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Class Action

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Richard Lipsitz '43 was honored at the 2002 Brother/Sisterhood Awards luncheon of the National Conference for Community and Justice's Western New York region on Jan. 17. Lipsitz is of counsel in the firm Lipsitz, Green, Feinberger, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria, in the Buffalo office. He has practiced for 51 years in the field of labor law and is chair of the Western New York Civil Liberties Union. Lipsitz is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. David J. Mahoney '52 received the Outstanding Jurist Award for 2002 from the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. Mahoney, former president of the Bar Association, is a New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Richard M. English '53 has retired from practicing law. English ran his own law firm until January 2001 in Palm Desert, Calif., where he resides. His most famous client was Robert Stroud, the "Birdman of Alcatraz."

John T. Bertell '55 has become of counsel in the new Buffalo firm Watson,

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Michael Wolford '68 wins multiple honors

Michael Wolford '68 and his Rochester law firm, Wolford & Leclair; have received professional recognition in a series of awards from bench and bar. He was the recipient of the 2001 Adolph J. Roddenbeck Award from the Monroe County Bar Association. The award, established in 1978, recognizes professional and community service. For Wolford, that has meant involving his eight-attorney firm in a good deal of pro bono work; working with the American Board of Trial Advocates, of which he was president, to set up a mentoring program for young trial attorneys; and working to revitalize the Rochester chapter of the UB Law Alumni Association. He also serves on the Law School's Dean's Advisory Council.

Wolford's firm has also received the Monroe County Bar Association's McKnight Award for pro bono service, a New York State Bar Association award for small to midsize firms, and an award from U.S. District Court for the firm's handling of a difficult civil rights case.

"We have been very fortunate with the kinds of work we get," Wolford said. "We represent some major corporations and individuals, and that has given us an opportunity to be able to take on these kinds of pro bono cases as well. We have taken the position that we should do as much as we can."

Wolford founded the firm in 1993 after 21 years with Nixon Peabody LLP. The firm now includes both his daughter, Elizabeth, and his son, James.

Anthony J. Colucci Jr. '58 was named to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission. Colucci is a partner in the firm Block & Colucci in Buffalo, where he resides.

Thomas Beecher Jr. '59, partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips, Lyle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber; also received an Educational Achievement Award from the Canisius College board of regents in Buffalo. Beecher lives in Buffalo.


William H. Gardner '59 was honored by Gay and Lesbian Youth Services of Western New York. He was recognized for his efforts before the New York State Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court in obtaining groundbreaking rulings enacting constitutional statutes that were used to inappropriately target gay men. Gardner's work was documented in a recent study, "Courting Justice: Gay Men and Lesbians Versus the Supreme Court," by Joyce Murdoch and Deb Price. In addition, he was honored by the Empire State Pride Agenda. Gardner is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where he is a resident.

James L. Magavern '59, partner in the Buffalo firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm, received the Jaekle Award from the UB Law Alumni Association. Magavern, an adjunct professor at UB Law School and a member of the school's Dean's Advisory Council, was
The Class of 1952 kicked off its 50-year reunion at the Law Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Dinner on Wednesday, May 8. Classmates listed in the dinner program and those in attendance received special congratulations in honor of this special milestone.

On Friday, May 10, the class gathered for an elegant dinner at the Wanakah Country Club. The Law School gave special gifts to classmates who helped plan the reunion: Winthrop H. Phelps, Phyllis H. Wilkinson and Alfreda W. Slominski. Out-of-towners, including Dr. James J. Sherman (Florida), Charles S. Carmer (Maryland), Jerome C. Rosenthal (Florida), Charles F. "Ted" Rand Jr. (Ohio) and June Sworobuk (Virginia) were also recognized.

On Saturday morning, May 11, classmates joined Dean Nils Olsen for a tour of the Law School, including the beautiful new courtroom, student lounge and classrooms.

Classmates then continued on to the Center for the Arts, where the Class of 1952 donned graduation robes and marched with the senior Class of 2002 in commencement ceremonies. The class was seated on the dais with faculty and other honored guests, and each class member received a commemorative 50-year anniversary certificate.

First row, left to right: Phyllis H. Wilkinson, Hon. Mary Ann Killeen, Hon. Mary K. Davy-Carr, Professor Jacob D. Hyman, June Sworobuk, Alfreda W. Slominski

Second row, left to right: John G. Wick, Harry P. Weinrib, Frank R. Papa, Jerome C. Rosenthal

honored at the UB Law Alumni Association's 26th annual Convocation on Nov. 3, 2001, for his contributions to the Law School and the legal profession. He is a resident of Buffalo.

Lawrence J. Mattar '59, partner in the Buffalo firm Mattar & D'Agostino, was named to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Mattar lives in Buffalo.

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Hon. Mario J. Rossetti '60 was reappointed for another nine-year term on the New York State Court of Claims. Rossetti was first appointed to the court in 1987. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Joseph R. McCarthy '61 received the 2002 Outstanding Jurist Award from the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. McCarthy is an Erie County Court judge in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Roger T. Davison '62, a solo practitioner, has been named special counsel in the firm Boutier, O'Connor in Buffalo. He will practice in the firm's family law department as well as continue to practice in his own firm in East Aurora, N.Y. Davison is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and resides in East Aurora.

David M. Wexler '63 has been elected an overseas fellow of the International Royal Society of Medicine, in London. Wexler is a member of the American College of Legal Medicine and is a solo practitioner in Buffalo.

John R. Dee '64, partner in the Tonawanda, N.Y., firm Blair & Roach, was elected to the Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center board of directors. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Peter Martin '64 was re-elected chairman of the Heritage Centers board of directors. Martin is a partner in the firm Boutier, O'Connor in Buffalo, where he resides.

Peter T. Rusczczyk '64 received the Bankruptcy Award from the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. Rusczczyk, partner in the Buffalo firm Carey & Rusczczyk, was recognized for his pro bono service. He lives in Buffalo.

Marion K. Henderson '65, an attorney retired from HSBC Bank USA in Buffalo, was recently named secretary of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Henderson is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

Carl J. Montante '67 and his wife, Carol, were named 2001 Western New York Philanthropists of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Montante is the managing director and president of Uniland Development Co. in Amherst, N.Y.

Michael Chelius '68, president and CEO in the law firm Chelius, Hendzik, Speyer, Montel & Paydalen in Buffalo, was listed in Who's Who In Insurance and Risk Management 2002/2003. Chelius is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Robert B. Conklin '68, an Orchard Park, N.Y., resident and senior partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, has been named president of the firm. Conklin will oversee the firm's general operations.

William R. Franklin '68 has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in Washington, D.C. Franklin is a senior partner in the firm Oliver, Mamer & Grey in Savannah, Ga., where he is also a resident.

Giles R. Manias '68, a Buffalo solo practitioner, has been named to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. Manias is a Buffalo resident.

Carol Alaimo '67 makes TV history on Millionaire

When Carol Alaimo '67 faced Regis Philbin from the hot seat on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, it was a watershed moment for the show as well as for the Buffalo solo practitioner: Alaimo was the very last contestant on the landmark ABC-TV show.

And she helped Millionaire go out with a bang, taking home a $125,000 check and a level of celebrity that has not abated since the show aired on June 27.

Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning. The article was titled "Coordinating Income Tax Planning With Estate Planning: Uses of Installment Sales, Private Annuities and Self-Cancelling Installment Notes." Hesch lives in Aventura, Fla.

William Mitchell '70 has been promoted to vice president, assistant general counsel and sector counsel for Northrop Grumman Corp. in the Newport News, Va., office. He was previously associate sector counsel for the company. Mitchell lives in Glenwood, Md.

Jon A. Nichols '70 accepted the VLP V.I.P. Award from the Erie County Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project. Nichols was honored for volunteering his time on matrimonial and family court cases for the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Nichols is a Hamburg, N.Y., attorney and resident.

Ernest J. Norman '70 was named to the board of directors of the Nigagwa Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Norman is director of investor relations and corporate communications for Wilson Greatbatch Technologies in Clarence, N.Y. He is immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and lives in Clarence, N.Y.
Law School classmates from the Class of 1957 kicked off their 45-year reunion weekend on Friday, May 3, at the Saturn Club, in downtown Buffalo. Law School faculty joined classmates for a brunch on Saturday morning held in O'Brian Hall. The highlight of the reunion weekend was an elegant reunion dinner held at the Park Country Club where attendees enjoyed live music, an open bar and a gourmet meal while reminiscing about their days at the Law School.

First row, left to right: Richard F. Griffin, Robert J. Plache, Professor Jacob D. Hyman, John G. Putnam Jr., Weston B. Wardell Jr.

Second row, left to right: Mark H. Klafeln, Richard A. Grimm Jr., William F. Keenan
Margaret Quinn ’70 has joined the Social Security department in the firm Renaldo & Myers in Williamsville, N.Y. Quinn was the former chief administrative law judge for the Buffalo Social Security Office of Hearings and Appeals. She lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

Eric Kerness ’71 is the new vice president of construction dispute avoidance and resolution for the construction consultant PinnacleOne in Middletown, Conn. Kerness was previously assistant counsel and director of the contract and tort bureau for the New York State Department of Transportation.

Raymond H. Barr ’72 is the new employee benefits practice group coordinator in the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitckcock, Blaine & Huber in Buffalo. Barr, partner in the firm, handles cases involving qualified retirement plans, ERISA, taxation, professional corporations and estate planning. Barr is director of the New York Employee Benefits Conference and an adjunct professor at Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Mark G. Farrell ’72 received the Jurist of the Year Award from the Judges and Police Conference of Erie County, N.Y., at its annual awards dinner in April. He also addressed the ninth annual conference of the Florida Comptrollers’ Council Association in February.

Farrell, Amherst, N.Y., town justice, recently executed the first gambling court in the country in Amherst and is also recognized for establishing the first suburban drug court in the United States. He resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Arthur Jackson ’72 was named secretary of the board of directors of New Directions Youth and Family Services. Jackson is a partner in the firm Jackson, Balbin & Douglas in Lockport, N.Y., where he is a resident.

Thomas F. Segalla ’72 spoke at a first-ever live satellite broadcast program sponsored by the Defense Research Institute in Chicago. The topic was “Insurance Law Practice and Procedure — The Basics and Beyond.” He also participated in three programs dealing with environmental exposure to mold and environmental toxins at the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel in Boca Raton, Fla., a seminar conducted by the Defense Research Institute in San Diego and the annual meeting of the Property and Liability Research Bureau in Anaheim, Calif. Segalla is a partner in the firm Goldberg, Segalla. He lives in Buffalo.

Rosalie M. Stoll Bailey ’73 has been named Lawyer of the Year by the Women Lawyers of Western New York. Bailey is a Supreme Court referee in the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Bailey created the first-track statewide program Expedited Matrimonial Part. This program was used as a model to screen and settle contested divorce cases in Erie County, N.Y. She is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. Rose Sconiers ’73 was a 2002 Athena Award nominee at the 13th annual ATHENA Award Ceremony in May that benefited the Western New York Women’s Fund. Sconiers is a New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, where she resides.

Jeffrey S. White ’70 Nominated for U.S. District Court Bench

Jeffrey S. White, a litigation partner in the San Francisco, Calif., law firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, has been nominated by President Bush to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he is expected to assume the bench later this year. He will fill the vacancy left by retired Judge Legge.

According to a firm colleague, “Jeff White will make a superb addition to the Federal bench. He is a great trial lawyer, truly fair and balanced, and has an innate drive to see justice done.”

After graduating from UB Law in 1970, White moved to California in 1978 to join Orrick, the first and only private firm with which he has been associated. Since that time, White’s career has flourished both through his many victories as a trial attorney and as a leader in the firm and in the community. White led the firm’s national Litigation Department for more than 15 years. During the course of his career, he has tried scores of significant, high-profile jury trials and has represented notable clients such as Siebel Systems, Lucent Technologies, Oracle...

White has taught a course in Civil Trial Advocacy at the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, for more than twenty years, where he was awarded the Roscoe Pound Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy. He has also authored numerous articles on litigation issues and has served as a frequent panelist for the Practicing Law Institute’s Pretrial and Trial Skills programs and as a faculty member at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Thomas Bailey ’74, a Buffalo resident, was a presenter at the New York State Bar Association seminar “Franchise, Distribution and Licensing Law” in New York City on June 17. Bailey is a partner in the corporate department in the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, in the Buffalo office.

George R. Blair ’74 was honored with the Permanency Planning Award from the Bar Association of Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project. Blair is a partner in the law firm Bower, O’Connor, in the Elma, N.Y., office.

Michael D. Daumen ’74 has been named confidential law clerk to Hon. Frank A. Sedita Jr., New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Daumen was also newly elected as a member of the UB Law Alumni Association board. He is a Buffalo resident.

Christopher T. Greene ’74 has been named chair of the management committee in the Buffalo firm Damon & Merey. Greene is a partner in the firm’s corporate and business law practice group and health care practice group. He is a Buffalo resident.

William Z. Reich ’74 addressed the annual law review symposium at Ohio Northern University’s Pettit College of Law on the topic “Immigration Options Under NAFTA” in March. Reich, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, is a senior partner in the firm Serotte, Reich & Sellip in Buffalo.

Hon. Hugh B. Scott ’74, federal magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, was named vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors for 2001-2002. He also was honored by the editorial board of UB Law School’s Buffalo Law Review.

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Class of '62

The Class of 1962 celebrated its 40-year milestone with a dinner at the Buffalo Club on May 3. Classmates in attendance enjoyed a gourmet meal while reminiscing about their days in law school. "We have held reunions at the five-year milestone since 1987," says reunion committee member Phil Brothman '62. "It is always great to get together with our classmates, and this reunion was terrific. The Law School staff made our job much easier, and their contributions of reunion mugs, the group photos and other gifts added a special touch to an otherwise wonderful evening."

"For all who attended, it was a special opportunity to catch up on what has happened in our lives over the last 40 years," says Angelo LaDuca '62. "To our classmates who were unable to make it, We were talking about you! You will never have the chance to deny those exaggerated stories about you that made us laugh so hard!"

Check out the 1962 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."
at its annual dinner in April. He is a Buffalo resident.

Dianne Bennett '75 was newly named co-chair of the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, concentrating on client service and business development. She was also elected chair of the Kaleich Health Foundation board of directors and named a member of the regional advisory board for the University at Buffalo Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach. Bennett is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. Julio M. Fuentes '75 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UB Law Alumni Association at the 40th annual dinner and meeting on May 8. Fuentes, justice, U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, was honored for his conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary. He is UB Law's highest-ranking federal jurist and a resident of Caldwell, N.J.

Pamela Davis Heilman '75 has been named to the World Trade Center Buffalo/ Niagara board of directors. She was also a nominee for the 2002 Athena Award, which benefits the Western New York Women's Fund in Buffalo. Heilman is vice president of the business division in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where she resides.

Linda Joseph '76 has joined with Ginger Schroeder '90 to form Schroeder Joseph & Associates in Buffalo. The firm will handle cases involving management-side labor and employment law and commercial litigation such as franchises and intellectual property. Joseph is a resident of Springville, N.Y.

Robert Olivieri '75 is practicing in the corporate and securities practice group in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ. Olivieri is a resident of Elma, N.Y.

David R. Pfalzgraf '68

Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72

Hon. Richard C. Kloc Sr. '76 was elected judge for the New York State Court of Claims in Buffalo. Kloc was formerly a city court judge in North Tonawanda, N.Y., where he resides.

Carol M. Matorin '76 has become vice president, senior counsel for The Limited, in New York City. She is involved with all of the company's brands and businesses, using her experience in intellectual property, advertising and individual case law. Matorin lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rodney Personius '76 opened his own law firm, Personius Melber, in Buffalo with Brian Melber '96. The firm will concentrate on white-collar criminal defense and business and commercial litigation. Personius lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Brent L. Wilson '76 is a partner in the firm Elbarbe; Thompson, Satt & Wilson in Atlanta. Wilson specializes in the areas of labor relations, equal opportunity, civil rights, disability discrimination and immigration. He is a resident of Lithonia, Ga.


Margaret P. Gryko '77, assistant general counsel for Delaware North Cos. in Buffalo, has been elected to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Gryko resides in West Seneca, N.Y.

Matthew Leeds '77 has been appointed second vice chair of the New York State Bar Association Real Property Section. He also recently published an article in the New York State Bar Journal on "Concerns of Leasing in Commercial Condominiums." Leeds is a partner in the firm Robinson, Silverman, Pearce, Aronson & Berman, in New York City.

Kenneth A. Manning '77, partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips, Lyle, Hitchcock, Beilin & Huber, was honored at the 40th annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on May 8. Manning, immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his leadership by example as a private practitioner. He is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

Denver R. McCoy '77 was elected chair of the New York State Bar Association's Torts Insurance and Compensation Law Section. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hiscock, Barclay, Shepardson & Day. McCoy also named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Hon. Marjorie Mix '77 has retired from a nine-year tenure on the Erie County Family Court in Buffalo. A retirement dinner was held in her honor on Nov. 29, 2001, at the Buffalo Yacht Club. Mix is a Buffalo resident.

David E. Parker '77 has become of counsel in the Buffalo firm Berger & Berger. Parker is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

John T. Privitera '77 has been elected chair of the real property section of the New York State Bar Association. Privitera is a partner in the Albany, N.Y., firm McNamee, Lobban, Tuit & Williams, practicing in the areas of environmental law and real property land use and planning. He lives in Glenmont, N.Y.

Carmen P. Tarantino '77 was newly elected a member of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Tarantino is a partner in the firm Brown & Tarantino in Buffalo, where he resides.

Bryan G. Brockway '78 has become a partner with Catharine M. Venzen '82 to create the firm Venzen Brockway in Buffalo. The firm will handle cases involving wills and estates along with matrimonial and family law and criminal matters. Brockway lives in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Warren M. Emmerson '78 has retained his position as law clerk and court attorney for the new Allegany County Court judge, Hon. Thomas P. Brown '81, in Belmont, N.Y. Emmerson has been law clerk and court attorney for four Allegany County judges. He resides in Fillmore, N.Y.

David E. Pranaslaw '78, senior partner in the Washington, D.C., firm Williams & Jensen, led a panel discussion on "Government — How the System Works & Effects on Regulating Change." He led the
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Births

To Robert A. Milne '89 and Erin Ringham '90, a son, Alexander James, on Aug. 7, 2001, in New York City.

To Lawrence Wood '90 and Gwennan Wilbur, a daughter, Miranda Davis, on May 26, 2001, in Chicago.

To Scott B. Schwartz '91 and Emily Feinizig, a son, Brandon Seth, on Feb. 7, 2002, in Palo Alto, Calif.

To Carmen Snell '92 and Anthony Davis, a daughter, Kristin Asha, on Jan. 18, 2002, in Buffalo.

To Lisa Mueller '93 and Jeffrey Mueller, a son, Jeffrey Montgomery, on Jan. 30, 2002, in Tonawanda, N.Y.

To Yasmin Hassan Mukhtar '93 and Dr. Muhammad A. Mukhtar, a daughter, Hera Yasmin, on Feb. 24, 2001, in Monroe, Pa.

To Christine Haight Farley '94 and William Farley '95, a son, Aidan Nyle, on Oct. 21, 2001, in Washington, D.C.

To Guy C. Giancarlo '94 and Susannah M. Bochenek '94, a son, Robert Guy, on March 31, 2001, in Neyder, N.Y.

To Alex Korotkin '94 and Tamra Diamond '93, a son, Jonathan Isaac, on Feb. 1, 2001, in Rochester, N.Y.

To David Wright '96 and Mimi Meng Wright '95, a daughter, Georgia Meng, on March 6, 2001, in Buffalo.

To Maureen Blake '00 and Victor Blake, a daughter, Kerry Anne, on July 15, 2001, in Lincoln, Va.

Dan D. Kohane '79 has been named director of the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau. In addition, he also addressed a national seminar on "Using the Internet to Evaluate Damages" at the Litigation Management College in Illinois and spoke at the fifth National Conference for Insurance Professionals, Legal Advisors and Risk Managers in New York City on the topic "Online Liability." Kohane is a senior partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Debra A. Norton '79 has been named chair of the appellate practice committee of the Bar Association of Erie County. Norton is an attorney in the Buffalo firm of Paul W. Beltz and handles the firm's appellate matters. She is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Jean Powers '79 was honored with a nomination for the 2002 Athena Award, which benefits the Western New York Women's Fund. Powers is a partner in the firm Jakle, Fleischmann & Mitzel in the new office in Williamsville, N.Y., where she resides.

Paul Suozzi '77 received the Committee Chair of the Year Award from the New York State Bar Association's torts, insurance and compensation law section. Suozzi was honored at the organization's annual dinner in January for his contributions as chair of the section's municipal law committee. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine, and resides in East Aurora, N.Y.

'80s

Richard J. Barnes '80 was elected president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association for 2002. Barnes is a partner in the Buffalo firm Cellino & Barnes.

Pearce has practiced in the areas of labor and employment law for the past 20 years and is currently president of the Volunteer Lawyers Project in Buffalo. Besides being an attorney, Pearce is also a painter and sketch artist. The Arts Council of Buffalo and Erie County presented his artwork in an exhibit at "Hope and Honor" that ran from Feb. 26 to March 28. Pearce is a Buffalo resident.

Vikki L. Pryor '78, president and CEO of SBL USA Mutual Life Insurance Co., received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for her exemplary performance in business. Pryor was honored with the award at the 40th annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on May 8. She also spoke at the Minority Bar Association's 20th annual awards dinner in Buffalo on Oct. 12, 2001, where her topic was "Meeting the Challenge in a Changing Society." Pryor resides in Stamford, Conn.

Candace Appleton '79, a Merrick, N.Y., resident, had an article published in the summer 2001 edition of NYSBA Elder Law Attorney titled "Representing the Younger Disabled Client." Appleton is a senior staff attorney in charge of the Disability Advocacy Project for Nassau/Suffolk Law Services in Hempstead, N.Y.

Peter F. Brady '79 was elected to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Brady is a partner in the Amherst, N.Y., firm Brady & Schaefer. He lives in Williamsburg, N.Y.

Robert B. Druar '79, a Buffalo attorney, was awarded the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project VLP Y.L.P. Award for his long-term commitment to pro bono work, particularly in the area of divorce and bankruptcy for the Volunteer Lawyers Project. He is a Buffalo resident.

Marianne Hanley '79 was appointed by County Executive Joel A. Giambra to the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women. Hanley is a partner in the firm Magavern, Magavern & Grimm in Buffalo. She lives in Buffalo.

William Hites '79, a Buffalo solo practitioner, was honored by the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project with the Haven House Project Award. Hites received the award at the eighth annual Volunteer Recognition Reception on Nov. 29, 2001, for his commitment to providing advice and counsel at Haven House, a shelter for battered women and children. He is a resident of Buffalo.

discussion before the Securities Traders Association in November 2001 in Boca Raton, Fla. Fransiska lives in Annapolis, Md.

Linda J. Marsh '78 received the M. Dolores Denman Lady Justice Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Marsh is a founding member of the bar association and past president of the chapter. She also served as a member of the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. She is a partner in the Buffalo firm Ziller, Marsh, Long, Small & Zweig. Marsh is a Buffalo resident.

Mark G. Pearce '78 has formed the Buffalo law firm Creighton, Pearce & Johnson.
He is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Sheldon Cohen '80 has become the new director of real estate and buildings in the Nassau County Office of the County Executive in Mineola, N.Y. Cohen was previously vice president of facilities and services at MetLife in Manhattan, N.Y. He is a Woodbury, N.Y., resident.

William A. Lundquist '80, a Hamburg, N.Y., resident, was elected president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Lundquist is general counsel of Birdair in Amherst, N.Y.

Karen L. Mathews '80 has become deputy general counsel of Birdair, serving on the staff of General Counsel William A. Lundquist '80, in the Amherst, N.Y., office. Mathews is a Buffalo resident.

Michael M. Mohun '80 was newly appointed as a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Mohun is a solo practitioner and the town justice in Bennington Town Court in Attica, N.Y. He resides in Gowsville, N.Y.

John Troll '80 has become a partner in the firm Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis. Troll, practicing in the firm's intellectual property group, was previously vice president and trademark counsel for Harley-Davidson.

Oliver C. Young '80 has been elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. Young also received the Trailblazer Award from the Asian American Law Students Association, the Black Law Students Association and the Latin American Law Students Association at the annual UB Law School Students of Color Dinner in April. Young, a matrimonial referee for the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, resides in Williamsburg, N.Y.

Michael A. Battle '81 has been appointed U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York. Battle is the first African-American in New York to be named a U.S. attorney outside of the New York City area. Battle also received the William & Barbara Merrweather Sims Alumni Award at the annual UB Law School Students of Color Dinner in April. He was also recently honored by the Minority Bar Association of Western New York and Mount Olive Baptist Church at a reception in Buffalo. He also received the "Award of Merit by the Bar Association of Erie County." This award is not an annual award but given only in extraordinary circumstances. Battle was formerly a judge for Erie County Family Court and president-elect of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a Buffalo resident.

Howard Berger '81 was elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Berger is an attorney in the firm Duke, Holzman, Yaeger & Phoitiadis in Buffalo. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Thomas R. Brown '81 has become the judge in Allegany Family, County and Surrogate Court in Belmont, N.Y. He appointed Warren M. Emerson '78 as his law clerk and court attorney. Brown was previously a partner in the firm Williams & Brown in Cuba, N.Y., where he resides.

Robert M. Elardo '81 was honored for his commitment to public service with the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the UB Law Alumni Association's 40th annual dinner on May 8. Elardo is managing attorney of the Bar Association of Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project. He has been administering the pro bono program since 1984. Elardo is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. Amy Jo Fricano '81, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., was named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Fricano lives in Lockport, N.Y.

Lawrence Friedman '81 was re-elected district attorney in the Genesee County district attorney's office in Batavia, N.Y., where he resides. Friedman has been working in the district attorney's office for the past 20 years.

Susan H. Sadinsky '81 focuses her practice in the areas of insurance coverage and defense litigation. She joined the Law Office of Roy J. Mintz in Buffalo as an associate. She lives in Williamsburg, N.Y.

H.A. Terri Zions '81, a Buffalo solo practitioner, was given the Divorce Award at the ninth annual Volunteer Recognition Reception hosted by the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project on Nov. 29, 2001. Zions has lent her insight in divorce matters to the Volunteer Lawyers Project. She lives in Williamsburg, N.Y.

Peter Bergenscheck '82, a Buffalo attorney, received the Ruth Mitchell Memorial Award from the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project at the ninth annual Volunteer Recognition Reception on Nov. 29, 2001, in Buffalo. Bergenscheck received the award for his pro bono work. He lives in Buffalo.

Richard S. Binke '82 was appointed fourth president of the Western Region affiliate of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Binke is a Cheektowaga, N.Y., solo practitioner and resident.

Dr. John Brazil '82 has completed his residency in anesthesia at the University of California at Irvine. He is now doing a one-year fellowship in pain management. Brazil resides in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Hon. Steven R. Cullen '82 has opened his own law firm in West Palm Beach, Fla., after serving for 12 years as a compensation claims judge in Florida State Court in West Palm Beach. Cullen's practice is limited to mediation, arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and private judging. He lives in Jupiter, Fla.

John R. Feroletto '82, a Buffalo resident and solo practitioner, authored the article "Trading Places" in a symposium on running a small law firm. The symposium appeared in the national magazine Trial, published by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Feroletto is currently secretary of the small office practice section of the ATLA and co-chair of the ATLA political action committee.

Paula Feroletto '82 is the new president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Feroletto is a partner in the firm Brown &
The Class of 1967 celebrated its 35-year reunion on April 20. Over 50 classmates and guests were in attendance to celebrate this milestone occasion.

The reunion began in the morning with a casual reception at the Law School, followed by a tour of O'Brian Hall including the new state-of-the-art courtroom. The highlight of the reunion was an elegant dinner held at the Buffalo Club. Attendees enjoyed a gourmet meal while reminiscing about their days in Law School. "Harry Brand was a wonderful emcee! I haven't laughed that hard in years" says Art Russ '67. "It was great to spend some time with my old friends Bob and Marie Walter, who now live in Wooster, MA. Bob and I are planning a ski weekend next winter to relive the Vermont ski trip we took in 1965."

All in attendance agreed that the reunion was a great success. "It was virtually a perfect reunion," says Harry Brand '67. "We had a high percentage of our classmates attending who enjoyed a well-prepared program of reminiscences in the delightful setting of the Buffalo Club. What more could you ask for in a 35-year reunion? It was my pleasure to plan, participate and attend. Barbara and I enjoyed seeing men and women with whom we had shared such a significant life experience."

Check out the 1967 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."
Kelly in Buffalo, where she also resides.

Vincent O. Hanley ’82 has been named vice president of the Buffalo and Western New York Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Hanley, partner in the Buffalo firm Jacek, Fleischmann & Mugel, lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Mark S. Klein ’82 was chosen to serve as contributing editor of the 2002 Guidebook to New York Times. Klein is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jacek, Fleischmann & Mugel. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Eric W. Lawson Jr. ’82 gave the collection of his labor/management arbitration awards that he had accumulated over a career of more than 30 years to the archivist at Cornell University’s Industrial and Labor Relations School. He was selected by the Industrial Relations Research Association of Western New York as the 2002-2003 Man of the Year. Lawson is a labor arbitrator and member of the National Academy of Arbitrators. He is a resident of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Matthew B. Newman ’82 has his own nationwide ERISA practice based in Savage, Minn. Newman represents claimants in disability benefits cases against insurance companies. He lives in Savage, Minn.

Denise E. O’Donnell ’82, partner in the law firm Jacek, Fleischmann & Mugel, was appointed to a two-year term on the board of directors for the National Women’s Hall of Fame. O’Donnell is president-elect of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is a Buffalo resident.

Hon. David J. Pajak ’84 was re-elected town justice of Pembroke, N.Y. Pajak is also a Buffalo solo practitioner and lives in Cortland.

Ruth M. Pollack ’82, a Mineola, N.Y., attorney, had an oil painting that she created titled September 11, 2001 displayed in the student exhibition at the Cork Gallery, Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center Plaza, New York City. Pollack practices in the areas of employment discrimination, real estate and negligence in the firm Pollack & Koller. She resides in Garden City, N.Y.

Andrea Schillaci ’82 spoke at a seminar titled “Non-Profit Centers Going Entrepreneurial” in Reno, Nev., in January. Schillaci is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurnitz & Fine, specializing in professional liability, commercial litigation and environmental regulatory matters. She lives in Buffalo.

Catharine M. Venzon ’82 and Bryan G. Brockway ’78 have formed the firm Venzon Brockway in Buffalo. They will be dealing with cases involving matrimonial and family law as well as criminal law, wills and estates. Venzon lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

John Ziegler ’82 was named confidential law clerk to Hon. Rose Sconiers ’73, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Ziegler has experience in cases involving civil litigation, personal injury, insurance coverage and appellate practice. He lives in Buffalo.

Lynn A. Clarke ’83, confidential law clerk to Hon. John A. Michalek, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, was elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Clarke is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Neil E. Garvey ’83 was also a partner in the firm Venzon Brockway in Buffalo, where he resides.

David M. Hehr ’83 has been elected president of the Buffalo firm Hiscock, Barclay, Superson & Day. Hehr handles cases involving civil litigation and environmental practice. He also recently became a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Hehr lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Barbara Kavanaugh ’83, assistant New York State attorney general in the Buffalo office, and her son, Jack, received the Community Service Award at AIDS Community Services’ annual awards dinner. She was also elected to the board of directors of New Directions Youth and Family Services. Kavanaugh is a Buffalo resident.

Linda Nenni ’83 was elected assistant secretary of the board of directors of the Kaleida Health Foundation. Nenni is vice president and general counsel at Kaleida Health in Buffalo, where she resides.

Hon. E. Jeanette Ogden ’83, a Buffalo City Court judge, was named vice president of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is a Buffalo resident.

Ellen G. Yost ’83 spoke at a conference sponsored by the American Council on International Personnel in Pentagon City, Va. Her topic was “European Effort to Address Personnel Mobility Issues.” She also addressed the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association in Ottawa, Ont., on the subject of international opportunities for corporate counsel. Yost is managing partner in the firm Frangomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy in Buffalo, where she also resides.

Tracey Bannister ’84 was elected to the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County, N.Y. She is a court attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, Office of Court Administration, in Buffalo. Bannister lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

George W. Collins Jr. ’84 has become chairman of the litigation department in the firm Bouvier, O’Connor in Buffalo. Collins lives in Amherst, N.Y.

John M. Curran ’84 was appointed assistant treasurer of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Curran is a partner in the firm Phillips, Lyle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber in Buffalo. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.
The Class of 1976 celebrated their 25th reunion in New York City on Oct. 19 and 20, 2001. This was the first time that a UB class had a reunion outside of Buffalo, and it was a very poignant and special occasion.

The original decision to have the reunion in New York City was made to reflect the large number of classmates who came to the Law School from the New York area. But after Sept. 11, holding the reunion in New York City took on much greater significance. The committee questioned whether classmates would want to continue with the plans. The response was immediate and strongly in favor of going ahead. According to the organizers, the overwhelming sentiment was that now more than ever the class should gather together to appreciate their friendships, pay their respects to those who lost their lives and support the people of the city of New York.

One of the most moving responses was from Flo Dean, who wrote:

"This is a great city. The reasons we chose for having the reunion are as valid now, if not more so, than the reasons we focused on last spring. While it is clearly true that none of us feels like celebrating, and some appropriate tribute is clearly in order, the best thing we can do for the people who died is to insist, through our actions, that they did not die in vain. Terrorism and insensible acts of cruelty are the enemy of freedom and dignity and liberty. Aren't those the ideals we learned in law school? What greater tribute than to say that UB graduates stand on the side of freedom and the liberties granted in the Constitution. Let me assure you that New York City will survive this and come back stronger than ever. Please don't let us down."

The weekend began on Friday evening with a cocktail reception at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. On Saturday night, classmates enjoyed dinner and music as they sailed around Manhattan on Spirit Cruises. "Seeing old friends is even more special in light of the tragic events of Sept. 11," said Ellen Forrest, co-chair of the reunion. "Being here in New York City has made this reunion much more meaningful as we reminisce and look to the future."

The 25th Reunion Committee was chaired by Ellen Forrest and Robert J. Feldman, along with a hard-working New York City Steering Committee. Visit the UB Law Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu to see pictures of this special reunion.

First row, left to right: Margaret W. Wong, Robert J. Feldman, Karen B. Leeds, Ellen Forrest, Michael F. Calabrese, Florence V. Dean


Missing from photo: Judith Levin, Belle Gould-Ross, David G. Ross
Norton T. Lowe '84 practices in the law firm of Lipsitz, Green, Fabrininger, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo. Lowe recently became associated with the firm and practices in the personal injury department. He lives in Kennmore, N.Y.

David Marcus '84 is a partner in the firm Webster Szanyi in Buffalo. He deals with legal matters involving commercial litigation and personal injury. Marcus is a founding partner in the Buffalo firm Marcus, Knorr, Crawford & Hilton, and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Keith D. Martin '84 is now a senior attorney with the New York State Department of Transportation. Martin is involved with transportation-related projects near "ground zero." Martin lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Paul T. Nesper '84, a Getzville, N.Y., resident, spoke as a faculty member at a New York State Bar Association seminar on "Purchase and Sale of Real Estate." Nesper is a partner in the firm Nesper, Ferber & DiGiacomo in Amherst, N.Y.

Lawrence J. Regan '84, a Buffalo attorney, was elected secretary of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Regan is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Sharon L. Wick '84 is a new member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Wick is a partner in the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber in the Buffalo office. She specializes in estate planning and trust administration. Wick lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Theodore L. Araujo '85 is practicing in the firm Adman & Welfson in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. Araujo focuses his practice in the areas of intellectual property, licensing, corporate and litigation matters. He is a resident of Manhattan, N.Y.

Jill K. Bond '85 has been promoted from deputy general counsel to vice president, general counsel in the legal department in Rich Products Corp., the nation's largest privately owned frozen food manufacturer in Buffalo. Bond will be responsible for all of the corporation's legal matters and also serves on the corporation's Leadership Council. She is a resident of Buffalo.

Paul ChiaraValoti '85, of counsel in the firm Siegel, Kelleher & Kabr in the Williamsburg, N.Y., office, has become a member of the board of directors of the Pharmacists Association of Western New York. ChiaraValoti is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

John C. Geras '85 was elected a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Geras is an attorney in the Buffalo firm Renaldo, Myers & Palumbo and resides in Clarence, N.Y.

Cynthia Lenkiewicz '85, a New York City resident, has joined the corporate law department of Citigroup. Lenkiewicz accepted a position as associate general counsel in the New York City corporation.

Daniel J. Marren '85 was named to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Brown & Kelly. Marren lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Patricia A. Obstarczyk '85 was named to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Sugarmann is a partner in the Buffalo firm Prissett, Sherman, Abbott & Sugarmann. He is a resident of Rochester.

Steven R. Sugarmann '85 has been elected a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Sugarmann is a partner in the Buffalo firm Prissett, Sherman, Abbott & Sugarmann. He is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Matthew J. Fusco '86 presented a paper at the renowned Oxford Round Table in Oxford, England, in March, where the discussion at the round table focused on civil rights and employment discrimination. Fusco is a partner in the firm Chamberlain, D'Amedo, Oppenheimer & Greenfield in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He lives in Canandaigua, N.Y.

William R. Johnson '86 acted as a moderator and spoke as a faculty member at a New York State Bar Association seminar on "Purchase and Sale of Real Estate." Johnson is a member of the firm Nesper, Ferber & DiGiacomo in Amherst, N.Y., where he resides.

Lisa L. McDougall '86, partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, is the new health care practice group coordinator in the firm. McDougall concentrates her practice on health care matters involving compliance issues, fraud and abuse, HIPAA, information management, privacy and patient care. She lives in Buffalo.

Timothy McEvoy '86 was promoted to administrative vice president of M&T Bank in the Buffalo office. McEvoy was associate general counsel for M&T Bank's trust and investment and treasury divisions. He is a Buffalo resident.

Shari Jo Reich '86, a solo practitioner, received the Everywoman Opportunity Center Award of Excellence. She was honored at the organization's annual dinner on May 2. Reich is an adjunct professor at UB Law School and is a Buffalo resident.

Melinda R. Saran '86 was awarded the Friend of Gateway-Longview Award from Gateway-Longview, a Buffalo agency that has comprehensive care and treatment programs for children, youth and families. She received the award in recognition of her dedication, encouragement and advocacy for the educational rights of the agency's residents. Saran, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, is associate dean for student services at UB Law School.

Donna Burden '87 received the 40 Under Forty Award in the law category from the publication Business First. Burden was also elected to the board of directors of the Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center Foundation and named director of the Heritage Centers board of directors. She...
Marriages

Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

Melanie A. Jenkins '90 and Andrew G. Smith, Oct. 13, 2001
Jonathan Kurens '90 and Leslie Beth Julich, Jan. 13, 2002
Jeffrey P. Marcella '90 and Mia McFarlane '99, Sept. 15, 2001
Yasmin Hassan '93 and Dr. Muhammad A. Mukhtar, March 18, 2000
Joseph L. Mooney '93 and Sheri L. Keeling '96, Oct. 6, 2001
Denis J. Bristle '94 and Julie A. Cellino, Dec. 9, 2001
Stephen L. Yonaty '94 and Marla Kim Babat '97, Nov. 11, 2001
Jeffrey J. Calabrese '95 and Andrea M. Sutton, June 23, 2001
Terri L. LoTempio '95 and Todd M. Kopacz, Nov. 3, 2001
Mark W. Pawlak '95 and Jennifer Marel, July 28, 2001
Jennifer A. Bernacki '96 and Richard S. Smith III, May 18, 2002
Jennifer M. Scalisi '96 and James A. Barr, Sept. 8, 2001
Christopher Centore '98 and Jeanne Albanese, Sept. 22, 2001
John S. Cipolla '98 and Elizabeth Alexandra Cerone, July 13, 2002
Shannon Heneghan '98 and Vincent Lepera, Sept. 8, 2001
Theresa M. Wolniewicz '98 and Peter D. Walsh, August 10, 2002
Irma Eagleton '99 and David Hill, Dec. 9, 2001
Mari Moorman '99 and Ernest G. Penn Jr., Aug. 9, 2002
Kelly L. Gotham '00 and Christopher S. Audin, Sept. 29, 2001
Megan Herstek '00 and Travis Brett Wolfinger, May 11, 2002
Ruth P. Newman '00 and Bryan A. Laskowski, Oct. 13, 2001
Rachel L. Trapp '00 and Robert N. Newton, July 20, 2002
Devin L. Palmer '01 and Karen Beth Zobel, Oct. 27, 2001

is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.
Doris Carbonell-Medina '87, a Buffalo resident, was recognized by the publication Business First with the 40 Under Forty Award in the government category. She is an attorney for the Buffalo Commission on Citizens' Rights and Community Relations.

Terrence A. Greiner '87 has recently been elected vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association. Greiner is a partner in the Buffalo firm Lippes, Silverstein, Mathias & Wexler; practicing in the firm's corporate group. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Patricia Maxwell '87 has been elected Erie County Family Court judge in Buffalo. Maxwell, formerly an attorney in the firm Maxwell & Maxwell, resides in Boston, N.Y.

Steven J. Ricca '87 was elected to the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy board of trustees. Ricca is a partner in the firm Jeeble, Fleischmann & Mugglein Buffalo, where he resides.

Louis Rosado '87 is the recipient of the Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project VLP 'V.I.P. Award. Rosado deals with divorce, bankruptcy and Family Court cases for the Spanish-speaking community for the Volunteer Lawyers Project. He is a Buffalo solo practitioner.

Hugh M. Russ III '87, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, has been named one of 20 regional directors worldwide for the Harvard Alumni Association. He has been elected president of the board of directors for a two-year term. He was also named secretary of the board of directors of Homespace Corp. in Buffalo. Russ is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo.

Sharon J. Schwartz '87 was named president of the Vassar Club of Western New York. Schwartz is a partner in the firm Harris Beach in Hamburg, N.Y., and practices in the areas of residential real estate and banking matters. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Andrew Winston '87 and his wife, Cheryl, are Cladd Records recording artists. The Winjons, and have recorded their third CD, Sleepy Town. Winston is a regional arbitrator of disputes between the American Postal Workers Union and the U.S. Postal Service in Colorado and Wisconsin. He lives in Boulder, Colo.

Cora A. Alasante '88 was named chair of the New York State Bar Association's elder law section. She is a partner in the Syracuse, N.Y., firm Hancock Estabrook, practicing in the areas of planning for the elderly and disabled, estate planning, and trust and estate administration. Alasante is also an adjunct professor at Syracuse University College of Law and resides in Syracuse.

Paul A. Bender '88, formerly an Erie County assistant district attorney, has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Kinney & Crawford. He will practice in the areas of personal injury, criminal defense, wills, real estate and commercial matters. Bender lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Regina A. Del Vecchio '88 has been named a partner in the Buffalo firm Colicelli & Gallaher. She handles cases involving employment and administrative litigation, construction accident litigation, dram shop liability, and products liability. Del Vecchio lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Randy C. Fahn '88 has been elected to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Fahn is general counsel for Superior Technical Resources in Williamsville, N.Y. He lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.
Sophie Feal ’88 was elected to the Alliance Française de Buffalo board of directors. Feal is an immigration attorney with the Bar Association of Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project. She lives in Buffalo.

Terrence P. Flynn ’88 was elected vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2002–2003. Flynn is a partner in the firm Gibson, McAskill & Crosby in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Terence Gilbride ’88, a partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, received Business First’s 40 Under Forty Award in the law category for his dedication to the legal profession and community service. Gilbride lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Brian Martin ’88 has been promoted to vice president and general counsel of Sun Microsystems in Palo Alto, Calif. He will be managing anti-trust and competition law as well as coordinating the legal and contract support for the company. Martin is an adjunct professor at UB Law School, teaching anti-trust/intellectual property and corporate counseling courses. He resides in Fremont, Calif.

Peter Baxter ’89 was honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award from Niagara University’s College of Arts and Sciences. Baxter is chair of the university’s political science department and lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Robert L. Boreanaz ’89, a Getzville, N.Y., resident, has recently become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Boreanaz is a partner in the firm Lipsitz, Green, Feinberger, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in the Buffalo office.

Hon. Kevin M. Carter ’89 has been named Erie County Family Court judge in Buffalo. Carter was previously an attorney in the law firm Sullivan & Oliverio practicing in civil litigation, family law and domestic relations. Carter also was elected to the board of directors of the American Red Cross Greater Buffalo Chapter. He is a resident of Buffalo.

Patricia A. Obstarczyk ’85 is director of criminal justice and an associate professor of sociology at Canisius College in Buffalo. She is also an adjunct faculty member for the Consortium of the Niagara Frontier. In addition, Erickson is a practicing attorney in the areas of criminal and family law. She lives in Buffalo.

James G. Hunt ’89, associate general counsel of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in New York City, has been elected by the board of directors of MetLife as an officer of the company. Hunt is a resident of New York City.

Karen Kaczemarski ’89 has joined the Buffalo firm Harper, Severt & Emery, practicing in the litigation department. She focuses her practice on torts, employment discrimination and professional liability matters. She lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Gregg S. Maxwell ’89 has joined the firm Kennedy, Kanaley, Shelton & Liptak in Buffalo. Maxwell specializes in personal injury defense and insurance coverage litigation. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Daniel P. Schwartz ’89 received the Faculty Excellence Award from St. Louis University’s student government association. Schwartz is an associate professor of curriculum and English education at St. Louis University in St. Louis, where he resides.

Vanessa Bliss Harris ’90 is now an associate in the Atlanta firm Tillman & York. Harris, previously a solo practitioner in Buffalo, manages the firm’s Social Security disability department. She was also recently admitted to the Georgia Superior Court and the U.S. District Court in the northern district of Georgia. Harris is a resident of Atlanta.

William E. Jemmott ’90 has been promoted to special counsel with the Wuerfel Law Group in San Francisco. He specializes in civil litigation in state and federal courts in New York and California. Jemmott is a resident of Oakland, Calif.

Paula Eade Newcomb ’90 has been named to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Newcomb is a personal injury attorney in the Buffalo firm Volpeanau & Bosse. She is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

Ginger Schroeder ’90 and Linda Joseph ’75 have formed a federal women’s business enterprise, Schroeder Joseph & Associates in Buffalo. The firm specializes in management-side labor and employment law and commercial litigation such as franchises and intellectual property.

Stephen F. Szymoniak ’50 is practicing in the firm Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton & Liptak, formerly a partner in the firm Falk & Siemer, specializes in personal injury litigation, commercial litigation, employment law and appeals. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

David Whalen ’90 was named by New York State Sen. Hugh T. Farley as the first recipient of the New York State Senate’s Achievers Award. The award acknowledges an individual’s ability to defeat personal physical obstacles and recognizes his accomplishments. “I am especially pleased to honor David. A quadriplegic, David has overcome his disabilities to become a successful lawyer and productive member of society,” Farley said. Whalen, a Glenville, N.Y., resident, is an attorney for the New York State Office of Court Administration-City, Town & Village Court in Cohoes, N.Y.

Lawrence Wood ’90 is a supervisory attorney at the Legal Assistance Foundation in Chicago, which provides free representation to the poor in civil cases. Wood also teaches a seminar on poverty law at the University of Chicago Law School. He is a Chicago resident.

Robert Heary ’91 has become a partner in the firm Hiscock, Barclay, Saperston & Day in Buffalo. Heary deals with cases regarding labor and employment issues and employment law. He is a resident of Lancaster, N.Y.

Jonathan G. Johnsen ’91 is a partner in the newly formed law firm Creighton, Pearce & Johnsen in Buffalo. He will be involved with cases dealing with unions and community economic development matters. Johnsen is also currently general counsel to the Western New York AFL-CIO.
Members of the Class of 1977 celebrated their 25-year reunion on the weekend of May 3-4. Nearly 75 classmates and their guests attended events honoring this milestone.

The class kicked off the celebration Friday night with an informal reception at the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery. Saturday morning featured a brunch, hosted by the Law School, where attendees were led on a brief tour of recent improvements to O’Brian Hall. The weekend was highlighted with an elegant dinner at the Park Country Club where classmates were treated to a gourmet meal and live piano entertainment.

“I was apprehensive when we first started planning the reunion, because we never had a reunion before,” says Barbara J. Del Gross ’77. “But it was great to see everyone again. I think we were all happy to reconnect with each other and our law school experience.

“The best party I have been to in years,” says Bruce S. Zefiel ’77. “Everyone had a great time and we are ready to do it again in five years!”

Check out the 1977 Reunion Page on the Law School Website at www.law.buffalo.edu under “Alumni and Giving.”
Economic Development Group. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Scott B. Schwartz ’91** recently became a member of the firm Cozen O’Connor in the Philadelphia office. Previously a senior attorney with Intel Corp., Schwartz practices in the area of intellectual property. He is a Philadelphia resident.

**Christopher D. Thomas ’91** is a partner in the firm Nixon Peabody in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Thomas practices in the litigation department. He is a Rochester resident.

**John M. Walsh ’91** has become associated with the firm Lipsitz, Green, Feilbringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo. Walsh will practice in the labor and employment law department. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Robert S. Attardo ’92** has become associated with the Rochester, N.Y., firm Woods Oviatt Gilman. Attardo will handle cases involving commercial and banking litigation and transactions. He lives in Rochester.

**Glenn J. Bobeck ’92** has become a partner in the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber in Buffalo. He specializes his practice in the areas of corporate and securities law and taxation. He was also elected to the board of directors of the Western New York Venture Association. Bobeck is also a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. He lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

**Nan Haynes ’92** has been named a partner in the Buffalo firm Lipsitz & Ponterio, which handles cases in the areas of personal injury asbestos litigation, workers’ compensation, work-related accidents and employee malpractice claims against real estate brokers and appraisers. He lives in Liverpool, N.Y.

**Michael J. Roach ’92** was named to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Roach is a member of the firm Cormode & Vilarino in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Andrea L. Sammarco ’92** has opened her own law firm in Buffalo. She will concentrate her practice in the areas of labor and employment law and litigation. Sammarco lives in Lockport, N.Y.

**Carmen L. Snell ’92** won the 40 Under Forty Award in the law category from Business First. She has also been made a member of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group board of directors. Snell is an attorney with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Western New York in Buffalo, where she also resides.

**Amilcar Antonio Barreto ’93** has been granted tenure by Northeastern University in Boston and is now an associate professor in the political science department.

**Christopher J. Bolter ’93** has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Goldberg Segalla. He handles cases involving product liability, work site injury and commercial litigation. Bolter is a resident of Grand Island, N.Y.

**Elizabeth Dobosiewicz ’93** has joined the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber in Buffalo. She practices in the immigration department and is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

**Eric Fitzgerald ’93**, of Scranton, Pa., is the new designee representative for the Northeast region of the Casualty Underwriters Club. He presented the program “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Recent UM/UM Decisions From the High Courts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Ohio” to members of the CPCU. The group also made a donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund in his name in recognition of Fitzgerald’s presentation on “Negotiation Skills” to CPCU members. Fitzgerald practices in the firm Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Guggin in the insurance coverage bad faith group and lives in Mountain Top, Pa.

**Christopher M. Marks ’93** of Buffalo Financial Associates is now a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Marks lives in Buffalo.

**Joseph Marris ’93** was named partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber. Marris focuses his practice in business law, concentrating on mergers, acquisitions and corporate finance. He is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

**Joseph L. Mooney ’93** a Buffalo resident and attorney, has become a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla. He concentrates his practice in the areas of product liability and construction site litigation.

**Michael R. Radjivitch ’93** was named recruitment chair of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group board of directors for 2001-2002. Radjivitch is a partner in the firm Gary & Radjivitch in Fairport, N.Y.

**Wendy A. Scott ’93**, formerly a partner in the Buffalo firm Siwi & Lane, is now practicing in the firm Kenney, Kanaley, Shelton &

**Andrew Winston ’87** and his wife, Cheryl, benefit. Haynes is a Buffalo resident.

**Marc E. Hirschfield ’92** was elected as counsel in the firm Dewey Ballantine in the New York City office. Hirschfield practices in the reorganization bankruptcy group. He resides in Forest Hills, N.Y.

**Darryl McPherson ’92**, assistant corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo, was honored in the government category with Business First’s 40 Under Forty Award. McPherson is a Buffalo resident.

**Russell J. Matuszak ’92**, general counsel of Barister Global Services Network in Buffalo, has been named to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. He lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Kevin Merriman ’92**, associate in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine, received the Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the New York State Bar Association. Merriman was recognized for his contributions to the torts, insurance and compensation law section of the bar association. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

**Keith D. Miller ’92** is a partner in the Sugarman Law Firm in Syracuse, N.Y. Miller handles cases involving personal injury and negligence claims, no-fault issues and professional liability suits.
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Liptak, Scott concentrates her practice in personal injury defense litigation, with attention to labor law and premises liability litigation. She is a resident of Buffalo.

Guy C. Giancarlo '94 has become a confidential law clerk to Hon. Salvatore R. Martoche, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo. Giancarlo is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

Cathy Maloney '94 has accepted a position as director of human resources for Child and Family Services in Buffalo. She was previously an attorney in the Buffalo firm Bond, Schoech & King. Maloney lives in Pendleton, N.Y.

Sharon Nosanchuck '94, an attorney with Buffalo Neighborhood Legal Services, has been named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Nosanchuck was also honored as Outstanding Board Member by the Buffalo Jaycees at their 70th-anniversary celebration. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

A. Drew Pinkney '94 is assistant general counsel for Plastech Engineered Products in Livonia, Mich. She practices in the areas of management-side labor law, employment law and commercial law, in addition to supervising outside counsel in various legal areas. Pinkney is a resident of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Kevin Raphael '94 has joined the Philadelphia firm Miller, Alfano & Raspanti. He specializes his practice in white-collar criminal law, complex commercial litigation, federal whistle-blower actions, and liquor control litigation and licensing. Raphael is a Philadelphia resident.

Paul H. Roalsvig '94 has joined the New York City firm Wiliams & Bakew as an associate. Roalsvig specializes in immigration law. He is a resident of New York City.

Brette McWhorter Sember '94, a freelance writer, has written three new books: Repair Your Own Credit and Deal With Debt; The Visitation Handbook A Complete Guide to Parenting Apart and Child Custody; Visitation and Support in New York. Sember has previously written five self-help law books. She lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Stephen L. Yonaty '94 has been made a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. He is an attorney in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ and lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Gretchen P. Aylward '95 was named president of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group for 2001-2002. Aylward is an attorney in the firm Hiscock, Barclay, Saperston & Day in Buffalo, where she also lives.

Paul Beyer '95 was elected to the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York. Beyer is a confidential law clerk to Hon. Patrick H. NeMoyer, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, Buffalo. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

John Comerford '95 practices in the firm Lipsitz & Ponterio, which handles cases involving personal injury asbestos litigation, workers' compensation, work-related accidents and employee benefits. The firm has recently named him partner. Comerford is an Amherst, N.Y. resident.

David Koepsell '95, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, has joined the law firm Germain & Bylak in Buffalo. Koepsell specializes his practice in the areas of commercial and intellectual property litigation. Additionally, he also had his first novel published this year, Reboot World, and his book The Ontology of Cyberspace: Law, Philosophy, and the Future of Intellectual Property received a favorable review from the Green Bag Law Journal.

Wendy Marsh ’95 is now a partner in the Syracuse, N.Y., firm Hancock Estabrook. Marsh concentrates her practice in environmental and land use law. She lives in Liverpool, N.Y.

Mark W. Pawlak '95 accepted a new position as the labor and enforcement counsel for Philips Electronics North America Corp. in New York City, where he also resides.

Jay C. Pletcher '95 is a partner in the firm Boisvert, O'Connor in Buffalo. Pletcher practices in the disability law group focusing in the areas of special-education law, the rights of the disabled, estates, wills, trusts, guardianships and health care law. He teaches about special education as an adjunct professor at Daemen College, in Amherst, N.Y., and contributed to the legal textbook Legal Rights of Persons With Disabilities: An Analysis of Federal Law. He is a Buffalo resident.

Jill M. Tuholski '95 has become treasurer of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. She practices in the firm Kenney, Kamaley, Shollon & Liptak and is a Buffalo resident.

Hilary C. Banker '96 has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She is also a local delegate of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association. Banker practices in the firm Burgio, Rita & Currin in Buffalo, where she also lives.

Joseph N. DelVecchio '96, attorney for National Fuel Gas Corp. in Buffalo, was elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group as membership chair for 2001-2002. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Noemi Fernandez '96 has been elected second vice president of the Interclub Council, a coalition of women's organizations in Western New York. Fernandez is a solo practitioner in Buffalo, where she is a resident.

Thomas Ferrazzi Ferris '96 has formed his own law firm, Conners & Ferris, in Rochester, N.Y. The firm focuses on representing injured workers with cases involving the Workers' Compensation Board and the Social Security Administration. Ferris lives in Brockport, N.Y.

Daniel W. Gerber '96 was the New York coordinating editor for the Defense Research Institute's Protecting the Privilege Project. Gerber practices in the litigation department in the Buffalo firm Jezchel, Fleischmann & Mugel. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Brian Melber '96 has formed a partnership with Rodney Personius '76 to create the firm Personius Melber in Buffalo. They will deal with cases involving white-collar criminal defense and business and commercial litigation. Melber lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Thomas M. Mercure '96 has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Lipsitz, Green, Fevold & Rose, Sullivan & Cambric. Mercure practices in the areas of personal injury, product liability, and automotive and construction accident cases. He lives in Hudson Falls, N.Y.

Suzanne E. Ouellette '96 practices in the Rochester.
Ouellette joined the firm as an associate specializing in intellectual property litigation. She lives in Rochester.

**Dianna L. Ramos '96** has become a state delegate as well as treasurer of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association. Ramos practices in the firm of Lewis &Limits in Buffalo, where she also resides.

**James Syta '96** has joined the intellectual property law firm of Westman, Rabinberg, Farley &Mestitt in Albany. Syta, an associate in the firm, will specialize in software-related patent preparation and prosecution.

**Jason Botticelli '97** joined the litigation department in the Buffalo firm of Damon &Money. Botticelli practices as an associate in the areas of legal and medical malpractice defense and medical liability defense. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Raymond Caso '97** has joined the Buffalo firm of Block &Ghigginas an associate. Caso will specialize in banking and real estate. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

**Lynn W. Catalano '97** received the Pathfinder Award sponsored by Business First, Buffalo Alliance for Education, Independent Health, Junior Achievement and Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council. Catalano, executive director of the Mount St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation in Lewiston, N.Y., was recognized for her volunteer work at the Center for Joy, a not-for-profit family life center in Niagara Falls, N.Y. She is a resident of Lewiston, N.Y.

**Lt. Col. James M. Gerlach '97** of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Buffalo was appointed assistant treasurer of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2001-2002. Gerlach was also named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Thomas S. Lane '97** has recently become a member of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group board of directors. Lane is practicing as an associate in the Buffalo firm of Webster &Szczygiel. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

**Jessica Murphy '97** joined the litigation department in the Williams &Wright, N.Y., firm of Ronald &Myers, Murphy, previously a field claims representative for State Farm Fire and Casualty Co., lives in Buffalo.

**Melissa Hancock Nickson '97** has been named president-elect and a state delegate of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association. Nickson is an associate in the Buffalo firm of Phillips, Lytle, Hitchock, Blaine &Huber. She is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

**Charles F. Pitarresi '97** has become an assistant district attorney in the Niagara County district attorney's office in Lockport, N.Y. Pitarresi will be handling motor vehicle theft and auto insurance fraud cases. He lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

**Karen Richardson '97** has become confidential law clerk to Hon. H. Kenneth Schroeder Jr., U.S. District Court, Western District of New York. Richardson was also re-elected as a state director of the Western New York chapter of the Women’s Bar Association and is also a state delegate. She is a Hamburg, N.Y., resident.

**D. Charles Roberts Jr. '97** was elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group for 2001-2002 as co-membership chair. Roberts practices in the firm of Webster &Szczygiel in Buffalo, where he also is a resident.

**Michael P. Stuemer '97** is now a partner in the Buffalo firm of Lipsitz, Green, Faber ger, Roll, Salisbury &Cambrie. He practices in the areas of criminal defense and constitutional law and is a member of the firm's criminal department. Stuemer is a Buffalo resident.

**Susan E. Van Gelder '97**, an attorney in the Buffalo firm of Goldberg Segalla, has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She lives in Buffalo.

**Marla Kim Yokota '97** was recently appointed Erie County law guardian liaison to the Fourth Department Law Guardian Advisory Committee. Yokota practices in the law firm of Michael M. Babia in Buffalo and specializes in the area of family law. She lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Corinne Carey '96** stated, “Stable housing is the key component for anyone struggling with addiction” in a March 27 New York Times article about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the HUD v. Rucker case. The court held that federal drug laws permit the eviction of public housing tenants for drug use by any household member or guest. Carey is an attorney working for the Urban Justice Center in Manhattan representing families fighting drug evictions from public housing. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Todd Genovese '98** is now a marketing analyst at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio. Genovese is a resident of Strongsville, Ohio.

**Shanon Heneghan '98** recently joined the Sugarman Law Firm in the Buffalo office. Heneghan practices in the litigation department and has had previous experience in commercial and tort litigation, zoning and constitutional matters. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Amy Kendall '98** practices in the areas of environmental law and litigation. She has joined the firm of Jacob, Fleischmann &Mugel as an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office.

**Brigid M. Maloney '98**, an East Aurora, N.Y., resident, has been appointed a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Maloney works with the Erie County attorney's office in Buffalo.

**Gregory Mattacola '98** has been elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Mattacola practices in the firm of Block &Ghiggini. He lives in Sanibel, Fla.
The Class of 1982 celebrated its 20-year reunion on the weekend of May 3-4. Over 65 classmates and their guests traveled to Buffalo from across the country to commemorate this milestone.

The festivities began on Friday evening with an informal open-bar reception at the Barrister's Bar in downtown Buffalo. Classmates and their guests regrouped the next morning for a brunch at the Law School, featuring a tour of the recent improvements within O'Brien Hall. Attendees finished off the reunion weekend on Saturday evening with a catered party at the Albright Knox Art Gallery. Party attendees shared memories and renewed old acquaintances late into the evening while enjoying live DJ entertainment, an open bar and gourmet stations within the galleries of the Albright-Knox. "It was great seeing all of our classmates," says John P. Feroletto '82. "It made me think of the saying 'Old friends are the best friends.' When we started talking about our UB days, I didn't think we would ever stop laughing!"

All in attendance agreed that their reunion weekend was a great success. "The reunion was a memory-filled homecoming for Sonia and I," says Mark K. Suzumoto '82, who traveled to Buffalo from Santa Monica, Calif. to attend the festivities. "It was gratifying to confirm that being exiled to the west coast has created no barrier to enduring law school friendships. Please visit our UB outpost in California, where Buffalo is still spoken daily."

Check out the 1982 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under "Alumni and Giving."
Valerie Milonas '98 has accepted a new position as law clerk to Hon. Joseph D. Valentino, Rochester, N.Y., City Court judge. Milonas is a Rochester resident.

Christopher Nickson '98 is practicing in the Buffalo firm Wilder & Linneball as an associate. He specializes in the areas of civil litigation, labor relations and employment law. Nickson is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mickey H. Osterreicher '98 received the Liberty Bell Award from the Bar Association of Erie County for his efforts in leading the video production team for the re-creation of the trial of Leon Czolgosz, assassin of President William McKinley. Osterreicher has a dual career as an attorney and as an award-winning photojournalist, currently working at WKBW-TV in Buffalo. A photojournalist for the past 30 years and a longtime supporter of cameras in the courtroom, Osterreicher also recently addressed the issues of cameras and video media in the courts at a Media Day Seminar in Niagara County presented by the New York State Unified Court System. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Jennifer C. Persico '98 was named an associate in the firm Sugarman, Wallace, Mardheim & Schoenwald in Buffalo. She works in the litigation department in the areas of defense of premises liability, auto negligence claims, land use and environmental litigation, municipal law and federal civil rights litigation. Persico lives in Buffalo.

Kevin W. Hourihan '99 has joined the firm Lipsitz, Green, Feinbriner, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo, where he also resides. Hourihan is an associate practicing in the firm's real estate sales and acquisitions department.

Mindy Mannanca '99 was named vice president of the board of directors of Homespace Corp. Mannanca has also started her own not-for-profit agency, Child Care Advocates, in Buffalo, where she resides.

Kathleen J. Martin '99 is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Martin practices in the Law Offices of Francis M. Letra in Buffalo, where she is also a resident.

Stephanie Miner '99 has become councilor-at-large in the Syracuse, N.Y., Common Council. Miner, a Homer, N.Y., native and labor attorney, was a first-time candidate and received the third-highest vote total of any candidate. She is a Syracuse resident.

Mari A. Moorman '99 has been named president-elect of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Moorman was previously education chair. She is a Buffalo resident and associate in the firm Altrester, Habermohl & Callanan.

Antonietta D. Mucilli '99 is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She is an attorney for National Fuel Gas Corp. in Buffalo, where she resides.

Daniel E. Sarzyński '99 is an associate in the firm Kupc, Boase, Pfalzgraf & Cunningham. He handles cases involving construction law, suretyship, fidelity, contract law, commercial and civil litigation. He lives in Buffalo.

Dennis K. Schaeffer '99 has joined the Buffalo firm Jaechle, Fleischmann & Mugel as an associate. Schaeffer will practice in the litigation department. He is a Buffalo resident.

Kinda Serafi '99 is a staff attorney for the juvenile rights division in the Legal Aid Society in Bronx, N.Y. She represents children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Serafi is a New York City resident.

Mark J. Stuhlmiiller '99, an Eggertsville, N.Y., resident, was named treasurer of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. He is associate general counsel at Computer Task Group in Buffalo.

Kara Utzig Welgoss '99 has changed careers. She has left the legal field and is now teaching history at West Seneca East High School in West Seneca, N.Y. Welgoss also serves as the club adviser of the school's mock trial team. She lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Gino Agostinelli '00 has opened his own law firm in Rochester, N.Y. He was previously an associate in the firm Forsyth, Howe, O'Dwyer, Kalb & Murphy. Agostinelli is a Rochester resident.

Irene Chiu '00 was elected social chair of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group for 2001-2002. Chiu practices in the firm Hudson River in Buffalo, where she also resides.
The Class of 1992 celebrated its 10-year reunion on the weekend of May 3-4. Over 55 classmates and guests attended events celebrating the 10-year anniversary of their graduation from UB Law School.

The class began their celebration with an informal reception Friday night at the downtown Hyatt Regency Buffalo. The class regrouped on Saturday morning for a brunch hosted by UB Law School, including a tour of recent improvements to O'Brien Hall. The highlight of the reunion weekend was a party held at the Park Lane Restaurant. Saturday evening partygoers were treated to a gourmet, stations-style meal and live DJ music.

Classmates from across the country were in attendance at the reunion celebration. “It was nice to see that some people traveled across country just to attend and renew friendships,” said Carmen Snell ’92. “Several people came from California,” noted Judith A. Shanley ’92. “To those who couldn’t come, we say: just wait! Our 20th will be here before you know it. See you then!”

Karen Danahy '00, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, has been chosen as a local delegate of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Danahy practices in the Buffalo office of the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber.

Steven K. Erickson '00, a Snyder, N.Y., resident, has been appointed a forensic psychology fellow at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

David Polak '00 is an associate in the Buffalo firm Coben & Lombardo. He concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance law, civil litigation and personal injury. Polak lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Stephanie Williams Torres '00 has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. Torres, an attorney in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, has also been elected to the board of directors of the Greater Buffalo Chapter of the American Red Cross. She lives in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Rachel Trapp '00 has become an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. She has been assigned to the Buffalo City Court bureau. Trapp lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

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Thais Alexander '01 joined the New York City law firm Schulte, Roth & Zabel. Alexander practices as an associate in the area of corporate law. He is a Harrison, N.Y., resident.

Michael Argentieri '01 was named an associate in the Buffalo firm Bowier, O'Connor. He practices in the

litigation group specializing in the areas of defense and plaintiffs' personal injury litigation and commercial trial work. Argentieri lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Jorge E. Artieda '01 has become an assistant district attorney in the Kings County district attorney's office in Brooklyn, N.Y. Artieda is a resident of Woodhaven, N.Y.

John M. Baxter '01 has become associated with the Buffalo firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber. Baxter practices in the firm's banking and commercial department. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Howard S. Beyer '01 practices in the trial department of the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber in Buffalo. Beyer joined the firm as an associate. He lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Karlee S. Bolanos '01 has joined the firm Harris Beach in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She will practice in labor and employment law. Bolanos lives in Rochester.

Elizabeth A. Brewer '01 practices as an associate in the area of criminal law in the Buffalo firm Harrington & Maloney. Brewer is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

Sue Ann T. Bucholz '01 accepted a position as staff attorney for the Farmworker Law Project in New Palz.

N.Y. Bucholz lives in Waterport, N.Y.

Elizabeth D. Carlson '01 has joined the law firm Schulte, Roth & Zabel in New York City. Carlson is an associate in the firm's litigation department and resides in New York City.

William Chen '01 is an associate in the firm Hunwitz & Fine in Buffalo. He specializes in the area of corporate practice and lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Charles H. Cobb '01 was named director of the Western New York Peace Center in Buffalo. For his community activism, he was awarded the UB Law School Law Faculty Award at the May 2001 commencement. Cobb was also instrumental in organizing the Buffalo Activist Network's protest against the Free Trade Area of the Americas in April 2001. He is a Buffalo resident.

Andrew Cohen '01 is an associate in the New York City law firm Clifford, Chance, Rogers & Wells. He practices in the litigation department. He lives in North Massapequa, N.Y.

Stephen P. Coolbaugh '01 has accepted a position as an associate in the Cleveland firm Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue. The firm handles cases involving government regulation, litigation and tax matters. Coolbaugh lives in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

Catherine Grantier Cooley '01 is an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. Cooley specializes in the areas of torts, insurance defense, products liability, construction litigation and securities litigation. She lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Karen Darling '01 has become associated with the firm Hamberger & Weis in the Buffalo office. She will be focusing her practice in areas relating to workers' compensation. Darling is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

Jorge deRosas '01 is an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo. He is assigned to the Buffalo City Court domestic violence bureau. He is a Buffalo resident.

Jennifer DiCioccio '01, associate in the Buffalo firm Damon & Mory, has been named a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She is a Buffalo resident.

Stephen J. DiLorenzo '01 is practicing in the Anzalone Law Office in Rochester, N.Y. He joined the firm as an associate and lives in Rochester.

Gabriel DiMaio '01, a Buffalo resident, is a producer at public radio station WBFO at the University at Buffalo.

Daniel Dolce '01 is a law clerk in the Buffalo firm Aaron, Dautch, Sternberg & Lawson. Dolce lives in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Amy J. Fitch '01 has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She practices in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ. Fitch is a resident of Elma, N.Y.

Simon Fleischmann '01 is an associate in the Chicago-based law firm Lord Bissell & Brook, where he concentrates his practice in banks and financial institutions and business litigation. He resides in Chicago.

Tracy Fournier '01 is a staff attorney for Univen Health Care in Buffalo. Fournier is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

Shannon Fuhrman '01 is an associate in the law firm Wilder & Linneball in Buffalo,
The Class of 1997 celebrated its reunion on April 20. The class broke all records for attendance at a five-year reunion, with over 60 classmates and guests attending reunion events.

The celebration began on Saturday morning with a reception at the Law School featuring a tour of the latest improvements to O’Brian Hall. The highlight of the reunion was a casual party at the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery, where classmates enjoyed an evening of open bar and delicious buffet while renewing friendships with their Law School classmates. “We had a great time!” says Jessica V. Murphy ’97. “You realize what a luxury it is to see your friends daily while in school. It really hits home how much you miss them when you get together for a reunion!”

Classmates put their time at the reunion to good use, catching up with friends and sharing their accomplishments since graduation. “What struck me about the five-year reunion,” says Georgette M. Hasiotis ’97, “was that in that relatively short amount of time so many people have solidly established themselves as practicing attorneys and, amazingly enough, seem to be enjoying it!” Says David R. Pfaltzgraf Jr. ’97. “It was great to see all of my classmates and to hear about their experiences since graduation. “I am already looking forward to our 10-year reunion!”

Check out the 1997 Reunion Page on the Law School Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu under “Alumni and Giving.”
Kevin J. Graff '01 is a law clerk in the Law Office of Paul W. Belfin in Buffalo. Graff is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Jeri N. Hagen '01 has become associated with the firm Sanders & Sanders. Hagen practices in the area of employment law in the Amherst, N.Y., firm. She is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Amy Hemmenway '01 practices as an associate in the firm Jaekle, Fleschmann & Mugel in Buffalo, where she also resides. Hemmenway concentrates her practice in labor and employment law.

Amy Henderson '01 is associated with the firm Boylan, Brown, Code, Vigdor & Wilson in Rochester, N.Y., practicing in the corporate department. She lives in Henrietta, N.Y.

Jonathan S. Hickey '01 has become an associate in the litigation department in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Pine. Hickey lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Suzanne B. Hill '01 is an enforcement coordinator for the Business Software Alliance in Washington, D.C. She manages intake leads from the association's anti-piracy hotline and Web reports, and reviews Canadian cases from the Canadian counsel and the companies under investigation. Hill is a resident of Chevy Chase, Md.

Jiangxiao Hou '01 practices in the areas of antitrust, securities, intellectual property and commercial litigation. She is an associate in the San Francisco firm Zelle, Hofmann, Voelber, Mason & Gelte. Hou lives in Milpitas, Calif.

Thomas Hurley '01 has been assigned to the Buffalo City Court bureau as an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney’s office in Buffalo. Hurley lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Gregory Kammer '01 is assistant county attorney in the Erie County attorney’s office in Buffalo, where he is a resident.

Deborah Karet '01 is a judicial law clerk for Hon. E. Thomas Boyle in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, in Central Islip, N.Y. Karat lives in Stony Brook, N.Y.

Brendan P. Kelleher '01 practices in the areas of labor and employment law and education law. He joined the firm Hodgson Rood as an associate in Buffalo, where he resides.

Patricia Kelleher '01 joined the Buffalo firm Jaekle, Fleschmann & Mugel as an associate practicing in corporate law. She lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Stanley P. Konzel '01 has joined the law firm Simpson & Simpson. He is an associate in the intellectual property firm in Williamsville, N.Y. Konzel lives in Buffalo.

Peter Kooshian '01 practices in the areas of estate, litigation and real estate in the firm Block & Collect in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Rachel M. Kranitz '01 practices in the areas of criminal trial and appeals and constitutional litigation. Kranitz recently became an associate in the criminal department of the firm Lipitz, Green, Fabbringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo, where she resides.

J. Patrick Lennon '01 has been appointed an assistant district attorney in the Erie County district attorney’s office in Buffalo, where he resides. Lennon has been assigned to the justice courts bureau.

Tanya D. McDuffie '01 is practicing in the area of litigation. McDuffie has joined the New York City firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe as an associate. She lives in Forest Hills, N.Y.

Roseanne McMorrow '01, an associate in the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber, has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. McMorrow lives in Buffalo.

Patrick Makin '01 is an associate in the Buffalo firm Brown & Kelly. He practices in the areas of elder and business law. Makin is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mark Moldenhauer '01 is an associate in the firm Bond, Schoenewerk & King in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. He concentrates in the areas of general practice and is a Liverpool, N.Y., resident.

Gretchen M. Nichols '01, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, practices in the areas of residential and commercial real estate. Nichols is an associate in the firm Nesper, Forbes & DiGiacomo in Amherst, N.Y.


Erin Pemberton '01 joined the firm Hamberger & Weis in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Pemberton practices in the areas of workers’ compensation. She lives in Spencerport, N.Y.

Donald Pingleton '01 is an attorney/editor with the West Group in Rochester, N.Y., where he resides.

Alexander Pleshkewych '01 is a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, in Atlanta, where he resides.

Norma A. Polizzi '01, a Rochester, N.Y., resident, has become associated with the firm Azano Peobody in its Rochester office. Polizzi will work in the environmental law practice group.

Rachel Roberts '01 is an associate district attorney in the Chauntauqua County district attorney’s office in Mayville, N.Y. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Sean D. Ronan '01 is an appellate court attorney in the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, where he is also a resident.

Nicholas Rossi '01 has joined the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Rossi is an associate and anticipates practicing in the area of civil litigation. He is a Rochester resident.

Andrea C. Ruta '01 accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo office in the firm Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber. Ruta will be practicing in the firm’s banking & commercial and corporate departments. She is a Tonawanda, N.Y., resident.
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In Memoriam

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

Andrew C. Hilton '24, Orchard Park, New York
Jerome D. Lewis '28, Tonawanda, New York
Edward F. Messing '31, North Tonawanda, New York
Bernhard J. Huber '36, Amherst, New York
Charles J. Coleman '37, Rockville Centre, New York
Clyde M. Williams '37, Naples, Florida
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Raymond T. Miles '38, Getzville, New York
Gerald C. Saltarelli '38, Delray Beach, Florida
Robert J. Kane '46, Dansville, New York
John J. Naples '47, Palm Springs, California
Seymore Zimbel '47, Treasure Island, Florida
James E. Kelly '48, Snyder, New York
James L. Kinney '48, Tonawanda, New York
Hon. Edmund F. Maxwell '49, Marco Island, Florida
George J. Pfeiffer '49, Newburgh, Indiana
Bert F. Halderman '53, Cicero, New York
Hon. John J. Callahan '54, Buffalo
James R. Lindsay '56, Bennington, Vermont
Harold Somers '56, Los Angeles
Thomas R. Blair '57, St. Petersburg, Florida
Richard J. Couch '57, Niagara Falls, New York
James Malin '57, Clearwater, Florida
John H. Stenger '58, Amherst, New York
Eugene F. Fitzgerald '60, West Seneca, New York
Roger D. Cleary '62, Williamsville, New York
Bernard J. Smith '63, Dunkirk, New York
Bruce W. Musacchio '65, Gowanda, New York
Paul Thielman '68, Sloan, New York
Charles E. Drake '69, New Hartford, New York
Richard J. Schroff '70, Tonawanda, New York
Hon. Paul V. Crapsi '75, Youngstown, New York
Ernest G. Anstey '76, Williamsville, New York
Robert P. Sawicki '78, Orchard Park, New York
Mark A. Rosenbaum '80, Yardley, Pa.
Richard M. Holland '81, Cheektowaga, New York
Frederick C. Ebert '86, Utica, New York
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John J. Bonazzi '89, Waltham, Massachusetts
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Mary Sue Donavan '91, Las Vegas, Nevada

Former UB Law Professor David Riesman dies

David Riesman, attorney and sociologist who rocketed to fame with the publication of his first book, *The Lonely Crowd*, a classic study of ever-changing American society, died in Binghamton, N.Y., of natural causes on May 10. He was 92.

Asker Saeed '01, a Manchester, Conn., resident, practices in the area of commercial real estate. Saeed has accepted a position as an associate in the firm *Moura Calline* in Hartford, Conn.

Janice Slaton '01 is an assistant district attorney for the Chautauqua County district attorney's office in Mayville, N.Y. Slaton lives in Dunkirk, N.Y.

Sarah Smith '01 is a staff attorney in Manchester, N.H. Smith is working for New Hampshire Legal Assistance, where she practices in the areas of domestic violence, housing and public benefits. She lives in Lebanon, N.H.

Sheldon Smith '01 accepted a position as an associate in the firm *Hodgson Russ* in the Buffalo office. She practices in the area of litigation. Smith is a Buffalo resident.

Todd M. Smith '01 has joined the firm *Hinowitz & Fine* in Buffalo. Smith is specializing in the area of commercial lending.

Jason Stanek '01 has become a staff attorney for the federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. He lives in Gaithersburg, Md.

Ellen B. Sturm '01 has become associated with the firm *Hodgson Russ* in Buffalo. Sturm practices corporate law, specializing in taxation and planning. She was also recently elected to the board of directors of Homespaces Corp., and is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

Melissa Thore '01 is an associate in the Buffalo firm *Starrettino, Calhoun, Seegert & Estoff*. Thore is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Andrew A. Washburn '01 is a law assistant for the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, in Rochester. Washburn is a Batavia, N.Y., resident.

Kimberly Whistler '01 has accepted a position as an associate in the firm *Jaechle, Fleischmann & Mugel* in Buffalo. Whistler practices in the litigation department. She lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Matthew M. Wolf '01 has become associated with the Denver firm *Vincent, Nissler, Allen & Yellone*. He specializes in the areas of commercial, securities and employment litigation. Wolf is a resident of Denver.

Brenda Wonder '01 is an attorney editor for West Group in Rochester, N.Y., where she also resides.

Colleen Wood '01, an Angola, N.Y., resident, is an associate in the firm *Lipsitz, Green, Falbringer, Rolf, Salisbury & Cambrige* in Buffalo. Wood joined the firm's labor relations department, specializing in employment and labor law.