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"There are no second acts in American lives," Mark Twain once said. Audrey Koscielniak is proving him wrong.

After a 38-year career at UB Law School that began when she was fresh out of high school, Koscielniak - director of the Career Services Office and a UB Law assistant dean - is leaving O'Brian Hall for new horizons.

Behind her stretch UB Law alumni numbering in the thousands whose first jobs in law came through her efforts.

"She is a highly skilled professional and a pillar of the Law School. Generations of Law School faculty members and students are indebted to her for her efficiency, her loyalty, her good humor and her great style. We wish her all the best for many happy years ahead."

Vice Dean Alan S. Carrel, with whom she worked for 22 years, describes her as "an extremely talented person who built and maintained one of the best career services offices in the country. An outstanding administrator and a highly skilled professional, she created and produced an extensive array of materials and programs."

"Her numerous seminars, newsletters, workshops, handbooks, panel discussions and interview programs, combined with her countless hours of individual counseling, enabled thousands of students over the years to successfully launch their legal careers."

Looking back, Koscielniak says, "There are always interesting people in a class who can be impressive and a lot of fun. As you get to know them, they start to establish more of an identity, a personality. UB Law students are a very nice group overall. Other placement directors have met our students in different settings and have described them as easy to work with and very nice people."

The school, of course, is a very different place than it was in 1962 when Koscielniak settled in at 77 W. Eagle St. There were about 40 students in the senior class that year, she recalls, and she was one of three do-it-all staff members, covering tasks ranging from reception to faculty support, from switchboard operator to..."
Employment and Salary Survey — 1999 Graduates are 99 Percent Employed

Employment as of March 1999

Number of 1999 graduates 220
• Employment status known 215
• Number of graduates employed or in advanced study 201

Employers

Law Firms 106 (52%)
Self-Employed 3
Very Small 42
Small 21
Medium 3
Large 7
Very large 28
Size Not Identified 2

Public Interest
Legal 16 (8%)
Non-Legal 3

Business & Industry
Legal 27 (13%)
Non-Legal 15

Government
Judicial Clerkships 26 (12%)
Military 9 (5%)
Academic 16 (8%)

Salaries Reported

LAW FIRMS
Very Large (101-501+)
Low $56,000
High $108,000
Large (51-100)
Low $35,000
High $80,000
Medium (25-50)
Low $38,000
High $45,000
Small (11-25)
Low $28,000
High $60,000
Very Small (2-10)
Low $20,800
High $54,000

Business & Industry
Low $20,000
High $80,000

Government
Low $25,000
High $75,000

Public Interest
Low $17,400
High $42,000

Judicial Clerkships
Low $39,000
High $54,000

Academic
Low $38,000
High $38,000

Geographic Locations

Northeast region 167 (83%)
Buffalo 73
New York City 32
Rochester 30
Other New York State 24
Midwest region 5
Southeast region 20
West region 8