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# Student Events



## FOUR THE RECORD

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**A** banner year for the *Buffalo Law Review* culminated in a dinner with a decidedly triumphant tone on March 26 in the Hyatt Regency Buffalo.

It was the 15th annual such event for the *Law Review*, which for the first time in its 51 years published four issues in the 2003-04 academic year. The highlight came in honoring Hon. Barbara Howe '80 for her distinguished service to UB Law School and Western New York. Howe, a former president of the UB Law Alumni Association, was cited for "her dedication to the legal community, the Buffalo community and the Law School, and her consistently high standards of excellence that are a source of inspiration to us."

Said Dean Nils Olsen: "I have known Barbara Howe since she was a first-year student in the Law School while concurrently serving on the faculty of the sociology department. She

was an extraordinary student and has provided significant and distinguished public service in every position she has held since graduation.”

David B. Teigman, outgoing editor in chief of the *Law Review*, spoke with pride of his staff's accomplishments during the publication year. “These four issues have been filled with some of the strongest manuscripts to date,” Teigman said. “These manuscripts intertwined current events with new issues in the law and questioned out-

the review's staff, he said, checked the accuracy of 7,749 citations.

Britta Lukomski, the *Law Review's* outgoing managing editor, had the task of introducing the night's honoree, noting that Howe, who is Erie County surrogate judge, also served on the bench in Buffalo City Court and the New York State Supreme Court. Howe also was on the faculty in UB's department of sociology from 1974 to 1987, and has maintained appointments at UB as adjunct clinical professor of law and adjunct associate professor of sociology.

“For the students of UB Law School,” Lukomski said, “Judge Howe has been a consistently present figure during our legal education. For many of us, she was our first glimpse of the outside legal world when she spoke during Law School orientation.

“UB Law is a law school that emphasizes law in context and law in society. Few people exemplify this mission to the extent of Judge Howe. Judge Howe is a true academic, as qualified to be a professor as she is a judge. She is known for her fair decisions, which are informed by her extensive sociology background. A role model for women lawyers, she broke through the gender barriers of the profession with dignity and success.”

The dinner concluded with presentation of student awards: the Carlos Alden Award, the Philip Halpern Award and a number of Associate Publication Awards.



Left to right: Professor William R. Greiner, Hon. Barbara Howe, John Alexanderson and Carol Greiner.

comes of recent cases.”

He cited as examples an article about the San Francisco Superior Court's ruling on possession of the baseball that became Barry Bonds' 73rd home run, and another questioning “one of the fundamental questions of law”: Should law be made with the purpose of making the most people happy at the same time? (The author's contention: That is fruitless, because research shows most people do not even know when they are happy.)

Teigman also cited accomplishments including updates to the *Law Review's* Web site and computer system, and publishing the first of what is planned as an annual series of essay issues, featuring shorter pieces by legal academicians who are arguing from a position of uncertainty and questions rather than certitude. And plenty of work was done: Associate members of



Left to right, Nicole R. Hart '05 and Jessica S. Wiltse '04.



Left, Jocelyn E. Torres '04 and below, Elizabeth L. Perry '04.

