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# Alumni Association funds priority projects

**A**mong the major gift donors to the Law School's Annual Fund last year was the UB Law Alumni Association (LAA). The LAA is a separately incorporated 501(c)3 that was founded by UB Law alumni in 1962. Their mission is to help the Law School raise its visibility and reputation. By asking alumni for a relatively small amount of dues — \$25 for young lawyers, \$45 for others — the LAA is able to direct money to projects and concerns that are of particular importance to them.

For example, in addition to funding their own activities and events, the LAA contributed to the Law School:

- \$12,000 to upgrade the Law School's catalog, in order to attract more and better applicants
- \$8,000 to have extra *UB Law Forum* magazines printed and mailed to all those who vote in the reputation survey for the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings
- \$5,000 to fund a Buffalo Public Interest Law Program Scholarship
- \$2,500 for the student photo directory
- \$2,000 for putting the *UB Law Forum* online
- \$2,000 for the Welcome Party for new law students
- \$1,800 for the students' Moot Court banquet
- \$1,000 for a faculty/adjunct/alumni reception
- \$1,000 for the student yearbook

In addition, members of the LAA help our associate dean for admissions with recruiting; run inexpensive CLE seminars; help provide judges for Moot Court; and provide career panels for the placement office.

Members of the LAA also were responsible for writing a bill for a special \$1.8 million legislative appropriation that was used to upgrade the Law School's technology.

Last year, approximately 1,000 of our 8,300 alumni paid dues to the LAA.



Patrick C. O'Reilly '80, current president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

Many dues-paying members also contribute to the Law School's Annual Fund and have become major gift donors to the Law School for scholarships and capital projects. The Law School does not consider the Association's modest dues competition with the Annual Fund. They hope that alumni who aren't givers might be attracted to the Law Alumni Association as a first step to becoming more closely involved with the Law School.

All of our alumni — whether they pay dues or not — receive the *Forum* magazine and invitations to our special events, mostly held in Buffalo. While we don't yet have the staff or money to do much in other cities, we are slowly expanding our efforts, and now have regular functions in Rochester and New York City. We would like to do more. If you have not yet done so, please join the LAA today so that we can do more.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the activities and services of the Law Alumni Association, call Executive Director Ilene Fleischmann at (716) 645-2107 or e-mail her at [fleisch@buffalo.edu](mailto:fleisch@buffalo.edu).

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