, too, was taken by that line, but I was more taken by another passage — one less remembered but one which has continually come back to me over the years."

Citing his work with the New York State Law Revision Commission and a local judge's difficult decision about whether to take a child from his parent if the parent was not "living up to her parental duties," Joyce said that passage, by JFK came again to mind. He quoted it: "With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own."

"That passage, of course, was intended for all of us," Joyce said, "but it is peculiarly applicable to lawyers and lawyers-to-be like yourself, who are the architects and engineers of the rule of law, without which society could not function. I truly believe that the rule of law is God's work on earth, and that lawyers like you are called to be the high priests and priestesses of God's work. And I also know that by your perseverance today you are up to that work."
Hot Cargo String
Band members
Professor Frank
Munger, Professor
James B. Atleven
and Regina M.
Sagesser '99

Professor Lucinda M.
Finley and Kimberly
A. Fannin '99

Amy C. Martouche
'99, left, and
Nancyrae Kjelgaard
'99, right.
Associate Professor Makau Mutua, another student favorite, reflected on his own intellectual and life journey that led to law school. First attracted to the profession by the respect he saw accorded to his lawyer uncle in Kenya — "when he spoke, people listened; people consulted him; many liked him; in short, he seemed powerful" — he thought differently upon entering law school. "What the study of law taught me," he said, "was that the law is a language of power. That the law and the rights and duties that are implied by it do not have an essential fixed core like fairness, a constant that is frozen for all time. I learned that the law is in fact malleable."

Given that, he told the graduating class, "Wherever you work as a lawyer, you will work at the intersection of power and powerlessness, and you must work to reduce powerlessness. You can do this well in the public interest, in law firms, in government, in the private sector, in the non-profit world, in the courts. Ultimately I challenge you to believe that, as Martin Luther King said, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice anywhere."

Graduating students Stephanie A. Cole and Russell B. Klein spoke in tag-team fashion, with Cole running through our country's essential guarantees of freedom — the Bill of Rights — and noting that each amendment has been subject to numerous challenges, interpretations and extensions. "What do these controversies, these reversals, say about the rule of law?" she asked. "Does it govern us in a manner that is consistent and meaningful, or does it blunder along, finding success in only those moments when the majority is pleased with the results it has wrought? Is occasional failure the downfall of the rule of law?"

"Perhaps it is the questions — what is right, what is just, and how can we use the law to accomplish those goals — that every member of this graduating class should keep in mind. This does not necessarily mean adopting an ideology and sticking to it. What it does mean is listening to your conscience and working for your beliefs."

Noted Klein: "We have come to a crossroads where, paradoxically, the law can be said to be driving people apart, while at the same time trying to force people together. The ugly head of hatred and the beautiful melody of innate human rights have sometimes interacted in our society in disastrous fashion. The response is to throw another law onto the fire in another effort to bring us closer together, or at least prevent us from hurting one another — censorship on the Internet and gun laws, for example, to deal with the racists and hate-mongers of society. "It seems worthy to discuss the possibility that the law has become more and more a drug to suppress the symptoms of an ill society, when the panacea to the disease has always been in front of us — man and woman, people of all cultures, backgrounds and orientations — in short, all of us here, working together."

The afternoon's keynote speaker was Hon. Denise E. O'Donnell '82, U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York. Her remarks took on a historical note as well, as she noted that the Class of 1999 was the last graduating class of the 20th century and thus will become the first new lawyers of the new millennium.

Looking at the Buffalo Law School experience a century ago, O'Donnell noted that it was more of a trade school then, staffed by volunteer lawyers and judges in the downtown Ellicott Square
Left: Kinda Serafi '99, far right, with her grandfather, center, and aunt.

Dean R. Nils Olsen Jr.

ent 1999

Rochelle D. Jackson '99, far left, Cheryl S. Jones '99, center, and Melissa R. Brown '99, far right, celebrate with their loved ones.
Building: The first two women graduates — Helen Z.M. Rodgers and Cecil B. Wiener — were actually lawyers, more than 20 years before they were granted the right to vote and full citizenship. Nor was the legal profession viewed as a particularly admirable one at the turn of the century. Law was viewed by many as a tool of big business — and served as an obstacle during the first part of the 20th century to the social reforms of the New Deal and the labor union movement.

That changed over the century, and “to a large extent, the Buffalo Law School has embodied this mid-20th century notion of law as a catalyst for social change, and has been able to keep this legal philosophy alive through lectures and seminars, legal symposiums, faculty commitment and opportunities for public service, particularly through the legal clinic programs.”

But “as the curtain drops on the 20th century,” O’Donnell said, “in many ways we have come full circle, espousing a legal philosophy more reminiscent of the self-contained view of the law that was prevalent at the turn of the century 100 years ago.”

The challenge for the Class of 1999, she said, was this: “You have the ability to fashion a new form of jurisprudence that can once again involve lawyers in the struggle for progressive social change. You can bring your mastery of technology that is certain to revolutionize the 21st century to bear to find new solutions to age-old problems. You can bring your diverse perspectives and your sense of values to the profession and seek ways to restore public confidence in legal institutions and in lawyers.”

Before the conferral of degrees, Professor Lucinda M. Finley presented Lillian E. Cowan '27, a 92-year-old lawyer who still practices, with a plaque that tied together the visions of past and future that characterized the ceremony. “In recognition of Lillian E. Cowan of the Class of 1927,” it read. “Practicing law for more than 70 years in Western New York, she continues to serve as a role model for new law graduates entering the profession.”

As a student, Cowan had met those pioneering first women graduates. “They were wonderful women,” she said, “but they seemed awfully old.” With perfect comic timing, she paused.

Then: “They must have been 50.”

She also summarized her career: “Been there, done that.” The audience roared, and she raised her voice to finish: “— And I forgot half of it.”
The following graduates received awards at Commencement:

- **Elizabeth Ann Reiter**, of Buffalo, N.Y., received the Max Koren Award, which honors the senior judged by the faculty to be the outstanding member of the graduating class. Reiter also received the Carlos C. Alden Award as the senior making the greatest contribution to the Buffalo Law Review.
- **Gerald Bamberger**, of Rochester, N.Y., received the John N. Bennett Achievement Award, for exemplifying the highest standards of the profession by virtue of scholastic achievement, leadership and dedication to the ideals of the Law School. Bamberger also was a joint recipient, along with Melissa Renee Brown, of Amherst, N.Y., of the Judge William J. Regan Award, presented to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated the greatest proficiency in estates and surrogate's law, and who is motivated by a strong concern for public service and public welfare.
- **Kinda Serafi**, of Rye, N.Y., received the Dale S. Margulis Award, for contributing the most to the Law School and the community. Serafi also received a Law Faculty Award for improving life at the Law School, and for her successful completion of two concentrations — Family Law and Law & Social Justice. In addition, she was elected to The Order of Barristers, a national oralist society whose members include students who have shown dedication and who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Moot Court board.
- **Joseph B. Laino**, of Clarence Center, N.Y., and **Roseanne J. Shaw**, of Buffalo, N.Y., jointly received the Charles Dushin Award, for demonstrating the greatest proficiency in courses, examinations and independent research in the law of real property.
- **Christopher Louis Jacobs**, of Buffalo, N.Y., received the Adolf Homburger Law Alumni Association Award, given to a graduating senior whose academic achievements in civil procedure and whose compassion for people best exemplify the qualities that Adolf Homburger sought to instill in his students.
- **Marc William Brown**, of Williamsville, N.Y., received the Judge Matthew J. Jasen Appellate Practice Award, presented to the graduating senior who in course work and Moot Court competition has shown outstanding achievement in appellate advocacy. Brown also received the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD Group Award, presented to a graduating law student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in advancing the mission of the Law School and enhancing its reputation for excellence in legal education. In addition, Brown received a Law Faculty Award for his outstanding contributions to the Moot Court program, leading it into a new era of increased national prominence and outstanding contributions to faculty, alumni and the judiciary, for representing the Law School and the University so effectively in the community through his participation and research in the State of the Region Project; and for his intellectual initiative and accomplishment in having a seminar paper published in a national peer-reviewed journal. In addition, he was elected to The Order of Barristers.
- **Timothy Patrick Noonan**, of Buffalo, N.Y., received the David Kochery Award, for taking an active part in the student community through service and involvement in one or more student organizations, and for performing exceptionally well in courses in civil procedure and remedies. Noonan also received The Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Award, recognizing students who have the best performance records in the course in Trial Technique.
- **Mimi May May Wong**, of Brooklyn, N.Y., received the Laidlaw Law Alumni Association Award, for her performance in the area of commercial law. Wong also received the 1999 American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy, for demonstrating excellence in the study of bankruptcy law.
- **Ahren Brooke Astudillo**, of Williamsville, N.Y., received the Kenneth A. Gomez Memorial Award, for exemplifying the ideals of equality and justice for all minorities. Astudillo also received a Law Faculty Award for her outstanding contributions as public interest graduate assistant in the Career Services Office, where she developed ongoing links between student groups, members of the legal community, and CSO that have enduringly enriched public service career opportunities for law students and the ability of CSO to provide programs aimed at the interests and needs of student groups. Astudillo also was elected to The Order of Barristers.
- **Katherine E. Cauley**, of Tenawanda, N.Y., received the Borzon Prize in Clinical Legal Studies, for demonstrating excellence in the Law School's clinical and trial advocacy programs. Cauley also was presented the Most Evidence Award for the best performance in the area of evidence.
- **Robert J. Gutowski**, of Wappingers Falls, N.Y., received the Justice Philip Halpern Award, for excellence in writing on the Buffalo Law Review.
- **Tennessee Dickenson**, of Bolivar, N.Y., received the Lavender Gavel Award, which was established to recognize outstanding efforts and accomplishments in the pursuit of lesbian and gay visibility, dignity and civil rights. Dickenson also received a Law Faculty Award for her extensive contribution to the Law School community. In addition to undertaking the many duties of the Outstanding presidency, she actively participated in the intellectual community on a day-to-day basis. Her energy and spirit make her a model Law School citizen in the eyes of the faculty.
- The Robert J. Connelly Trial Technique Awards recognize students who have the best performance record in the course in trial technique. **Enrique Benitez II**, of Howard Beach, N.Y., **Michael S. Cerrone**, of Orchard Park, N.Y., **Andrew David Fanizzi**, of Bridgeport, N.Y., Leonor Feliz,

- Neil Frood, of York, N.Y., and George D. Marron, of Rochester, jointly received the Prentice-Hall Award, given to the student whose academic performance in the area of taxation is outstanding. They also received the Law Faculty Award for their contribution to the law and policy of affordable housing and community economic development law. They performed with grace and dedication beyond any reasonable expectation and under sometimes difficult circumstances as the student executive editors of the Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law.

- Kimberly Forte, of Williamsville, N.Y., and Mia Marie McFarlane, of Eggertsville, N.Y., jointly received the Maurice Frey Award, as students whose academic perfor-

mance in the area of family law is most exceptional.

- Kimberly Alina Balthaser, of Buffalo, N.Y., received the New York State Bar Association Law Student Bar Association Achievement Award, which recognizes activities that constitute a positive contribution through the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association or a local or topical bar association to the aims of the legal professional and the extension of justice to the people of the State of New York and/or the people of these United States of America.

- Paige Lesley Rizzo Mecca, of Buffalo, N.Y., received the Ethics Award.

- The Order of Barriters is a national orlateis honors society. The members include students who have shown dedication and who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy and service to the Ooot Court Board. Each year, 10 students are elected to membership in the organization. Ahren Brooke Astudillo, of Williamsville, N.Y., Marc William Brown, of Williamsville, N.Y., Darleen V. Gowen, of West Seneca, N.Y., Kathleen Jane Martin, of Buffalo, N.Y., Brendan James Reagan, of Addison, N.Y., Jeffrey Francis Reina, of North Tonawanda, N.Y., Patrick James Roth, of Addison, N.Y., Nancy Beth Saunders, of Corinth, N.Y., Kinda Serafi, of Rye, N.Y., and Molly Ann Steinman, of Amherst, N.Y.

- Katherine E. Cautley, of Tonawanda, N.Y., received The 1998 Moot Evidence Award, presented for the best performance in the area of evidence.

- Law Faculty Awards are presented to those who made outstanding contributions to the Law School community. In addition to those previously mentioned, recipients are:

Patricia Marie Costanzo, of Elma, N.Y., for outstanding contributions in linking the work of the Law School with the concerns of local communities, including her work on last fall's Love Canal conference.

Theresa Marie Cusimano, of Washington, D.C., for her tireless and invaluable efforts to improve and sustain public interest programs at the Law School and to increase financial support for students pursuing public service careers.

Kimberly Forte, of Williamsville, N.Y., and Mia Marie McFarlane, of Eggertsville, N.Y., for their work as 1998 Family Law Fellows and in the Law School's clinical program. Forte, a leader of the Buffalo Public Interest Law Program, focused her work in the Special Education Law Clinic and the Family Law Colloquium on the rights of incarcerated youth to special education services. McFarlane, a dual degree student in Law and Social Work, joined with faculty from the Law School and Psychology and Social Work Departments to publish two articles on child welfare issues. She also contributed to the community response to family violence in Niagara County through her outstanding work in the Domestic Violence Clinic.

Ryan Elizabeth Harden, of North Tonawanda, N.Y., and

Stacy Renee Sandusky, of Grand Island, N.Y., who played a valuable role in making human rights and international law central to UB Law School life. They served as co-editors in chief of the Buffalo Human Rights Law Review, helping to give real meaning to this young journal and to make the Human Rights Center a hub of student activity.

David John Hoffman, of Hamburg, N.Y., was the principal organizer of the Buffalo Law Review's successful conference on "The Promise and Problems of Regionalism." The conference brought nationally recognized scholars from several disciplines to the Law School to discuss the role of regional politics and institutions may play in addressing problems of local government. Hoffman's hard work was an important contribution to intellectual life at the Law School.

Rochelle D. Jackson, of Buffalo, N.Y., for her outstanding academic progress in the areas of criminal and public international law, both within the Law School and through various internships with non-governmental organizations in Europe. She was an active member of the Latin American Law Students Association, a leader within the student community and a student editor of Law and Policy Review.

Joanne Si Ian Wong, of Ridgewood, N.Y., for her dedication to public interest causes and her leadership in the Law School community. Active in the Labor & Employment Law Association, Wong took a leading role in organizing a very successful conference on sweatshops, which brought in participants from Toronto, New York City and other locales. She has been active in raising the consciousness of the Law School about poverty and welfare reform issues. She has also been active in campus-wide advocacy for Asian students. 

Commencement

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1999 Latin Honors

Summa Cum Laude
Gerald Bamberger
Elizabeth Ann Reiter

Magna Cum Laude
Benjamin K. Bergman
Katherine E. Cauley
Michael Christopher Donlon
Randal Tod Evans
Toni Lyn Frain
George D. Marron
Timothy Patrick Noonan
Susan Deborah Reinecke
Amy M. Reiter
Dennis Kieren Schaefer
Vicki Toscano
Kathryn Jennifer Yerge

Cum Laude
Michael S. Cerrone
Michael Joseph Chmiel
Kevin C. Clor
James Michael Connolly
Harry James Forrest
Kimberly Forte
Neil Frood
Robert J. Gutowski
David John Hoffman
Ross Shannon Howard
David Charles Kelly
Linda Marie Kowalski
Matthew S. Lerner
Kirstin Day Lowry
Robert Marinovic
Kathleen Jane Martin
Nicole Shreib Mayer
Mia Maria McFarlane
Theresa Faith Merrill
Antoinetta Donna Muccilli
Sharon Kristen Prise
Raymond A. Regan
Jeffrey Francis Reina
Nancy Ann Santarelli
Nancy Beth Saunders
Roseanne J. Shaw
Henry Darnell Teegarden
Sara Lynne Thrasher
Matthew Dennis Withrow
Mimi May May Wong

Hon. Denise E. O'Donnell '82

Timothy Conti wins the staff award
Gayle L. V. Eagan '85 and Albert R. Mugel '41, partners in Jaechle, Fleischmann & Mugel, pay tribute to Erma Jaechle
Erma Hallett Jaeckle '36 receives the Law School's highest honor

It was all in the family for the 1999 Edwin F. Jaeckle Award, as UB Law School's highest honor was bestowed upon Erma Hallett Jaeckle '36, widow of the alumnus for whom the award was named.

A full house at a Nov. 6, 1999, luncheon paid tribute to Mrs. Jaeckle, whose 44-year career in the law included practice in both New York and Florida, in private practice, corporate work and government service. She and her husband, who died in 1992, are also noted for their philanthropy, including substantial gifts that have enabled the Law School to create and develop the Edwin F. Jaeckle Center for State and Local Government. The center trains law students for work in the public sector, and includes a widespread externship program that sends students into the community on a variety of assignments at government agencies.

"Mrs. Jaeckle forged a path-breaking, diverse and effective career in the law during times which were not always welcoming or supportive to women in the profession," Dean Nils R. Olsen noted at the luncheon.

The honoree's career was indeed diverse. One of four women in her graduating class, she worked for a negligence attorney, then practiced patent law at Carborundum Co. before joining the Coast Guard during World War II in the legal department of the Merchant Marine Division. After the war, she began working in the real property department of Moot & Sprague, in Buffalo. In 1950, her life took a difficult turn when her husband, a physician, died. She moved with her two young sons to St. Petersburg, Fla., to be near family.

There she practiced for a quarter-century as a trial lawyer specializing in matrimonial and child custody trials. She quickly attracted a large referral business from other attorneys who sent her cases they were unable to settle. She proved to be a rainmaker in many other areas as well, especially with respect to adoptions, estate planning and probate matters. Her firm evolved and she eventually formed the first one in her area whose partners were all female: Hallett, Ford & Thurman.

Mrs. Jaeckle was also involved in the community. She was a founder and first president of Altrusa International, a women's service organization, and helped found the St. Petersburg Business and Professional Women's Club, of which she was also the first president. She was a leader in the St. Petersburg Bar Association, serving as one of the first women on its executive board.

A homecoming of sorts came in 1977 when she married Edwin F. Jaeckle, returned to Buffalo and retired from the practice of law. The couple's involvement with UB Law School continued and expanded, and it is for that service, as well as her exemplary legal career and public service in two states, that she was honored with the award that bears her late husband's name.

Albert R. Mugel, a founding member of the firm now known as Jaeckle, Fleischmann and Mugel, and a 50-year professor at UB Law, noted that it was appropriate that this award came in a year that the school celebrated the centennial of its first women graduates.

"When Erma joined the Coast Guard," he said, "she did not think she was doing a man's work. She was doing the citizens' work. And in the practice of law down in Florida, she really did some great things. She operated at the top of the scale for legal work down there.

"I hope we remember, as we go into the next century and women become even more prominent in the law, in fact maybe predominant in the law, that the leaders of the vanguard of the women were Erma Jaeckle and women of that era."

In presenting the award, SUNY Distinguished Professor Thomas E. Headrick said: "Erma has been in many ways a pioneer — an example, as my parents used the word; a role model, in the contemporary idiom — for many people, both men and women, who have pursued and balanced the multiple demands of our profession, parenthood and public service. She has, again in the popular idiom, done it all."

"Erma Jaeckle has, over a successful career, taken up the challenges of the profession and life with quiet enthusiasm and, most important of all, with much more than a touch of class — indeed, with an abundance of class."

Mrs. Jaeckle, accepting the award (and flowers from the women lawyers currently at Jaeckle, Fleischmann), expressed her thanks: "What I did, I did because I wanted to. It has been a pleasure."

She also spoke highly of the Law School to which she and her late husband have devoted so much of their attention and resources. "I am amazed at the changes in the legal world and the manner in which the Law School is meeting these changes," she said.

"It is mind-boggling to see the extensive clinical work being done. It is also remarkable how the courses have changed over the years. Taxation? Environmental law? Trusts and Future Interests? If you suggested them back then you would have been considered a candidate for psychiatric help. And these things are now so important to the Law School and to the legal profession. It is really an incredible thing."

According to UB President and Professor of Law William R. Greiner, "You are an outstanding choice for the award that bears your late husband's name. We at UB are extremely proud of all that you have done throughout your legal career to make the world a better place."
Remembering
Honorable
M. Dolores
Denman
1931-2000

The UB Law family and the Western New York legal community are mourning the death of M. Dolores Denman '65, presiding justice of the New York State Supreme Court's Appellate Division, 4th Department, until she stepped down early this year.

Denman, 68, died on Jan. 17, 2000, in Naples, Fla., where she and her husband, attorney James B. Denman '65, were vacationing. She had been undergoing treatment for cancer.

The first woman to be appointed presiding justice of a New York State appellate court, Denman was appointed by Gov. Hugh Carey as an associate justice in the Appellate Division in 1977, along with retiring State Supreme Court Justice Ann T. Mikoll. She was named presiding justice for the Rochester-based 4th Department in 1991.

Previously, she had served as a Buffalo City Court judge for five years and before that was a top prosecutor in the Erie County district attorney's office. Her first law-related job was on the general counsel staff of the Panama Canal Co., the U.S. government corporation that governed the Panama Canal and its support facilities. She also was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for state attorney general in 1978.

She was honored in 1997 by the New York State Bar Association with the Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award for distinction on the bench, and more recently was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame.

Denman spent four years teaching high school English to pay her way through UB Law School. It was there that she met her husband, a fellow student.

"It has been a wonderful career," Denman said at the time her retirement from the bench was announced. "I have worked with some outstanding people, and I have loved the work."

The jurist echoed that theme during a luncheon as part of UB Law School's "Sisters in Law" conference on Oct. 22, 1999. "I have had great opportunities and I have loved every minute of it," she told the audience. "When I entered law school in 1962, there were only five women in the school, and only two in my class. This law school gave me a great foundation.

"She did her alma mater proud and we took enormous pride in her."

UB President William R. Greiner
"When I look and see the number of women and what they are doing and what they are accomplishing, it just makes me feel great that in a relatively short time since 1962, there are so many women and they are so prominent in the legal community. I attribute a great deal of that to their foundation at the Law School."

Tributes to the judge were many. "She was absolutely a role model for myself and a whole generation of women attorneys," said State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Howe. "She faced a terminal illness with courage and grace and dignity that was reflective of the way she lived."

Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye said at the Mass of Christian Burial, held in St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo: "Many is the story I have heard about Judge Denman's leadership, her dedication to principle and to the institution, but most especially to her people. Every one of us knows that we could have no more loyal, more fiercely devoted friend. Judge Denman's fine hand is everywhere evident, beginning with wise, beautifully crafted opinions that reflect her intelligence and writing skill. Even as a jurist, still she is teaching English grammar and composition! As the days of this week passed, the inconsolable grief I felt over the loss of a cherished colleague and friend, a beloved sister, was tempered a bit by an appreciation of how magnificently Dolores Denman had spent her days, how thoroughly enjoyable and meaningful her life was in every respect: a principled public servant; a true dispenser of justice; a kind, effective, fun-filled, loving and much-loved human being. A life to be greatly celebrated, a loss to be deeply mourned."

At the same service, Appeals Court Judge Richard C. Wesley remarked on the court's new home in Rochester: "And what a courthouse it is. For those of you who have not visited it, I ask that you think about a journey to Rochester to walk through that beautiful building, to explore its corners, to look at every carpet, chair, every light fixture — for there you will see the touch of Dolores Denman. Dolores picked everything out. That building is more than a testament to Dolores; it is Dolores — her class, her elegance, her clean and unrestricted view that justice must be an expression of a higher plane, a plane where humans aspire to the best they have to offer of themselves, a place founded on fairness, a place of hope."

Her longtime friends at the University at Buffalo also expressed their heartfelt condolences to her husband James Denman and her family. Prof. William R. Greiner, president of the University at Buffalo, said: "As a lawyer and judge, she was a peerless role model for attorneys on the bench, at the bar, in public service, or in the many other aspects of the public profession of the law. She was a special inspiration to the many women who followed her example and joined the legal profession. Her intelligence, her compassion, her knowledge of the law, and her fairness to all who appeared in her courtroom were legendary. Despite her busy schedule, she always remained involved with our Law School, both as a frequent lecturer and as a past president and active member of our Law Alumni Association. She did her alma mater proud and we took enormous pride in her."

Over the years, Justice Denman maintained close ties with UB Law School. "Dolores had an extraordinary impact on the school," wrote Dean R. Nils Olsen Jr. "She cared deeply about it and devoted many hours to helping it. Our academic and alumni programs are broader and richer because of her input. Our students owe her a debt of gratitude as well, because they each benefit from her extensive involvement. As you know, Dolores held every alumni leadership position imaginable, received every honor we have to give, and was a charter member of the Dean's Advisory Council. I, and many of my predecessors, benefited greatly from her knowledge, insight and wise advice."

Ilene R. Fleischmann, executive director of the UB Law Alumni Association, expressed similar sentiments. "Dolores unquestionably set the standard for leadership, excellence and service," she wrote. "No one did more to advance the interests and stature of the Law School through its alumni than she. And no one was more beloved. She was our ideal alumna — committed, caring, loyal and involved. She was a role model for all our students, the ultimate legal professional. From presiding over our Moot Court, to conferring awards at our Annual Dinner, to greeting new students at our orientation: how proud we were that she was ours! And we always felt that she reciprocated our love and devotion. Quite simply, she was the best and no one can ever take her place."

Besides her husband of 35 years, survivors include two sons, a daughter, a brother, and three grandchildren.
While working as a labor attorney and union organizer in New York City for several years in the early 1990s, UB Law alumna Sara Horowitz got a close-up view of how a changing world was leaving workers behind.

She watched as the Information Age created a growing class of temporary, freelance and part-time workers, many of whom were unable to secure normal workplace benefits. So in 1995 she created Working Today, an organization to remedy what she felt was a flaw in the new system.

For her efforts, Horowitz, a New York City resident, was awarded a “genius” fellowship last year from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. She is one of 32 fellows selected to receive unrestricted support, ranging from $200,000 to $375,000 over five years, to pursue their ideas and projects. Horowitz will receive $275,000.

“The idea is to support people who do different things, and to take away any financial constraints that could get in the way of their work,” Horowitz said.

Working Today, which has 10 employees, offers affordable health insurance, technical assistance, legal services and retirement investment plans to more than 5,000 temporary, part-time, contract and independent workers in the New York area. Officially contracting with 25 large organizations, Working Today also offers its services to individuals not affiliated with a larger agency.

Members range from temporary, minimum-wage earners to more affluent employees in new high-tech jobs.

“It’s an organization that represents people who work independently, as freelancers, temps, part-time independent contractors — people who typically fall out of the safety net,” Horowitz said.

Her efforts have established her as an increasingly important voice in policy debates on issues such as jobs, pension and health insurance portability, and relief from Social Security taxes for independent workers.

“The nature of work has changed, and every time the nature of work changes, there is a dislocation,” she said. “Business sets itself up in ways that allow it to support itself, and that leads to prosperity. But that means we have to start looking at what supports are in place to allow people to work in this new way.

“Our activities are geared toward promoting a safety net, as people are increasingly mobile and working short term. Because people are moving around so much they are having a hard time maintaining health benefits, pensions and even unemployment insurance. That is part of an advocacy agenda.”

That agenda was very much in evi-

Sara Horowitz, a certified...
Herald Price Fahringer v. the City of New York

He has had success in representing such notorious figures as Hustler publisher Larry Flynt, and has defended such notable accused criminals as Claus von Bulow and Jean Harris. But when Herald Price Fahringer '56 addressed the 10th annual Buffalo Law Review Dinner, he talked at length about something perhaps more instructive: one of his failures.

The address, to a packed room at The Buffalo Club, concerned the rezoning of New York City's Times Square — an obvious attempt by the city to squeeze out sex-related businesses, such as booksellers and video stores, from one of the city's most high-profile neighborhoods. Fahringer represented the business owners on First Amendment grounds, arguing that the 1995 zoning resolution was "patently unconstitutional." "Twenty-three judges heard the case, on the state and federal levels, and," he said wryly, "not one of them agreed with our position."

As originally written, Fahringer said, the law would eliminate 85 percent of the adult entertainment industry in New York City, and 90 percent of the adult video stores and bookstores in the borough of Manhattan. "We thought that was a rather severe piece of legislation," he said.

Fahringer put the case in context by noting that "sexual expression has always been treated differently through history than any other form of expression. We have a long history in this country, an aversion for any form of public display of sex. We are the only nation in the world to prosecute aggressively books, films and publications on the subject of sex. It started with the postal laws, and now the most convenient vehicle for controlling this form of sexual expression is the zoning law."

Such efforts continue, he said, even though no study has shown that adult-oriented businesses cause any social harm in the form of increased crime or decreased real property values.

The case took some strange turns. The city, Fahringer said, had used a computer mapping program to indicate where in the five boroughs adult businesses would be allowed under the ordinance — "only little pockets of New York City," he said. So "we went out with a video camera and videotaped every place they said we could move to. It took three months. Mostly they were warehouse districts, remote areas of Staten Island without roads or streetlights, some of the worst places you can imagine."

"This was a media frenzy because it involved sex and sex shops. There were days we had four or five camera crews up to the office. But the media were not our allies. They did not identify much with the bookstores and the video stores. The New York Times, which is right on Times Square, of course, wrote editorial after editorial saying the administration was doing the right thing."

But, Fahringer said, "one of the most cherished rights of we the people is the right to decide what to read and what to look at. These zoning laws are just a form of censorship." And there is ample evidence, he said, that the American people want to decide for themselves: 40 percent of all videotapes rented are adult in nature, and in 1998 adult entertainment was a $10 billion industry. "There is an enormous demand for this type of information," Fahringer said, "and on the other side a government trying to suppress it."

There is a coda to the white-haired lawyer's crusade on behalf of the adult entertainment industry. A revised law now says New York City stores can sell adult material as long as it does not make up the bulk of their wares — the so-called "60-40 rule," saying that no more than 40 percent of the merchandise can be sex-related.

"Since July of last year," Fahringer said, "much of my time has been spent litigating this 60-40 rule. It involves a lot of architectural drawings with different areas marked off, and the judge saying, 'That looks like 40 percent to me,' and the city attorney would say, 'Yes, your honor, but you see, they are not counting the bathrooms and the stairways.'"

His work on behalf of such establishments continues. It is an uphill struggle; a New York Times profile at the end of 1999 noted 29 court cases he had fought when the city went after clients for not complying with the new law. Only once was he able to prevail. In that case, the New York State Court of Appeals ruled that the city had been overzealous in trying to close a video store that had put forth a good-faith effort to operate within the law.
"We are the only nation in the world to prosecute this aggressively books, films and publications on the subject of sex."
California has been a magnet for new construction of all kinds as development has escalated over the past 20 years," says Kenneth S. Kasdan, Class of 1976. "But despite the existence of clear building codes, construction defects have continued to surface, seriously impacting the integrity and value of many structures, both residential and commercial. I attribute many of these problems to haste, lack of caring and cost-cutting in construction.

"As I've said a hundred times, if builders would just follow the building codes, they would put my law firm out of business."

Nationally renowned as an authority in construction defect litigation, Kasdan is senior partner in the Orange County, California-based law firm Kasdan, Simmons, McIntyre, Epstein & Martin, with offices in Irvine and San Jose. Soft-spoken and understated, his attention to detail in representing plaintiffs in major cases while forcefully communicating the facts has helped him and his fellow attorneys create a unique legal specialty.

Kasdan recently came to Buffalo to share that expertise with law students. He taught a bridge course that focuses on his own real-world experiences, including: case management of complex civil litigation; the use of expert witnesses and presentation of evidence in complex litigation; and a summary of litigation techniques as practiced by his firm.

"I feel a special bond to UB Law that comes from knowing that its graduates are soundly prepared for success," Kasdan says. "The rest is up to the individual. But this school gets you ready to strive for the top of the legal profession."

Kasdan serves as a judge pro tem of the Orange County, Calif., Superior Court and as a member of the Orange County Superior Court Judicial Arbitration Panel. In addition to memberships in traditional legal organizations, such as the American Bar Association and Consumer Attorneys of California, Kasdan also belongs to organizations not commonly supported by lawyers.

For example, he is a member of the International Conference of Building Officials, where he is involved in the development and maintenance of building codes, and has offered testimony before nationwide code conferences. He is also a member of the American Concrete Institute (ACI), an industry organization drafting model codes. Kasdan believes this is extremely important, because the present recognition of plaintiffs' rights in construction defect litigation is critical to the protection of consumers in the nation's homebuilding industry.

His message is simple but powerful: Just build it right.

Kasdan notes that one of the most serious chronic defects — and one which is clearly addressed in the Uniform Building Codes — stems from the use of substandard cement mixture which can become a victim of sulfate attack in California's salty coastal soil.

"Since this defect impacts critical load-bearing foundations and walls, the net effect is the most serious kind of damage to many structures. Some of those hit hardest have been individual homeowners who had, in good faith, purchased new homes built by California's largest homebuilders," he says.

Kasdan's firm recently won a trailblazing case against a major builder that involved sulfate damage to homes in the Orange County city of Yorba Linda. In the first such construction defect trial in the United States including sulfate attack to residential structures, 24 homeowners were awarded $1.75 million by an Orange County Superior Court jury. All previous sulfate cases handled by Kasdan's firm were settled out of court, or during initial stages of trial.
Before Kasdan came onto the scene, construction defects litigation on behalf of property owners was routinely directed by construction experts brought in to handle the cases while attorneys complacently stood on the sidelines. Kasdan, however, perceived that an inequity existed. Property owners typically might be paid an average of $25,000 to settle a construction defect case, when the entire value of their homes had been compromised and the structures rendered potentially unsafe — all because of a clear violation of existing building codes.

"Today, because of what I would like to believe is our diligence on behalf of our plaintiff clients, virtually all of whom are homeowners, the compensation awarded is more often tens of thousands — or even hundreds of thousands of dollars — in these types of cases," Kasdan says.

This is in response to greater legal recognition of property damages, lost value, violations of the codes, and personal hardship endured by the plaintiffs, frequently in cases in which the defective property was heavily promoted by the developer to be of the finest quality. In production housing, Kasdan points out, any defect will probably be repeated over and over with commensurate results.

"Don't blame the lawyers," Kasdan notes. "We didn't design or build them."

"Once my colleagues and I recognized that the system, and the so-called experts, gave insufficient attention to the extent of the losses involved," Kasdan adds, "I had to turn myself into a construction expert in order to impact a system where I was literally fighting the proverbial city hall, at least at first. Judges, juries, other attorneys, and of course all the experts had to be educated on the codes and the cause and effect of neglecting them. I was literally building how-to and training mockups to bring into court."

"Moreover, I have always been committed to retaining the trust of my clients, and believe in putting all my abilities behind a case, not just superficially relying on the experts. When necessary, we have put our own funds behind a client whose case we believe in."

Kasdan says that if he learned anything at UB Law School, it is to analyze every detail of the evidence, then commit the resources to make the case. "I have never stopped asking questions and learning. Consequently, we have succeeded in ratcheting up the quality of the fact-finding and presentation processes we now use. I believe we have had a very positive impact on the way the judicial system handles construction defect litigation, at least in California."

Thanks in large measure to Kasdan's commitment to understanding all of the evidence and its implications, California's judicial environment has changed significantly in recognizing property owners' rights in construction defect cases. His firm now ranks among the top construction defect practices, both in California and throughout the country.

As for personal satisfaction, Kasdan, who lives in south Orange County with his wife and son, says one of his greatest compliments came from a judge who, responding to Kasdan's obvious construction expertise, asked if he were an engineer.

"No, I'm just a lawyer," Kasdan replied. "At least in part because of our efforts in aggressively pursuing the rights of homeowners, I feel they are now getting a better, safer product. Builders know they must do a much better job — or face the consequences in court."

His message is simple but powerful: Just build it right.
Spreading the word
Jack Cox's challenge is to raise UB Law's visibility

To everything there is a season, says the ancient wisdom. For Associate Dean Jack D. Cox Jr. and his colleagues in UB Law School's newly revamped admissions department, the high season for recruiting the next generation of UB Law students is from mid-September to mid-November. In those couple of months, Cox and recruiter Lillie Wiley made about 100 forays into the wider world of law school recruiting forums, graduate/professional school programs and other campus visits, all in an effort to increase the Law School's visibility statewide, regionally and nationally.

The results, so far, have been dramatic—a 35 percent increase in the number of applicants to UB Law.

To accomplish this, Cox's strategy is to build on one of the Law School's traditional strengths—the high caliber of people who choose to apply. For many years UB Law School has relied heavily on its academic reputation and its position as a school offering good value for the tuition dollar. But as law schools nationwide compete ever more fiercely for the best-qualified applicants, UB Law is responding with an increased number of scholarships and other financial aid offers.

His challenge is to get the word out about what some have called the best-kept secret among American law schools.

"We need to increase the applicant pool. That is one of our primary goals," said Cox, who now coordinates the Law School's student-recruitment programs, admissions and financial-aid policies. He arrived at UB Law in January 1999, after 12 years in admissions at the University of Dayton Law School, the largest private law school in Ohio.

By increasing the number of applicants each year, he said, it becomes more likely that in that pool will be a greater number of academically talented students. As a rule of thumb, the more people who apply for admission, the higher the academic quality of each year's entering class.

To accomplish that goal, Cox has begun a number of initiatives to put the UB Law School name in front of potential students. In addition to the autumn blitz of recruiting visits, he has:
- Established an online application process on the Law School's Web site. "Every piece of correspondence lists our Web site address and notes that we can accept applications online," he said.
- Moved back the application deadline to March 15. The former Feb. 1 deadline, he noted, excluded students who took the LSAT in February.
- Developed a zippy new viewbook for the school in a slightly smaller format with colorful photographs. The paper
Talking proud
Lillie V. Wiley takes UB Law’s message on the road

Never underestimate the power of a handshake and a smile — and a quality product to back them up.

That is a basic rule of marketing, and it is one that Lillie V. Wiley, UB Law School’s new director of recruitment, brings to each encounter with a potential UB Law student.

Whether it is at student-recruitment forums held in big-city convention centers, on-campus visits to Eastern and Midwestern undergraduate schools, or the hundreds of follow-up telephone calls and notes she makes to hot prospects, Wiley puts UB Law’s best face forward — and then lets the school’s innate qualities do most of the talking.

“My job is having the personality to draw prospective students in,” said Wiley, who works in conjunction with Associate Dean Jack D. Cox Jr., director of admissions and financial aid. “Once they get to the table, the school pretty much sells itself. I enjoy talking about the Law School. I think we offer some great programs, and my enthusiasm for that comes much sells itself. I enjoy talking about UB Law, puts them to take the New York State Bar exam.

“If you do not cast your net widely, it is hard to get those students you want to sit out. Jack and I are very committed to bringing in the very best we can in terms of first-year classes.”

The job can be an arduous one, Wiley acknowledged, particularly during the mid-September to early November period that constitutes the main recruiting season. There is the matter of dealing with the recruitment materials themselves, either lugging them around in a travel case or having table setups shipped ahead. And the driving, particularly on those long swings through the Midwest, can be grueling. Fortunately, she has been able to share rides with recruiters from other schools — friends on the road, friendly rivals for law-school recruiters.

Wiley said Jack and she welcome referrals from UB Law alumni. “If you know of prospective law school students, please continue to refer them to us,” she said. “And feel free to call on me with suggestions.”

Meanwhile, she will be coordinating visits to campus by prospective students, writing reminder notes to prospects — and looking forward to the fruits of long labor, an avalanche of applications to UB Law School.

application, formerly eight pages, has been shrunk to four. “My philosophy is, if you want people to do business with you, you must make it easy for them to do business,” Cox said.

In the future, Cox said, he plans to make it a goal “to contact every LSAT test taker in New York State with a competitive LSAT score.” It is possible to make mass contacts, he said, using databases — such as candidate referral service lists with the name of every person who has taken the LSAT recently — overlain with sophisticated filters that take into account a prospect’s grade point average, LSAT score and geographical location.

As for UB Law alumni’s role in the recruitment process, Cox is enthusiastic. “I believe in many cases our graduates are the best recruiters we have,” he said. “The alumni will reach out to people who have been accepted, whether it is with a phone call, by mail or by e-mail.”

He noted that the Law Alumni Association’s Board of Directors and the GOLD Group reached out in those ways to the current year’s entering class, and will plan to do so again.

Alumni also have the opportunity to serve on panels at open house events and career days that take place on the UB campus during the second semester. Cox said he would welcome calls from UB Law graduates interested in taking part — talking about the law as a career, and why UB Law School can be a successful choice.

Cox earned a bachelor’s degree from Waynesburg College, and a master’s degree from Pennsylvania State University. He has worked at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Slippery Rock University and Bethany College. He is secretary-treasurer of the National Network of Law School Officers and a member of the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals and the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators.

“I am happy to be here at UB,” Cox said. “I am excited as to what the future will hold. And I look forward to working with our alumni in upcoming events and efforts.”
Professor Markus Dubber, left, with LL.M. candidates Antonia Rodriguez '99 and Corinna Schüenemann '99
"It is not enough to just go to the legislature and say we need better laws.

One of a kind. That is the boast that UB Law School's new master of laws (LL.M.) program in criminal law can make. Among U.S. law schools, UB is the only one to offer this yearlong post-professional criminal-law program.

That, says Professor Markus Dubber, director of the program, is just an indication of how much work needs to be done in elevating criminal law — a kind of poor stepsister among legal disciplines — to full status as an area meriting serious academic study.

"Criminal lawyers, prosecutors and defense attorneys alike, don't get the respect they deserve," said Dubber, who also directs the Buffalo Criminal Law Center at UB Law School. "People do not take it seriously as an area of law. It is not enough to just go to the legislature and say we need better laws. We need to change the way it is taught and the way it is practiced. This program is an ambitious undertaking for the Law School. Obviously I would like to train good lawyers for the Buffalo legal community, but I hope that eventually we would make an impact on the state and national levels."

The LL.M. program, which began this academic year with 10 students, is designed for those who already hold the J.D. degree. Dubber said the program's purpose was to attract:
- People who want to practice criminal law and think an advanced degree in the subject increases their chances of getting a better job in the field.
- People who are interested in an academic career in criminal law.
- Foreign students who are seeking exposure to American criminal law.

In the future, he said, practicing lawyers who want to pursue continuing education may also enter the program.

"I feel confident in saying there is no other school in the country that can rival our criminal law curriculum in variety or scope," Dubber said. "Under the leadership of Dean Olsen, UB has expanded its curriculum to include both nuts-and-bolts courses, including classes on plea bargaining, sentencing and jury selection, and courses that explore the theoretical aspects of criminal law."

Students in the LL.M. program may write a thesis and can participate in the Criminal Law Clinic. They participate in the Buffalo Criminal Law Center's myriad projects and activities, including an annual conference on criminal law that brings leading experts to the school to tackle a central issue; the Buffalo Criminal Law Review, one of the leading journals nationally in this area of the law; and the Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition, the only national moot court competition devoted specifically to substantive criminal law.

In addition, they contribute to the Buffalo Criminal Law Center's popular and award-winning Web site, http://wings.buffalo.edu/law/bclc, which has an extensive collection of materials on American and foreign criminal law, including an annotated version of the New York Penal Law, a wide selection of New York criminal cases, and the only complete collection of New York State offenses.

Said Dubber: "The LL.M. program in criminal law forms part of the center's effort to assign criminal law its rightful place in American legal education. If we want to improve the quality of criminal justice in our country, we need well-trained and well-rounded prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys."

As a law student, Tonia Rodriguez '99 took the entire criminal law concentration, including the criminal law colloquium. As part of the colloquium, she contributed to the Law Center's Web site. She then joined the inaugural LL.M. class.

"When I begin working as a prosecutor in the Bronx district attorney's office this fall, I look forward to accessing the Law Center's unique Web site. During the interviewing process, I found that potential employers were impressed that I had taken so many different criminal law courses, both in the J.D. and LL.M. programs. My participation in the LL.M. program, including the clinic, will ensure that I will be well prepared for my job as a D.A.," she said.

For foreign students looking to increase their exposure to American criminal law, the program has proved invaluable.

"Parts of the courses are totally new to me," said Corinna Schüenemann, an LL.M. student from Germany who has already passed the bar in that country. She heard about the Buffalo program through her father, a professor of criminal law and defense counsel in Munich who knows Dubber professionally.

"For example," she said, "in criminal procedure, ours are defined by statutes, yours are defined by courts. And the rules of evidence are completely different."

"I am hopeful that the LL.M. degree will broaden my opportunities. It is very hard now to get a job as a lawyer in Germany."

Another foreign student is Hisham Ramadan, whose undergraduate and legal education has included education in his native Egypt as well as in New Zealand and Australia. ("This is what they call a global education," he said.) He arrived at UB Law as the result of a Web search.

"I am very interested in criminal law theory, the principles underlying criminal law," Ramadan said. "I am more interested in research and writing than practice."

"I think one of the most worthwhile parts of the program here is the annual conference that Professor Dubber organizes. He invites the best professors in the criminal law area, from throughout the United States and other countries as well. You have the opportunity to interact with the really best people."
Innovative courses explore legal issues

Northern exposure

*International labor law course crosses the border for UB Law and Canadian students*

Travel is broadening, it is said — even if that travel is only a couple of hours' drive up the Queen Elizabeth Way to Toronto. Americans and Canadians know so little of each other's cultures and mind-sets that even a few hours face-to-face can change people's thinking forever. That has been the experience in a new course on international labor law taught by Professor James Atleson. The UB Law course, which covers such areas as international labor standards and workers' situation under NAFTA and other transnational trade agreements, parallels a course taught at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto. And four times in the semester, the two classes meet — twice in Buffalo, twice in Toronto — to work on model problems and learn firsthand what it means to work with citizens of another country.

"Harry and I had talked about doing something like this on and off for 20 years," Atleson said of his counterpart in Toronto, Professor Harry Arthurs, an old friend who formerly served as dean of Osgoode Hall Law School and president of York University. "Both of us think that there is an artificial separation between domestic law and international law."

The UB Law course covers several facets of international labor law, including the North American Free Trade Agreement; the International Labor Organization, a United Nations agency that has almost 200 conventions governing labor practices around the world; the effects of labor laws on women, children and immigrants; the effort to create an international set of labor standards; voluntary corporate labor standards; and the role of unions in supporting workers internationally.

What takes the course of study beyond the classroom, though, are those trips across the border. Atleson rents a 15-seat van for the trip, and says ruefully, "Given the traffic to Toronto, I am sorry we did not do this 20 years ago."

In the fall semester's meetings, the U.S. and Canadian students played parts in a labor negotiation among automaker management, the United Auto Workers union and that union's Canadian counterpart. "The question for the unions was, could they overcome their mutual suspicion and operate together? Would it be in their interest to bargain internationally?" Atleson said.

In the second problem, students acted as delegates to the International Labor Organization, representing government, management and labor of the three NAFTA countries (the United States, Canada and Mexico) — nine groups in all. At issue: whether the countries have enough in common to propose that the ILO establish a convention governing a code of conduct for transnational corporations. "What it highlights is the differences in these three countries, not just the differences among labor, management and state," Atleson said.

"The students are astounded every year to discover how differently Canadians think," he said. "They do not think much about Canada even though we are right next to the border. The interaction among the students has been wonderful. We do a lot through e-mail, but there is really no alternative to face-to-face meetings."

In the future: the possibility of joint class sessions through a television hookup.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR LAW

taught by

PROFESSOR JAMES ATLESON

Arthurs, the Toronto professor, agreed that the face-to-face meetings opened the students' eyes — less so, though, for the Canadians, he said, because Canadians are used to trying to understand what the superpower to the south is saying. "Mexico, though, is a bit of a mystery for both of us," he said.

"There seemed to be good spirit among students from the two schools," he said. "It is not a social event, it is a learning exercise. They are learning not simply that things are different elsewhere, but that we live in a big interconnected global system, and that raises important economic, social and legal questions. They are learning to cope with questions that crop up in the global economy.

"Even if you never leave your hometown, you are constantly exposed to the global economy."

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Jailhouse Lawyering course examines constitutional law as it is applied in prisons

BY SUE WUETCHER

Teresa Miller is well acquainted with the U.S. prison system, but not because she has spent time behind bars. The associate professor of law at the University at Buffalo has taught a course on international human rights to female inmates in Albion Correctional Facility, worked with prisoners at Attica, and served as a volunteer lawyer with a prison project in Miami.

Miller is intensely interested in prisoners' rights and the accessibility of legal help within the system. The Harvard University law graduate is teaching courses at UB Law School on "jailhouse lawyering" and prisoner law, which looks at constitutional law as it is applied in prisons.

"A lot of inmates want help with appeals, assistance in writing writs of habeas corpus or assistance in challenging their living conditions," says Miller, who is working with students in the jailhouse-lawyering course to rewrite a curriculum to teach research and writing to inmates.

Any inmate who has the legal knowledge to assist other prisoners with their cases is considered a jailhouse lawyer. Often, paralegals or attorneys volunteer to teach those who want to provide legal assistance to other inmates, Miller says.

"There are great 'attorneys' in prison," she says. "They have a lot of time to sharpen their knowledge of the law." One of the goals of her course, she points out, is to include on her Web site http://www.ublaw.buffalo.edu/fas/miller/prisonlaw/ the updated curriculum so that any law student in the state can view it.

"The idea is to encourage more lawyers to volunteer to teach legal research and writing to inmates," she says.

While Miller is interested in the legal aspects of the prison system, her work also delves deep into the social and economic ramifications of incarceration.

"One in every 155 (people) is in prison," Miller says. "That's a staggering statistic."

Even more frightening to her are the numbers of African-Americans who are incarcerated.

"One in every three black men between the ages of 20 and 29 is in jail, prison, on probation or parole," she says. "I'm interested in that (statistic) as an African-American. It's very hard to find an African-American who doesn't know someone in prison."

The trend toward incarceration, Miller says, is deeply disturbing. "The response has not been, 'How do we downsize the prison population?' The response is, 'How do we make it more cost-effective to incarcerate all these people?'" she says. "That, to me, is a very cynical response."

Miller takes issue with the way prisons are "warehousing" violence within the system. "We throw (inmates) together into a very violent prison subculture, and we don't protect them and we let them prey on each other," she says, noting that this class of "undesirables" is up against the notion that they are a part of the country's "waste management."

"There is no longer a stated goal of rehabilitation," Miller says. "The idea is just not popular. The warden and the corrections officers rely on the violence to keep prisoners in check."

Drugs, contraband, gambling and the sex enslavement that pervade the prison system contribute to the violence, Miller adds.

Prisons today, she says, are "not about lofty goals, just how to deal with the undesirables."

Miller spent a year working with inner-city youth at the Barnyard Community Center in Miami, where, she says, she witnessed the toll prison takes on struggling communities.

"That's really when I began to see intergenerational costs of incarceration," she says. "In some families, fathers had done time and were marginally employed. The older brother was doing a state bid, the next-younger brother had already been in the juvenile system. It goes down to the 6- or 7-year-old who has been caught shoplifting."

Miller says that incarceration will be one of the biggest issues facing the country in the next century, particularly how to cope with the consequences of the system the country has created.

"Prisons create the reality that we live," she says. "The division between inside and outside is completely fictitious."

Prisons, she says, aren't turning out better citizens, and families and friends of those doing time are sharing the consequences.

"They are not creating better communities, that's for sure," she says.
Miller uses Web site to teach

As colleges and universities nationwide explore the possibilities of the Internet, they could look to Professor Teresa Miller's Web site for inspiration.

Her students already do. The site, www.ublaw.buffalo.edu/fas/miller/prisonlaw, serves a double purpose: as a repository for student materials such as reading texts, images, sound files, editorials, exercises and Internet links; and as a resource for people wishing to join Miller's Jailhouse Lawyering Project, which seeks to teach legal research and writing to prison inmates.

"You don't have to be an Internet nerd to get a lot out of using the Web," the professor insisted. "It's a style of teaching that I have adopted. The Web site expresses the way I have chosen to interact with my classes by pulling in a lot of mass-media sources. The syllabus comes up, with the topic of each lecture and sound bites that I have drawn from Pacifica Radio and National Public Radio — sound bites that start discussions. Some of the lectures have images attached, because there are concepts I want my students to grasp that defy description. And there are links to different agencies, so you can find tons of information."

The site's opening page depicts a shirtless prisoner grasping the bars of his cell, staring out at the viewer. Click further into the site and you will find syllabi, course descriptions, discussion boards and assignment lists for Miller's prisoner law and jailhouse lawyering courses, along with driving directions to the county and state prisons her students visit as part of the course, and guidelines on how to act and what to expect in those institutions. One piece of advice: "Avoid wearing clothes that are in poor taste ('Property of Alcatraz' T-shirts, for example) or that draw attention to the female anatomy."

Elsewhere on the site is a schedule and capsule summaries of a related film forum, and a grab bag of features including a glossary of prisoner terms, prison trivia, news articles and prison-related links.

Still in development is an ambitious goal for the Jailhouse Lawyering Project: an online manual to be used in teaching legal research and writing to prisoners. Miller noted that the state Department of Corrections is required to allow inmates access to the courts, and research and writing programs help satisfy that requirement.

When it is complete, Miller said, this section of the site will include lists of all New York State prisons and their key personnel, a sample letter to send to initiate a teaching program, and the teaching manual and course materials necessary for such a project. Currently, she says, only UB Law and New York University Law School send students into the prisons to teach research and writing; the hope is that more law schools will get involved if the materials are made readily available to them.

"We are trying to make it easier for students who want to teach research and writing to prisoners to do so," Miller said. "You do not have to be a prisoners' rights advocate to want to see an improvement in what prisoners put before the courts."

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Watching out for you

The new State Counsel Clinic, a different take on public service

It is no secret that UB Law School is widely known as a place that trains public-interest lawyers. Public interest, however, can be defined in ways other than working for Greenpeace and the public defender's office.

A new UB Law endeavor, the State Counsel Clinic, is trying to get the word out that public service can be defined in an exciting and interesting area of practice: government law. The clinic is headed by Barbra A. Kavanaugh, a former member of the Buffalo Common Council who is now assistant attorney general-in-charge of the Buffalo regional office of State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

It's a small effort — it started in the fall 1999 semester with four students — but it exposes participants to the enormous and complex world of government practice. Whether it is the case of a person making a claim against the state, or a prisoner suing over an issue of his treatment, the local office of the attorney general seeks to protect the interests of New Yorkers.

In the clinic, students work exclusively on civil cases, though the office does handle some criminal matters. They work closely with staff attorneys on their cases, sometimes several at once. Because "student practice orders" are issued, they can appear in court, with a staff attorney, to represent clients.

It is a real-world education with some very practical academic benefits as well. "I think it gives the students the best research and writing experience they could have," Kavanaugh said. "Their academic experience is better for having been here."

In addition, she said, "the Law School and the students there are a tremendous resource for our practice. They inject enthusiasm and energy that sometimes lawyers who have been doing the same thing for 15 years lack. The students we have this year are a particularly talented and effective group. They all have two or three assignments at a time. These are substantial assignments, not 'Go to the library' or 'File this.' I review and receive their written assignments, and we meet for one hour a week in my office, almost like a seminar."

"In addition, our calendars are up on the board and our students are encouraged to go over to court and watch trials."

One student who has found the State Counsel Clinic to be a valuable experience is second-year student Rose Mc Morrow, a Syracuse native.

"I've mostly done writing, such as a motion for summary judgment," she said. "The argument can address specific issues or the claim as a whole. The attorney general's office is representing the defendant, trying to get that case stopped from going on to court."

Mc Morrow worked on two inmate claims during her tenure with the clinic: one in which a man claimed he had been imprisoned for too long because of a bureaucratic oversight, and another in which an inmate claimed negligence and medical malpractice.

"It was very interesting," she said. "Working in this area is something I would definitely consider. The attorneys I have worked with have been terrific."

For Kavanaugh, whose professional career has included stints with Neighborhood Legal Services and the Homeless Task Force, this new aspect of her current position is an energizing one. "I love the process of taking my head and putting it on the students' shoulders," she said — "and vice versa."
Left to right: Amadeo (Joe) J. Cruz '00, Barbra Kavanaugh, Roseanne Mc Morrow '01 and Vincent S. Gregory '01
The execution of the laws is more important than the making of them.
— Thomas Jefferson, 1789

"The best experience I had in law school." That's how students routinely describe their encounter with Moot Court competitions — the mock trials, on topics as diverse as tax law and Constitutional matters, in which they can stand before a judge, take a deep breath and practice the trial-by-fire known as oral advocacy.

Moot Court is a longstanding tradition at UB Law School, but one that is being added to all the time. Under the auspices of the school's Moot Court Board, participants argue in four competitions held at UB. In addition, there are several traveling teams whose road trips take them to competitions at other schools, where they represent UB Law. Moot Courts have proved popular with UB Law alumni as well; hundreds have served as judges at the competitions, a service for which they can receive Continuing Legal Education credits.

UB Law Forum asked the chairpersons of the four "in-house" Moot Courts to talk a little about their competitions, what makes them special — and what possesses already-overworked law students to take on the challenge of a trial just for practice.

The Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition is chaired by third-year law student Andrew Zakrocke, who also heads the overall Moot Court Board. The competition, in its 13th year, deals with issues of Constitutional law. It is held in the fall.

Zakrocke: "This is probably the best-run, best-organized competition out of all the ones held at the Law School. There are two big draws. First, the problem itself is really, really good. This past year it involved the Violence Against Women Act; before that, it was an Americans with Disabilities Act case involving golfer Casey Martin. It is a 'closed' problem — all the research is already done and available in a packet.

"Second, the judges we get are terrific. Real attorneys and judges from Buffalo and across the United States come in, so you get a real sense of what it is like to appear before a judge.

"Desmond is the one competition that is open only to Buffalo students that is held in Buffalo. And it hits at a good time in their law school career (in the second year) — it is good for the resume."

The Albert R. Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition, which includes teams from UB and other schools nationwide, is the oldest national tax competition in the United States. Chaired this year by Dana A. Lundberg, who also serves as vice president of the Moot Court Board, this Moot Court deals strictly with issues of
tax law, including such areas as the tax
status of gambling debts, capitalization vs.
deductions, and the tax conse-
quences of divorce actions. The Mugel
competition is held early in the second
semester of the academic year.
Dana A. Lundberg: “I think Mugel
is attractive as a competition for two
main reasons. First, it attracts people
who are already involved and interest-
ed in tax because it is one of the few
competitions in the United States that
deals with tax law exclusively. Second,
the history and prestige of Mugel do a
lot to draw in competitors. This is the
29th annual competition, and it enjoys a
great reputation among both law
schools and the professional legal com-

munity.

“One of the main reasons for that
is the quality of judges the competition
is able to attract. For example, both
this year and last year, a Special Trial
Judge from the United States Tax Court
has come in from Washington, D.C., to
drive the final round. In addition to
that, some of the most respected tax
attorneys in Western New York for the
past several decades annually volunteer
time and expertise to judge the event.

“This year, we have a total of 19
teams competing in the event. This
makes it the largest in recent history,
and possibly ever. The teams will be
representing 13 different schools, such as
LSU, Alabama, Syracuse and
Brooklyn. Some schools repeatedly
send one, if not two teams, to compete
year after year. I think this really shows
the great reputation the competition
enjoys.”

The Herbert R. Wechsler National
Criminal Law Moot Court Competition,
a project of the Buffalo Criminal Law
Center, is the upstart of the group — its
first installment was held in March
1999. As the name says, it deals with
issues of criminal law — the only Moot
Court in the nation to focus on that
topic. Problems address the constitu-
tionality and interpretation of federal
and state criminal statutes, as well as
general issues in federal and state crim-
inal law. The competition is chaired by
second-year students William K. Taylor
and Karen Petote.

William K. Taylor: “It is just a sin-
cere interest in the subject matter that
brings people to the competition. There
are second-year and third-year students
who, I assume, have a profound inter-
est in criminal law. People who do it are
interested in exploring trial work.
Participating in Moot Court helps you
decide if you want to do it.

“We are in only our second year of
the competition. We sent letters to
every law school in the country, and we
also have a Web site through the
Buffalo Criminal Law Center. We just
express that we are going to put togeth-
er a good competition, and a good prod-
uct sells itself.

“Professor (Markus) Dubber is the
faculty adviser for the competition. He
is an excellent resource, and very help-
ful in terms of selling the competition
and ensuring its success. He has been
a driving force in terms of forwarding
criminal law at UB.

“People want to participate in a
Moot Court where they can get their
mind around the problem and sink
their teeth into it.”

The Philip C. Jessup International
Law Moot Court Competition is a
national organization with a UB Law
chapter. That chapter, said Jose
Trzman, who chairs UB Law’s Jessup
International Moot Court Board, runs
three competitions: an intramural com-
petition to select teams to compete in
regional Jessup Moot Court competi-
tions; a similar exercise to choose
teams for the Niagara Cup Competition
in Michigan; and unique to UB Law,
the Fasken competition for first-year
law students.

Jose Trzman: “It is probably one
of the best experiences you have in
Law School. Both for developing your
oral advocacy skills, and for getting
over your fears of speaking in front of
people and arguing before a judge, the
experience in unmatched. It gives you
the confidence to do other things in
Law School.

“Jessup is a competition that is the
widest in scope, in terms of the number
of schools that have chapters. Your
competitors are going to be better.
Harvard has a team; Yale has a team.
When you go on job interviews, if the
interviewer knows Moot Court, he is
going to know Jessup.

“This is a competition that people
do not forget. Everybody who goes
through it says they thought that it was
probably the best weekend they have
spent in Law School. It does have
tremendous impact.”
Regional recap

A wide-ranging symposium on regional governance

One of the hottest topics among would-be reformers of local government—the movement toward regional governance—had a full airing at an ambitious UB Law School symposium.

Participants in the symposium, titled "Regionalism: Promise and Problems," looked at a variety of perspectives on what a regional approach can and cannot accomplish. From disciplines as varied as law and economics, urban studies and history, the presenters addressed some of the social aspects which underlie any political system, and which are especially powerful at the local government level.

The symposium took note of such factors as racial and economic disparities among nearby communities, the tensions between cities and their suburbs, and a case study of regional planning in two areas of Canada, including Toronto. The proceedings of the symposium will be published as a special issue of the Buffalo Law Review.

Georgette C. Poindexter, an associate professor in both the business and law schools of the University of Pennsylvania, spoke in detail about her research on the city of Norristown, Pa., near Philadelphia. Norristown, she said, has a significant proportion of residents below the poverty line, yet it is situated in Montgomery County, one of the wealthiest counties in the United States. "City and suburbs are often cast as opposing warriors," Poindexter said. "But their economies are inextricably linked."

One challenge for regionalism proponents, she said, is that issues of governance often are cast as city vs. suburbs. But as first-ring suburbs begin to confront the problems of crime, education and decaying housing stock that long have beset their inner-city neighbors, it may become more possible to create alliances to work on those common problems.

Poindexter said, is far from an urban problem exclusively. Citing 1997 statistics, she said the U.S. poverty rate was 13.3 percent, or 35.6 million people. Of those, 27.3 million lived in metropolitan areas, but 43 percent of those lived outside city boundaries. In other words, there are a lot of poor people in the suburbs—it is just that their concentration is diluted among the suburban population.

"Because it lacks the critical mass of urban poverty, it flies below the radar screen of many suburban politicians," she said.

And there are political realities, Poindexter said, to even the best-intentioned efforts to regionalize government in an effort to improve people's economic lives. "Whether we can prove it empirically or not," she said, "federally subsidized Section 8 housing has a bad reputation among average suburban residents. To some people, Section 8 residents violate their idea of hard work through which they have been able to achieve life in the suburbs. As one suburban mayor stated when Section 8 housing was proposed for his area, 'My constituents have been able to pull themselves up by their bootstraps here. People resent it when the government tries to make someone their economic equivalent by subsidizing them.'"

Said Harvard University Law School Professor Gerald Frug, "There is a problem in America: concentrated poverty and, I should add, concentrated wealth. The question is, what are we going to do about it?"

Complete centralization of government functions, he contended, is not the answer. "What we need is a third way between centralization and fragmentation," Frug said. "We need to build institutions that enable different communities to deal with each other not as sovereign nations. We need to think about how we can knit together the community in ways that do not require a centralized government. I just do not believe we are going to have a centralized government in any of these regions."

"I think we need alliances that don't imagine people only geographically, but see them as interested in many things—and then allow them to have some amount of decentralized power without creating mini-states." For example, he cited one city in which both inner-city residents and far-flung farmers were concerned about suburban sprawl, thus creating the possibility of an effective alliance between quite disparate groups.
What we need is a third way between centralization and fragmentation.”

Harvard University Professor Gerald Frug
Tools for living

Leecia Eve shares some advice at the Students of Color Dinner

"These are words I have lived by... words that have carried me through." Those principles of a sound career and a happy life were the substance of Leecia Roberta Eve's keynote address at the Students of Color Recognition Dinner, held April 16, 1999, at the University Inn & Conference Center.

A graduate of Smith College and Harvard Law School, Eve, 34, is a partner in the Buffalo law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear. As the daughter of New York State Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, long active in Buffalo politics, she grew up knowing what a lawyer's life is like. Now, having served as a judicial law clerk for the New York State Court of Appeals and as an attorney with the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, as well as in positions at law firms in Boston, Washington and Buffalo, she has put those observations into practice — and spoke at the dinner about some truths she has discovered about lawyering and living well.

"The first thing to keep in mind," Eve said, quoting a former professor, "is, do well and do good. He meant, be the best you can possibly be, whatever you happen to do. Think of the exhilaration when you ran the fastest you ever ran, or danced the best you ever danced, or played the piano the best you ever had. The
practice of law can be like that.

“Yes, you will encounter racism, sexism, classism, elitism and about 20 other -isms. Those things can be devastating. But being the best you can be can help you to combat that.”

Eve went on to say doing well also means being active in serving the community. “At the end of the day when I am on my deathbed,” she said, “I am not going to be thinking I was a partner at Hodgson, Russ, or I had a house, or whatever. I am going to be thinking, how do I get to heaven? And that means doing good for people who might otherwise not have a lot of power.” She spoke of a securities attorney she knows who moonlights pro bono on behalf of battered women: “That is what is going to get her into heaven.”

Eve’s second overarching principle: “Remember those who came before you, and remember those who follow you.”

“When I am having a bad day,” she said, “I think about what my parents and grandparents endured, those who endured the institution of slavery, and whatever I am going through, they went through a lot worse.”

As for the generations to come, Eve had some suggestions: Be a mentor. Get involved with children’s lives. Speak to a group when asked: “Think about the times you went to hear a great speaker and they were so good and so exciting that it carried you through the next month or two. You can be that person for someone.”

She spoke of the value of staying connected to family, friends and classmates, telling a moving story about a case in which she was representing women prisoners in the District of Columbia who had filed a class-action lawsuit alleging abuse by guards. “It was an incredibly emotionally draining experience,” Eve said. “The courage that I saw in my clients was just so incredible, but in many respects overwhelming.” She conducted her first direct examination in a courtroom in that case — and her busy father cleared his schedule and flew to Washington to observe. She could hear him sobbing in the back of the courtroom, she said, and knew that it was because of his long-ago work in the tragic inmate uprising at Attica State Prison.

“No matter how long the day,” Leecia Eve said, “I was always in contact with my family by phone at the end of the day. The support was incredible. It was like they were putting their arms around me through the phone.”

Continuing contact with one’s classmates, she added, can be good for the career as well as the soul. “The friendships that you have formed here will be critical in enabling you to do well,” she said. For example, she said, preparing for an oral argument, she called a friend who had clerked for a judge and had seen thousands of arguments made — and gave Eve a list of the 10 worst things she could do and how to avoid making those mistakes.

“No matter what you have done in the past,” Eve concluded, “let today be the first day of being the best you can be. I am a firm believer that everything in the world is there for the taking.

“And united we stand, divided we fall. It is great to see an event like this where we not only acknowledge diversity but celebrate it.”
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Student becomes a major donor

For two out of his three years at UB Law School, Amod Choudhary says, the Buffalo Law Review office was his home away from home. "I was there most of the time," he says — first as an associate member, and then as executive editor, the second-in-command of the student-produced journal.

And home, he couldn't help noticing, could use a little sprucing up. "The furniture in that place was in really bad shape," he says. "I mean really bad. I have seen people falling off the chairs."

So Choudhary took it upon himself to do a little redecorating. He gave a generous $5,000 gift — matched by the Law School — to buy some high-quality furniture for the Law Review office on the sixth floor of John Lord O'Brian Hall. New chairs, sofas, tables and desks go a long way toward making this high-profile, time-consuming area of student life a lot more livable. The office now looks more like a law firm than a rumpus room, thanks to one student's initiative.

Choudhary will graduate in June, and he is eager to rejoin his wife and 2-year-old son on his native Long Island. He is hoping to work in business law, such as securities or mergers and acquisitions. Law Review, he says, is a way to build credentials for such demanding work. Of his job as executive editor, he says, "One of the interesting things in that job is writing the rejection letters. Nine out of 10 articles, we reject. You tend to feel you help give focus to what the Buffalo Law Review should be."

And having been there, he knows that future Law Review staffers will be doing their work in a more comfortable venue after he is just another name on the old masthead.

"When I was applying to law schools," he says, "it was difficult for me to get in, because my undergraduate GPA (at the State University of New York at Stony Brook) was not that good. I felt very fortunate that a school of Buffalo's caliber would accept me.

"I wish I had more money to give, to tell you the truth. I just wanted to give something back, because the University at Buffalo Law School gave me an opportunity."

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1971

Donors  20  
Dollars $33,421  
Participation 18.5%

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1972

Donors  43  
Dollars $13,030  
Participation 25%

Note: class reunion gift in process, 1999-00

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1973

Donors  46  
Dollars $6,620  
Participation 27%

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Rosalie Stoll Bailey  
Commander Stephen A. Banks  
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During his second and third years, they were through the roof. Kelley is on the wisest side of 40, and he knows the value of a good education, having seen it from both sides of the podium. He earned an MBA by going evenings to St. John Fisher College in suburban Rochester, and he taught at Monroe Community College: economics, personal finance and introduction to law. He knew he liked thinking about the law, and what better place — albeit barely within driving distance — to do so than UB Law?

"I just liked the legal thinking, the whole process," he says of his Law School experience. "I was into working very, very hard. The first year, my grades were not great. In the second and third years, they were through the roof. I thought Buffalo was a great opportunity for me."

Now Kelley is able to spend a little more time with his wife, Susan, and their two young children. He works as general counsel for a small firm in Rochester, Rulison & Co., that provides investment advice to individuals and municipalities. But "it is an internal battle with me," he says. He would like to do more litigation, and satisfies that itch in some pro bono ventures: doing volunteer criminal counsel work near home in Livingston County; tackling matrimonial cases with the Rochester Volunteer Legal Services Project; and representing poor targets of eviction for the Legal Aid Society of Rochester. Says the corporate lawyer: "I do get into a courtroom once in a while."

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July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

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Phonathon continues a strong tradition

Dedicated alumni and student volunteers have been the mainstay of the Law School's annual fund raising efforts for 21 years. This year 73 volunteers called during the October 1999 Phonathon. Many volunteers have been calling for years and some are new to the program. Everyone did an outstanding job and we salute their efforts. The Law School is especially grateful for the leadership of the 1998-99 Annual Fund Chair, Robert P. Fine '68.

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1976
Donors 59
Dollars $37,227
Participation 23%

1977
Donors 39
Dollars $7,717
Participation 17%

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Reunion gifts

A great way to say thank you

Every year UB Law School alumnae/i gather to mark the anniversaries of their graduations. Classes reaching milestone anniversaries plan celebrations ranging from informal one-night socials to full-fledged weekend extravaganzas. Old friends reunite and news is exchanged, phone numbers are traded and photographs of growing families are passed around the room.

Recent class reunions have continued to offer large doses of nostalgia, while also adding a new dimension that is broadening the definition of class spirit. Alumni are now contributing toward class gifts in honor of their anniversaries as symbols of their collective commitment to the Law School.

Members of the Class of 1959 honored the Law School with a class gift to date of $92,435, with $16,739 going to the annual fund — double the class annual giving of the previous year. The remainder of the class gift, $75,000, is an endowment gift from one of the class members.

Thomas R. Beecher Jr., of Ballynoe L.L.C., consistently devotes his time and dollars to UB Law and to his community. Beecher chaired his 1959 class reunion committee and led his class’ cumulative efforts to give back to their Law School. "I support the Law School because it is my way of saying thank you to the school, and to the wonderful professors I had for giving me an opportunity to acquire a very good legal education," says Beecher, who is also chair of this year’s annual fund drive. “It has been the basis of many friendships and relationships that have enabled me to contribute to the community, and it provides an opportunity for the next generation to attain that same grade of legal education.

“I would support the Law School even if I were not an alum," Beecher says. “There is tremendous value to the community in having a strong law school. It adds to the culture, it adds to the quality of legal life, it provides a basis for jurisprudence in the community, and it has produced a lot of community leaders. Lawyers are great givers and great community participants. Having them home-grown at our own law school only adds to the strength of that.”

“When one of my classmates suggested that we give a class gift in connection with our 20-year reunion, it seemed to be the perfect way to thank the Law School for the many opportunities it made

If you are interested in becoming involved with UB Law’s reunion program, contact Deborah Scott at (716) 645-6429 or e-mail her at devdm@acsu.buffalo.edu

Upcoming Class Reunions:

- **Class of 1950**
  50-year reunion will be celebrated
  June 9, 2000
  Chaired by Carl A. Green

- **Class of 1970**
  30-year reunion will be celebrated
  June 16 and 17, 2000
  Chaired by Hon. Margaret J. Quinn

- **Class of 1975**
  25-year reunion will be celebrated
  May 5 and 6, 2000
  Chaired by Linda H. Joseph

- **Class of 1980**
  20-year reunion will be celebrated
  July 28 and 29, 2000
  Chaired by Michael M. Mohun
possible for each of us,” says Jean C. Powers ’79, a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P. “Through the Law School, many of us have formed lasting bonds of friendships with our classmates, professors and colleagues.

“UB Law not only made our law school experience challenging and exciting, but also — to the extent possible — warm and collegial,” says Powers. The Class of ’79 commemorated their reunion with a gift to the Charles B. Sears Law Library totaling more than $14,000. “The library was central to our education, so we thought it most appropriate to direct our gift there,” Powers explains.

Shared goals for each reunion class were established, and classmates prevailed upon their peers to increase the amount of their individual pledges in order to meet that goal. “The results have been incredible,” says Deborah Scott, assistant dean for development, “with increases in annual class gifts ranging from 50 to 100 percent — and more importantly, increases in participation.

“Many of our alumni do not realize that UB Law is no longer state supported, but state assisted,” Scott says. Because less than 35 percent of the Law School budget comes from New York State, we now rely heavily on tuition and alumni support.

“Reunions give us a perfect opportunity to pass along information about the Law School and encourage class members to assist financially. The most prominent law schools in the nation have enjoyed successful reunion programs for decades. We think the time is right for UB Law to launch its own.”

Other classes that commemorated milestone anniversaries with class gifts include: the Class of 1949, which celebrated its 50-year reunion and has, to date, tripled class participation in annual giving; the Class of 1969, which welcomed its 30-year anniversary with a class gift of more than $13,000 to date, double the previous year’s gift; and the Class of 1974, which planned a 25-year reunion event and has supported the Law School annual fund with a class gift of over $14,000 to date.

Upcoming reunion celebrations are already in the works, and the concept of a class gift has led to spirited competition among the classes.

Michael M. Mohun ’80, a solo practitioner and chair of the Class of 1980’s 20-year reunion committee, has high hopes that his class will amass the largest class contribution to the annual fund in the 2000 calendar year. Mohun has individually contributed $2,500.

“If I had not attended and graduated from UB Law, all that I have accomplished in the past 20 years would not have occurred,” says Mohun, president of the Wyoming County Bar Association. “I am forever grateful to the Law School for the opportunity I have been given. My gifts to the Law School are but a small token of my appreciation.”

Hon. Margaret J. Quinn ’70, chief administrative law judge, Buffalo Office of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration, is chair of the Class of 1970’s 30-year reunion scheduled for this summer. Quinn, a steadfast supporter of the Law School, echoes Mohun’s sentiment. “UB Law prepares you for your life’s work. And many of us have greatly benefited from our life’s work,” says Quinn. “It is our responsibility to make sure that the same educational opportunities that we have benefited from are offered to others.”

The reunion program has fueled the group giving efforts of other classes that are not involved in celebrating milestone years. Friendly competition between classes has evolved now that the Law School lists the collective giving totals for each graduation year. Members of the Class of 1961, for example, have decided to be a model for Law School annual giving. The Law School, of course, is delighted by the recent attention that its graduates are giving to class giving totals, and looks forward to declaring a “winner.”

“The generous support of our alumni enables us to continually move forward and improve our academic program and facilities,” says Dean R. Nils Olsen. “The recent growth in class gifts is extremely encouraging. It reflects a lasting sense of unity among classmates well after their graduation from the Law School.”
1980
Donors 54
Dollars $9,435
Participation 23%

Note: class reunion gift in process, 1999-00

1981
Donors 50
Dollars $7,606
Participation 22%

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Dollars $6,117
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1993
Donors 19
Dollars $1,540
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The writing life
Highlights from some recent and upcoming publications by UB Law faculty

UB Law faculty members are doing their part to fill the bookshelves, briefcases and backpacks of law scholars and students nationwide. Several have books or significant articles either hot off the presses or ready for publication this year. It is a development that goes far in strengthening the Law School’s reputation in academic circles. Some highlights:

Professor Guyora Binder has two books coming out this spring. Aspen is publishing a fourth edition of Criminal Law, by Binder and two co-authors. Since the 1996 third edition, Binder said, they “completely redone the handling of rape and theft offenses, and added treatments of lots of very high-profile recent cases like the Oklahoma City bombing case, the World Trade Center bombing case, the nanny case and the Kevorkian case.”

The book, he noted, sets criminal law doctrine in social, historical and policy contexts, interweaving statutory and case materials with journalistic coverage. It is the second most popular criminal law casebook in U.S. law schools.

Binder also has co-authored, with Robert Weisberg, Literary Criticisms of Law, published in February by Princeton University Press. Eight years in the making, the book is the first to offer a comprehensive examination of the emerging study of law as literature. Says advance publicity copy: The authors “present lawyers as literary innovators, who creatively interpret legal authority, narrate disputed facts and hypothetical fictions, represent persons before the law, move audiences with artful rhetoric, and invent new legal forms and concepts.”

Critics have praised the book. “Literary Criticisms of Law shows what can happen when two shrewd law professors take the time and have the theoretical sophistication to master the wide variety of today’s state-of-the-art literary criticism,” wrote Professor Brook Thomas of the English Department at the University of California at Irvine.

“This absorbing book both maps efforts in the last two decades to understand law as a kind of literature and makes a compelling case for the most productive way to do so. Avoiding the twin traps of radical skepticism and moralizing sentimentalism that have snared even some of the best work in the field, Binder and Weisberg demonstrate how law shapes culture and vice versa.” Robin West of Georgetown University Law Center called it “a very impressive book. Each chapter contains numerous original, sweeping, and, for the most part, convincing arguments about large swathes of current legal intellectual history. As the first and only attempt so far to synthesize and assess this interdisciplinary field, the book will be extremely useful to many scholars in the humanities and social sciences.”

Professor Dianne Avery and co-author Robert Belton last year published the sixth edition of Employment Discrimination Law: Cases and Materials on Equality in the Workplace (West Group). The casebook is designed for use in upper-level courses on the subject, and is now being used by teachers at 22 law schools, she said.

The new edition adds material on sexual harassment law and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as current scholarship on discrimination issues. “An enormous portion of the litigation in federal courts comes under federal anti-discrimination law,” she said. “This is an extremely important topic, and it’s something students are interested in.”

In addition, Avery said, the authors prepared a statutory supplement and a 218-page teacher’s manual. They are now preparing a case supplement, to be published in the fall. Part of the challenge, she said, was simply to keep current: “We had sent the final manuscript in in May 1998, then the Supreme Court came out with decisions in three important sexual harassment cases. We had to pull an entire chapter and redo it.”

Open Court Publishers will release Professor David Koepsell’s book The Ontology of Cyberspace: Law, Philosophy, and the Future of Intellectual Property in September. It is an examination of the legal nature of “computer-mediated phenomena,” discussing whether such creations as a piece of software should enjoy protection under copyright law, patent law or some third alternative. “At this point it is an ontological problem,” Koepsell said.

His contention: “All manmade objects intentionally produced are expressive objects. There is no good reason to distinguish between things like machines and things like novels.” And he notes that patentability may not be a primary consideration in the new world of cyberspace — “open-source products” that are distributed rapidly and can be changed by the users are the ones that tend to succeed in the marketplace. “Often the speed of inno-
A new chapter
Ellen M. Gibson reflects on 15 years at the helm of the Law Library

Associate Dean Ellen M. Gibson has retired, ending a 15-year tenure as director of the Charles B. Sears Law Library during which legal publishing and research underwent dramatic changes.

But dealing with tough changes was never an obstacle for Gibson, who came to the Law Library in 1973, worked part time as a reference librarian, then — with small children and a job to attend to — decided to enroll in UB Law School. She graduated in 1980 magna cum laude — no small achievement.

Students and alumni accustomed to seeing Gibson steady at the helm of the O'Brian Hall institution may not know that she had a children's radio show in the early 1970s on WBFO-FM — "back in its free-wheeling days," she said — or that she hosted a chamber music program, "Music for Friends," also on WBFO. Or that she spent three years doing pension and estate work for a Buffalo law firm before then-Dean Thomas Headrick called to say the law library needed a new director, and would she consider returning to library science?

The decision was wrenching. "It was a big decision to give up something I had worked so hard to achieve," Gibson said. But she made the move, joining the library as associate director in 1983 and becoming its director in 1984.

Among the concerns was making law students feel that the library — which is open to the public as well — was their own. Gibson arranged for locks to be installed in the carrels and conference rooms, ensuring students a private place to work when they needed one. "It was pretty annoying to them not to have a place to take a study group," she said. "It ended up to be almost like running a small hotel."

Another innovation was the Mercury document delivery system, in which faculty members can call or email to request particular documents, and "whatever it is they want just shows up on their desk," Gibson said. "They absolutely love it," she reports. "We just cut out all the middlemen. And as a bonus, the faculty's research assistants, instead of being gofers, can actually do some research."

Members of the public, she said, have presented the library staff with their most emotional moments. "When you are dealing with people's issues of family, it is heartbreaking sometimes," Gibson said. "R say people come in because they have a problem with a neighbor, or divorce and custody questions, or school board or zoning questions. We get a lot of immigration issues. Small businesses come in looking for help with their environmental compliance. People become convinced they want to understand these legal questions, and they are bound and determined to see it through."

Gibson's teaching career included research courses in tax law and environmental law. She also team-taught a course in advanced legal research, and trained students in the use of the Nexis/Lexis and Westlaw online services.

In October she was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. She also received the Anthony Grech Award from the Association of Law Librarians of Upstate New York.

One truism about librarians in retirement has proved true in Gibson's case: She has joined a book group. She is also on the WBFO advisory board, chairs the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, volunteers as a tutor at a West Side Buffalo school — and needs a big budget for hiking books. She is continuing her piece-by-piece conquest of the Appalachian Trail. Next up: backpacking through a 300-mile section in Virginia.
Mark D. McGarvie, who joins the UB Law School faculty this academic year as an instructor, found his own way to the seventh floor of John Lord O'Brian Hall. After 14 years of law practice, he returned to his first love — history. Now both disciplines are coming into play, as McGarvie teaches research and writing and legal history at UB Law, and embarks on a legal-history biography project with fellowship support from the University.

Raised in Milwaukee, he studied political theory at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., then law at Marquette University Law School in his hometown. After two years practising labor and employment law with a Milwaukee firm, he joined the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, litigating federal court cases out of the agency’s Chicago office. "It was a great experience for me," he said, "to be able to act as lead counsel in litigation with only two or three years experience."

His work was noticed after some high-profile discrimination cases drew press attention, and he was recruited to become corporate labor counsel for Baxter Healthcare Corp. in Deerfield, Ill., the former American Hospital Supply Co. He and his staff handled affirmative action, labor relations, and employment discrimination cases for the 62,000-employee multinational company. He insisted on "pushing every case to the limit," McGarvie said — refusing to settle out of court, or consider arbitration, in order to discourage nuisance suits. "One of my proudest moments," he remembered, "was when I had beaten another lawyer for the third time. She was in tears, and outside the courtroom she said to me, 'That's it — I will never, ever sue you again.' At another time, we won 54 summary judgment motions in a row."

But that love of history wouldn't go away. McGarvie decided to return to Marquette for a master's degree, then went to Indiana University to pursue a doctorate in history, focusing on the intellectual history of the Early Republic. He will receive his Ph.D. this year.

What drew McGarvie to UB Law? "I was impressed by the faculty," he said. "They really seem interested in a broad-based understanding of law. A lot of law schools seem to be like business schools in orientation. They address law from a practice or institutional orientation. But people here are more inclined to see the law as a substantive body of academic material. The depth of people's reading, their outside academic interests, just fascinated me."

And, he said, the school offered him the freedom to write. His doctoral dissertation, dealing with the separation of church and state in the nation's early years, has just been accepted for publication. Also due out in the fall is a 24-chapter history of American philanthropy for which McGarvie was co-editor. And his three-year project here at UB Law combines law and history: It is a biography of St. George Tucker, a noted legal scholar in the Early Republic. "It is a case study for the existence of a transatlantic legal community and the developing differences in English and American law," he said.

Francophiles might also note that McGarvie will be spending breaks and summers in Paris. His wife, Blythe, works as chief financial officer of Société BIC, whose holdings include the company that makes Bic pens.
The writer's edge
Research and Writing instructor
Ben Bratman sees value in the well-crafted sentence

Along about now, Ben Bratman — a native of sunny Los Altos, Calif., and a recent resident of balmy Atlanta — is celebrating the end of the first real winter he has ever encountered.

Ah, the sacrifices one makes in pursuit of a law school teaching career.

Bratman joins UB Law School this academic year as a fellow in legal research and writing, and slogging through snow is a trade-off he is only too willing to make. "I knew I wanted to teach law ever since I graduated from law school" at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., he said.

The road to Buffalo, though, has taken some interesting turns for him. He majored in history at the University of Washington, in Seattle, then spent a few years as a litigation assistant in a Los Angeles firm and as a contributing writer for Alaska Airlines Magazine. After law school, he clerked for a U.S. magistrate judge in Atlanta, then became an associate with the Atlanta firm Pursley, Howell, Lowery & Meeks.

While a practicing lawyer, he also crafted the beginnings of an academic career, teaching torts, employee relations law and management law at two small Georgia universities.

He has been a writer. He has been a researcher. He has been a teacher.

The next step seems only logical: teaching research and writing.

And Bratman is taking full advantage of his experience as he guides 49 first-year UB Law students through the intricacies of how to write like a lawyer — or maybe better than the run-of-the-mill lawyer.

"Lawyers tend to write in an unnecessarily convoluted and long-winded way, because they think they have to," he said. "One of my functions is to change legal writing to be more in tune with plain English.

"Legal writing necessarily has to be much more precise. It cannot be a free-flowing stream of consciousness, because legal writing is usually designed to guide your reader through a legal problem to a resolution. I emphasize to my students the importance of precision and detail, but I also want them to avoid what I would call hyper-precision, which often results in writing that is convoluted and wordy, and sometimes ostentatious. Obviously, though, you have to choose your words carefully when you are a lawyer, because every word has nuances of meaning."

Bratman said he was already a precise and careful writer, but cites the salutary influences of his post-law-school employers — the magistrate judge and a partner at Pursley, Howell — both of whom "were extremely precise in their work." Even his office on the sixth floor of John Lord O'Brian Hall reflects a careful thinker at work — no yellowing piles of legal briefs and unread journals are in evidence.

Bratman prides himself on making careful and extensive comments on his students' work — a practice that makes for a crushing workload, but one he sees as important to their development as lawyers. "The vast majority of lawyers make their living, at least in part, off the written word," he said.

"Even in an area like litigation, most attorneys spend the majority of their time researching and writing motions to the court."

Unmarried, he has become active in the Jewish community of Western New York. With other newcomers to the University, he also has been exploring "the Buffalo rites of passage": Sabres and Bills games — and of course, wings at the famous Anchor Bar.
Message from the President

The Board of Directors of the Law Alumni Association has made a significant investment of professional time and money this year to build on the accomplishments of recent boards under the guidance of past presidents Samuel Shapiro and the Hon. Barbara Howe. It is our feeling that now is the right time for increased support of the UB Law School by its graduates. Dean Nils Olsen, who was selected by a search committee headed by Judge Howe, has shown open-mindedness to many suggestions made by both our established and many new Law Alumni members. Dean Olsen has put to good use the $1.8 million secured through the efforts of Sam Shapiro and Erin Peradotto. Shortly, Dean Olsen will announce publicly the plans drawn by Professor George Kannar for the reconstruction of John Lord O'Brien Hall, increasing available classrooms and refurbishing the Moot Court room, so that courtroom proceedings may be conducted there again. The reconstructed student lounge at O'Brien Hall already is a reality, and law students have shown their appreciation by caring well for their new space. The dean has promised that the student lounge will be followed by new and comfortable space for Law School alumni as part of the reconstruction effort.

Much of the focus of the board has been on developing ways in which to harness the experience of our members and to make it more available to the law students. We show our appreciation for our adjunct faculty members, who provide so much needed training to the students, for a nominal stipend, in an annual reception that will be held this year in March.

Diane Bosse's Mentoring Committee has worked with Judge Kevin Dillon, Judge Michael Battle and GOLD Group board member Jim Gerlach to expand the talent pool available for the four annual Moot Court competitions. Because of the creation and publication of a color brochure prepared by the Mentoring Committee, we have generated interest in the Moot Court competitions from prominent jurists across the state. With the consent of the law students and Dean Olsen, the Law Alumni Association has taken over the solicitation and administration of judges for the preliminary rounds of Moot Court competitions and arranged for CLE credit. As a result, the Moot Court experience is now more effective and rewarding for those who take the time to judge or participate in the competitions.

We continue to participate in the orientation for new students at the Law School in September. This year, the orientation produced many requests by law students for tours of the downtown Buffalo courts. Magistrate Judge Leslie G. Foschio, Lynn Clarke and Associate Dean Melinda Saran coordinated the efforts of Law Alumni members to benefit the students.

Our executive director, Ilene Fleischmann, devoted a considerable amount of her time this year working with the Law School on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first women graduates of the Law School. Following the celebration, we honored Erma Hallett Jaekle with the Jaekle Award at the luncheon following the 24th annual convocation.
President-elect Patrick O'Reilly moderated the CLE-approved program at the Convocation, which included presentations by Terrence M. Connors, Hon. Patrick H. NeMoyer, Jeffrey A. Spencer, Rosalie Stoll Bailey, Grace Marie Ange and Stephen E. Barnes.

Irene will be devoting additional time this year to publishing the Forum magazine twice each year, rather than once. The increased frequency of publication was a direct result of suggestions from our Law Alumni members. The Law Alumni Association contributed $20,000 for increased publications.

We have endeavored to expand the participation and recognition of our members geographically. Our various awards committees have recognized the contributions of graduates who reside in Buffalo, New York City and Rochester in New York State, and Washington, D.C., and Florida. We invited Michael Wolford to serve on our board from Rochester. Mike has attended board meetings and worked with our Rochester members to reinvigorate the organization in Rochester and has held a series of well-attended events. Those attending our New York City luncheon this year were fortunate to hear remarks by both our dean and New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. Larry Schwach and I will be chairing the committee for our Annual Dinner on May 3, 2000, at the Hyatt Regency, in Buffalo.

Hon. Denise O'Donnell, the U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York, is chairing the new Oral History Committee, which the board created for the purpose of updating the written history of the Law School and preserving, in audio recordings, the remembrances and observations of those who have contributed to the development of the Law School. In designing the project Denise has worked with committee members to borrow from a similar effort at Columbia University, and has worked with Professor Michael Frisch, from the Department of American Studies at the University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences. We are accepting suggestions for interview candidates, and interviews are moving forward. Many of our board members will be doing the interviews. If you would like to contribute time or money to the effort, please let us know.

Lynn Clarke's Membership Committee has listened carefully to the many suggestions and constructive criticisms of the Law School offered by our members, particularly our newer members. Board members have followed-up on each concern and responded to every member. Pat O'Reilly and I look forward to hearing your point of view, and ask that you consider becoming more involved in your Law Alumni Association. The membership renewal application is on the back page.

Kenneth A. Manning
President
UB Law Alumni Association

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The UB Law GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group continues as the Law Alumni Association's most precious asset. This year's board of directors has carefully crafted a gold mine of activities where young alumni can network with colleagues, relax with friends or polish their professional skills.

"The GOLD Group, a subset of the UB Law Alumni Association, is truly unique. Its efforts are solely dedicated to responding to the educational, social and professional networking needs of alumni who have graduated within the last decade," explains the current GOLD Group president, Wendy Irving '91, assistant dean for advancement and development, University at Buffalo.

"This year the GOLD Group is working hard to enhance its reach and visibility throughout the legal community so that we can effectively continue to identify and promote the concerns of GOLD constituents."

As an accredited New York State Continuing Legal Education provider, the GOLD Group has created a tradition of providing quality educational programs open to all members of the legal community. This year's UB Law Downtown Breakfast Series is composed of three one-hour lectures held at the Midday Club in downtown Buffalo. Attendees can start their day earning CLE credit and enjoying a delicious Continental breakfast.

While the program was originally aimed at attorneys in the early stages of their career, the lecture topics have consistently attracted lawyers with all levels of experience, from the rookie associate to the courtroom-savvy practitioner.

"The GOLD Group's board of directors is extremely pleased with the success of this year's and last year's education programs," says Gretchen Aylward '95, chair of the education committee. "Attendance has been up considerably and we believe that the consistent high quality of the programs in combination with their convenient time and location will ensure continued success in the future."

The series began this past November with a presentation by Paul Perlman, litigation partner at the Buffalo law firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear and lecturer at UB Law. "The Do's and Don'ts of Taking and Defending a Deposition" offered invaluable advice from a well-respected expert to a standing-room-only audience.

New York State Supreme Court Judge Barbara Howe '80 continued the momentum with "How to Behave in Court: Attorney Civility and Courtroom Procedure." Howe presented a thorough lecture on the rules of courtroom procedure and the key to effective representation before the bench.

The series is scheduled to end in April with a presentation on rainmaking presented by Ginger D. Schroder '90, of Buchanan Ingersoll, P.C. Schroder will speak on a subject important to attorneys practicing in any forum: how to generate business and maintain a flourishing law practice.

In addition to the lecture series, the GOLD Group expanded its reach this year through the efforts of its recruitment committee. The GOLD Group has taken a lead role in the Law School's commitment to seek out the nation's brightest students for admission. Members of the recruitment committee assist in matching recently graduated attorneys with students considering UB Law.

"The recruitment committee was formed to help the law school obtain the best possible student applicants," explains Brian G Witt '98, chair of the committee. "By working closely with the Law School admissions office, the GOLD Group hopes to serve as a contact between potential law students and the Law School to answer any questions the students may have about UB Law or about the practice of law in general. Because there are UB Law alumni located all over the country, the GOLD Group can serve as an effective tool for implementing the Law School's aggressive new admissions strategy."

Of course, no year is complete without the GOLD Group's usual array of informal activities designed to add luster to the social lives of GOLD Group members.

"The GOLD Group in conjunction with the UB Law Student Bar Association sponsored a Happy Hour at
The Shebeen, a popular Irish pub in downtown Buffalo," says Hilary Banker '96, chair of the GOLD Group social committee. "There was an excellent turnout and it was an opportunity for both students and alumni to meet over drinks, wings and pizza."

The social committee is working diligently to broaden the range of activities it offers to alumni who need a break from the office routine. In February, the GOLD Group participated in the University at Buffalo Professionals Night. UB Law graduates joined graduates of the UB School of Medicine and Dentistry at a cocktail reception at the UB Center for the Arts. After the reception, the networking continued courtside when basketball lovers from all of the professional schools joined forces at the Alumni Arena to cheer on the UB Bulls.

Plans are already in the works for avid hockey fans to reserve a GOLD seat when the Buffalo Sabres take on the Carolina Hurricanes on March 31, 2000, at Marine Midland Arena. And for those who prefer a less turbulent forum, the GOLD Group will host a night at Studio Arena this spring where theater lovers can forget about courtroom antics and enjoy acting of a whole different sort.

Officers and Directors

Officers of this year's GOLD Group include: Wendy M. Irving '91, of the University at Buffalo, as president; Natalie A. Schaffer '93, of Harrington & Mahoney, as immediate past president; David R. Pfalzgraf Jr. '97, of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, as president-elect; Eileen P. Kennedy '94, formerly of Saperston & Day, P.C., as secretary; Gretchen P. Ayward '95, of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, as education chair; Hilary C. Banker '96, of Burgio, Kita & Curvin, as social chair; Alisa A. Lukasiewicz '95, of the Erie County Attorney's Office, as membership chair; Brian D. Gwilt '98, of Damon & Morey, LLP as recruitment chair; and James M. Gerlach '97, of the U.S. Naval and Marine Corp. Reserve Center, as communications chair.


The GOLD Group encourages interested alumni to become involved with the organization. Alumni graduating within the past 10 years are automatically GOLD Group members. For more information on upcoming GOLD events, or for information on becoming a member of the GOLD Group board of directors, contact Wendy Irving at (716) 645-3312.
Our best and brightest

Distinguished Alumni Awards go to six who have made a difference

They are a tradition of 37 years' standing now, but the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Awards retain the exuberant optimism of youth — the certainty that hard work, public-spiritedness and a can-do attitude can change the world, or at least a little piece of it.

The six people honored on May 6, 1999, at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo have never lost that enthusiasm, either, and it showed in their words of acceptance. Each was honored for contributions to Western New York and its legal community, and each marveled that he or she was receiving an award for doing something they love.

The evening was kicked off with welcoming remarks by Hon. Barbara Howe '80, outgoing president of the UB Law Alumni Association, and by Kenneth A. Manning ’77, the group’s president-elect. R. Nils Olsen Jr., dean of the Law School, presided over what became a night of good feelings, fond memories and justifiable pride.

The honorees, and excerpts from their remarks:

Hon. Patrick H. Nemoyer ’77, was honored for his commitment to public service. A New York State Supreme Court justice in the Eighth Judicial District, he was introduced by Hon. Denise E. O’Donnell ’82. A former Erie County attorney and U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York, he has been active in the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as a member of the U.S. Attorney General’s Council on Crime and the Erie County Task Force on Child Support Enforcement.

To be honored here for commitment to public service feels strange, because I have enjoyed every minute of my career. I am proud to be a State University of New York product. I went to SUNY Binghamton and I have my law degree from UB, but I also have my master’s in economics from UB. I think it is important that the state and federal governments support education, because it is an equalizer in our society. With an educated populace, we can be sure we protect all our freedoms.

I believe government has an obligation and a responsibility that many of us take great joy in fulfilling. Without politics, much of what we have in this community would not be there. Many of us shun politicians, and that is wrong, because we get the government we work for. I am proud to be a politician, I am proud to be from UB, and I am proud to be here tonight.

Samuel L. Shapiro ’65 was hon-
owed for his leadership by example as a private practitioner. A senior partner with Kavinoky & Cook, LLP, he was introduced by Peter J. Fiorella Jr. '63. Shapiro, a specialist in corporate, banking, finance, leasing, construction and health care law, is past chair, co-chair and lecturer for the Practicing Law Institute's National Panels on Equipment Leasing. He is also immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

This alumni association, in partnership with the administration and faculty of the Law School, is having a positive effect on the quality of our Law School, the quality of its graduates and the quality of our bar. Our association has had a history of outstanding presidents and boards that have helped to make a real difference at our Law School, and from which we also all benefit in many ways. Your support of this association is important. With your assistance we will continue to help move our Law School — the only public New York State law school — forward into the next century. We are only limited by our own imagination and energy. If we continue to do things as a group, there is really no limit to what we can accomplish.

Gayle L.V. Eagan '85 was honored for her many contributions to the betterment of our community. A partner in Jaecick, Fleischmann & Mugel, she was introduced by Dean Olsen. Eagan concentrates her practice in trusts and estates, elder law and adoption. She is former president of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, and is president of the board of directors of Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled and Disadvantaged of Western New York, and a commissioner in the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women.

Practicing as I do in the areas of estates and trusts and elder law provides me with a constant reminder of how finite we all are. This awareness contributes to my overall philosophy of life, which is to cram as much as I can of what is most meaningful into the time allotted to me. Fortunately for me I have had very many wonderful opportunities to find meaningful activities in our community in which to participate. These experiences have been enriched by the many friendships that came from those years, and by the many members who worked tirelessly on such issues as domestic violence, international women's rights, the judicial selection process and legislative initiatives.

What is most significant to me about this very great honor you have given to me is that in doing so you are recognizing the valuable contributions that are being made in our community by the many volunteers and employees of the Erie County Medical Center, Legal Services for the Elderly, the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. It is on their behalf that I accept this award.

Anthony J. Renaldo '50 was honored for his exemplary performance in business. A senior partner with Renaldo, Myers & Palumbo, P.C., he was introduced by Hon. John P. Lane '53. Renaldo has served as attorney to local projects that include student housing and The Commons at UB, the Tops Distribution Center in Lancaster, Canterbury Woods Retirement Community in Amherst and the waterfront condominiums in Erie Basin Marina. He has served as president and vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association, and

The Law School has been vital to my life. It gave me a great education. It gave me opportunities and challenges that no one in my family ever had before. A lawyer is trained for leadership. His or her law school education helps him or her to develop leadership abilities, and an awareness of problems in his or her community. Lawyers perform pro bono work and put back into the community some of what they have taken from the community. We have a great challenge to us as lawyers to put back into the community. And we have the leadership ability to do these kinds of things.

My Law School education has given me the ability to think like a lawyer, write problems down like a lawyer, and find resolutions to those problems. That training they cannot take away from any of us. We are lawyers. We will be lawyers until we die.

I have been blessed with a great career and I love every minute of it. People ask me, 'When are you going to retire?' Never.

Hon. Frank A. Sedita Jr. '60 was honored for his conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary. A New York State Supreme Court justice in the Eighth Judicial District, he was introduced by Hon. M. Dolores Dennan '65. Sedita is a former family court judge and former chief judge of the City of Buffalo.

To be honored by the profession and your law school is a singular honor that I shall never forget. When I go to lunch with my lawyer buddies, what I hear is: We are under a lot of pressure today. We earn less money, we have fax machines, we have secretaries. It is a horrendous proposition. And there we are. So really who should we be honoring are the lawyers in the community, who really make my job so easy and represent their clients well, and justice. They are the best lawyers in the country, right here.

U.S. Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds represents New York’s 27th Congressional District. His political career has included terms as a town councilman, county legislator, state assembleman and, since 1998, U.S. congressman. He is a member of the House Rules Committee and serves as deputy whip in House leadership. He was honored with the Aaron N. Bloch Memorial Award for outstanding service to the community by a non-alumnus. Because Reynolds was in Washington on Congressional business, his wife, Donna, was introduced by Justice Howe and read a letter from the honoree.

There are few things as gratifying as being able to serve and contribute to one’s community. I have been richly blessed with the opportunity to try to make a difference. To be among such distinguished company makes this award all the more gratifying. Again, my sincerest thanks to the UB Law Alumni Association, and my congratulations to you for helping make UB one of the finest and most respected educational facilities in the world.
Rochester Renewal

"Ask yourself this basic question: Where would you be today if Buffalo Law School hadn't given you the opportunity to attend and practice our honored profession?" U.S. District Judge Michael A. Telesca '55 asked.

Rochester-area UB Law graduates, from the podium at an alumni luncheon held Oct. 13 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, in Rochester.

"We owe a great debt of gratitude and support to Nils Olsen and to the faculty that surround him. He is doing a fantastic job. He deserves our support," Judge Telesca said.

The luncheon was held as part of a plan to reactivate the Rochester Chapter of the UB Law Alumni Association. Over 700 Law School alumni live in the area.

"Many of us believed the time had come for us to become more involved in the Law School and the Alumni Association," said Michael R. Wolford '68, who chaired the event.

After an update on the state of the Law School by Dean R. Nils Olsen Jr., 14 Rochester alumni who have achieved distinction in public office were honored. New York State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Howe, immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, presented awards to: U.S. District Court Judge Michael A. Telesca '55; Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Dept., John J. Callahan '54; Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Dept., M. Dolores Denman '65; Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Dept. Samuel L. Green '67; Monroe County Executive John D. Doyle '68; Monroe County District Attorney Howard R. Reiln '68; New York State Supreme Court Justice John J. Ark '72; Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Dept., Eugene F. Pigott Jr. '73; New York State Supreme Court Justice Thomas M. VanStrydonck '73; Family Court Judge Ann Marie Taddeo '75; Ontario County District Attorney R. Michael Tantillo '77; Seneca County Court Judge Dennis F. Bender '77; Rochester City Court Judge Ann E. Pfeiffer '79; and Monroe Family Court Judge Gail A. Donofrio '85.

A second event, a cocktail reception held in January at the Crowne Plaza, featured several law faculty members as special guests. Professors Kenneth F. Joyce, Elizabeth B. Mensch, Errol E. Meidinger, Peter R. Pitegoff, and Vice Dean Alan S. Carrel were among those from the Law School who braved a blizzard to attend.

In addition to Wolford, Rochester Chapter steering committee members include Terry M. Richman '86, Roxanne A. Marvasti '95, Susan Schultz Laluk '85, Timothy J. McFarland '86, Donald W. O'Brien Jr. '77, Edmond J. Russell '99, Jason M. Karp '70, Raymond C. Stilwell '84 and Carl M. Darnall '72.
Rudy Giuliani, the controversial Republican mayor of New York City, drew a record crowd to the New York City luncheon that the UB Law Alumni Association holds annually in conjunction with the New York State Bar Association meeting in January. In the interest of fairness, Hillary Rodham Clinton, his Democratic rival for a seat in the United States Senate, also was invited to speak at the Law School's fall conference, "Sisters in Law: A Century of Achievement at UB." Unfortunately, she was unable to attend.

The blunt-speaking mayor gave a hard-hitting speech at the Union League Club on the law-and-order and free enterprise issues that he believes New Yorkers care most about, detailing his policies on taxes, education and the homeless, to name a few.

His positions were not universally applauded.

During a question and answer period, Corinne Carey '98, an advocate for the homeless who works for the Urban Justice Center in New York City, exchanged heated words with hizzoner. The presentation and lively discussion were well-received by those in attendance.

Supreme Court Justices Joseph G. Makowski '79 and Salvatore Martoche served on the speakers committee, which was able to secure the mayor's appearance. ■

Corinne Carey '98 and Kristen M. Nowadly '98

Mayor Rudy Giuliani

John Nugent ’50

Hon. Salvatore Martoche
What’s new?

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1940s

Philip H. Magner Jr. ’49 has been appointed special counsel to the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P. He will practice in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice. Magner lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

1950s

Hon. Ann T. Mikoll ’54, recently retired as a justice in the Appellate Division, 3rd Dept., of the New York State Supreme Court, was honored in December at the annual luncheon of the Women Lawyers of Western New York. She resides in Depew, N.Y.

Eugene C. Tenney ’54 has been appointed to the Judicial Hearing Officer Selection Advisory Committee for the Fourth Judicial Department of New York State. Tenney practices in Buffalo and resides in Eggertsville, N.Y.

Hon. Frank R. Bayger ’55 has been appointed of counsel to the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P. He will practice in the areas of personal injury and construction accidents. A retired New York State Supreme Court justice, Bayger resides in Buffalo.

Hon. Vincent E. Doyle ’55, New York State Supreme Court justice in the 8th Judicial District, was honored for pro bono work by the Erie County Bar Association’s Volunteer Lawyers Project. He resides in Buffalo.

Edward J. O’Connor ’56, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Bouvier, O’Connor, was elected to chair the New York State Bar Association’s 960-member Municipal Law Section. A former director of the Bar Association of Erie County, O’Connor lives in Alden, N.Y.

Grace Marie Ange ’57 was named Lawyer of the Year by the Bar Association of Erie County at its 112th annual dinner on June 10, 1999. She is a partner in the Buffalo law firm Ange & Ange.

Robert D. Colestock ’57 has retired to Clearwater, Fla., after 42 years of practice. He had been with Roth and Wehrly Inc., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Richard F. Griffin ’57, a partner in the Buffalo-based law firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P., was honored by the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel with its Distinguished Member Award. Griffin resides in Buffalo.

Maryann C. Saccomando Freedman ’58, of Buffalo, was selected by the Eighth Judiciary District Committee on Women in the Courts to receive an award at the Women in the Law and Women’s History Month celebration luncheon held on Feb. 25, at the Statler Towers Golden Ballroom, in Buffalo.
Freedman is a member of the Buffalo law firm Cohen & Lombardo P.C., in Buffalo.

Hon. Jacqueline M. Koshian '59, New York State Supreme Court justice, was the first recipient of an award named in her honor, recognizing outstanding community service and legal achievement, and given by the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Bar Association. She was also honored at the Women in the Law and Women’s History Month celebration luncheon held on Feb. 25, at the Statler Towers Golden Ballroom, in Buffalo. Koshian was selected by the Eighth Judicial District Committee on Women in the Courts. Elected to the bench in 1986, she resides in Niagara Falls.

1960s

H. Kenneth Schroeder Jr. '61, a partner in the Buffalo-based law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, was named a United States magistrate judge in Buffalo. "The judges of the court believed that Ken Schroeder, based upon his extensive experience as a practicing lawyer in both civil and criminal matters, is very well suited to assume this position," Chief U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer said in announcing the appointment. Schroeder lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Phillip Brothman '62, a senior partner in the Buffalo law firm Brothman & Yusick, was re-elected treasurer of the New York State Association of School Attorneys, a position he has held since 1986. He is attorney for the Lake Shore Central School District and special district counsel to the Gowanda Central School District. A past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, Brothman lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Lawrence D. Chesler '62 has been appointed vice president and general counsel for Navigation Technologies Corp. in Chicago, a developer of map databases used by in-vehicle navigation systems. He resides in Chicago.

Paul W. Dolloff '62, of the Buffalo law firm Schwendler & Dolloff, was elected president of the New York State Association of School Attorneys at its annual meeting on Oct. 2, 1999. School district attorney for the Clarence Central School District, he resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Joseph S. Forma '65 has been appointed to the Judicial Hearing Officer Selection Advisory Committee for the Fourth Judicial Department of New York State. He serves as a state Supreme Court justice.


Frederick A. Wolf '67, an attorney with the Buffalo law firm Saperston & Day, P.C., and Aurora town attorney, has been named county attorney by Erie County, N.Y., Executive Joel A. Giambra. Wolf resides in East Aurora, N.Y.

Robert P. Fine '68, senior member of the Buffalo law firm Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., has been appointed to the Departmental Judicial Screening Committee for the New York State Supreme Court's Appellate Division, 4th Department. The 13-member committee evaluates candidates for vacancies on the Supreme Court and the Appellate Division. Fine resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Paul L. Friedman '68 is a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He was elected to the Council of the American Law Institute for an interim term pending the institute's annual meeting in San Francisco, where he will be recommended for a regular term. Friedman resides in Washington, D.C.

Howard Relin '68 was elected to a fifth term as Monroe County, N.Y., district attorney, making him the longest-serving D.A. in the county's history. He resides in Rochester, N.Y.
The Class of 1949 held its 50-year reunion on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999 at the Park Country Club, in Buffalo. Over 26 classmates attended the event. Joining the celebration were Professors Jacob D. Hyman and Professor Albert R. Mugel.

"It was a pleasure seeing so many classmates after 50 years," says Sherwood Bestry of the Law Offices of Sherwood Bestry, in Amherst, N.Y. "The gala event was outstanding."

The event was chaired by George M. Zimmermann, of the Buffalo law firm Albrecht, Maguire, Heffern and Gregg.


Michael R. Wolford '68, a partner in the Rochester, N.Y., law firm Wolford & Leclair, L.L.P., has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was inducted at the group’s annual meeting on Oct. 30, 1999, in Philadelphia. Wolford resides in Victor, N.Y.

Donald B. Eppers '69 assumed the presidency of the Bar Association of Erie County for the 1999-2000 term. Eppers is a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Brown & Kelly, L.L.P., and a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

James P. Harrington '69 received the Criminal Justice Award from the Bar Association of Erie County at its Law Day luncheon on April 30, 1999. He practices and resides in Buffalo.

Joseph V. Sedita '69 has joined the Buffalo-based law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, L.L.P. He will practice as a member of the firm’s litigation team in the areas of criminal law, business crimes, tax crimes, aerospace defense, environmental criminal defense, health care investigation and health care defense. Sedita lives in Buffalo.

1970s

Warren B. Gelman '70 has been elected to the board of trustees of the Nichols School, Buffalo. A partner in the Buffalo law firm McGee & Gelman, he resides in Snyder, N.Y.

Ernest J. Norman '70 has become a member of the Buffalo law firm Watson, Bennett, Colligan, Johnson & Schechter, L.L.P. He focuses his practice in the areas of commercial, corporate, international, banking and environmental law. Norman lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Anthony M. Nosek '71 has returned to the Buffalo law firm Cohen & Lombardo, P.C., practicing in the areas of environmental law, corporate law, municipal contracts and civil litigation. Nosek resides in Lancaster, N.Y.

Norman S. Rosenberg '71 is the executive director of the New Israel Fund in Washington, D.C.

Hon. Richard R. Stokely '71 was sworn in on Jan. 1, 1999, to serve a four-year term as Otero County magistrate judge in Alamogordo, N.M. He lives in Alamogordo.

Hon. John J. Ark '72, a New York State Supreme Court justice, was named to the Commission on Drugs and the Courts, which evaluates and recommends improvements in the state courts regarding substance abuse. He resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72 has been named a Diplomat of the National Drug Court Institute, having completed the Comprehensive Drug Court Certification Program conducted at Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C. A judge in the Amherst, N.Y., Drug Court, he practices in East Amherst, N.Y., and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Eric C. Nordby '92 is an attorney with the law firm of Hancock and Estabrook, L.L.P., in Syracuse, N.Y. where he resides.

Thomas F. Segalla '72 recently served as a faculty member in the 1999 New York State judicial seminar "Furthering Justice Through Education." Associated with the Buffalo law firm Saperston & Day, P.C., he lives in Eggertsville, N.Y.

W. James Schwan '72 has joined with Andrea L. Sammarco '92 and Tracy D. Sammarco '95 to form the Buffalo law firm Schwan, Sammarco & Sammarco. He lives in Buffalo.

Jeffrey A. Spencer '72 has been appointed as a court attorney assigned to help organize and operate the new Commercial Division of Erie County Supreme Court. Spencer resides in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Paul F. Stavis '72 is now an associate professor at George Mason University Law School, Arlington, Va., where he
The Class of 1959 commemorated its 40-year reunion with a two-day celebration on Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22, 1999. Classmates began the weekend with a reception at the Law School on Friday evening. Saturday's events included an afternoon golf outing at the Wanakah Country Club, followed by a cocktail reception and dinner at The Buffalo Club.

"It was really great to see all of our classmates, since we have been out of school for a number of years and are not always in touch with one another," comments James W. Kirkpatrick of Liptsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P., in Buffalo.

Thomas R. Beecher Jr., president of Ballynoe LLC, in Buffalo, and Joseph F. Crangle, of Block and Colucci PC, chaired the event.

First row: Hon. Jacqueline M. Koshtian


Third row, left to right: Noel E. Bartolo, Donald P. Sheldon and Eli H. Frankel

Fourth row, left to right: F. Warren Kahn, Donald M. Silverberg, Eugene P. O'Connor and Robert Shook

Marriages

Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

Lisa J. Allen '90 and Michael C. Veruto '98, June 11, 1999
Christopher John Belter '93 and Tricia Alexandra Vacanti '98, Oct. 2, 1999
Anne Marie Bevilacqua '98 and Paul W. Dils, Sept. 24, 1999
Melissa R. Brown '99 and Joseph Earl Williams II, Aug. 21, 1999
Anthony T. Casilio '86 and Lori Ann Derr, July 3, 1999
Michael J. Chmiel '99 and Toni Lyn Frain '99, Sept. 25, 1999
Brian Christopher Clark '98 and Lori Ann Rambino, July 24, 1999
Margrit Mary DiCamillo '97 and Jeffrey Francis Voelkl, April 24, 1999
Jeanette L. Dixon '95 and Richard Lee-Sam, June 26, 1999
Susan M. Etu '96 and James E. Eagan, Nov. 24, 1999
Mark B. Farber '97 and Michele Marks, June 12, 1999
David Fensterstock '94 and Dale Robbins, Oct. 23, 1999
Albert A. Foster Jr. '83 and Alisha Arnold, Jan. 1, 1999
Darleen V. Gawron '99 and Dr. Brian M. Karaszewski, Aug. 7, 1999
Suzanne Gregory '95 and Michael B. Risman '79, Jan. 15, 2000
David Grover '94 and Jill Zirlin, Aug. 28, 1999
Kimberly A. Harrington '99 and Douglas K. Cline, Aug. 28, 1999
Kevin W. Hourihan '99 and Ammie L. Endich, May 29, 1999
William J. Ilecki '89 and Hillary B. Rifkin, Oct. 16, 1999
Andrew B. Isenberg '92 and Jennifer S. Ross, June 26, 1999
Mollybeth R. Kocialski '97 and Christopher R. McAlpine, June 12, 1999
John Joseph Koeppel '98 and Karin Diane Kraus, March 27, 1999
Gregory P. Krull '89 and Dr. Barbara A. Moore, Sept. 10, 1999
Darren R. Longo '96 and Kelly Lynne Styles, Sept. 4, 1999
David A. LoTempio '84 and Susan M. Bennett, April 24, 1999
Terrence Michael McNamara '99 and Michele Ann DeVole, Dec. 10, 1999
Mimi Meng '95 and David A. Wright '96, July 17, 1999
Carol Messito '98 and Matthew Schneider, Sept. 18, 1999
William D. Murphy '98 and Bridget A. Sheehan, July 23, 1999
Sandra A. Nasca '88 and James Meyer Munschauer, Nov. 13, 1999
Sharon Kristen Prise '99 and John M. Azurin, Aug. 27, 1999
Amy Rosen '90 and David Brand, Nov. 28, 1998
Salvatore Thomas Sanfilippo '89 and Saskia Judith Irene Barbara van Reee, Oct. 30, 1999
Wendy A. Scott '93 and Timothy J. Stevens '93, May 8, 1999
Stephen A. Sharkey '98 and Joette Marie Calabrese, Nov. 13, 1999
Mark F. Steinmer '91 and Diva Aguzzi, Aug. 7, 1999
Jennifer Lynn Stoeckl '98 and Jeffrey Alan Burke, May 8, 1999
Teresa J. Weinreber '95 and David R. Mucha, Aug. 21, 1999
Brian Richard Yoshida '96 and Holly Lyn Karam, July 17, 1999
The Class of 1961 gathered at The Buffalo Club on Saturday, October 2, 1999, to mark a rather unusual milestone — its 38-year reunion. The cocktail reception and dinner were chaired by Stuart Gellman, of the Law Offices of Stuart A. Gellman, in Buffalo.

"It was a great time," says Stephen E. Cavanaugh, partner in the Buffalo law firm Cavanaugh, Stephenson and Matuszak. "Our class normally gets together every five years, but we decided to do it more often. Our reunion this past year was especially enjoyable in that it was less formal and allowed us the chance to mingle with each other. Stu Gellman did a great job, as usual."


Reconnect with your classmates
You can have a terrific time reconnecting with your Law School classmates by joining a Class Reunion Committee. The lifelong friends you made and the good times you shared during your three-year journey through UB Law deserve to be remembered — and celebrated — in your class' own special way.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the reunion program should call Deborah Scott at (716) 645-6429 or email her at devdm@acsu.buffalo.edu.

The Law School Alumni Office is happy to assist Class Reunion Committees. It will:
• Provide professional staff support
• Provide class lists and other information from the alumni database
• Offer event planning assistance
• Help organize and support the classes' gift committees
• Mail reunion information to class members
• Organize and support classes' program committees
• Publish reunion plans in The Forum and other UB publications
• Provide professional photographers for class dinners
• Provide class photos free of charge to participants
• Arrange for the dean and faculty to participate in classes' events, if desired.
directs the school's newly established Law and Psychiatry Center. He lives in Fairfax, Va.

Sanford L. Clark ’73 announced the establishment of his private practice in Buffalo. Clark limits his practice to matters before the Worker's Compensation Board of New York State. He lives in Buffalo.

Maurice C. Doyle ’73 has joined the Buffalo law firm Donald H. Lischer, P.C., as an associate. He will practice in the real estate and default services department. Doyle resides in Youngstown, N.Y.

Neil A. Goldberg ’73 was elected president-elect of the Defense Research Institute, the nation's largest association of civil litigation defense lawyers. A senior trial partner at the Buffalo law firm Saperston & Day, P.C., he resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Donald H. Haight ’73 is director of contract management for University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, in Las Vegas. He resides in Las Vegas.

Richard Oulton ’73 is president of Affiliated Attorneys Inc. in Richmond, Va. He resides in Glen Allen, Va.

Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. ’73, of Grand Island, N.Y., was promoted by Gov. George E. Pataki from associate justice, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, Fourth Judicial Department, to presiding justice of the state appeals court. He also will serve on a five-member policy board that oversees every state court in New York. Justice Pigott has been a judge for three years. He served on the appellate division since March 1998.

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers ’73, a New York State Supreme Court justice, was elected secretary of the Judicial Council of the New York State Bar Association. She will assume the chair of the council in 2002. She was named district judge for justice initiatives. She will coordinate activities of the advisory committee with the Franklin H. Williams Commission on Minorities, a statewide organization of which she is a member.

Justice Sconiers, of Buffalo, was also selected by the Eighth Judicial District Committee on Women in the Courts to be honored at the Women in the Law and Women's History Month celebration luncheon held on Feb. 25, at the Statler Towers Golden Ballroom. She resides in Buffalo.

Michael J. Karger ’74 is a partner in Kane, Ballmer & Berkman, a Los Angeles firm that specializes in representing public agencies. Before he joined the firm, he was city attorney of Gardena, Calif. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Hon. James A.W. McLeod ’74 was elected to a 10-year term on the Buffalo City Court bench. He resides in Buffalo.

Tricia T. Semmelhack ’74, a partner in the Buffalo-based law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, L.L.P., was selected to participate in the first Canada/U.S.A. Businesswomen's Trade Summit, held in Toronto. The forum discussed important cross-border business issues with key Canadian and U.S. policy makers. Semmelhack lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Richard M. Tobe ’74 received the Commander's Award for Public Service from the Department of the Army for his work as commissioner of the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, and as chairman of the Coalition Against Nuclear Materials in Tonawanda. He lives in Buffalo.

Hon. Julio M. Fuentes ’75 was nominated by President Clinton to the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in New Jersey. He has been a judge on New Jersey’s Superior Court bench in Essex County since 1987.

James D. Gauthier ’75 has been elected secretary of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys. A member of the Buffalo law firm Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., he concentrates his practice in civil litigation. Gauthier resides in Kenmore, N.Y.

Pamela Davis Heilman ’75, a partner in the Buffalo-based law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, L.L.P., was selected to participate in the first Canada/U.S.A. Businesswomen's Trade Summit, held in Toronto. The forum discussed important cross-border business issues with key Canadian and U.S. policy makers. Heilman lives in Buffalo.

Diane F. Bosse ’76 was elected a member of the board of trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, which develops and administers tests and services to bar examining boards nationwide. General partner in the Buffalo law firm Volgenau & Bosse, she resides in Clarence, N.Y.

Patrick J. Brown ’76, a member of the Buffalo law firm LoTempio & Brown, P.C., attended the 1999 National Sentencing Policy Institute in California. Brown resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Louis P. DiLorenzo ’76, managing partner in the Syracuse, N.Y., law firm Bond, Schoeneck and King, edited two recent issues of the New York State Bar Journal, including a fall 1999 issue on labor and employment law. He resides in Fayetteville, N.Y.

William A. Gersten ’76 was elected a director of the Bar Association of Erie County. Practicing with the Buffalo law firm Davis, Angello, Matteliano & Gersten, he resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Kenneth S. Kasdan ’76 is senior partner at Kasdan, Simon, McIntyre, Epstein & Martin in Irvine, Calif., a firm that practices in the area of construction defect litigation. Kasdan taught a bridge course, Complex Civil Litigation, in March 2000 at UB Law School. He resides in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Richard C. Klocz Sr. ’76 recently was honored by the Niagara County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his work on behalf of victims of that crime. Klocz is a North Tonawanda, N.Y., City Court judge and in practice in North Tonawanda, where he also lives.
The Class of 1969 planned a weekend celebration to mark its 30-year reunion. On Friday, July 16, 1999, classmates assembled at Marotto's & DuBois Restaurant in downtown Buffalo to kick off the festivities. Saturday, July 17, began with brunch at the Law School, followed by a river, lock and canal trip aboard the Miss Buffalo, and ending with a formal dinner at the Westwood Country Club, in Williamsville, N.Y. Friends exchanged farewells with their classmates from out-of-town after brunch on Sunday morning at Cole's Restaurant, in Buffalo.

"It was great that the Law School was involved," says Alan Hoffman of the Law Office of Alan S. Hoffman, in Buffalo. "It had been a long time since we were on campus. We thank everyone at the Law School who did a great job helping us."

The Class of 1969's reunion committee was chaired by Robert B. Sommerstein, of Dubin, Sommerstein and Hunter LLP, in Buffalo.

First row, left to right: Alan R. Feldstein, Donald A. Alessi, E. Carey Cantwell, Ronald P. Raab, Alan S. Hoffman, Richard S. Usen, Helen Kaney Dempsey, Daniel E. Brick, Lawrence W. Golden and Frederick B. Cohen

Second row, left to right: James P. Harrington, Robert B. Sommerstein and Elbert Hargesheimer III.

Third row, left to right: Ronald J. Axelrod, Donald B. Eppers, John M. Dempsey and Allan M. Lewis

Fourth row, left to right: Richard J. Lippes, Stephen M. Zeitlin and Richard C. Heffern

Fifth row, left to right: Frank A. Schwartzman, Ralph A. Boniello III, Lee J. Mondshein, Douglas S. Cream, Joseph V. Sedita and Robert M. Glazer
Thomas R. Lochner ’76 has joined the Family Law Department of Bouvier, O’Connor, a Buffalo law firm. A family law practitioner since 1981, he is certified as a divorce mediator through the Bar Association of Erie County. Lochner resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Margaret W. Wong ’76 was named a life member of the 8th Circuit Judicial Conference, in Ohio. She also received the Trailblazer’s Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the 1999 Belle Sherwin Democracy in Action Award from the League of Women Voters in Cleveland. She is a resident of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

John J. Aman ’77 was appointed a member of New York State’s Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee. He resides in Buffalo.

Janice A. Barber ’77, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Brown & Tarantino, recently presented a seminar, “Legal Aspects of the Practice of Nursing,” with Linda J. Marsh ’78, to the senior class of the Sisters Hospital School of Nursing. She lives in Buffalo.

Matthew J. Leeds ’77 has been elected to membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. A partner in the New York City law firm Robinson, Silverman, Pearce, Aronsohn & Berman, L.L.P., he resides in Chappaqua, N.Y.

Thomas Maligno ’77 works as a director of career planning and development in Huntington, N.Y., and was honored on June 17, 1999, with the Commitment to Justice Award from Nassau/Suffolk Law Services, of which he was formerly executive director. Maligno lives in Huntington Station, N.Y.

Mary Dee Martoche ’77, principal surrogate attorney in Erie County, N.Y., Surrogate Court, has been elected chairwoman of the board of directors of the American Red Cross, Greater Buffalo chapter. She lives in Buffalo.

Laurence K. Rubin ’77, special counsel to Kavinoky & Cook, L.L.P., in Buffalo, was named commissioner of environment and planning by Erie County, N.Y., Executive Joel A. Giambra. He also was named president of the board of Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County. He is a Buffalo resident.

David M. Ascher ’78 is vice president and general counsel to the Newark Group Inc. in Cranford, N.J., a manufacturer of paperboard and related products. He resides in Newark, N.J.

Hon. Kenneth L. Gartner ’78 was elected a judge of the Nassau County District Court, and took office in January. He lives in Merrick, N.Y.

Garry M. Graber ’78 was elected vice president/president-elect of the 33,562-member Bar Association of Erie County. He becomes president in June 2000. Graber, with the Buffalo-based law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Linda J. Marsh ’78, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Ziller, Marsh & Lang, L.L.P., recently presented a seminar, “Legal Aspects of the Practice of Nursing,” with Janice A. Barber ’77, to the senior class of the Sisters Hospital School of Nursing. She lives in Buffalo.

Kathleen M. Mehltretter ’78 was named first assistant U.S. attorney in the Western District of New York. She is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Peter F. Brady ’79, joined with Alan P. Schaefer ’94 to form Brady & Schaefer, L.L.P., in Amherst, N.Y. Their practice will concentrate on personal injury litigation. Brady lives in Buffalo.

Ann E. Evanko ’79 received a 1999 Outstanding Achievement Award from the YWCA of Western New York at its 21st annual Leader Luncheon. She also was honored by the Eighth Judiciary District Committee on Women in the Courts at the Women in the Law and Women’s History Month celebration luncheon held on Feb. 25, at the Statler Towers Golden Ballroom, in Buffalo. A
The 25-year reunion of the Class of 1974 began with a reception on Friday, April 23, 1999, at the Calumet Arts Café, in downtown Buffalo. The celebration continued Saturday, April 24, 1999, with a morning brunch at the Law School, and an afternoon of golf at the Glen Oak golf course, in East Amherst, N.Y. The festivities culminated Saturday night with an evening of dinner and dancing at The Saturn Club, in Buffalo.

"It was very pleasant to see people I hadn't seen in 25 years," says Christopher J. Belling of the Erie County District Attorney's Office. "The event was very well planned and well executed."


First row, left to right: William Reich, Judith D. Katzenson, Susan Bring Tobe, Marylou E. Clark, Tricia T. Semmelhack, Linda J. Mead and Professor Marjorie Girth


Third row, left to right: George A. Neidich, George B. Quinlan, Jr., Christopher J. Belling, Mark J. Mahoney, Edward J. Snyder, Nathan S. Neil, Michael J. Karger, Michael G. Gfroerer and Nicholas Amigone

partner in the Buffalo law firm Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., Evanko is a past president of the Women's Bar Association of Western New York. She resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Gary Kanaley '79 has joined the Buffalo law firm Falk & Siemer, L.L.P. He lives in Lake View, N.Y.

Dan D. Kohane '79, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., has been appointed vice chair of the Defense Research Institute’s newly formed Technology Committee. Kohane also was re-elected chair of the Buffalo Convention Center Management Corp. for the fourth consecutive year. He resides in Buffalo.

Jerome William Paun '79 was elected to a three-year term as treasurer of the National Lawyers Guild. He also co-chairs the group’s Labor and Employment Committee. A solo practitioner representing workers and labor organizations, he resides in Lebanon, Conn.

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Hon. Timothy J. Cooper '80 was named Magistrate of the Year at the 90th annual Magistrates Conference in Ellenville, N.Y. Cooper, who has been Evans, N.Y., town justice since 1986, resides in Derby, N.Y.

Gary Alan DeWaal '80 is executive vice president and general counsel of the broker-dealer and futures commission merchant FIMAT USA Inc., where he is a member of the firm’s executive committee and oversees the legal, compliance and new accounts departments. He is also an adjunct professor of law at Brooklyn Law School. DeWaal lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and works in New York City.

Karen L. Matthews '80, assistant county attorney for Erie County, was elected president of the Buffalo Council on World Affairs, a non-profit organization that promotes awareness of global issues. She resides in Buffalo.

Michael A. Rossi '80 has joined the Buffalo law firm Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton & Liptak, L.L.P., as of counsel. He will chair the business and real estate department. Rossi lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Michael J. Abatemarco '81 is on the board of directors of DualStar Technologies Corp. He practices in Greenvale, N.Y., and resides in Garden City, N.Y.

Regan P. Ihde '81 was appointed assistant vice president and underwriting counsel for Chicago Title Insurance Co. and Ticor Title Insurance Co. She lives in Buffalo.

Ross T. Runfola '81 was designated an Approved Consultant by the Academy of Family Mediators. A partner in the matrimonial litigation department at Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn in Buffalo, he resides in Buffalo.

Carol A. Condon '82 received the Achievement Award from the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, in recognition of her years of service to the organization. Condon practices in Buffalo and resides in East Amherst, N.Y.

John P. Feroletto '82 was elected a director of the Bar Association of Erie County. He lives and practices in Buffalo.


Paul F. Murak '82 has joined the Buffalo law firm Rosenthal, Siegel, Muenkel & Maloney, L.L.P., as an associate. He resides in East Aurora, N.Y.

Hon. Denise E. O'Donnell '82, U.S. attorney for the Western New York District, has been appointed Attorney General Janet Reno’s Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys. She will be chairwoman of the Advisory Committee’s investigation and intelligence subcommittee. O’Donnell was recognized at the Women in the Law and Women’s History Month celebration luncheon held on Feb. 25, at the Statler Towers Golden Ballroom. She received the Liberty Bell Award from the Bar Association of Erie County at its Law Day luncheon on April 30, 1999. A vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and chair of its Oral History project, she resides in Buffalo.

Edward P. Yankelunas '82 has been named a partner in the Buffalo law firm Damon & Morey. He practices in the business litigation department and also handles product liability and personal injury cases. Yankelunas resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

John A. Ziegler '82 has joined the Buffalo law firm Rosenthal, Siegel, Muenkel & Maloney, L.L.P., as an associate. He resides in Buffalo.

Albert A. Foster Jr. '83 is managing partner of the Washington, D.C., office of Dillingham & Murphy, L.L.P. He resides in Arlington, Va.

Kathryn Jackson '83 was honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the Regional Women in Business Advocate of the Year at a May 26, 1999, luncheon. Jackson, of the Buffalo law firm Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, L.L.P., resides in Getzville, N.Y.

Barbra A. Kavanaugh '83 has become attorney general in charge of the Buffalo office of New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. A longtime community activist, Kavanaugh resides in Buffalo.

Patrick J. Roach '83 was honored for pro bono work by the Bar Association of Erie County's Volunteer Lawyers Project. An attorney in solo practice and a Town of Tonawanda, N.Y., police lieutenant, he lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Stewart E. Wurtzel '83, a partner in the New York City law firm Deutsch Tate, Waterman & Wurtzel, published two articles on fair debt practices that appeared in the New York Law Journal in January, 1999 and the New York Professional Responsibility Reporter in
On Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999, the Class of 1979 celebrated its 10-year reunion. Classmates met at the Law School for an afternoon lunch, then reunited later that evening at the Pearl Street Brewery for a buffet dinner.

“Characteristic of our days at UB Law, the event was leisurely, relaxed and informal,” says Sharon A. Osgood, of the Law Office of Sharon A. Osgood, in Buffalo. “None of us had changed an iota, of course. It was a lot of fun.”

Her classmate, Debra A. Norton, agreed, “Even after 20 years, everyone was relaxed and casual. It was just like we were back in law school. I was really impressed by the number of people who came from across the country.”

The Class of 1979’s reunion committee was led by Aven Rennie Harkawik, of East Amherst, N.Y., and Jean C. Powers, of Jaecle, Flesichmann & Mugel LLP, in Buffalo.

**First row, left to right:** David A. Brody, Joseph M. Schnitter, Raymond P. Reichert, Charles C. Swanekamp, Sharon A. Osgood, Lynn S. Edelman, Shelley B. Mayer and Michael H. Ranzenhofer

**Second row, left to right:** Mark A. Larsen, Claudia G. Allen, Mary Anne Connell, Alan M. Wishnoff, Aven Rennie, Jerome W. Paun, Debra A. Norton, Lawrence M. Ross, Jean M. Graziani, Thomas E. Black and Michael B. Risman

August, 1999. He resides in East Meadow, N.Y.

Ellen G. Yost '83, formerly of Griffith & Yost, has merged her immigration practice and her offices in Buffalo and Belgium into Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, P.C., a firm headquartered in New York City. She joined the firm as a principal and managing partner of its Buffalo and Brussels offices. She and her staff will maintain their current offices at the Key Center, in Buffalo.

Michael H. Arnold '84 received a 1999 William E. McKnight Volunteer Service Award from the Volunteer Legal Services Project in Rochester, N.Y. Arnold, who has handled 13 pro bono bankruptcy cases in the past eight years, is a partner in the law firm Place & Arnold, in Fairport, N.Y., where he also resides.

Gary P. Bluestein '84 recently spoke at the state convention of the New York Society of Enrolled Agents. With the Amherst, N.Y., law firm Bluestein & Mühbauer, he resides in Buffalo.

George W. Collins Jr. '84, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Bouvier, O'Connor, was elected to the board of directors of the Western New York Defense Trial Lawyers Association. He lives in Buffalo.

Mary M. Donoghue '84 was honored for pro bono work by the Bar Association of Erie County's Volunteer Lawyers Project. A solo practitioner, she lives in Buffalo.

Peter J. Hogan '84 was recently named a partner in the law firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, L.L.P. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial lending transactions, commercial and residential real estate, general business and corporate matters. He resides in Syracuse, N.Y.

Cindy Louise Foote Intscharf '84 has been appointed as the first female district attorney of Jefferson County, N.Y. Her home is in Sackets Harbor, N.Y.

Michael J. Cooper '86

Richard E. Gottlieb '85

Joseph T. Kremer '88

Erin M. Peradotto '84 was elected a director of the Bar Association of Erie County. Practicing with the Buffalo firm Volgenau & Bosse, she resides in Buffalo.

Anna Marie Richmond '84 of Buffalo received a Special Service Award from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, in recognition of her pro bono work. Richmond worked with Robbie Lee Billingsley '88 on the Americans with Disabilities Act case of a state prisoner, who was awarded $150,000.

George F. Bellows '85 was recently elected treasurer of the Buffalo Council on World Affairs. A partner in the Buffalo law firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P., he resides in Buffalo.

Janet Heck Doyle '85 is CEO and president of the Kramer Junction Co., the managing general partner of five solar energy generating plants located in California's Mojave Desert. She lives and works in Evergreen, Colo.

Gayle L. Eagan '85 was honored for pro bono work by the Bar Association of Erie County's Volunteer Lawyers Project. An attorney with the Buffalo law firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P., she resides in Buffalo.

Richard E. Gottlieb '85 has joined the litigation practice group of Dykema Gossett P.L.L.C. in the firm's Chicago office. He holds a master of laws degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Gottlieb resides in Winnetka, Ill.

John T. Kolaga '85 has joined the Buffalo law firm Jaekle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P., as a partner. He will concentrate his practice in environmental law and litigation. He also serves as president of Brush Up Buffalo Inc., a not-for-profit corporation that paints the homes of needy homeowners. He makes his home in Amherst, N.Y.

Michelle C. Lombino '85 has joined the Phoenix, Ariz., law firm Withey & Tobin, P.L.C., as a member. She practices in the areas of business law, real
In Memoriam

The Law School extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following alumni/alumnae:

Harold B. Ehrlich '22
Laguna Hills, California

Edward B. Murphy '27
Amherst, New York

David Smolak '27
Tamarac, Florida

Hon. G. Delwin Hervey '31
Tonawanda, New York

John J. Sullivan Jr. '35
Lackawanna, New York

Ralph O. Kreinheder '36
Buffalo, New York

Edward F. Gibbons '37
Williamsville, New York

Frank J. Luchowski '37
Buffalo, New York

Richard K. Fleischmann '38
Buffalo, New York

William A. Genrich '38
Amherst, New York

James J. White '38
Kenmore, New York

Samuel Fiandach '39
Rochester, New York

Jeanette F. Snyder '39
Rochester, New York

Levant M. Himelein '47
Gowanda, New York

Ernest A. Polin '47
LaJolla, California

William J. Rose Sr. '47
Buffalo, New York

Walter W. Howitt '48
East Aurora, New York

George T. Mosley '48
Buffalo, New York

William R. Raikin '49
Yonkers, New York

Martin F. Keil '50
Huntington Beach, California

Henry Jarvis Turner '50
San Jose, California

Jerald A. Wattengel '50
Niagara Falls, New York

Michael A. Bellows Jr. '51
Eggertsville, New York

Prof. Robert B. Fleming Sr. '51
Buffalo, New York

George J. Kohl '51
West Seneca, New York

Maynard C. Schaus Jr. '53
Davenport, Florida

Bernard Stilman '53
Williamsville, New York

Edward Schmitt '54
Williamsville, New York

Joseph G. Kihl '55
Kenmore, New York

Richard E. Schnell '55
North Tonawanda, New York

Thomas M. Dean '56
Buffalo, New York

Edward H. Coughlin '57
Snyder, New York

Jacob Sommerstein '57
Williamsville, New York

Thomas H. Rosinski '58
Hamburg, New York

Kenneth H. Hall '59
East Aurora, New York

Hon. M. Dolores Denman '65
Buffalo, New York

Arthur J. Freedman '69
North Tonawanda, New York

Vincent A. Tobia '74
Buffalo, New York

Linda Schuk Reynolds '83
Buffalo, New York

Kenneth D. Neceves '88
Richfield Springs, New York

Christopher J. Moriarity '90
Buffalo, New York

Elizabeth J. Bergman '96
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

estate, lending, bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

Virginia McEldowney '85 was named special counsel by the Buffalo law firm Damon & Morey. She practices in the areas of health care, insurance and ERISA/employee benefits.

McEldowney is an instructor at Canisius College, in Buffalo, and lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

Steven R. Sugarman '85 is co-teaching Mediation I for the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Western Region. An attorney with Pusatier, Sherman, Abbott and Sugarman, he resides in Snyder, N.Y.

Kevin A. Szanyi '85 is managing partner of the new Buffalo law firm Webster Szanyi, L.L.P. He concentrates his practice on complex product liability, toxic torts, railroad and other personal injury cases. Szanyi resides in Buffalo.

Fr. William Jud Weiksnar '85 heads the new Franciscan Center for Social Concern at St. Bonaventure University, Olean, N.Y. He makes his home at the university's friary.

Michael J. Cooper '86 has become an associate attorney at the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P. He practices in the personal injury department. Cooper resides in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Mark K. Cramer '86 has joined the Buffalo law firm Hiscock & Barclay, L.L.P., as a partner, working in the firm's business and financial services groups. He resides in Kenmore, N.Y.

Hon. Diane Devlin '86 was elected a City Court Judge in Buffalo. She resides in Buffalo.

Daniel H. Guttmann '86, a former New York City prosecutor, is now a partner in the Smithtown, N.Y., firm Guttmann & Kellner, P.C. The firm has a general practice with a concentration in personal injury and criminal cases. Guttmann resides in Smithtown.
Catherine M. Monachino ’86 in June 1999 received the Hon. Michael F. Dillon Law Guardian Award, recognizing her advocacy on behalf of children. She lives and practices in Elba, N.Y.

Joan Casillo Adams ’87 was honored for pro bono work by the Bar Association of Erie County’s Volunteer Lawyers Project. An attorney with the Buffalo law firm Offermann, Cassaro, Greco & Slisz, L.L.P., she lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Martha M. Anderson ’87 has been named a partner in the Buffalo law firm Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle, L.L.P. A member of the business and banking and lending practices department, she lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Margot S. Bennett ’87 has joined the Amherst, N.Y., law firm Vinal & Vinal. She will focus her practice in litigation and trial work. Bennett resides in Buffalo.

David S. Brown ’87 has been named a partner in the Los Angeles law firm Kirtland & Packard, L.L.P. Brown, who practices civil litigation, resides in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Spencer G. Feldman ’87 authored two chapters in The Best in M&A: How to Help You Get the Deal Done (Brumberg Publications). His articles on acquisitions in the Internet age also have appeared in Profit magazine and Insights: The Corporate and Securities Law Advisor. Feldman is a corporate partner in the New York City office of Greenberg, Taurig, Hoffman & Lipoff. He lives in New York City.

Brett D. Gilbert ’87 heads the Law Offices of Brett D. Gilbert in New York City, where he practices in the areas of criminal defense, motion and appellate advocacy, and select civil cases in the state and federal courts. He resides in New York City.

Nancy Holtby ’87 has been named of counsel in the Rochester office of the firm Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle, L.L.P. A member of the environmental group, she resides in Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

Brian C. Mahoney ’87 is an attorney with the Buffalo law firm Smith Keller, Miner & O’Shea, after spending 11 years as an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney’s office. He resides in Buffalo.

Donna M. Siwek ’87 was elected a director of the Bar Association of Erie County. Confidential law clerk to New York State Supreme Court Justice David J. Mahoney, she resides in Buffalo.

Robbie Lee Billingsley ’88, of Buffalo, received a Special Service Award from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, in recognition of her pro bono work. Billingsley worked with Anna Marie Richmond ’84 on the Americans with Disabilities Act case of a state prisoner, who was awarded $150,000.

Sophie Feal ’88 was named by the Bar Association of Erie County’s Volunteer Lawyers Project to head its new Immigration Project, which aids people from other countries who are being detained by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service at the new federal detention facility in Batavia, N.Y. Feal lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Terrence P. Flynn ’88 was named a partner in the Buffalo law firm Gibson, McAskill and Crosby. He resides in Buffalo.

Joseph T. Kremer ’88 was named a partner in the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fehringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P. He resides in Getzville, N.Y.

Lois Jean Liberman ’88 became a partner in the matrimonial department of the New York City firm Tenzer Greenblatt, L.L.P., in January 1999. She lives in Merrick, N.Y.

Lisa Strain ’88 is an associate attorney with New York State Mental Hygiene Legal Service in Rochester, N.Y. She resides in Webster, N.Y.
Thomas P. Theophilos '88 has joined the law offices of Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn, in Buffalo, as a staff attorney.

Jed L. Carroll '89 is a partner in America's Choice, an international franchise of real estate marketing services. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Kevin M. Carter '89 has joined the Buffalo law firm Sullivan & Oliverio, where he will concentrate on general litigation. In June 1999 he received the Hon. Michael F. Dillon Law Guardian Award, recognizing his advocacy on behalf of children. Carter resides in Buffalo.

Douglas W. Dimitroff '89 was named a partner in the Buffalo-based law firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P., where he focuses on the areas of banking, commercial, real estate, telecommunications law, zoning and land use planning, real property taxation and leasing. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Vincent E. Doyle III '89, partner in the Buffalo law firm Conners & Vilardo, has been elected to chair the 1,575-member Criminal Justice Section of the New York State Bar Association. He also was recently appointed to serve on the association's Grand Jury Project. Doyle lives in Buffalo.

Gregory P. Krull '89 has joined the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P., as an associate. He will practice in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice. Krull resides in Buffalo.

Michael C. Marsh '89 has joined the Miami law office of Akerman Senterfitt as a shareholder in the litigation practice group. He resides in Weston, Fla.

Kelly A. Omel '89 was elected a director of the Bar Association of Erie County. Practicing in the Erie County district attorney's office, Omel resides in Snyder, N.Y.

John K. Rottaris '89, of the Buffalo law firm Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan, P.C., has been admitted to membership in the Commercial Law League of America, an organization of bankers and commercial law professionals. He lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

Salvatore T. Sanfilippo '89 was honored for pro bono work by the Bar Association of Erie County's Volunteer Lawyers Project. A solo practitioner, he lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

1990s

Heidi S. Geib '90 has completed a master of divinity degree at Emory University and a master of theology degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. She will pursue a doctoral degree in New Testament studies at Vanderbilt University. She lives in Antioch, Tenn.

Mary Catherine Malley '90 was named president of the New Millennium Group of Western New York, a civic improvement organization. An associate in the Buffalo firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, she lives in Buffalo.

Peter A. Perlman '90 has become a member of the New York City law firm Beldock Levine & Hofman, L.L.P. He resides in New York City.

Ginger Schroder '90, an attorney with the Buffalo office of Buchanan Ingersoll, is president of the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. She also was named a "40 under Forty" honoree by Business First of Buffalo. Schroder lives in Buffalo.

Susan M. Sturman '90 has become a principal in the Washington, D.C., law firm Hessel and Alilube, P.C. She practices in the field of affordable housing and finance. Sturman resides in Alexandria, Va.

Joseph R. Bergen '91 has joined the Buffalo firm William K. Mattar, P.C., as an associate focusing on personal injury cases. He resides in Buffalo.

Rodger P. Doyle Jr. '91 will serve as of counsel to the Buffalo office of Hiscock & Barile, L.L.P., concentrating in civil litigation with a specialty in personal injury and employment litigation. He lives in Buffalo.

Anthony L. Eugeni '91 is a partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, L.L.P. A resident of Niagara Falls, N.Y., he practices in the firm's corporate and business law group.

Diane Nowak Kent '91 has relocated to the Boca Raton, Fla., office of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, L.L.P. She practices in the area of estates and trusts.

Jennifer Latham '91 was honored for pro bono work by the Bar Association of Erie County's Volunteer Lawyers Project. A solo practitioner, she lives in Buffalo.

Kathleen M. Mann '91 is a partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, L.L.P. She practices in the firm's litigation department.

Deborah M. Muhlbauer '91 recently spoke at the state convention of the New York Society of Enrolled Agents. With the Amherst, N.Y., law firm Bluestein & Muhlbauer, she resides in Buffalo.

Steven L. Rubinstein '91 is a partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, L.L.P. A resident of Williamsville, N.Y., he practices in the firm's corporate and business law group and the health care practice group.

David J. State '91, deputy corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo and a commissioned first lieutenant in the Army National Guard, recently graduated with honors from the Army Judge Advocate General Officer Basic Course. He lives in Buffalo.

Thomas Cunningham '92 has been named a partner by the Buffalo firm Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton & Liptak, L.L.P. A member of the firm's trial department, Cunningham specializes in personal injury litigation. He resides in
East Amherst, N.Y.

Christopher J. D’Angelo ’92 is corporate counsel for Dynamic Enterprises in Cheektowaga, N.Y. He lives in Buffalo.

Avery M. Ellis ’92 is managing director of the Washington, D.C., office of Mestel and Co., the leading national attorney recruiting firm. He resides in Bethesda, Md.

Kevin J. Miller ’92 has joined the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey as an associate, practicing in the areas of estate planning and trusts. He resides in Buffalo.

Eric C. Nordby ’92 is an attorney with the law firm of Hancock and Estabrook, L.L.P., in Syracuse, N.Y., where he resides.

Andrea L. Sammarco ’92 has joined with her sister, Tracy D. Sammarco ’95, and W. James Schwan ’72 to form the Buffalo firm Schwan, Sammarco & Sammarco. She will focus her practice on labor and employment law and litigation. She lives in Lockport, N.Y.

Hon. Alicia R. Stone ’92 is working as an administrative law judge with the New York City Environmental Control Board.

Suzanne K. Taylor ’92 was one of nine lawyers to receive the 1999 President’s Pro Bono Service Award from the New York State Bar Association, in recognition of her work with the Bar Association of Erie County’s Volunteer Lawyers Project. She practices and resides in Buffalo.

Michael D. Avitzur ’93, of Staten Island, N.Y., appeared on the ABC-TV show Who Wants To Be A Millionaire aired on Feb. 15, 2000. Avitzur won $250,000 for his appearance. He practices law in New York City.

Christopher J. Belter ’93 has joined the Buffalo law firm Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., as an associate. A Buffalo resident, he concentrates his practice in commercial and personal injury litigation.

Robert Bencini ’93 has joined the Buffalo law firm Falk & Siemer, L.L.P. He lives in Buffalo.

Colleen Van Gelder Collins ’93 is vice president and corporate counsel for Capital Crossing Bank in Boston. She lives in Marblehead, Mass.

Stephen J. Crawford ’93 works in the Cleveland, Ohio, office of Arter & Hadden, L.L.P., as an associate in the real estate practice group. He focuses his practice on real estate transactions, finance, development and commercial leasing. Crawford lives in Beachwood, Ohio.

Elizabeth J. Dobosiewicz ’93 is an associate in the Buffalo law firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P. She will concentrate her practice in immigration law.

Anthony L. Fumere ’93 is an assistant district attorney in Erie County, N.Y., assigned to the Justice Courts Bureau. He resides in Buffalo.

Joseph S. Hughes ’93 has established the law firm Joseph S. Hughes & Associates, in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he resides.

Roger F. Sagerman ’93 is associate general counsel for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, D.C., where he works on enforcement and national security matters. He resides in Washington.

Neil R. Sherwood ’93 practices insurance defense and civil litigation with the Buffalo law firm Cohen & Lombardo, P.C. He resides in Buffalo.

David S. Teske ’93 is an associate in the intellectual property transactions group of Alston & Bird, L.L.P., in Atlanta, Ga., where he also lives.

Jo Ann S. Armenia Balazs ’94 teaches English largely around law-related literature — in the Amherst, N.Y., Central School District. She recently
The Buffalo waterfront was the site of the Class of 1989's 10-year reunion. Classmates met on Saturday, July 31, 1999, for an informal get-together at The Pier Restaurant overlooking Lake Erie.

"We had a great turnout," says Kelley A. Omel of the Erie County district attorney's office. "It was fun to see so many classmates that I had lost contact with. I was surprised by the number of people who are doing something other than practicing law."

The Class of 1989 reunion committee was led by Mark Narby of E.Q. Financial, in Amherst, N.Y.

First row, left to right: Daniel P. Boeck, Kelley A. Omel, Gregory M. Vinal, Jeanne (Vezina) Vinal and Lauren E. Breen


received the New York State Bar Association's Law Related Education Distinguished Service Award for an Educator. Balazs resides in East Amherst, N.Y.

Martha R. Buyer '94 has been elected to membership in the Society of Telecommunications Consultants (STC), an organization of independent consultants from throughout the United States. Buyer maintains a private practice in East Aurora, N.Y., where she resides.

Elizabeth A. Edinger '94 is a law librarian and lecturer on legal research in the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. She is co-author of *Finding the Law*, 11th edition. Edinger resides in Berkeley, Calif.

Christine Haigt Farley '94 recently published an article on the protection of native art and artifacts in the *Connecticut Law Review*. A resident of Bethesda, Md., she teaches at the American University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Vincent M. Ferrero '94 is practicing civil litigation with the Atlanta, Ga., law firm Caldwell & Watson, L.L.P. He resides in Atlanta.

Susanah Bochenek Giancarlo '94, previously a senior associate at the Buffalo office of Hiscock & Barclay, was named first assistant county attorney by Erie County, N.Y., Executive Joel A. Giambra. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

David Grover '94 and David Fensterstock '94 have joined to form Grover & Fensterstock, P.C., with offices on Madison Avenue in New York City. The firm specializes in litigation, commercial claims, collections, personal injury and real estate.

Alexander Korotkin '94, a lawyer with the Rochester, N.Y., law firm Chamberlain, D'Amanda, Oppenheimer & Greenfield, recently acted as an interpreter for a visiting Russian justice. Korotkin resides in Buffalo.

Sharon L. Nosenchuck '94 was honored for pro bono work by the Bar Association of Erie County's Volunteer Lawyers Project. Associated with the Buffalo law firm Birzon & Davis, she lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Ronald R. Olson '94 was honored for pro bono work by the Bar Association of Erie County's Volunteer Lawyers Project. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Alan P. Schaefer '94 joined with Peter F. Brady '79 to form Brady & Schaefer, L.L.P., in Amherst, N.Y. Their practice will concentrate on personal injury litigation. Schaefer lives in Williamsville, N.Y.


Joy C. Trotter '94, assistant corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo, was installed on Sept. 16, 1999, as president of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. Trotter resides in Buffalo.

James F. Armstrong '95 has joined the newly opened Buffalo office of the Rochester, N.Y.-based firm Underberg & Kessler, L.L.P. He will practice in the areas of general civil litigation, drugs and medical evidence, product liability, toxic torts and general insurance defense. Armstrong lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Gretchen P. Aylward '95 is an associate with the Buffalo-based law firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P. She is a member of the firm’s corporate department, where she practices immigration law with a focus on U.S. health care professionals and NAFTA-based business immigration. Aylward lives in Buffalo, and is a member of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD Group board of directors.
Catherine M. Brennan '95 joined the Women's Law Center of Maryland, in Towson, Md., as a staff attorney in the Bruce A. Kaufman Center for Family Law. She resides in Baltimore, Md.

Christian C. Casini '95 is a partner in the Rochester, N.Y., law firm Osborn, Reed & Burke, L.L.P. He recently accepted a pro bono assignment to represent an Attica Correctional Facility inmate who had been struck by a guard in retaliation for threatening to file a complaint, and his client was awarded damages. Casini resides in Rochester.

Josef E. "Jed" Dietrich III '95 has joined the Buffalo law firm Cellino & Barnes as a partner, concentrating in personal injury law. He is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

Maureen B. Elwell '95 has joined the Buffalo office of Harris, Beach & Wilcox, L.L.P., as an associate in the business transactions and telecommunications and media practice groups. She will focus her practice on securities and telecommunications law. Elwell lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Gina M. Guzman '95 has joined the Buffalo law firm Rosenthal, Siegel, Muenkel & Maloney, L.L.P., as an associate. She resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Jay Kalasnik '95 practices family and municipal law, as well as criminal defense, with the Hanover, Pa., firm Menges, Gent & McLaughlin, L.L.P. He lives in Hanover.

Joe Khanna '95 lives in New Rochelle, N.Y., and recently accepted an in-house position in the corporate legal group of Pitney Bowes Inc., in Stamford, Conn.

John Linneball '95 has become a partner in the San Francisco, Calif., law firm Ross & Linneball, L.L.P. He resides in San Francisco.

Wendy A. Marsh '95 has joined the Syracuse, N.Y., law firm Hancock & Estabrook, L.L.P. She will concentrate her practice in environmental law. Marsh makes her home in Geneva, N.Y.
John J. Riccardi '95, of Cheektowaga, N.Y., has joined Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn as an associate in the personal injury department.

Tracy D. Sammarco '95 has joined with her sister, Andrea L. Sammarco '92, and W. James Schwan '72 to form the Buffalo firm Schwan, Sammarco & Sammarco. She lives in Lockport, N.Y.

Jennifer Schantz '95 works as a litigation associate at the New York City firm Schulte, Roth & Zebel, L.L.P. In May 1999 she was featured, along with her pro bono client, a Chinese dissident and poet, in a documentary film, Well Founded Fear, describing the struggle of immigrants to obtain political asylum in the United States. The film was recently featured on public television. Schantz lives in New York City.

Terence W. Waldorf '95, recently retired from professional soccer’s Houston Hotshots, has joined Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. in Houston, Texas, as in-house counsel. He and his wife, Russelle, have two sons, Gavin and Colin. They make their home in Sugar Land, Texas.

Mimi Meng Wright '95 is assistant director of residential life for the University at Buffalo. She resides in Buffalo.

Teresa C. Brophy Bair '96 has become associated with the Hamburg, N.Y., law office of Harris, Beach & Wilcox, L.L.P., in the insurance litigation and product liability defense group, and in the business and commercial litigation practice group. Bair is a director of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD Group. She lives in Buffalo.

Bridget Cawley Bidonde '96 has joined the Buffalo law firm Jaecle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P., in the real estate practice group. She lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Capt. Jane E. Boomer '96 is a judge advocate for the U.S. Air Force.

Recently assigned to South Korea, she practices labor law and military justice.

Shawn W. Carey '96 has joined the Buffalo law firm Collins, Collins & Maxwell, P.C., as an associate. He focuses his practice on representing injured railroad and construction workers. Carey lives in Buffalo.

Pauline C. Costanzo-Will '96 has been assigned by the Erie County district attorney to the Buffalo City Court Bureau. She resides in Buffalo.

Melissa A. Fingar '96 joined the law firm Harris Beach & Wilcox, L.L.P., in Rochester, N.Y., where she resides.

Gina M. Scioli Fulater '96 has joined the Buffalo law firm Notaro & Laing, L.L.P., as an associate focusing on medical malpractice cases, as well as personal injury, insurance defense and defense of physicians and nurses. She lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Kevin C. Glue '96 has become an associate at the Buffalo-based law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, L.L.P., where he concentrates his practice in estates and trusts law. He resides in Depew, N.Y.

Nina F. Juncewicz '96 has joined the litigation department of the Buffalo office of Hiscock & Barclay, L.L.P. She makes her home in Buffalo.

Thomas M. Mercure '96 has been named a partner by the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Falringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambriga, L.L.P. He practices personal injury law. Mercure resides in Buffalo.

David Rodriguez '96 is an associate with the Buffalo law firm Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn. Rodriguez lives in Buffalo.

Jason A. Yots '96 was elected treasurer of the New Millennium Group of Western New York, a civic improvement organization. An associate in the Buffalo-based law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, L.L.P., he lives in Buffalo.
Kevin J. Zanner '96 has joined the Buffalo law firm Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., as an associate, concentrating his practice in business and corporate law. He resides in Buffalo.

Rosanna Berardi '97 has joined the immigration practice group of the Buffalo-based law firm Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, L.L.P. She lives in Lancaster, N.Y.

John R. Gibbon Jr. '97 has become an associate with the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P. A resident of Newfane, N.Y., he practices in the personal injury department.

Thomas S. Lane '97 has joined the new Buffalo law firm Webster Szanyi, L.L.P., practicing in civil litigation including product liability, municipal law and personal injury. Lane resides in Buffalo.

David J. Luzon '97 has joined the Buffalo law firm Falk & Siemer, L.L.P. He lives in Buffalo.

Scott M. Philbin '97 is an associate in the insurance litigation and product liability defense practice group at Harris, Beach & Wilcox, L.L.P., in Buffalo, focusing on insurance defense, civil litigation and personal injury law. Philbin lives in Getzville, N.Y.

Charles F. Pitarese '97 has become an associate in the toxic torts department of the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P. He lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Karen E. Richardson '97 joined the trial department of the Buffalo-based law firm Phillips, Lyttle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, L.L.P. Richardson resides in Hamburg, N.Y.

Jennifer L. Sargent '97 has joined the Buffalo law firm Alessi & Neill, which concentrates in municipal bond counsel.

Robert A. Scalione '97 was appointed by Erie County District Attorney

Frank Clark as an assistant district attorney, assigned to the Buffalo City Court Bureau. He resides in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Elizabeth R. Wright '97 practices in the area of special education/disability discrimination law as an associate with the Buffalo law firm Bouvier, O’Connor. In March 1999, she was appointed to the board of directors of the Parent Network Center. Wright resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Gary A. Abraham '98 is a fellow with the Natural Resources Law Institute in Portland, Ore. He makes his home in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Erin M. Barclay '98 is director of the Network of East-West Women, in Washington, D.C., where she also resides.

Kristin M. Baudo '98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Bouvier, O’Connor as an associate, concentrating her practice in the areas of municipal law, education law and labor law. She lives in Buffalo.

Steve Boyd '98, a former local television reporter, has joined the Amherst, N.Y., law firm Ballow, Braisted, O’Brien and Rusin as a personal injury attorney. He lives in Buffalo.

Scott A. Bylowski '98 has joined the Amherst, N.Y., law firm Nesper, Ferber & DiGiacomo, L.L.P. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Betty Calvo '98 is an assistant district attorney in Erie County, N.Y., assigned to the Buffalo City Court Bureau. She resides in Buffalo.

Min Chan '98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P., as a member of the business and corporate law practice group. She resides in Buffalo.

Wei David Chen '98 has joined Connors & Connors, P.C., on Staten Island, N.Y., as an associate. A resident of Staten Island, he concentrates his practice on defense litigation.
Stepping down

Retirement time for four Western New York jurists who are UB Law alumni

Western New York's courts are a good deal poorer this spring, as several important judges who are UB Law School graduates step down from the bench to enter retirement. The timing is a coincidence, but it affords the chance to look back on the judicial careers of some of the Law School's most distinguished alumni.

**Ann T. Mikoll '54** ends a 42-year career on the bench as senior associate justice of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division's 3rd Department, making her one of the highest-ranking women in a state leadership role. Indeed, her career has been one of "firsts." She was the youngest person ever to serve as a Buffalo City Court judge, at age 28; she spent 14 years as a City Court judge. And she was the first woman in the state outside of New York City to be elected to the State Supreme Court, in 1971. She was named to the Appellate Division by then-Gov. Hugh L. Carey in 1977.

Many of her written opinions were dissents — and effective ones. Six times the Court of Appeals reversed Appellate Division rulings based on Mikoll's dissenting opinions.

*The Defender Magazine* said of her: "As an outspoken advocate of women's rights, she is an energetic and articulate carrier of the torch. Her dissents on behalf of the state's poorer citizens speak for themselves and make her, in the minds of many public defense attorneys, truly one of New York's treasures."

Known as an outspoken advocate for women's rights and poor people, Mikoll's extra-legal activities included serving as honorary state chairwoman of the successful drive to promote passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in New York. She also served on the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, which oversees the behavior of all New York State judges and invokes discipline when necessary.

She and her late husband, Theodore, also were active in Buffalo's famed Chopin Singing Society and spearheaded the local revival of the Polish celebration known as Dyngus Day.

Speaking at an Oct. 22, 1999, luncheon as part of the Law School's "100 Years of Women in UB Law" conference, Mikoll looked back with satisfaction. "If it were not for people like Judge Wiener and Miss Rodgers, I could not have had the wonderful career that I have enjoyed for 42 years. I am grateful to the Law School for the underpinning it gave me to be able to meet the challenges of a very taxing profession. It is a joy to be happy and to be fulfilled in one's work. To find a perfect niche in life — this was my good fortune in my
John Callahan '54 retires as the longest-serving judge in the State Supreme Court's Appellate Division, 4th Department. He spent 21 years on the bench.

Known as a “lawyer’s judge” for his sensitivity to the situation of those who argued before him, Callahan had a favorite expression: “I know what it’s like to labor in the vineyards.” He spent 20 years as a trial attorney in Buffalo before assuming his judgeship. He also served as a motor machinist mate on a submarine during World War II, and carried that service into his work as a founding member of the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park.

Callahan estimates he sat on 20,000 cases during his years in the Appellate Division, to which he was appointed in 1979 by Gov. Carey after four years as a State Supreme Court justice. “We have every type of conceivable case that can come through the pipe, so it’s never boring or routine,” he told one questioner.

Callahan is also known for a fierce pride in his family. He and his wife, Lillian, have eight children; two have become lawyers. And he expresses tough resolve in having defeated both colon and kidney cancer.

Last year, he received the St. Thomas More Award from the St. Thomas More Guild, an organization of Catholic lawyers.

After five years as an assistant attorney general for the State of New York, Rose LaMendola '55 was appointed an Erie County Court judge in 1974, the first woman in the state to be elected as a county court judge. She spent more than two decades in that position. Now she is retiring as a New York State Supreme Court justice, a position to which she was appointed by Gov. George E. Pataki in 1995.

It was the culmination of a 44-year legal career for the lifelong Western New York resident. Those years included private practice from 1955 to 1969, including time in the first all-female law practice in Western New York.

After earning a science degree from UB, LaMendola taught elementary school for a year. But she knew her heart lay elsewhere. She was one of only four women in her Law School class, and recalls of her first days there, “I knew I’d found my place. I just felt, ‘This is where I belong.’”

But she has always kept her focus on the quality of the work, not the gender of the practitioner. “I found that if you showed you knew what you were doing, you were accepted” in the court system, she said.

Recognized as a hard-working and even-handed jurist, she always commanded respect in her courtroom, legal observers said.

At the Oct. 22, 1999, luncheon, LaMendola gave a fitting epigraph. “The millennium and I,” she quipped, “are going out together.”

A Buffalo City Court judge for 16 years, Margaret Anderson ’72 at first set out to be a public defender. But a word of advice from then-City Court Judge M. Dolores Deman served to become an assistant district attorney in 1973. She became assistant corporation counsel to the city in 1977, served briefly as deputy chief clerk of Surrogate’s Court, and was elected to the City Court in 1982.

“One of the things I have tried to do in my judicial career especially,” she told a questioner, “is to see the humanity of every person, and to never forget that each and every person — whether it’s the defendant in a criminal case or a witness — is a creature of God. Everyone deserves respect, and everyone has dignity.”

Anderson was a pioneer in addressing issues of domestic violence, establishing a Domestic Violence Part in Buffalo City Court that is only the third such part in the state. Since its inception on March 29, 1999, the court has handled more than 1,400 cases involving domestic abuse, and achieved a recidivism rate of less than 7 percent.
Anita A. Czapeczka ’98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Jasen & Jasen, P.C., as an associate. She resides in Cornu, N.Y.

Brian D. Gwitt ’98 has joined the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, L.L.P. He will focus his practice on business litigation, bankruptcy litigation and construction matters in the firm’s business litigation and insolvency department. Gwitt lives in Buffalo.

Jane Michalek Harrington ’98 was appointed by Erie County District Attorney Frank Clark as an assistant district attorney, assigned to the justice courts bureau. She lives in Buffalo.

Shannon M. Heneghan ’98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P., as an associate. She will practice in the criminal department. Heneghan resides in West Seneca, N.Y.

Petrina J. Keddell ’98 is in-house counsel practicing commercial leasing law with Konover Property Trust, a real estate investment trust company in Cary, N.C. She and her 1-year-old son, Spencer Mackenzie, reside in Apex, N.C.

David S. Kelly ’98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Damon & Morey, L.L.P. He will focus his practice on business litigation, bankruptcy litigation and construction matters in the firm’s business litigation and insolvency department. Kelly lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Michelle Maniccia ’98 works as an associate with the New York City law firm Well, Gotshal Manges, L.L.P. A member of the firm’s corporate department, she concentrates her practice in the areas of structured finance and derivatives. Maniccia resides in New York City.

Carol Messito ’98 has joined the Washington, D.C., firm Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. She resides in Washington, D.C.

Cecily Gutzka Molak ’98 is the executive director of Community Legal Intake and Referral Project Inc., in Rochester, N.Y. She resides in Homeoey Falls, N.Y.

Eric C. Naegly ’98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Damon & Morey, L.L.P., in the litigation department. He will focus his practice on insurance coverage work as well as civil appeals to New York State’s appellate court. Naegly lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Bridget M. O’Connell ’98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Watson, Bennett, Colligan, Johnson & Schechter, L.L.P. She will practice in the matrimonial and family law departments. O’Connell resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Donald G. Powell ’98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Watson, Bennett, Colligan, Johnson & Schechter, L.L.P. He will practice in the areas of construction law and litigation, real estate and insurance defense. Powell lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Brian C. Remy ’98 practices biotech and chemical patent prosecution and litigation with the New York City firm Pennie & Edmonds, L.L.P. He resides in Glen Head, N.Y.

James W. Ringle ’98 has joined the corporate department of the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P., where he practices in the areas of business transactions and estate planning. Ringle lives in Buffalo.

Scott Riordan ’98 was appointed by Erie County District Attorney Frank Clark as an assistant district attorney, assigned to the Buffalo City Court Bureau. He lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Kimberly J. Schwinge ’98 is an associate with Kavinoky & Cook, L.L.P., in Buffalo, where she practices in the area of corporate law. Schwinge resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Stephen A. Sharkey ’98 has become an associate with the law firm Harris, Beach & Wilcox, L.L.P., in Hamburg, N.Y. Sharkey is a member of the firm’s business and commercial litigation group, and the insurance litigation and product liability defense practice group. He resides in Buffalo.

Tricia A. Vacanti ’98 has joined the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, L.L.P., as an associate practicing in the personal injury department. She resides in Buffalo.

Michael C. Veruto ’98 has been appointed deputy chief clerk of Niagara County Surrogate’s Court. He resides in East Amherst, N.Y.

Ross S. Howarth ’99 has joined the Rochester, N.Y., law firm Harter, Secrest & Emery, L.L.P. He resides in Brighton, N.Y.

Christopher L. Jacobs ’99 was named deputy commissioner of planning and economic development in Erie County’s Environment and Planning Department. The department’s current projects and programs include a new convention center, waterfront development and reuse of brownfields. He lives in Buffalo.
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Thursday, April 6, 2000
*Buffalo Law Review* Dinner. Statler Towers, Rendezvous Room, 107 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N.Y., 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. Honoree is Assoc. Prof. James A. Wooten and keynote speaker is Assoc. Prof. Martha T. McCluskey. For more information call M.K. Roland, (716) 645-2059.

Saturday, April 8, 2000
Dean's Advisory Council meeting. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, 51 W. 52nd St., New York City, N.Y. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call Alan S. Carrel, (716) 645-6222.

Thursday, April 27, 2000
Students of Color Awards and Recognition Dinner. Statler Towers, Rendezvous Room, 107 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. For more information contact Tanya McDuffie at (716) 837-7160.

Friday, April 28, to Sunday, April 30, 2000
Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy conference on "What Do Rights Do?" John Lord O'Brian Hall, Amherst Campus. For more information call Laura Mangan, (716) 645-2102.

Friday, April 28, 2000
Telemedicine conference on "Telemedicine: Evolving Legal and Regulatory Issues for Health Professionals," sponsored by the Health Law concentration in collaboration with the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy, Center for Tomorrow. For more information call Assoc. Prof. Sheila Shulman, (716) 645-3683.

Tuesday, May 2, 2000
UB Law Downtown education program. The Midday Club, 8:00-9:00 a.m. $10 for UB Law GOLD members, $15 for all others. Includes one CLE credit, materials and breakfast. For more information call Lisa Mueller, 645-2115.

Wednesday, May 3, 2000
Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Law Alumni Association. Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented to Hon. Rose H. Sconiers for the judiciary; Kenneth B. Forrest for private practice; Howard R. Relin for public service; Irving M. Shuman for community service; John J. Nasca for business; Paul I. Birzon for service by a non-alumnus. Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Annual meeting at 5:30 p.m., cocktail reception at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m. For more information call the alumni office, (716) 645-2107.

Sunday, May 14, 2000
Law School Commencement Ceremonies. Center for the Arts, Amherst Campus, 5:00 p.m. UB President and Professor William R. Greiner will confer a State University of New York Honorary Doctorate in Laws to Hon. Thomas Buergenthal, of the International Court of Justice, who will present the keynote address. Reception to follow in the CFA Atrium. Members of the Class of 1950 are invited to participate. For more information and to order a cap and gown, call Jill Riordan, Law School Development Office, at (716) 645-2109.

Friday, June 9, 2000
50-year reunion will be celebrated for the Class of 1950. For further information call Carl A. Green, (716) 849-1333, Ext. 366.

Thursday, June 15, 2000
Law Alumni Association officers and board appreciation luncheon and photo. The Buffalo Club, 388 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N.Y., at 12 noon.

Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, 2000
30-year reunion will be celebrated by the Class of 1970. Events include a Friday evening ball game, a Saturday brunch at the Law School, an afternoon cruise on the Miss Buffalo, and an evening party at The Park Country Club of Buffalo. For further information call Hon. Margaret J. Quinn, (716) 551-5091.

Friday, July 28, and Saturday, 29, 2000
20-year reunion will be celebrated by the Class of 1980. Events include a casual Friday evening cocktail reception at the Law School, a Saturday golf outing and a reunion dinner party at The Buffalo Yacht Club. For further information call Michael M. Mohun, (716) 937-8987.
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