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"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 150 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. Rehn '68; New York State Supreme Court Justice John J. Ark '72; Associate Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Dept., Eugene F. Piggott 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. Meidlinger, 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.