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Lynn A. Clarke, confidential court attorney for New York State Supreme Court Justice John A. Michalek, has been elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2002-2003. Clarke is a 1980 summa cum laude and phi beta kappa graduate of the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, and graduated in 1983 from the University at Buffalo Law School.

She currently serves as a director of the Bar Association of Erie County and of the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo. She resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.



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Other officers elected for the coming year are: Denise E. O'Donnell '82, of Hodgson, Russ LLP, as president-elect; Terrence P. Flynn '88, of Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, as vice president; Terrence A. Greiner '87, of Lippes, Silverstein, Mathias & Wexler, as vice president; Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden '83, of Buffalo City Court, as vice president; and Hon. Hugh B. Scott '74, U.S. Magistrate Judge for Western New York, as vice president.

Also, James M. Gerlach '97, of the Naval & Marine Corps Reserve, as treasurer; John M.

Curran '84, of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, LLP, as assistant secretary; Marion Henderson '65, as secretary; and Ernest J. Norman '70, of Wilson Greatbatch, Ltd., as immediate past president. Ilene R. Fleischmann, associate dean in the University at Buffalo Law School, continues as executive director.

New directors elected for terms ending in 2005 are: Robert L. Boreanaz '89, of Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria; Michael P. Daumen '74, confidential court attorney for New York State Supreme Court Justice Frank A. Sedita Jr.; David M. Hehr '83, of Hiscock, Barclay, Saperston & Day; Michael M. Mohun '80, of Law Office of Michael M. Mohun; Carmen P. Tarantino '77, of Brown & Tarantino, LLP; and Sharon L. Wick '84, of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, LLP.



Left to right, front row: Vice Dean Peter R. Pitegoff, Kenneth A. Manning, President Lynn A. Clarke, Immediate Past President Ernest J. Norman, Hon. Matthew J. Jasen, Executive Director Ilene R. Fleischmann, Mark E. Brand and Michael P. Daumen

Left to right, second row: Lawrence R. Schwach, Howard E. Berger, Dean Nils Olsen, Marianne E. Hanley, Hon. Amy J. Fricano and Diane F. Bosse



Left to right, third row: William F. Savino, Hon. Leslie G. Foschio, Marion K. Henderson

Left to right, fourth row: Hon. Barbara Howe, Mary Q. Wydysh and Margaret P. Gryko

Left to right, fifth row: John M. Curran, Roger T. Davison, Hon. Thomas M. Van Strydonck, Carmen P. Tarantino, David G. Brock, Hon. Mark G. Farrell, Michael M. Mohun, Patrick C. Reilly, John C. Garas, Samuel L. Shapiro, Gary M. Graber and Debra L. Givens

Not pictured: President-elect Denise E. O'Donnell, Vice Presidents Terrance P. Flynn, Terrence A. Greiner, Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, Hon. Hugh B. Scott, Treasurer James M. Gerlach, Robert L. Boreanaz, Hon. Christopher J. Burns, David M. Hehr, Rick W. Kennedy, Lawrence J. Mattar, Dennis R. McCoy, Steven R. Sugarman, Sharon L. Wick

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GOLD Group launches second decade

Ten years after its birth, the GOLD Group is more connected, more respected and still cool. UB Law GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group has evolved into an active, integral part of the UB Law Alumni Association, organizing fresh and innovative programs that have become increasingly popular with both new and seasoned members of the legal community.

Under the leadership of its 2001-02 president, Gretchen P. Aylward '95, the GOLD Group celebrated its 10-year anniversary in stellar fashion, and began its second decade with a flurry of activity. Expanding its social, educational and recruitment events, the GOLD Group offered more programs than ever before, including informal socials in Washington and Rochester.

Aylward, an associate in the Buffalo office of Hiscock & Barclay, attributes the group's evolution to the hard work of its board of directors. "Throughout this past year, I have had the privilege of working with an outstanding group of attorneys who are dedicated to improving the future of UB Law School," says Aylward. "Despite busy professional and personal lives, GOLD Group board members commit both their time and their talents to the Law School, attending board meetings, chairing committees, and planning and attending our outstanding CLE programs and social functions."

The hard work shows. The GOLD Group's 10-year anniversary party was the premiere social event of the holiday season. On Dec. 7, 2001, the group celebrated its first decade of achievement at the Park Lane Restaurant, and honored the first 10 individuals to serve as board presidents and chairs. The event drew a wide array of friends and supporters from various facets of the legal community.

"The GOLD Group's anniversary party was a huge success," says Irene Chiu '00, 2001-02 social committee chair and associate at Hodgson Russ LLP. "We had

more than 100 people in attendance including judges, attorneys, law students, and members of the law school faculty and staff." John Bair of EPS Structured Settlements generously underwrote the expenses of the event.

The group's education committee experienced the same success with its most recent UB Law Downtown Breakfast series. The series is composed of three one-hour lectures held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in downtown Buffalo. Each lecture provides attendees with CLE credit, breakfast, and invaluable information on varying areas of law presented by some of the most outstanding members of our local bar.

The series began in November with a lecture on "Immigration Law Basics" presented by GOLD Group President Gretchen Aylward, a member of Hiscock & Barclay's International Business Practice Group. SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Kenneth F. Joyce followed in April with a presentation titled "All About New York's New Principal/Income/Unitrust Act." Associate Professor and local courtroom legend Paul I. Birzon completed the series at the end of April with "An Evidentiary Primer."

This year, the GOLD Group added a new element to its education programs debuting a three-hour seminar in January titled "Ethics in Practice." Designed to provide practitioners with a thorough overview of ethical considerations in day-to-day practice, the program also offered those highly coveted credits in ethics and professionalism. Presenters included Kathleen Boyd '90, associate counsel at the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee, Anthony H. Szczygiel, UB Law professor, and a panel discussion with Hon. Barbara Howe '80, New York State Supreme Court justice, and Hon. Leslie G. Foschio '65, United States District Court magistrate judge.

"The GOLD Group looks forward to presenting similar programs on a yearly basis," says Mari A. Moorman Penn '99, 2001-02 education chair and associate at Altreuter Habermehl. A similar morning-long ethics program was held in Niagara County during September.

The board year ended with a spring bash on April 5 at Soho Bar and Grille in downtown Buffalo. The GOLD Group joined forces with the Law School's Student Bar Association. Students, alumni and members of the Law School came together to commemorate the Class of 2002's upcoming graduation, and to welcome graduating seniors into the GOLD Group.

"Once again, we had more than 100 attendees," says Chiu. "The evening peaked with the seniors' class gift presentation to the Law School to show their appreciation."

Next year promises to be just as eventful. The 2002-03 social committee, chaired by Jennifer DiCioccio '01, associate at the Buffalo office of Damon & Morey LLP, has kicked off the year early with the GOLD Group's first summer so-