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Alumni Association

We're taking our show on the road!



Mason P. Ashe '89 chats with Associate Dean for Admissions Lillie Wiley-Upshaw.

“It's all about making a legal connection and building our UB Law alumni network,” says Law Alumni Association Executive Director Ilene Fleischmann. The UB Law Alumni Association has responded to the request of our alumni to offer more events throughout the United States by visiting several different cities where there are significant concentrations of Law School alumni. Our most recent regional outreach has included events in Rochester, Syracuse, New York City and Washington, D.C. Future events include networking parties in San Francisco, Boston, Atlanta and New York. Please visit the UB Law Web site at www.law.buffalo.edu for updated events and more.

A snapshot of our law alumni event diary

Rochester, N.Y. – Rochester reception for newly admitted attorneys May 12, 2004

This annual event hosted by Michael R. Wolford '68, of Wolford & Leclair, LLP was held this year at The Crowne Plaza Hotel. Twenty-four UB Law graduates newly admitted to practice in the Rochester area were recognized for their accomplishments. Dean Nils Olsen, Executive Director Ilene

a renovated former federal post office located across the street from Union Station. Mason P. Ashe, a 1989 UB law graduate and co-owner of Strickland and Ashe, a sports management and entertainment company, was the featured speaker. He spoke briefly about his career and how his educational experience at UB Law School provided a foundation for his success. The attendees included UB Law graduates and law students interning in Washington for the summer.

R. Fleischmann, Law Alumni President Denise E. O'Donnell '82 and Administrative Judge Thomas Van Strydonck '73 gave welcome remarks.

Syracuse, N.Y. – Networking event May 21, 2004

This energized reception was held at P.J. Dorsey's Bar & Grill in the historic Armory Square District of downtown Syracuse. Invitations were extended to current law students who live in the area as well as newly admitted students slated to attend UB Law in the fall. The event was a success and we credit the assistance and initiative of Gregory Mattacola '98, of Utica, who is a former president of the UB Law GOLD Group (Graduates of the Last Decade), for his school spirit and dedication. In attendance from the Law School were Executive Director Ilene Fleischmann and former Regional Events Coordinator Jennifer Parker '84.

Washington, D.C. – Networking event July 30, 2004

Washington, D.C., on a sunny, but not too humid day, was an excellent backdrop for our Washington social. The event was held in a private room at the Capitol City Brewing Company,

"I had a ball! Thanks for giving me the chance to share my thoughts."

– Mason P. Ashe '89

"I think the program was well done and had a great showing. Please let me know if you need assistance with events in the future."

– Suzanne Hill '01

New York City – Networking event Sept. 10, 2004

Kevin & James Bar and Restaurant, located in the heart of Times Square, was the hot spot for a successful and entertaining evening of enjoying great food, drinks and network-



A prospective student and Marin E. Gibson '93, right.

"The happy hour was an ideal way to reconnect with friends and the Law School! I never realized just how many alumni lived or practiced in the New York City area. It is comforting to know how far the Law School community extends."

– Amy Weiswasser '02

"It was a lot of fun reconnecting with old friends in an after-work happy hour setting."

– David Grover '94



Left to right: Amy Weiswasser '02, Director of Recruitment
Melissa Fruscione '02 and Karema T. Page '04.

More than just a social event

Regional events are vital as outreach to our alumni who live outside of Western New York. According to Executive Director Ilene Fleischmann, the collaboration with the Admissions, Development and Career Services offices in the Law School has been instrumental in accomplishing the following goals:

- To showcase the Law School in a progressive and positive light.
- To encourage the connection of UB Law graduates.
- To tap into a valuable career and social network for UB Law Students.

"We are definitely on the right track. There have been so many positive responses from our alumni, current law students and prospective students. We appreciate all the assistance that our alumni have extended in planning and helping with events. Our success depends on teamwork. The Law Alumni Association looks forward to planning more events and welcomes your energy, ideas and participation.

"Hope to see you at the next event!" says Fleischmann.

For more information or to volunteer, e-mail Ilene Fleischmann at fleisch@buffalo.edu.

Alumni Briefs



50+ Luncheon

The Law School has expanded its reunion program to introduce the University at Buffalo Law School's first Golden Gathering — a 50+ Reunion Luncheon.

Alumni past their 50th reunion gather together for this new annual event to celebrate the past and their many accomplishments as attorneys and counselors at law. Over 30 alumni and guests joined Dean Nils Olsen as this wonderful tradition was launched on Aug. 18, 2004. Former dean and professor Jacob D. Hyman joined the festivities, which took place in the Law School Library Reading Room in John Lord O'Brian Hall. In addition to lunch, Dean Olsen briefed guests on new developments at the Law School and led a tour of the building.

First row seated: Professor Jacob D. Hyman, Hon. J. Douglas Trost '37, George R. Blair Sr. '38, Dorothy F. Murphy '51, Hon. Mary K. Carr '52, Norman J. Pecora '31.

Second row, left to right: Anthony J. Spann '52, Victor C. Silverstein '54, Eugene D. Swenson '53, Phyllis H. Wilkinson '52, Wells E. Knibloe '50.

Third row, left to right: Richard Lipsitz '43, Ralph L. Halpern '53, George R. Blair Jr. '74, Hon. Joseph J. Sedita '50.

Fourth row, left to right: Philip Lippa '50, William H. Earl '37, Alexander J. Russ '52, David A. Doll '50.

Fifth row, left to right: Frank R. Papa '52, Philip H. Magner Jr. '49, Dean Nils Olsen, Frederic C. Washburn '53.

Sixth row: Hon. John P. Lane '53.