

UB Law Forum

Volume 17
Number 1 *Fall 2004*

Article 40

10-1-2004

O'Brian Hall Facilities Named for Donors

UB Law Forum

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.law.buffalo.edu/ub_law_forum

Recommended Citation

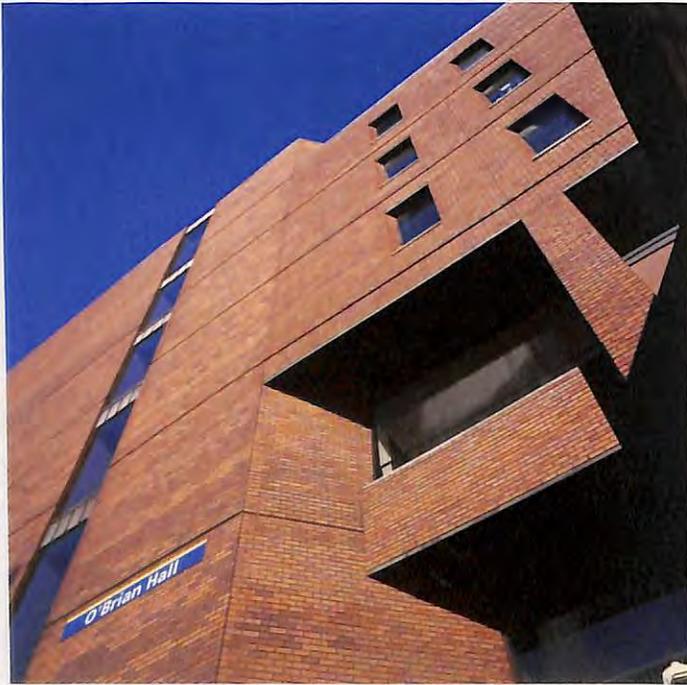
UB Law Forum (2004) "O'Brian Hall Facilities Named for Donors," *UB Law Forum*: Vol. 17 : No. 1 , Article 40.

Available at: https://digitalcommons.law.buffalo.edu/ub_law_forum/vol17/iss1/40

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Alumni Publications at Digital Commons @ University at Buffalo School of Law. It has been accepted for inclusion in UB Law Forum by an authorized editor of Digital Commons @ University at Buffalo School of Law. For more information, please contact lawscholar@buffalo.edu.

Leadership Giving

O'Brian Hall facilities named for donors



The UB Council recently approved several resolutions naming classrooms and other rooms in the Law School's John Lord O'Brian Hall in acknowledgment of gifts to the recently completed Campaign for UB: Generation to Generation. The naming of these facilities "recognizes people who have done a great deal for the university," Council Chair Jeremy M. Jacobs said.

The O'Brian Hall rooms are:

Room 102 O'Brian Hall, North Campus, was named the **Anthony J. Renaldo Classroom** in recognition of a gift from Mr. Renaldo '50. Three years ago, Anthony J. Renaldo made a generous pledge to the Law School as his contribution to the University's Capital Campaign. Mr. Renaldo is a prominent Buffalo attorney who has served with distinction as a member of our Law School Campaign Steering Committee and as the Chair of the Law School's 2002-03 Annual Campaign. He also serves as an active member of the Dean's Advisory Council.

Room 106 O'Brian Hall was named the **Hodgson Russ LLP Classroom** in

recognition of a gift from the Buffalo law firm. Five years ago, the law firm of Hodgson Russ made a generous pledge to the Law School as its contribution to the University's Capital Campaign. Hodgson Russ enjoys a close relationship with the University, the University at Buffalo Foundation and the Law School.

Room 104 O'Brian Hall was named the **William A. Niese Classroom** in recognition of Mr. Niese '61. This room is named to commemorate his generosity and to demonstrate appreciation for the extensive and valuable leadership and assistance he has provided to the University and to the Law School. Mr. Niese contributed a major gift during the

recent Capital Campaign. In addition, Mr. Niese was an honorary co-chair of the Capital Campaign and was on the Steering Committee of the Law School's Campaign. He is a member of the President's Constituency Group at UB and a former chair of the Law School Dean's Advisory Council. He retired two years ago from his position as senior vice president and general counsel of Times Mirror, a \$3.4 billion corporation, after rising through the ranks of that company and a subsidiary over a 34-year period.

The jury deliberation room in O'Brian Hall was named the **Terrence M. Connors Jury Deliberation Room** in recognition of a gift from Mr. Connors '71. This room is named to commemorate his generosity and to demonstrate appreciation for the extensive and valuable leadership and assistance he has provided to the Law School. In addition to making a generous commitment during the recent Capital Campaign, Mr. Connors served as chair of the Campaign of UB Law, which raised more than \$12 million. He is a former member of our Dean's Advisory Council and is a highly accomplished litigator who is one of the best-known and most respected attorneys in Western New York.

Room 5 of O'Brian Hall was named the **Floyd H. and Hilda L. Hurst Classroom** in recognition of a gift from the late Floyd Hurst, LL.B. '31, and his late wife, Hilda. This room is named to commemorate their generosity and to demonstrate appreciation for their commitment to the University and to the Law School. The Hursts, both of whom are now deceased, contributed a major gift to the Law School during the recent Capital Campaign. Mr. Hurst, who had an outstanding career as an attorney, and his wife were both highly respected members of their community.

The judge's chambers in O'Brian Hall were named the **Norman J. Pecora Judge's Chambers** in recognition of a gift from Mr. Pecora '31. The chambers

were named to commemorate his generosity and to demonstrate appreciation for his commitment to the University and to the Law School. Mr. Pecora, who recently celebrated his 98th birthday, has made a major bequest to the Law School. Mr. Pecora had an outstanding career and is highly regarded in the Buffalo legal community.

Room 107 O'Brian Hall was named for **Gordon Gross '55 and Gretchen Gross**. Naming this room demonstrates our appreciation for the generosity and assistance they have provided to the Law School, and our respect for the leadership, service and support they have given to many worthwhile organizations. Gordon Gross, a State University of New York trustee, is a founder and senior partner of Gross, Shuman, Brizdle and Gilfillan. In addition, he has provided guidance and support to many key organizations in Western New York and beyond. Gretchen Gross has devoted much of her life to the education and development of young children. She co-founded Audubon in College Park, an early childhood program, more than 30 years ago and has served as its director almost continuously since then. Generally regarded as one of the best schools of its kind in the country, it has been recognized for its excellence by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Room 108 O'Brian Hall was named for **Harvey L. Kaminski '77**. Naming this room for him demonstrates appreciation for the generosity and leadership he has provided the Law School and for his major gifts during the recent Capital Campaign. He is president and CEO of Prestige Capital Corp., a major national factoring firm which he co-founded in 1985. The company manages more than \$250 million in financial transactions a year. It is headquartered in New Jersey with offices in several other states. Mr. Kaminsky is an active and valuable member of our Dean's Advisory Council. His vision and ideas have assisted the school significantly.

Members of the General Edmund Hayes Society

The University at Buffalo bestows membership in the General Edmund Hayes Society to individuals who have made provisions through a bequest or other method of deferred giving. We thank the individuals listed below who have designated the UB Law School to receive their gifts.

Anonymous Alumni (1)
Hilary P. Bradford
Ross M. Cellino Sr.
Lynn A. Clarke
Frank N. Cuomo
Michael H. Doran
Florence P. Edlin
Mary K. Foster
Gordon R. Gross
Thomas E. Headrick and Maggie M. Headrick
Erma R. Hallett Jaeckle
Barbara D. Klippert
Francis M. Letro and Cindy Abbott Letro
Norman J. Pecora
Robert I. Reis and Ellen S. Reis
Anthony J. Renaldo
Arthur A. Russ Jr.
Belle F. Theobald
Jean M. Valvo

The Law School has only recently begun to reach out to alumni and friends to talk about including the law school in estate plans. If you have already made a will provision, or other estate plan, to benefit the Law School please be so kind as to let us know. If you are interested in receiving more information about deferred giving, please contact either:

Deborah J. Scott
Vice Dean for Development
408 O'Brian Hall
Buffalo, NY 14260-1100
(716) 645-2113

Alan S. Carrel
Vice Dean
311 O'Brian Hall
Buffalo, NY 14260-1100
(716) 645-6222

Finally... A secure alternative to a volatile market

Let UB Law School show you the benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust.

Income payments are guaranteed for life or for a specified period of time, and the rates are surprisingly attractive. In addition, you can receive a substantial charitable deduction and may also qualify for capital-gains, and gift and estate tax savings.

After providing you with secure income payments for your lifetime, a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust can be used to create a scholarship or support any other area of interest that you specify.