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Richard Lipsitz Sr. '43 received an award for lifetime achievement at the Buffalo AFL-CIO Council annual appreciation dinner in May. Lipsitz is the founder of the firm Lipsitz Green Fihrling Roll Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo, where he resides.

Lawrence H. Wagner '49 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the 41st annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on April 30. He was honored for his leadership by example as a private practitioner. He was also honored with the 2003 Lawyer of the Year Award from the Bar Association of Erie County at its 116th annual dinner on June 11.

Wagner is a retired partner in the Buffalo firm Jeeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, and previously served as an adjunct faculty member, teaching trial technique, at UB Law School. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Hilary P. Bradford '53 was honored for his distinguished service to UB Law School, and the community, by the students of the Buffalo Law Review at the 14th annual Law Review Dinner on March 28. Bradford, a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council, is corporate counsel at Fisher-Price Co. in East Aurora, N.Y. He is also of counsel in
the firm Underberg & Kessler in Buffalo. He resides in Boston, N.Y.

Hon. Michael A. Telesca ’55 received the 2002 Nathaniel Award from the Daily Record legal newspaper, honoring those who go above and beyond the call of duty in the name of justice. Telesca, a U.S. District Court judge for the Western District of New York, lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Hon. Vincent E. Doyle ’56, stepping down as administrative judge for New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, was honored by more than 750 people at a gathering at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Buffalo on Nov. 13, 2002. Doyle lives in Buffalo.

Richard Griffin ’57, an attorney with the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytlle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber, was included in the 2003-04 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Griffin, who practices personal-injury law and litigation, resides in Buffalo.

Anthony J. Colucci Jr. ’58 was appointed by Rep. Jack Quinn to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission, studying how to preserve and manage the canalway’s cultural and natural resources and economic revitalization. Additionally, he was appointed to a second five-year term as director of the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo. He was also elected a shareholder in the newly merged firm of Block, Colucci, Notaro & Luing, with offices in Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y. Colucci lives in Buffalo.

Thomas Beschler Jr. ’59, a partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytlle Hitchcock Bline & Huber and CEO of Ballynoe Inc., received a Reflections Award from Trocaire College. He resides in Buffalo.

Joseph Crangle ’59 has been named chair of the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo board of directors. He was also elected to the board of governors of the Mid-Day Club. Crangle is of counsel in the firm Colucci & Gallagher. He is a resident of Buffalo.

J. Mason Davis Jr. ’59 received the William & Barbara Mennewater Sims Distinguished Alumni Award at the UB Law School Students of Color Dinner on April 3. Davis is a member of the firm Sirotte & Permutt in Birmingham, Ala., where he resides.

William H. Gardner ’59 of the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ was listed in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He lives in Buffalo.

Richard Attea ’61, an Elma, N.Y., resident, was named William P. ‘Stax’ McCarthy Alumnus of the Year by St. Bonaventure University. Attea is a partner in the firm Attea & Attea in North Boston, N.Y.

Hon. Joseph P. McCarthy ’61 has retired as supervising judge of Criminal Courts, Eighth Judicial District. He was succeeded by Hon. Richard C. Klock Sr. ’76. McCarthy is the past recipient of the 2002 Outstanding Jurist Award from the Bar Association of Erie County. He lives in Buffalo.

Hon. Edgar C. NeMoyer ’61 has retired as New York State Court of Claims judge in Buffalo. NeMoyer has returned to private practice and is of counsel in the firm Webster Sanyi in Buffalo, where he is a resident.

Hon. Henry J. Nowak ’61 was sworn in as a Buffalo City Court judge on Jan. 1. Nowak lives in Buffalo.

Peter J. Martin ’64, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Bouvier, O’Connor, has been elected to a second term as president of the board of directors of the Heritage Center of Western New York, serving people with disabilities. Martin lives in Buffalo.

Terry D. Smith ’66, partner in the Buffalo firm Smith, Keller, Miner & O’Shea, was named Litigator of the Month in the National Law Journal for August 2002. He has also been listed in the 2003-04 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Smith lives in Lake View, N.Y.

Hon. Judith A. Hillery ’67, a senior New York State Supreme Court justice presiding in Poughkeepsie, has retired from the bench after 27 years of judicial service. She lives in Poughkeepsie.

Carl Montante ’67 received the Humanitarian Award from the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation. Montante is president of Uniland Development Co. in Amherst, N.Y.

Timothy M. O’Mara ’67, a Williamsville, N.Y., attorney, has been elected to the nominating committee of the Buffalo Association of Erie County. O’Mara lives in Eggertsville, N.Y., and is former president of the bar association.

Robert B. Conklin ’68 of the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ was listed in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Robert P. Fine ’68 has been elected as a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. Fine is founder of the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine, practicing in the areas of business/corporate law, corporate finance and health law. He is an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School and is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Michael R. Wolford ’68 was honored at the UB Law Alumni Association’s 41st annual dinner on April 30. Wolford received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his many contributions to the betterment of the community. He is managing partner in the Rochester, N.Y., firm Wolford & Leclair. Wolford is president-elect of the Monroe County Bar Association, a member of UB Law School’s Dean’s Advisory Council and a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a resident of Victor, N.Y.

Richard Heffern ’69, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, has been named to the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the management labor and employment law category. Heffern is a member of the Buffalo firm Bond, Schoeneck & King.

Charles L. Sawyer ’69 has retired from the Erie County, N.Y., attorney’s office, for which he had worked since 1975. He lives in Hamburg, N.Y.
UB Law’s Class of 1953 gathered together the weekend of May 7-8, 2003 to celebrate their 50-year reunion. This milestone event was kicked off with a dinner at The Buffalo Club including former dean and professor Jacob Hyman and former law librarian Lois Crissey as special guests.

“We were pleased with the turnout. All classmates able to travel enjoyed reminiscing and catching up. What impressed us the most was how youthful everyone looked and acted, especially Jack Hyman and Lois Crissey,” remarked Robert C. Schaus.

John D. Cahill, of Rodi, Pollock, Pettler, Galbraith & Cahill in Los Angeles, Calif. returned to Buffalo for his first reunion since graduation. “It was wonderful to see so many classmates, and great that so many would come after 50 years,” remarked Hilary P. Bradford ’53 of Underberg & Kessler, LLP. “Unlike old soldiers, old friendships do not just fade away.”

Saturday morning, classmates and their guests were treated to coffee and a tour of the Law School by Dean Nils Olsen. Highlights included a tour of the new Francis M. Letro Courtroom. Upon completion of the tour, alumni made their way to the Center for the Arts, where the Class of 1953 were present on stage and honored as part of the Law School Commencement ceremonies.

The reunion committee for this milestone event included Hilary P. Bradford, Frank N. Cuomo, Richard M. English, Hon. James Kane, Daniel T. Roach and Robert C. Schaus.

First row, left to right: J. Edmund de Castro Jr., Lois Crissey, Professor Jacob D. Hyman, Dean Nils Olsen


Third row, left to right: Neil R. Farnelso, Matthew X. Wagner Jr., Frank N. Cuomo, John D. Cahill, John C. Lanigan, Ralph L. Halpern


Joseph V. Sedita '69 of the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ was listed in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He lives in Buffalo.

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Timothy J. Dwan '70 won four gold medals and two silvers in swimming in the Empire State Games Summer Olympics. Dwan lives in Lancaster, N.Y.

Theodore S. Kantor '70 of Rochester, N.Y., received a special recognition award from the Center for Dispute Settlement for his service as a former executive director, board member, facilitator, mediator and arbitrator. Kantor has been legal counsel to the Center for Dispute Settlement since 1979.

Hon. Jeffrey S. White '70 has been named to the U.S. District Court for the northern district of California, in San Francisco. He was previously a partner in the litigation department in the San Francisco firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. White resides in Monaga, Calif.

Hon. Joseph Glownia '71, a New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Buffalo, received the 2003 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Advocates Club, an association of Polish-American attorneys in the Buffalo area. Glownia has also been appointed chairman of the board of trustees of Villa Maria College. He resides in Elma, N.Y.

Thomas A. Palmer '71 has become a partner in the firm Palmer, Warren, Murphy & Tripi in Buffalo, where he resides. He has opened the law firm with Joan Warren '81 and Lynn A. Murphy '92. Palmer was previously a partner in the firm Fiorella & Palmer.

Paul A. Battaglia '72 received the LaSalle Medal from the Canisius College Alumni Association during commencement on May 17. The award was bestowed upon Battaglia for the substantial contributions he has made to the college. Battaglia is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaedke Fleischmann & Mugel. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

David G. Brock '72, a partner with the law firm of Jaedke Fleischmann & Mugel LLP, in Buffalo, has been elected to the board of directors for the National Conference for Community & Justice of Western New York. He is chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. A vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association, he lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Cari M. Darnall '72 has retired as chief clerk of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Fourth Department, in Rochester, N.Y. He is a resident of Fairport, N.Y.

Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72, town justice of Amherst, N.Y., received the annual Elizabeth Connelly Award for Excellence in Government from the New York Council on Problem Gambling. Farrell planned and implemented the first Gambling Treatment Court in the United States. He was also honored with the Abram and Ruth E. Pugash Family Fund Award by the board of directors of Jewish Family Service at its annual meeting and reception in Buffalo on May 28. Farrell is a resident of Williamsburg, N.Y.

Anthony J. Latona '72 of East Amherst, N.Y., presented papers at the National Business Institute's seminar "How to Litigate Your First Civil Trial" in New York City in May. He also has been elected to the board of directors of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he is a director of Youth Leadership of Erie County and treasurer of the Amherst Saxophone Quartet. Latona is a senior partner in the Buffalo firm Jaedke Fleischmann & Mugel.

Samuel Palisano '72, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Jaedke Fleischmann & Mugel, was included in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Allan M. Pinchuck '72 is vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Cannon Design on Grand Island, N.Y. Pinchuck lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Thomas F. Segalla '72, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Goldberg Segalla, received the Andrew C. Hecker Award from the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel. The award is given to a member of the federation who has written the most outstanding article for its publication, the Quarterly. He was also appointed to serve on the business advisory council of the National Republican Congressional Committee. Segalla lives in Buffalo.

John Spitzmiller '72, an attorney with the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber, was included in the 2005-06 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Spitzmiller, who practices in the area of trusts and estates, resides in Buffalo.

Arthur Ackerhalt '73 and Elizabeth R. Wright '97 co-wrote the lead article "Do You Know Your Child's Special Education Rights?" in the May/June issue of Volta Voices, published by the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. They also spoke at the Rochester, N.Y., seminar "What the Regular Education Administrator Needs to Know About Special Education in New York" in April. Ackerhalt is a partner in the Buffalo firm Bouvier, O'Connor. He is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

Hon. Rosalie Stoll Bailey '73 has become an Erie County Family Court judge in Buffalo. She was previously a matrimonial referee of the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District. Bailey is a Buffalo resident.

Michael Berger '73 was honored at the Jamaican and American Association of Buffalo Caribbean Ball 2002. Berger practices in the areas of immigration and nationality law in the firm Berger & Berger in Williamsburg, N.Y., where he resides.

Paul R. Comeau '73 of the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ was listed in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He lives in Buffalo.

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers '73, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, was elected president of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. She resides in Buffalo.

James Burgio '74 was elected president of the American Board of Trial Advocates Chapter of Western New York for 2003. Burgio is a partner in the firm Burgio, Kita & Curvin in Buffalo, where he resides.

Morris Horwitz '74 was named president of the Bar Association of Niagara County. He is a partner in the firm Horwitz, Frankel & Heck in Tonawanda, N.Y. Horwitz is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Dennis M. Hyatt '74 was elected a shareholder in the newly merged firm of Block, Colucci, Notaro & Laing, with offices in Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y. Hyatt resides in Rochester.

Rojland Kidder '74 was elected to the board of...
May 4-5, 2003, marked the 45-year reunion celebration for the Class of 1958. Among those celebrating was Emeritus Professor Jacob D. Hyman, who was dean during their days at UB Law. On Friday night, the group meet at the Rue Franklin restaurant for light fare. On Saturday, alums and their friends were invited to the Law School for a traditional brunch in the library followed by a tour of the facilities, including the Francis M. Letro Courtroom. That evening classmates gathered at the Jacobs Executive Development Center (the former Butler Mansion) for dinner and conversation.

"It certainly was wonderful to see our old classmates after five years. We haven't seen some for 45 years," remarked Hon. Michael A. Amico '53.

"If it weren't for the Law School reunions coordinated by Amy Hayes Atkinson and the Law School staff, it would not have been possible to spend an enjoyable evening with our former classmates — many of who came long distances. I am looking forward to our 50th!"

The reunion planning committee was composed of Michael A. Amico, Ronald D. Anton, Pat V. Dinolfo, Maryann Saccomando Freedman, Jack L. Getman, Harold M. Halpern, Edwin R. Ilaro, Hon. Glenn R. Morton and Sue Dealy Murzewski.

First row, left to right:
Professor Jacob D. Hyman, Hon. Michael A. Amico, Dr. Charles S. Telly, Maryann Saccomando Freedman, Anthony C. Vaccaro, Richard O. Robinson, Noel E. Bartlo, Sue Dealy Murzewski

Second row, left to right:
William Z. Reich '74, immigration attorney, presented an article, "The Advantage of Port-of-Entry Processing for Canadians," with an associate at a central Florida chapter seminar of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He also spoke on waiver issues at the annual meeting of the AILA in New Orleans. Reich is a past chairperson of AILA's upstate New York chapter and senior partner in the Buffalo firm Serotte, Reich & Seipp. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Hugh B. Scott '74, U.S. magistrate judge, Western District of New York, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary. Scott received the award at the 41st annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on April 30. Scott brought the first federal trial to UB Law School's new Francis M. Letto Courthouse and is currently vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a member of the Law School's Dean's Advisory Council. He also has taught trial technique at the Law School and recently began teaching advanced trial technique in the master of laws program. He is a Buffalo resident.

Richard Tobe '74 has been chosen by state legislators as a member of the newly formed Buffalo fiscal control board. Tobe, previously top aide to former Erie County Executive Dennis T. Gorski, is currently vice president of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. He is a Buffalo resident.

Timothy Toohey '74 was re-elected as secretary of the Artpark & Company board of directors. He is an attorney with the firm Toohey, Clary & Bax, and resides in Lewiston, N.Y.

William F. Savino '75

Dianne Bennett '75 was honored by Erie County Executive Joel A. Giambra, the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, Erie County Council on Children and Families, and Erie County Division of Equal Employment Opportunity as one of 10 Buffalo-area "Women of Accomplishment." Bennett, chair of the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ, was recognized for her role as the first woman in the Buffalo area to manage a top-250 law firm in the United States. In addition, she was recognized by the Buffalo News in its April 20 edition as one of those "daring to act on their dreams" and has been listed in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Bennett lives in Buffalo.

Robert W. Constantine '75 has been appointed vice president and head regional trust administrator for HSBC Bank USA's western region. He is chair of Leave a Legacy Western New York, a program designed to increase chartable giving through wills and other estate planning tools. Constantine lives in Buffalo.

Robert A. Doren '75 has been named to the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the management labor and employment law category. Doren practices in labor and employment law in the Buffalo firm Bond, Schoeneck & King. He is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

James Gauthier '75, senior partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo, was re-elected to a fifth term as secretary of the Association of Defense Attorneys. Gauthier lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Pamela Davis Heilman '75 and Carol A. Fitzsimmons '87, partners in the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ, were presenters at the National Association of Women Business Owners/Women Entrepreneurs of Canada Joint Business Forum in Toronto from May 15 to 17. Their topic was "Growing Your Business in the United States: How to Avoid Corporate, Tax, Immigration, and Distribution Roadblocks and Detours." Heilman also chaired a national panel of judges who selected the winner of the 2002 Canadian American Business Achievement Award, sponsored by the Canadian American Business Council. In addition, she has been elected to a three-year term as a director of Financial Institutions. Heilman resides in Buffalo.

Arthur A. Herdzik '75, an officer with the Buffalo law firm Chelus, Herdzik, Spyer, Monte & Pajak, served as statewide chair and spoke at a seminar titled "The Basics of Trial Practice: After the Verdict," addressing post-trial issues and decisions. Herdzik is also town attorney of Lancaster, N.Y., where he resides.

Charles G. Humphrey '75, vice president of employee benefit services for M&T Bank in Buffalo, received a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Treasury Department for his work as a member of the Internal Revenue Service's Determination Letter Liaison Group. The group works to improve the private pension system. Humphrey lives in Buffalo.

Harry Mooney '75 has been named to the executive committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel. Mooney is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine. He lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Hon. Janice M. Rosa '75 was sworn in as a New York State Supreme Court justice on Jan. 1. She serves the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo. Rosa lives in Getzville, N.Y.

William F. Savino '75, a general partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, co-authored an article exploring the Uniform Commercial Code for the West Group's UCC Bulletin. Savino, chairman of Damon & Morey's business litigation and insolvency department, is also a bridge course instructor at UB Law School. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Lawrence Zimmerman '75, an attorney with Hiscock & Barclay in Albany, N.Y., conducted a workshop, "Getting the Most for Your Appraisal Dollar - Valuation Techniques, Theories and Practices," at a national conference for electric power generators in Houston, Texas, on Feb. 24. He lives in Voorheesville, N.Y.

Patrick J. Brown '76 has become a director of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association for 2003. Brown practices in the Buffalo firm LoTempio & Brown. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Louis P. DiLorenzo '76, a Syracuse, N.Y., attorney, has been named to the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the management labor and employment law category. DiLorenzo is the department head in the labor and employment division in the firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, in the Syracuse, N.Y., office.
The Class of 1963 held its 40-year reunion on May 3, 2003. Close to 50 percent of the classmates took the journey down memory lane to attend this significant event.

Activities were kicked off with brunch at the Law School hosted by Dean Nils Olsen and a tour of the facilities at O'Brian Hall. Following brunch, a core group of classmates and spouses hit the links at the Country Club of Buffalo's golf course.

The reunion culminated with classmates and guests reminiscing fondly over their law school days while enjoying a gourmet dinner at the Country Club.

John P. Robshaw Jr. '63, of Robshaw & Associates, P.C. had this to say about the reunion: “Great fun was had by all, including the wives. We have lots more gray hair. It was good to recall the old good times.”

“It was great to get together again with old friends and classmates, John Robshaw throws a helluva party!” added Timothy C. Leixner '63, of Holland and Knight, LLP in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The reunion planning committee included Roger V. Barth, Joel L. Daniels, Joseph DeMarie, William C. Farnier, Peter J. Fiorella Jr., Bernard B. Freedman, Timothy C. Leixner, Seymour M. Mandel, John P. Robshaw Jr., and Vincent Sorrentino.
Cheryl Smith Fisher '76 is serving as chairwoman of Child & Family Services' annual giving campaign. A member of the law firm Magavern Magavern & Grinn, she has served on the agency’s board of directors for 15 years. Fisher lives in Buffalo.

Michael E. Hudson '76 has been nominated by New York State Gov. George E. Pataki as a state Court of Claims judge. Hudson is currently principal law clerk to Hon. Sharon Townsend, administrative judge of the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo. He is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

Hon. Richard C. Klock Sr. '76 has been appointed supervising judge of Criminal Courts, Eighth Judicial District, in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He succeeds Hon. Joseph P. McCarthy '61, who has retired. Klock, previously a Court of Claims judge, lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Gary Muldoon '76, a Fairport, N.Y., resident, has co-authored a criminal law dictionary, Criminal Law Language of New York, published by Gould Publications. Muldoon is a partner in the firm Muldoon & Geitz in Rochester, N.Y., and is also a columnist for the Daily Record in Rochester.

Gary K. Norgard '76 was honored with the Pro Bono Award of the New Jersey State Bar Association at its annual meeting in Atlantic City. Norgard is the first recipient of this award. He practices in the Englewood, N.J., firm Stern, Lavithal, Frankenberg & Norgard, and is a resident of Leonia, N.J.

Randolph M. Paul '76 has joined the entertainment law firm Greenberg Traurig in Los Angeles as a shareholder. Paul's practice focuses on the independent film sector.

William C. Scheurer '76 of Lindenhurst, Ill., has published the novella The

Matthew J. Leeds '77

Sayings (Hourglass Books), a political counter thriller set in the context of the war on terrorism. It is the story of a young woman officer captured in northern Iraq by a Kurdish doctor believed to have Soviet smallpox weapons.

Hollis Hite '77 received the Assigned Counsel Program's Distinguished Service Award at the inaugural Attorney Recognition Reception sponsored by the Bar Association of Erie County, Hite, an Amherst, N.Y., attorney and resident, was recognized for her commitment in representing clients in family court.

Matthew J. Leeds '77 has become chair of the real property section of the New York State Bar Association. Leeds is a partner in the firm Bryan Cave in New York City. He is a resident of Chappaqua, N.Y.

Dennis R. McCoy '77, an attorney in the Buffalo law firm Hiscock & Barclay, spoke to pathologists at two national conferences, in Minnesota and Alabama, in October and November 2002. He practices in the area of professional malpractice law and is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Thomas Maligno '77 received the 2003 Father Robert Drinan Award of the American Association of Law Schools. Maligno is director of career development and public interest at Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, in Huntington, N.Y., where he resides.

Kenneth A. Manning '77, a partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber, has been named to the Phillips Lytle Leadership Council. He will chair the public affairs committee. Manning is former president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

Bruce Zettel '77, a Kenmore, N.Y., resident, spoke on zoning and land use regulations at a recent New York State Bar Association seminar. Zettel is a partner in the Buffalo office of Hiscock & Barclay.

Russell Brown '78, an attorney with Lustig & Brown, was named legal counsel to the Insurance Club of Buffalo. He resides in East Aurora, N.Y.

David Dutko '78 is the new county attorney for the Tioga County attorney's office in Owego, N.Y. Dutko was formerly assistant county attorney for the Broome County Law Department in Binghamton, N.Y., where he resides.

Robert B. Fleming '78 of the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ was listed in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He lives in Buffalo.

Garry M. Graber '78 of the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ was listed in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Jane Mago '78 has been named chief of the newly formed Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis for the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. Mago, previously general counsel for the FCC, resides in McLean, Va.

Hon. Alice Mann '78 has been named Hyde Park, N.Y., town justice. She is the first woman town justice in the town's history. She previously worked for Prisoner's Legal Services in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Mann is a resident of Hyde Park.

Vikki L. Pryor '78, of Stamford, Conn., presented the first scholarship awarded by the Minority Bar Association of Western New York to second-year UB Law student Josephine Noble. Pryor is president and CEO of SBI USA Mutual Life Insurance Co. and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award.

David Reitz '78 is the deputy general counsel at National Fuel Gas Supply Corp. Reitz was promoted from assistant general counsel and has been with National Fuel since 1982. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

David F. Smith '78 was honored at the 41st annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on April 30. Smith, president of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. in Buffalo, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the dinner for his exemplary achievements in business. Smith is a former member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni association and is a current member of the Dean's Advisory Council. He is a Tonawanda, N.Y., resident.

Hon. Christopher J. Burns '78, New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, is returning to the trial bench. Burns previously served in the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, since 2000. He is also vice president of the UB
Alumni Briefs

Births

To Deborah Muhlbauer and Mark Eyer '93 and Lauren Eyer, twins, Benjamin Daniel, on June 4, in Buffalo.

To Bridget Niland '88 and Brian D. Gwitt '88, a son, Sebastian Arthur, on July 11, 2003, in Indianapolis, Ind.

To Sharon Ringle Field '90 and Alan Field, twin daughters, Emma Grace and Adina Kayla, on Nov. 6, 2002, in Demarest, N.J.

To Deborah J. Muhlbaumer '91 and David Weber, a son, Landau Robert Maxwell, on July 9, 2003, in Hamburg, N.Y.

To Stephanie Argentine '93 and David Reading, a daughter, Mallory Cathryn Reading, on July 18, 2002, in Buffalo.

To Tamra M. Diamond '93 and Alexander Korotkin '94, a son, Jacob Aaron, on March 22, 2003, in Fairport, N.Y.

To Victoria Hunter Hay '93 and Mark E. Danziger, a daughter, Ava Kim, adopted on April 4, 2003, from South Korea.

To Dr. Bridget Cullen Mandikos '94 and Dr Michael N. Mandikos, a baby boy, Daniel Francis Michael, on Aug. 22, 2003, in Chermside, Queensland, Australia.


To Lisa Dalfonso '95 and John Valente, a son, John Paul, on April 28, 2002, in Mineola, N.Y.

To Rhonda Gottlieb Diamond '97, a son, Harrison Matthew, on Jan. 31, 2002, in Weston, Fla.

To Gregory Miller '97 and Angela Miller '98, a son, David Kennedy, on Aug. 30, 2002, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

To Betty Calvo-Torres '98 and Charles F. Torres, a son, Christian, on March 5, 2003, in Buffalo.

To Dennis K. Schaeffer '99 and Bridget McGuinness, a daughter, Rori, on July 30, 2002, in Buffalo.

To Kimberly S. Girdlestone '00 and Ricky L. DuBois, a daughter, Kara Lynn, on Nov. 3, 2001, in Buffalo.

To Simon A. Fleischmann '01 and Jamie H. Fleischmann, a son, Benjamin Daniel, on June 4, 2003, in Chicago, Ill.

To Brenda K. Wonder '01 and Justin Del Vecchio, a daughter, Emily, on March 5, 2002, in Rochester, N.Y.

Law Alumni Association and is a Buffalo resident.

Paul Cieslik '79 was re-elected to a five-year term on the Western New York Library Resources Council board of trustees. He is a partner in Lipsitz Green Fahringer Roll Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo, where he also resides.


Hillary Exter '79 received the Legal Service Award from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Exter is a senior staff attorney with the Community Economic Development Program of Brooklyn Legal Services. She is a resident of New York City.

Christ Gaetanos '79, a member of Amigone, Sanchez, Mattrey & Marshall in Buffalo, taught business administration at Fredonia State College in the 2002-03 academic year. He lives in Buffalo.

Rita Merino Hager '79 was elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Niagara County. Hager is a partner in the firm Mallami, Mansour & Hager in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Marianne Hanley '79 has been named a partner with Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo as counsel for risk management and corporate compliance. Formerly a partner in the firm Magavern Magavern & Grimm, Hanley is a Buffalo resident.

Ronald J. Tanski '79 was elected controller of National Fuel Gas Co. in Buffalo. Tanski is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Joseph J. Terranova '79, a Hamburg, N.Y., attorney, was recognized at the inaugural Attorney Recognition Reception on March 27. He was honored by the Assigned Counsel Program, a program of the Bar Association of Erie County, for his dedicated service to the pro bono program. He lives in Glenwood, N.Y.

John Aversa '80, a solo practitioner, was named to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Niagara County. He is a resident of Lewiston, N.Y.

Ann Bermingham '80, a resident of Williamsville, N.Y., has been elected deputy treasurer/treasurer-elect of the Bar Association of Erie County. Bermingham is vice president and trust officer of HSBC Bank USA in Buffalo.

Thomas J. Caserta Jr. '80 has been elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Niagara County. He is a solo practitioner in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Gary DeWaal '80 has been appointed to the five-member executive committee of the Fimat Group, the worldwide brokerage subsidiary of the French bank Societe Generale. The senior American officer of the Fimat Group, DeWaal also serves as director of Worldwide Group Legal and Compliance for the Fimat Group as well as senior executive vice president and general counsel of Fimat USA. In addition, he most recently served as a co-moderator at the 25th annual Futures Industry Association's Law and Compliance seminar, in Baltimore. DeWaal is an adjunct professor of law at Brooklyn Law School in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he resides. He serves on the Dean's Advisory Council of UB Law.

Kenneth J. Landau '80 was honored with the Neil T. Shayne Distinguished Service Award at the Jewish Lawyers Association of Nassau County annual dinner on Oct. 21, 2002. He received the award for his exemplary leadership and dedication to the principles and purpose of the Jewish Lawyers Association. Landau is past president of the association and partner in the firm Shayne, Dachs, Stanisci, Corker & Sauer in Mineola, N.Y.

Jerry McGrirr Sr. '80, assistant county attorney in the Erie County attorney's office, was elected to the board of directors of the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers. McGrirr lives in Buffalo.
Phil McIntyre '80, a member of the labor and employment practice group in the Buffalo law firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, was included in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. McIntyre is a Buffalo resident.

Paul Morrison-Taylor '80, an attorney with the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber, was included in the 2003-04 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Taylor, who practices personal-injury law and litigation, resides in East Aurora, N.Y.

Patrick C. O'Reilly '80 was elected president of the New York State Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He will also serve on the academy's National Board of Governors. O'Reilly, a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, is chairman of the departmental law firm Lipsitz Green Fahlinger Roll Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo, where he resides.

Martin P. Violante '80 received a special service award from the Bar Association of Erie County at its 116th annual dinner on June 11. Violante, court attorney referee for the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, was recognized for his skill as an attorney and mediator. He is a resident of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Michael A. Battle '81 received the President's Award for outstanding service to the legal and minority communities from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. Battle, who is U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York, was named one of the top 50 Black lawyers in the country by Black Enterprise magazine. He lives in Buffalo.

Barbara R. Forsyth '81, a member of the Buffalo firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, has been named to the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America, in the management and employment law category. Forsyth lives in Lewiston, N.Y.

Hon. Amy Jo Fricano '81, a New York State Supreme Court justice, Eighth Judicial District, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., is chairwoman of the Women in the Courts committee for the Eighth Judicial District. She is a resident of Lockport, N.Y., and a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

Hollis Kulwin '81, a Davis, Calif., resident, has accepted a position as assistant dean for student affairs at the University of California, Davis, School of Law. Kulwin was formerly associate dean of students at Southwestern University School of law in Los Angeles.

JoAnn Wahl '81 has been appointed clerk of the Appellate Division of New York State Supreme Court, Fourth Department, in Rochester, N.Y. She lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Michael Doran '82, an attorney with Donn & Murphy, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Western New York Chapter. Donn lives in Amherst, N.Y.

John P. Feroreto '82 was voted to the position of chair elect of the small office practice section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. In October 2002, he also moderated the "Decisions 2002" continuing legal education seminar. Feroreto lives in Buffalo.

Paula Feroreto '82 has become treasurer of the Bar Association of Erie County. Feroreto was previously deputy treasurer of the association. She is also currently serving as president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association and is a partner in the firm Brown & Kelly in Buffalo, where she resides.

Mark S. Klein '82 is a contributing editor of 2003 Guidebook to New York Taxes from CCH Inc. A partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, he also was listed in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Klein lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Denise E. O'Donnell '82, an attorney in the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ, received the William B. Hoyt Advocacy for Choice Award from Planned Parenthood of Buffalo and Erie County. She is the new president of the UB Law Alumni Association and teaches trial technique at UB Law School. O'Donnell is a resident of Buffalo.


James M. Vallone '82, Cheektowaga, N.Y., town prosecutor, was named president of the newly formed Prosecutors Association of Western New York. Vallone is a resident of Depew, N.Y.

Keith Bond '83 has been selected director of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association for 2003. Bond practices in the firm Walsh, Roberts & Grace in Buffalo, where he resides.

Joyce E. Funda '83 has been appointed deputy administrator of statewide matrimonial matters by the Office of Court Administration. She lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Barbra A. Kavaneous '83, former assistant New York State attorney general in Buffalo, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for her commitment to public service. She received the award at the 41st annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on April 30. Kavaneous also was honored with the Women in Law Award by the Eigh Judith District committee on women in the courts and the bar associations of the Eighth Judicial District. She was also elected first vice president of the Buffalo Arts Studio board of directors and was named a director of Leadership Buffalo. Kavaneous resides in Buffalo.

Robert A. Klump '83 received the 2002 Law-Related Education Distinguished Service Award by the New York State Bar Association. Klump, a partner in the tax practice group in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann &
Law School classmates from the Class of 1968 gathered for their 35-year reunion weekend June 6-7, 2003. The celebration was kicked off on Friday evening with a casual get-together at the home of classmate Robert B. Moriarty, of Moriarty & Dee, in Buffalo. Classmates enjoyed fare catered by Pettibone's Grill in a picturesque garden setting. On Saturday morning, alumni and guests gathered at O'Brian Hall for a brunch and tour of the Law School hosted by Dean Nils Olsen.

Classmates reunited for a farewell dinner at the Jacobs Executive Development Center (the former Butler Mansion) with honored guest and Emeritus Professor Jacob D. Hyman. Classmates were treated to cocktails on the patio followed by an elegant dinner buffet. Throughout the event, guests were able to kick up their heels and enjoy the live jazz sound of Mark Mazur and the Little Big Band.

"We all had a superb weekend of reminiscing with a number of our classmates. They came from as far as Henderson, Nev., and Delray Beach, Fla., and as close as Delaware Ave.,” remarked Michael R. Wolford of Wolford & Leclair, LLP in Rochester, N.Y. “We enjoyed the hospitality of Bob and Peggy Moriarty on Friday evening, a brunch at O'Brian Hall, and dinner and dancing the night away on Saturday evening. Everyone had a great time, and we are looking forward to our 40th reunion in 2008.”


First row, left to right: Ronald W. Zuckem, Kenneth S. Kirsner; Samuel M. Tamburo, David R. Pfalzgraf, Andrew Feldman, Norman P. Effman, Joseph A. Platania, Paul C. Hilbert, Robert B. Conklin, David C. Horan, Professor Jacob D. Hyman

Mugel is also the new associate director of the Frank G. Raichle Pre-Law Center at Canisius College in Buffalo. Klump is an adjunct professor of constitutional law at the college. He resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Robert Lane Jr. ’83, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Western New York Chapter. He lives in Lake View, N.Y.

Richard D. Furlong ’84

Linda C. Laing ’84

assisted to the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. Solomon has been an FBI agent since 1983.

Benjamin M. Zuffranieri ’83 accepted the Burchfield-Penney Art Center Ésprit de Corps Award for corporate support on behalf of the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo at the art center’s annual award ceremony in June. Zuffranieri is a partner in the firm’s business litigation group. He is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

George W. Collins Jr. ’84, a Snyder, N.Y., resident, has been named membership chairman in New York State outside of New York City by the International Association of Defense Counsel. He has also been named to the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo for a three-year term. Collins is chairman of the litigation department in the firm Bouvier, O’Connor.

Michael R. Drumm ’84 is practicing in the law firm Brown & Chiari in Depew, N.Y. He deals with personal-injury cases. Drumm was instrumental in achieving the passage of Kathy’s Law in 1998, which increased the penalties imposed on nursing homes that neglect or abuse patients. He lives in Eden, N.Y.

Richard D. Furlong ’84 has been appointed special counsel in the firm Lipsitz Green Fihringer Roll Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo. He practices in the firm’s labor and employment law department. Furlong is a lecturer at UB Law School and Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He is a resident of Dale, N.Y.

Linda C. Laing ’84 was elected a shareholder in the newly merged firm of Block, Colucci, Notaro & Laing, with offices in Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y. Laing resides in Hamburg, N.Y.

Norton T. Lowe ’84 has joined the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz Green Fihringer Roll Salisbury & Cambria as an associate in the personal injury department. He lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

J. Timothy Payne ’84 has been named vice president of Anderson Publishing Co., a division of Lexis Nexis Group, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Payne is a resident of Dayton, Ohio.

Erin Peradotto ’84 of the Buffalo law firm Volgerau & Bosse served on the judging panel for Business First newspaper’s 40 Under Forty awards. A former winner of the award, Peradotto lives in Buffalo.

Kenneth A. Schoetz ’84 has been named assistant attorney general for the Buffalo office by New York State Attorney General Elliot L. Spitzer. He succeeds former assistant attorney general Barbara A. Kavanagh ’83, former special counsel in the firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber. Schoetz lives in Buffalo.

Mark Sokolowski ’84 received a Judicial Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Bar Association of Erie County. Sokolowski resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Sharon L. Wick ’84, a Snyder, N.Y., resident, is the council chair of the cultural and community affairs committee of the Phillips Lytle Leadership Council. Wick is a partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber. She is also a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

Mitchell Banas Jr. ’85, a partner in the firm Jaecckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, was named to the firm’s executive committee. Banas practices in the litigation department and lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Gayle L. Eagan ’85, a partner in the Buffalo law firm Jaecckle Fleischmann & Mugel, was included in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She practices in the areas of estates and trusts. Eagan lives in Buffalo.

Marc Garber ’85 has started his own firm with his brother, Alan. The Garber Law Firm handles cases involving employment, personal injury, criminal and class actions. Garber lives in Marietta, Ga.

Hon. Geoffrey K. Klein ’85 has been elected town justice of Amherst, N.Y., and teaches criminal justice at Erie Community College North Campus in Amherst, N.Y. Klein lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Virginia McEldowney ’85 has joined the Buffalo law firm Magavern Magavern & Grimm as a partner. She
The Class of 1973 planned a weekend full of celebrations to mark its 30-year reunion. On Friday, June 5, 2003, classmates assembled at Marotto's DuBois Restaurant on Niagara St., in downtown Buffalo, and presented owner Jerry Moratto with a plaque honoring his years of "service" to UB Law students. The Class of 1973 was the final class to complete all its courses in the old Law School building, which was situated directly behind DuBois restaurant - a favorite hangout for generations of UB Law students.

"It was great to renew old friendships, reflect on our wonderful law school years, and see so much enthusiasm after 30 years," remarked Paul R. Comeau, of Hodgson Russ, LLP. "We had a great class, one of the last from the old Law School. Thanks to UB for all the hard work 30 years ago, and for the extra effort to make our reunion a success."

On Saturday, alumni gathered in O'Brien Hall on the North Campus for a brunch and tour of the facility hosted by Dean Nils Olsen. That evening the group reassembled for a casual outing at Pettihones Grill at the ballpark to cheer on the Buffalo Bisons AAA baseball team.


Not included in picture: Richard E. Clark, James A. Mullenboff.
focuses her practice in the areas of health care law, corporate law and information technologies. She resides in Williamsonville, N.Y.

Paul A. Mitchell ’85 has become a partner in the firm Lippe, Silversstein, Mathias & Wecker. Mitchell practices in the business law department. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

James J. Navagh ’85 has become president of the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Feldman, Kieffer & Herman. Navagh lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Alan D. Stewart ’85, of Tampa, Fla., practices with the defense firm of Butler, Pappas Weilmuller Katz Craig LLP.

Michael G. Zapson ’85 has joined the law firm of Davidoff & Matito in the Garden City, N.Y., office. Zapson lives in Long Beach, N.Y.

Steven M. Zweig ’85 has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County. Zweig is a partner in the firm Ziller, Marsh, Lang, Small & Zweig. He is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

Alberto Manuel Benitez ’86 is a Professor of Clinical Law and Director of the Immigration Clinic at the George Washington University Law School, in Washington, D.C. During the spring 2003 semester he was a visiting professor at the Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas where he assisted that law school in establishing its Immigration Clinic, which commenced operation this fall. He resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

Pamela J. Fielding ’86 has become a member of the employee benefits group in the firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber. Fielding is of counsel in the firm’s office in Buffalo, where she resides.

Bonnie Gould ’86 is now principal law clerk to Hon. Martin Schoenfeld, a State Supreme Court appellate justice in New York County. She resides in New York City.

Barbara Johnson-Lee ’86 received the Solo Practitioner Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Bar Association of Erie County. Johnson-Lee resides in Buffalo.

Jeffrey H. Katz ’86 received a 吾 Recognition Award at the annual Celebration of Life Luncheon: Through the Door, sponsored by Gilda’s Club Western New York. Katz was honored for his battle in living with Ewing’s sarcoma (a rare form of bone cancer) and his community service work. Katz is a partner in the firm Katz & Baehe in Williamsville, N.Y., where he resides.

David J. Murray ’86 is the chair of the human services division in the Phillips Lytle Leadership Council. Murray is partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

Shari Jo Reich ’86 received the M. Dolores Denman Lady Justice Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York. A solo practitioner, Reich lives in Buffalo.

Victor Siclari ’86 of Pittsburgh has become a partner in the Pittsburgh firm Reed Smith, a member of the investment and asset management group. Siclari was also elected a director for the non-profit organization Hearth in Pennsylvania, and was recently a panelist discussing “Effective Management of Board Meetings” at the Investment Company Institute’s conference for independent directors of mutual funds, in Washington, D.C.

Mary Anne Bobinski ’87, of Vancouver, Canada, was named dean of the University of British Columbia Law School, in Vancouver. She was formerly director of the Health Law & Policy Institute at the University of Houston Law Center, in Houston, Texas.

Donna L. Burden ’87, a partner with the Buffalo law firm Hurwit & Fine, was elected chairwoman of the board of directors of the Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped, where she has served as a board member for three years. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Buffalo Hearing and Speech Foundation, the Heritage Center and the CHC Learning Center. Burden lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Carol A. Fitzsimmons ’87 and Pamela Davis Heilman ’75, partners in the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ, were presenters at the National Association of Women Business Owners/ Women Entrepreneurs of Canada Joint Business Forum in Toronto on May 15 to 17. Their topic was “Growing Your Business in the United States: How to Avoid Corporate, Tax, Immigration and Distribution Roadblocks and Detours.” Fitzsimmons is a resident of Toronto.

Hon. Debra L. Givens ’87 has been appointed to the Buffalo City Court bench. She previously worked in Erie County Family Court and is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Givens is a Buffalo resident.

Robert A. Goldstein ’87 has joined the Buffalo law firm Wilder & Linnelbald and will focus his practice in the area of civil litigation. Goldstein resides in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Terrence A. Greiner ’87 has started his own law firm, Greiner & Chassey, in Williamsville, N.Y. Greiner, vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association, was formerly practicing in the Buffalo firm Lippe, Silversstein, Mathias & Wecker. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Peter Illig ’87 is the new executive director of the International Society of Doctors for the Environment in Geneva, Switzerland. Illig manages the operations and international development of ISDE, specializing in multi-sector programs that address the impacts of development on human health and the environment.

Amy J. Murphy ’87 has been appointed principal law clerk to Hon. Michael E. Hudson ’76, New York State Court of Claims in Buffalo. Murphy has most recently served as counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, and as councilwoman for the Town of Tonawanda. She is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

Holly Baum ’88 received the Divorce Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Bar Association of Erie County. Baum resides in Buffalo.

Thomas J. Freed ’88 has been named a partner in the firm Edwards & Angell in the Stamford, Conn., office. He concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate finance, venture capital and securities. Freed lives in Ridgefield, Conn.

Terrence Gilbride ’88 was named to the board of trustees of Goodwill Industries of Western New York. A partner in Hodgson Russ and co-chair of the firm’s real estate and finance practice group, he lives in Buffalo.

Charles J. Naughton ’88, a Wheatfield, N.Y., resident, is the new director of
A weekend of activities highlighted the 25-year reunion of the Class of 1978. Beginning on Friday, June 6, 50 former classmates and friends assembled in Buffalo Theatre District at the Bijou Grille for a cocktail reception.

On Saturday, classmates gathered at the Law School in O’Brian Hall where Dean Nils Olsen hosted a brunch and tour of the Law School facility highlighting not only changes to the building but also discussing curriculum and student updates. The historic Mansion on Delaware, a recently restored mansion now offering gourmet banquet and hotel services, marked the farewell dinner for the reunion gathering. Classmate Maryann Foley received the award for farthest traveled – all the way from Anchorage, Alaska.

“T was happy to see so many of my wonderful classmates. Astonishingly, we all have aged so gracefully! While the cumulative weight and greyness may have increased incrementally, I think it is fair to say that we were — and still are — a special group,” remarked Linda J. Marsh ’78, of Ziller, Marsh, Lang, Small & Zweig, in Buffalo. “Events like this serve to remind us how meaningful long-term friendships are. I treasure my memories of the Law School and look forward to future get-togethers.”

First row, left to right: Kathrine N. Nettaz, Dommalya Darling, Barbara A. Traub, Jeffrey A. Humen, Jeffrey T. Lacey

Second row, left to right: Maryann E. T. Foley, Bryan G. Brackway, Timothy R. Lovello, Sarah E. Sholes

Third row, left to right: Garry M. Grahr, David M. Ascher, Roberta E. Tulsbi, Seth M. Abrams, Thomas J. Murphy

Fourth row, left to right: James R. O’Day, David F. Smith, Mitchell Regenbogen, Linda J. Marsh

Fifth row, left to right: Abramah Warmbrand, Vikki I. Pryor, Hon. John P. Costello, Charles C. Murphy Jr., Mark G. Pearce

Sixth row, left to right: Mark J. Moretti, Stephen Gerber, James M. Mucklewee, James J. Duggan, John N. Lipsitz, Nancy B. McClukey
human resources for the Niagara County Legislature in Lockport, N.Y. Naughton was previously Wheatfield town attorney and battalion chief of the Niagara Falls Fire Department in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Forrest Strauss '88 of Monroe, N.Y., has been elected to the board of directors of both the Orange County and White Plains bar associations. He also serves as chairman of the Orange County Bar Association's CLE Committee. Strauss is a principal staff attorney on the New York State Grievance committee for the Ninth Judicial District, in White Plains, N.Y.

Deborah Walker-Dewitt '88 was elected vice president of the Bar Association of Niagara County. She is a partner in the firm Dewitt, Johnson & Wilson in Lockport, N.Y., where she resides.

Paul G. Buchanan '89, former president of the Buffalo Board of Education, received a community service award from D'Youville College in recognition of his work to improve life in Western New York. Buchanan lives in Buffalo.

Hon. Kevin M. Carter '89 has been elected to the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County. Carter is an Erie County family court judge in Buffalo, where he resides.

Douglas W. Dimitroff '89 of East Amherst, N.Y., has been named to the Phillips Lytle Leadership Council, working in the area of business advocacy. Dimitroff is a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber in Buffalo.

Vincent E. Doyle III '89, partner in the Buffalo firm Connors & Villard, has been named to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County. He is a resident of Elma, N.Y.

Lisa Massaro Keating '89 received a 40 Under Forty award from Business First newspaper in Buffalo. She lives in Amherst, N.Y., where she maintains a private law practice.

Ronald L. Meltzer '89 has become a partner in the Washington, D.C., law firm Wilmot, Cutler & Pickering. He focuses his practice in the area of international trade matters, particularly anti-dumping litigation, U.S. export controls and economic sanctions. He lives in Washington.

Salvatore Sanfilippo '89, a solo practitioner, is the new Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project's law firm liaison attorney. He will be working with large firms to help increase the pro bono work that each firm provides the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Sanfilippo is a Buffalo resident.

Dr. Martha M. Harris '90 has joined the Buffalo law firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber as a special counsel in the firm's medical device and pharmaceuticals group. Harris, who has a Ph.D. in chemistry, lives in Buffalo.

Susan Sturman Jennings '90 has become general counsel and vice president of Conifer Realty Corp. in Rochester, N.Y. Jennings lives in Pittsford, N.Y.

Timothy E. Jennings '90 is an associate with Lipsitz Green Fahringer Roll Salisbury & Cambria, practicing in the labor and employment law department. A member of the New York State Divers Association and the Underwater Society of America, Jennings lives in Pittsford, N.Y.

Mary Catherine Malley '90 is a partner in the Buffalo office of Hodgson Russ. Malley concentrates her practice in the areas of securities, corporate law, and mergers and acquisitions. She lives in Buffalo.

Sean Beiter '91 has joined the board of advisors for the Eastern New York Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Beiter is a partner in the firm Jaedicke Fleischmann & Mueg, chairing the labor and employment practice group.

Toni Delmonte '91 has joined the board of directors of the Erie Institute of Education with a special interest in children's education. Delmonte lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Margot L. Watt '91 has become a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. Watt lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Todd C. Bushway '92 has become a member of the Buffalo firm Colucci & Gallagher. He specializes in practice in claims related to construction accidents, municipal liability, toxic torts, premises liability and general negligence. Bushway lives in Buffalo.

Thomas P. Cunningham '92, an East Amherst, N.Y., resident, made a presentation at a seminar sponsored by the Erie Institute of Law titled "Interim Budgeting: Evolving Trends in Disciplinary Cases: Evaluation and Practice of Serious Injuries Under Insurance Law §102(d)." Cunningham practices in insurance coverage litigation and commercial litigation in the Buffalo firm Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf & Cunningham.

Christopher J. D'Angelo '92 was elected to the board of directors of the Buffalo Board of Education, received a community service award from D'Youville College in recognition of his work to improve life in Western New York. D'Angelo lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Melanie C. Marotto '92 is a graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Law and is a partner in the firm Colucci & Gallagher in Buffalo, where she resides. She handles cases involving commercial and residential real estate, mortgage financing transactions and title insurance.

Brenda Mattar '92, a Lockport, N.Y., resident, has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Mattar & D'Astorgio. She practices in the areas of wills, estates, elder law, family law, civil law and personal injury litigation.

Kevin T. Merriman '92 has been named a partner in the Buffalo firm Huizvicz & Fine. Merriman handles cases involving commercial and residential real estate, mortgage financing transactions and title insurance.

East Aurora, N.Y.

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Kevin T. Merriman '92 has been named a partner in the Buffalo firm Huizvicz & Fine. Merriman handles cases involving commercial and residential real estate, mortgage financing transactions and title insurance.
For the anniversary of their 20-year reunion, the planning committee of the Class of 1983 wanted a gathering that would not be soon forgotten. On June 6-7, 2003, over 70 classmates and spouses turned out for this milestone celebration.

Friday night led off with a gathering on the outdoor patio of Brinks, at Franklin and Chippewa St., in downtown Buffalo. Alumni from adjacent graduation years stopped in to join in the fun with the Class of 1984.

The next morning, classmates gathered at the Law School for brunch and a tour lead by Dean Nils Olsen. Saturday evening, classmates assembled at the Park Lane Restaurant for a buffet dinner and class photo. The Thom Diina Band, featuring singer and classmate, Lynn A. Clark, provided the live jazz entertainment. Professors Louis Del Cotto and Marjorie Girth were in attendance to help rekindle the fond memories of Law School.

"We had a great time and are very glad we made the trip to Buffalo for the fun," remarked Priscilla Corkrey Mulvaney '83, of the Law Off. of John K. Knott Jr. in Cheshire, Conn.

In alphabetical order:

involving insurance coverage, environmental/toxic tort and class action/complex litigation matters. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

**Lynn A. Murphy '92**, a Buffalo resident and former solo practitioner, is a partner in the new Buffalo firm Palmer, Waren, Murphy & Tripi. Murphy's partners in the firm are Thomas A. Palmer '71 and Joan Warren '81.

**David A. Niles '92** has joined the firm Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti in Morristown, N.J., as an associate. He will practice in the firm's insurance group and provides corporate counseling. He is a resident of Lawrenceville, N.J.

**Gregory V. Pajak '92** spoke at an educational seminar for the Buffalo Claims Association. He discussed covered additional insurance status, certificate of insurance, contractual defense and indemnity language and estoppel. Pajak is a partner in the firm Chelius, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak. He lives in Derby, N.Y.

**Suzanne K. Taylor '92** received an Attorney of the Morning Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Bar Association of Erie County. Taylor resides in Buffalo.

**Stephanie L. Argentine '93**, of Buffalo, is now an assistant professor at Medaille College in Buffalo, teaching human resources and statistics in the MBA program. She and her husband, David Reading, have three young children.

**Deborah Barone '93** of Glenwood, N.Y., was installed as a director of the Orchard Park, N.Y., Chamber of Commerce. She practices with Barone & Barone.

**Jennifer M. Demert '93** was named a partner by the Buffalo law firm Jareck Fleischmann & Mugel. She concentrates her practice in the area of commercial litigation, including non-compete and trade secret law. Demert lives in Buffalo.

**Eric A. Fitzgerald '93** has become a shareholder in the Philadelphia law firm Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin. He resides in Mountaintop, Pa.

**Rachel M. Gorski '93** has joined the Buffalo law firm Lipitz Green Fahringen Roll Salisbury & Cambria, where she practices in the areas of New York State workers' compensation and Social Security disability benefits. Gorski resides in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Joseph M. Mersis '93**, a partner with the Buffalo law firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Western New York Chapter. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

**Lisa Mueller '93** has become a state director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Mueller is the associate director of alumni and communications at UB Law School. She is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Michelle Parker '93** has been elected secretary of the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York for 2003. She has also been named to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County. Parker is an attorney in the Buffalo firm O'Shea, Reynolds & Cumnings and lives in Derby, N.Y.

**Jason C. Reis '93** has been named a partner in the firm Piper Rudnick in the Reston, Va., office. Reis practices in the firm's corporate and securities group. He lives in Potomac, Md.

**Mary Q. Wydysky '93**, a partner in the Buffalo firm Bouvier, O'Connor, has been elected vice president for 2003 for the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York. She was also named a director of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association for 2003. Wydysky is also a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She resides in Buffalo.

**Martha Buyer '94** was re-elected to a second term on the board of the Society of Telecommunications Consultants. Buyer lives and practices communications law in East Aurora, N.Y.

**Daniel J. Evans '94** has become a partner in the law firm Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein. Evans is a member of the Employee Benefits Group in the firm's office in Charlotte, N.C., where he also resides.

**Sharon Nosenchuck '94** received the Haven House Project Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Bar Association of Erie County. Nosenchuck is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group and resides in Amherst, N.Y.

**Toinette M. Randolph '94** received an award for legal services from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. Randolph, who is special assistant attorney general in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the New York State attorney general's office, lives in Buffalo.

**Sarah Swartzmeyer '94** has been placed on the Law Bulletin Publishing Co.'s annual "10 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch" List. Swartzmeyer is a partner in the firm Michael Best & Friedrich in Chicago, where she resides.

**Brette McWhorter Sember '94** has written her eighth book, *The Complete Legal Guide to Senior Care: Making Sense of the Residential, Financial and Medical Maze*, released by Sphinx Publishing. Sember resides in Clarence, N.Y.

**Rolando Velasquez '94** led a workshop on immigration challenges and solutions for international medical graduates at the annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association in San Francisco. Velasquez is an associate in the Buffalo immigration firm Serotte, Reich & Seipp. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Michael Yehl '94** was made a partner in the Ithaca, N.Y., law firm Adams, Theisen, May, Miller & Yehl. The firm specializes in estate planning and administration, real estate, general practice...
Alumni Briefs

Marriages

Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

David P. Chapus ’86 and Julie M. Brush, Nov. 6, 2002
Maria Moran ’90 and Christopher Bednarski, May 16, 2003
Ginger D. Schroder ’90 and Joseph P. Galda, Dec. 31, 2002
Lizabth A. Martin ’91 and Charles C. Ritter Jr. ’93, Jan. 18, 2003
Lydia V. Evans ’93 and Brian M. Walnecki, Aug. 31, 2002
Jennifer A. Gilliland ’95 and Paul H. Etheridge, Aug. 24, 2002
Amy M. Habib ’95 and Mark F. Ritting, Jr., Sept. 27, 2003
Joseph A. Kresse ’95 and Andrea J. Weinstein, Oct. 12, 2002
Paul J. Antonowicz ’96 and Elsie I. Martinez, Oct. 19, 2002
Daniel C. Caro ’96 and Sheri L. Small, Aug. 1, 2003
Prudence Fung ’97 and Scott M. Philbin ’97, May 17, 2003
Jessica Murphy ’97 and Vincent Saccomando, Sept. 28, 2002
Brian Bocketti ’98 and Michelle Pofi, Aug. 2, 2003
Julie E. Meyer ’98 and Bruce D. Grogan, July 13, 2002
Daniel P. O’Neill ’98 and Deborah A. DiVencenzo, Oct. 12, 2002
J. Claire Razzolini ’98 and Chet Kozlowski, June 20, 2003
Jeffrey J. Signor ’98 and Melissa R. Borneman, July 26, 2003
Katharine W. Bowen ’99 and Andrew L. Smith, Aug. 24, 2002
Libby Gadeis ’99 and Daniel Hausler, May 17, 2003
Kristopher A. Schwarzmuller ’99 and Sarah J. Thurn, Oct. 11, 2002
James F. Auricchio ’00 and Robin A. Morello, Sept. 20, 2003
John C. Godsoc ’00 and Karyn E. Connolly ’00, Oct. 12, 2002
Shannon Gourlay ’00 and Timothy K. Lucey, March 15, 2003
Adam M. Oshrin ’00 and Stacey E. Walk, Aug. 11, 2002
Jeremy E. Reis ’00 and Pamela A. Galler, Sept. 28, 2002
Jeremy M. Saland ’00 and Dr. Leslie Sheryl Goldstein, Aug. 31, 2003
Brent Behanna ’01 and Heather Berger, Oct. 12, 2002
David Benz ’01 and Rayne Hammond ’01, Sept. 21, 2002
Jennifer A. DiCiccio ’01 and Thomas P. Hurley ’01, Dec. 21, 2002
Christa Foschino ’01 and Jeffrey B. Bick, Sept. 20, 2003
Patricia A. Kelleher ’01 and Paul Johnie Bonvissuto, Sept. 6, 2003
Sean D. Ronan ’01 and Sarah M. Smith ’01, July 19, 2003
Michael P. Joy ’02 and Sharon L. Slowinski, Sept. 21, 2002
Amy Nyitrai ’02 and David Dunn, May 3, 2003
Thomas E. Popke ’02 and Christine M. Martin, Sept. 7, 2002
Patrick G. Radel ’02 and Mary Rebekah Snyder ’01, Aug. 10, 2002
James S. Sliodla ’02 and Lisa Anne Dristle, Aug. 3, 2002
Christopher D. Smith ’02 and Kelly Ann Allgayer, Aug. 24, 2002
Anthony J. Antillo ’02 and Rebecca M. Cindric, Oct. 12, 2002
Emily A. Vella ’02 and Adam R. Lieken, Sept. 28, 2002
Jeffrey P. Wade ’02 and Elizabeth Noel Ashley, Aug. 17, 2002
Melanie Wojczik ’02 and Craig Rodgers, June 21, 2003
Julie N. Castellani ’03 and Mehmet Burak Vardan, Sept. 6, 2003
Kelly Ann Gale ’03 and Eric Michael Eisenried, Aug. 31, 2003
Sarah Ofstein ’03 and Bernard Joseph Felix, Aug. 31, 2003
Mark A. Starostiecek ’03 and Jaclyn Marie Baco, Aug. 16, 2003

and small business counseling. Yeih lives in Ithaca, N.Y.

Stephen L. Yonaty ’94 is the new president of the Buffalo/Niagara Chapter of the American Jewish Committee for a two-year term. Yonaty is also vice president of Chabad of Buffalo, vice chair of the attorneys division for the United Jewish Fund campaign, general counsel for the Jewish Federation Housing and the Hebrew Benevolent Loan Association, and a member of the UB Law Alumni Association GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. He practices in the bankruptcy and commercial litigation group in the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ and resides in East Amherst, N.Y.

Lisa Dalidonos ’95 was named assistant general counsel at Cadbury Schweppes. She is a resident of Mineola, N.Y.

Majia C. Dixon ’95 has joined the firm Underberg & Kessler in Rochester, N.Y. Dixon practices in the areas of insurance defense and general civil litigation. She is a Rochester resident.

Maureen Elwell ’95 has joined the firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber as an associate. Elwell will be practicing in the telecommunications practice department. She is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

Jennifer Gilliland ’95 has become an associate in the Rupp, Bause, Pfalzfgraf & Cunningham. She concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial construction and insurance defense litigation. Gilliland is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Gina Guzman ’95, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, has become secretary/treasurer of the Bar Association of Niagara County. Guzman is an attorney in the firm Pope &
Moises Juliao '95 is a foreign service officer for the U.S. Department of State. He is currently serving in Caracas, Venezuela.


Teresa Weinreber Mucha '95 has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Webster Szanyi. She practices in the areas of state and federal Superfund, compliance, land use, toxic tort litigation and navigation law matters. She is a resident of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Heather (Vigue) Murphey '95 is in her fifth year as a solo practitioner in Naples, Fla. She specializes in immigration law, specifically professional hockey.

Jay C. Pletcher '95 received the Inspiration Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Western New York/ Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter, in recognition of his contributions to the community and his profession. Pletcher is a partner in Bouvier, O’Connor, in Buffalo, where he also resides.

Kim Propeck '96 is a lobbyist for Casa of Maryland, the state’s largest grassroots organization, serving the needs of low-income Latinos in the Washington, D.C., and Maryland area. She lives in Mount Rainier, Md.

Charles Russell '95 has become a partner in the Rochester, N.Y., firm Boylan, Brown, Code, Vigdor & Wilson. In addition, he was elected chairman of the real estate section of the Monroe County Bar Association. He lives in Webster, N.Y.

Penny Selmonsky '95, an attorney with Neighborhood Legal Services in Buffalo, was named to the board of directors of the Interfaith Hospital Network of Greater Buffalo, which provides shelter and support to homeless people. Selmonsky lives in Buffalo.

Hilary Banker '96 is now a partner in the firm Bungio, Kita & Curvin. She is also a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group. She lives in Buffalo.

Daniel Gerber '96 of Hamburg, N.Y., was named chairperson of the Insurance Coverage committee of the insurance law section of the New York State Bar Association. He also received the 2002 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the New York State Bar Association's Tort Insurance and Compensation Law Section. An associate in the litigation department of the Buffalo firm Jacke & Fleischmann & Megajf, Gerber also recently wrote the article “Home Alone: A Mortgagee’s Responsibility When Property Is Vacant or Unoccupied.” The article was published in the summer 2002 issue of the Defense Research Institute’s Covered Events.

Judy S. Hernandez '96, previously confidential law clerk to Hon. Carol E. Heckman, magistrate judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, was named a partner in the firm Damon & Morey in Buffalo. Hernandez practices in the firm’s employment and labor department. She lives in Elma, N.Y.

Nina F. Juncwicz '96, an associate with the Buffalo law firm Hiscock & Barclay, was appointed vice chair of the New York State Bar Association Immigration & Naturalization Committee. She was also elected vice president of the executive committee of the Mount St. Mary Academy board of trustees for 2003-04. Juncwicz lives in Buffalo.

Ranjana Kadle '96 has become a partner in the Buffalo law firm Hodgson Russ, practicing in the intellectual property and technology practice group. She was also the patent attorney for three award-winning inventions honored at the 28th annual Niagara Frontier Inventor of the Year Award. Kadle is also a bridge course instructor at UB Law School and lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

C. Richard Lehman '96 has joined the Williamsville, N.Y., firm Simpson & Simpson. A registered patent attorney, he lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Sheri L. Mooney '96 is the new president of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York. She practices in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey. Mooney resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mark C. Nielsen '96 has become a partner in the firm Feder, Semio & Bard in Washington, D.C. Nielsen specializes in employee benefits law.

Harvey F. Siegel '96 has joined with Robert R. Radel in a new practice in Buffalo. Siegel also lives in Buffalo.

Lorrie Turner '96 has been named corporate counsel in the legal department at Rich Products Corp. in Buffalo. She is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

Pauline Costanzo Will '96 is practicing civil litigation with the Buffalo law firm Watson, Bennett, Colligan, Johnson, and Schechter. She resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Daniela F. Almeida '97 has joined the firm McDo- nough, Holland & Allen in Sacramento, Calif., where she resides. Almeida practices in the firm’s health care section. She was previously with the Sacramento firm Weintraub, Genshe, Crediak, Sproul & Athwyl.

Holly Beecher '97 has been accepted into the Class for 2003 Board of Governance Project for Women, coordinated by the Volunteer Center of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. Beecher is an associate in the Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber in Buffalo, where she resides.

Jason Botticelli '97 has joined the Buffalo firm Colucci & Gallagher as an associate. He has previously practiced in the areas of medical malpractice and municipal liability claims and...
Members of the Class of 1993 celebrated their 10-year reunion on Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, 2003. An informal gathering was the setting at the City Grill on Main St. as classmates reconnected — many for the first time in 10 years.

On Saturday morning, the group reassembled at the Law School for a brunch hosted by Dean Nils Olsen. Classmates received the grand tour of the Law School and witnessed first hand the changes and improvements that have taken place since the days they spent at O'Brien Hall.

The main feature of the weekend was the Saturday dinner that took place at The Buffalo Club. Fifty classmates and friends enjoyed an informal, but delectable buffet dinner highlighted by conversation and tales of their days at Law School.

"It was such a great time. Some of us were still talking about how much fun we had weeks after the reunion," commented Michelle M. Parker, of O'Shea, Reynolds and Cummings, in Buffalo. "We are all looking forward to our 20th!"

First row, left to right:
Lydia V. Evans, Ellen Shanahan Becker, Scott C. Becker, Stephanie L. Argentine, Penelope Stothers Jacobs, Angela L. Hoteling-Gormel, Lisa Szymanek Mueller, Elizabeth J. Dobosiewicz, Wendy A. Scott, Jill M. Marks, Colleen V. Collins, Susan D. Cotellessa, Christine Van Gelder

Second row, left to right:
Marissa Briggs Fuchs, Jennifer H. Krucher, Michelle M. Parker

Third row, left to right:
Victoria Hunter Hay, Jennifer R. Pitarresi, Jennifer A. Smith

Fourth row, left to right:
Mark Braverman, M. Bud Nelson, Ralph J. Dandrea, Thomas J. Cannavaro, Christopher M. Marks, Daniel A. Spitzer, Michael C. Griften, Henry J. Nowak, Susan A. Paolelli, Timothy J. Stevens, Ryan L. Gellman, David S. Teske
personal injury claims. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Christopher G. Florea '97 has joined the firm Goldberg Segalla as an associate. He concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance defense, automobile negligence, premises liability, insurance coverage and labor law litigation. Florea lives in Hamburg, N.Y.


Georgette Hasiotis '97 is a local director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Hasiotis is assistant county attorney for the Erie County attorney's office. She is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

M. Rogan Morton '97 focuses her practice in the areas of labor and employment and employee benefits law. She recently joined the Buffalo firm Schroder, Joseph & Associates. She resides in Batavia, N.Y.

Jessica Murphy '97, a Buffalo resident, has been elected a local director and newsletter chair of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Murphy practices in the litigation department in the firm Renaldo & Myers in Williamsville, N.Y.

Melissa Nickson '97 has become president of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Nickson practices in the areas of commercial litigation and appellate practice in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber.

Mary Raymond '97, an attorney in the Buffalo law firm Damon & Morey, received a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Batavia, N.Y., Rotary Club. The club donated more than $1,000 on Raymond's behalf to the Paul Harris Foundation, which supports efforts to eradicate polio. Raymond lives in Batavia.

Karen Richardson '97 has been named president elect/treasurer/state director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Richardson is confidential law clerk to Hon. H. Kenneth Schroeder Jr., U.S. District Court, Western District of New York. She is a Hamburg, N.Y., resident.

Elizabeth R. Wright '97 and Arthur Ackerhalt '73 co-wrote the lead article “Do You Know Your Child’s Special Education Rights?” in the May/June issue of Volta Voices, published by the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. They also spoke at the Rochester, N.Y., seminar “What is the Regular Education Administrator Needs to Know About Special Education in New York?” in April. Wright has also been elected state director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association. She is an associate in the Buffalo firm Bouvier, O’Connor, and lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Corinne A. Carey '98 is working with the Human Rights Watch in the U.S. Program in New York City. She was previously director of the Urban Justice Center in New York City.

Ryan L. Everhart '98, a Buffalo resident, is now practicing in the education and labor employment practice group in the Buffalo office of the firm Hodgson Russ. Previously, Everhart was legal counsel to Heritage Centers, a non-profit agency that assists people with developmental disabilities.

Darcie A. Falsioni '98 has joined the Buffalo office of Bond, Schoeneck & King, practicing in employee benefits law. Falsioni resides in West Seneca, N.Y.

Brian D. Gwitt '98, an associate with the law firm Ice Miller in Indianapolis, co-authored an article exploring the Uniform Commercial Code for the West Group’s UCC Bulletin. Gwitt lives in Indianapolis.

Shannon M. Heneghan '98 has joined the Sugarman Law Firm in the litigation department in the Buffalo office. Her experience includes complex commercial and tort litigation as well as zoning and constitutional issues. Heneghan lives in Buffalo.

Brigid M. Maloney '98 accepted a position as a medical compliance officer at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She was previously working with the Erie County attorney’s office in Buffalo. Maloney is a resident of Elma, N.Y.

Gregory A. Mattacola '98, of Rome, N.Y., has become an associate with the law firm of McMahon and Grow, in Rome. He was president of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD Group for 2002-2003.

William D. Murphy '98 is practicing in the field of personal injury, with a focus on labor law, in the Buffalo firm Collins & Maxwell. He lives in Buffalo.

Christopher S. Nickson '98 has joined Wilder & Linneball as an associate, focusing his practice on civil litigation, labor relations and employment law. Nickson lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Kevin Reedy '98 received a VLP VIP Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Bar Association of Erie County. Reedy resides in Kenmore, N.Y.

Jeffrey J. Signor '98 is practicing in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo, where he is a resident. Signor recently joined the firm as an associate handling cases involving motor vehicle accidents and premises liability.

After completing 16 weeks of training at Quantico, Va., Clay Trippi '98 is now a special agent with Federal Bureau of Investigation in Atlanta, where he also resides.

Andrew M. Wilson '98 practices in immigration law in the firm Serotte, Reich & Seipp and recently became a partner in the firm. In addition, he has co-authored a book, Cross-Border Relocation Law, published by CCH Canadian Ltd. Wilson authored the first chapter of the book Living in America: A Canadian’s Guide to Understanding U.S. Immigration Law. He is a resident of Lockport, N.Y.

Kelly S. Allen '99 is claims counsel with CNA Global Specialty Lines in New York City. Allen resides in Tuckahoe, N.Y.

Patricia Gibbons '99 received the Volunteer Legal Services Project’s William E. McKnight Award at the 2003 Law Day Luncheon on May 1, sponsored by the Monroe County Bar Association in Rochester, N.Y. Gibbons practices and lives in Rochester.

Joseph Laimo '99 has joined the Rochester, N.Y., optical products firm Bausch & Lomb. He lives in Victor, N.Y.

Russell E. Maines '99 has established a solo practice in Rochester, N.Y., where he resides. Maines is the attorney for Shirley Kinne, whose son Michael Kinne was killed by state police in 1990. Michael
It was a 5-year reunion celebration for the Class of 1998 this past June 6-7, 2003, in Buffalo. Over 35 classmates from Washington, D.C. and from around New York gathered at the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery on Friday evening where they enjoyed catching up with each other while playing pool.

During Saturday morning’s brunch at the Law School with Dean Nils Olsen, the alumni were able to see firsthand the many changes to the facility in the short time since their graduation. Saturday evening, classmates headed off to the Bijou on Main Street for a dinner buffet where a class picture was taken.

“It was great to see old friends and to catch up with them,” remarked Gregory A. Mattacola '98, of McMahon, Grow & Getty, in Rome, NY. “It’s amazing to see how well everyone is doing. The weekend was a lot of fun.”

**First row, left to right:**
Theresa M. Walsh, Babaali E. Pitt, Jennifer C. Ruggiero, Gregory A. Mattacola, Jodyann Galvin

**Second row, left to right:**
Sandra E. Volta, Mary Beatrice Ilardo, Lisa D. Primerano, Nancy J. Bizub, Joan M. Fildes

**Third row, left to right:**
Erin M. Barclay, Lourdes M. Ventura, Joel J. Jawa Jr., Kimberly J. Schwing
Kinge was accused of murdering the Harris family in Dryden, N.Y., in 1989, and Maines has recently discovered new evidence in the case that state police may have tampered with evidence.

Nicole Mayer '99 of Cheektowaga, N.Y., has joined Francis M. Letro Attorneys at Law in Buffalo as an associate. Mayer concentrates her practice in the area of representation of victims of serious personal injury.

Sarah J. Rudell '99 is an associate in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo, where she resides. Rudell practices in the area of insurance coverage and insurance defense.

Roseanne Shaw '99, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, has been elected secretary of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association. Shaw is an attorney in the firm Magavern Magavern & Grimm in Buffalo.

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Steven K. Erickson '00 has received a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Buffalo. Erickson has also accepted a fellowship in clinical and forensic psychology at the University of Rochester, in the severe mental disorders track. He is a resident of Shrewsbury, Mass.

Richard Fowler '00 is the new director of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes in Geneva, N.Y. Fowler was previously director of institutional advancement for the Harley School in Rochester, N.Y.

Dana A. Lundberg '00, a Jamestown, N.Y., resident, was elected to the board of directors of the Reg Lenna Civic Center in Jamestown. Lundberg practices in the firm Beckstrom & Plumb in Jamestown.

Barbara H. O'Neill '00 was recently reappointed to a second three-year term on the board of trustees of the Irish Classical Theatre Company in Buffalo. She was also recently elected to the board of directors of Hasek's Heroes Youth Hockey Organization, founded by former Buffalo Sabres goaltender Dominik Hasek. O'Neill is a Buffalo resident.

Susan Burch Parzyniese '00 is an attorney with the New York City firm Ingram Yuzek Gatien Carroll & Bertolotti. She lives in Stamford, Conn.

Kelly Philips '00 practices in the Sugamun Law Firm in the Buffalo office. She joined the firm's litigation department and specializes in the areas of motor vehicle negligence, municipal tort liability claims and defending premises liability. Philips is a resident of Buffalo.

Elizabeth Snyder '00 has become an adjunct faculty member at the Utica School of Commerce in Utica, N.Y., where she resides. Snyder is a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, in Utica.

Leslie Swift '00 has joined the Rochester, N.Y., firm of Wolford & LeClair. Swift lives in Rochester.

Stephanie A. Williams Torres '00 of Cheektowaga, N.Y., has joined the Buffalo firm Hiscock & Barclay, practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, real property tax, and condemnation and valuation litigation. She is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group.

Rayne Hammond Benz '01 has become law clerk for Hon. Michael A. Telesca, U.S. District Court judge for the Western District of New York, in Rochester. Her husband, David Benz '01, is an associate with the Rochester firm Fix Spindelmann Bovitz & Goldman. They live in Fairport, N.Y.

Nora M. Buckley '01 is with the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo, where she also resides.

Erin L. Clark '01 has joined the Baltimore office of Legg, Mason, Wood & Walker. She practices in the area of corporate law.

Emilio Colaiacovo '01 was named an associate with the Buffalo firm Bourier, O'Connor, working in the matrimonial and family law department. He also was appointed chairman of the Law Committee for the Erie County, N.Y., Republican Committee. Colaiacovo lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Noraynn Dillon '01 received a VLP VIP Award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Bar Association of Erie County. Dillon resides in Buffalo.

Jerri Hagen '01 has joined the Buffalo firm Mattar & D'Agostino. She handles cases involving matrimonial and family law. Hagen is a resident of Grand Island, N.Y.

Maria Hansen '01 is a law clerk in the newly opened practice of Sharon L. Black in Williamsville, N.Y. Hansen is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

S. Peter Konzel '01 has joined Simpson & Simpson as an associate. Konzel, a member of the Niagara Frontier Intellectual Property Law Association, lives in Buffalo.

Rachel M. Kranitz '01 has joined Lipsitz Green Fehringer Roll Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo as an associate, practicing in the areas of criminal trial and appeals and constitutional litigation. She lives in Buffalo.

Michele L. Laski '01 has joined the Buffalo law firm Chelus, Herzdik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak as an associate, working on matters including real estate, matrimonial, wills and estates, Social Security disability and elder law. Laski lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Mark Moldenhauer '01 has joined the Buffalo office in the firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, practicing in the areas of labor and employment law. Moldenhauer previously worked in the firm's Syracuse office. He is a resident of East Aurora, N.Y.

Erin D. Pemberton '01 has joined the Monroe County district attorney's office in Rochester, N.Y. She lives in Spencerport, N.Y.
Andrea C. Ruta '01 has been named to the board of directors for Neighborhood Legal Services. Ruta is an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber in Buffalo, where she resides.

Evelyn R. Aagnant '02 has joined the New York City firm White & Case. Aagnant is an associate specializing in corporate law. She is a resident of Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Andrea E. Anderson '02 has become an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., firm Nixon Peabody. Anderson specializes her practice in the area of public finance. She is a resident of Webster, N.Y.

Danielle M. Baldassarre '02 practices in the litigation department as an associate in the firm Damon & Morey in Buffalo. She specializes in the areas of personal injury and asbestos exposure defense. Baldassarre lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Robert C. Baron '02 is an associate with the Marathon, Fla., law firm Cunningham, Miller & Kyle, practicing in the areas of litigation and real estate. He is a resident of Marathon.

Matthew J. Beck '02 practices in the areas of litigation and commercial contract and construction law. He joined the firm Duke Holzman Yager & Photiadis in Buffalo. Beck is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

Marina Belaya '02 has joined the New York City firm Schulte, Roth & Zabel. She is practicing in the area of corporate law. Belaya lives in Edgewater, N.J.

Jessica J. Burgasser '02, a Williamsonville, N.Y., resident, is an associate in the Buffalo firm Brown & Kelly. Burgasser focuses her practice in insurance defense and coverage litigation, in addition to corporate matters.

Paul J. Callahan '02 specializes in the area of insurance coverage in the Buffalo firm Sliva & Lane. Callahan joined the firm as an associate. He lives in Lewiston, N.Y.

Marco Cercone '02 is practicing in the firm Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf & Cunningham as an associate in Buffalo, where he resides. Cercone specializes in the areas of litigation, including insurance defense and business-related matters.

Shauna Collins '02 is a public defender in the Albany County public defender's office in Albany, N.Y. She also practices in education law in the Albany firm Girvin & Ferlazzo. Collins lives in Fonda, N.Y.

Shawn M. Corey '02 is a county attorney for the Chautauqua County attorney's office in Mayville, N.Y. He is a resident of Jamestown, N.Y.

Tracie L. Covey '02 practices corporate law in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo. Covey joined the firm as an associate. She is a Buffalo resident.

Sheri Crosby '02 practices in employment law and general litigation. Crosby joined the firm Scott & Hulse in El Paso, Texas, where she resides.

Joanna Dickinson '02 handles cases involving workers' compensation law. Dickinson joined the Buffalo firm Hamberger & Weiss as an associate. She is a Buffalo resident.

Johnathan C. Duncan '02 practices in New York City. Duncan has joined the firm Proskauer Rose and specializes in the area of corporate law. He lives in Floral Park, N.Y.

Amy Nyitrai Dunn '02 practices in the Buffalo firm Gibson, McAskill & Crosby. She handles cases involving civil litigation, defending hospitals, physicians and health care professionals against malpractice claims. She lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Dennis L. Fish '02 is an investigator with the Office of Enforcement, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, in Washington, D.C., where he resides.

Dierk A. Flemming '02, a Jersey City, N.J., resident, handles cases involving investment management in the New York City firm LeBouef, Lamb, Greene & MacRae. Flemming joined the firm as an associate.

Melissa Fruscone '02 is the new director of recruitment for UB Law School. Fruscone lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Jon N. Griffin '02, a Rochester, N.Y., resident, has joined the Rochester law firm Hamer, Seccret & Emery. He is an associate specializing in general litigation.

Scott T. Hanson '02 has become the confidential law clerk to Hon. John T. Elfvin in the U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, in Buffalo. Hanson lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Jennifer Hemming '02 recently joined the firm.
Kevin J. Kruppa '02 lives and practices in Buffalo. Kruppa accepted a position as associate in the firm Ansprech, Semiano, Meeks & Nunn. He focuses on litigation matters and railroad law.

Jon C. Lazenby '02 joined the firm Underberg & Kessler in Rochester, N.Y., where he resides. Lazenby is an associate focusing his practice in the areas of corporate, trusts and estates law.

Nicole Lee '02 is managing director for Global Justice in Washington, D.C., where she resides.

Josie Lipsitz '02 is practicing as an associate in employment and labor law in the firm Creighton, Pearce & Johnsen in Buffalo, where she resides.

Jeffrey Liu '02 has joined the Syracuse, N.Y., firm Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece as an associate. He is a member of the firm's commercial transactions group. Liu lives in Camillus, N.Y.

Sarah A. Loesch '02 is a consumer attorney for Heritage Centers in Buffalo. Loesch provides legal and advocacy services for people with disabilities. She is a Buffalo resident.

Kevin Loftus '02 practices as an associate in the firm Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak. He specializes in the areas of insurance law, litigation and appeals, and personal injury. Loftus resides in West Seneca, N.Y.

Dr. John D. LoPinski '02 practices in the intellectual property and technology practice group in the Buffalo office in the firm Hodgson Russ. LoPinski is an associate, concentrating his practice in the areas of biotechnology and patent prosecution and copyright law. He lives in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Kristen M. Maricic '02 is an assistant county attorney in the Erie County Attorney's Office. She lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Marie A. Martial '02 is practicing in the New York City firm LeBoeuf Lamb, Greene & Macrae. She joined the firm as an associate. Martial lives in Cambria Heights, N.Y.

Melissa R. Martin '02 lives and practices in New York City. She is an associate in the firm Jaffe & Asher.

Ryan A. McPherson '02, of East Aurora, N.Y., was appointed assistant vice president for government affairs for the University at Buffalo.

Melissa A. Meyer '02 is an assistant court attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, in Rochester, N.Y., where she resides.

Charles L. Miller II '02 is CFO and secretary of MJC Law Publishers, a Canadian-based law-oriented publishing firm. He has also written an article, "A User's Guide to Archaeological Survey Law and the Historic Preservation Process," in the Albany Environmental Outlook Journal, which will be released in the fall. Miller is a resident of Buffalo.

Jon A. Nichols Jr. '02 of Colonial Heights, Va., has joined the Midlothian, Va., firm Sinnott, Nuckols & Logan as an associate. He specializes in the areas of civil litigation and insurance defense.

Amy C. O'Hara '02 has joined the firm Hogan & Willig. She specializes in her practice in the areas of trusts and estate planning, estate administration and elder law. She lives in Buffalo.

Peter M. O'Hara '02 is practicing as an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where he resides. O'Hara specializes his practice in the area of employee benefits.

Mark P. Popiel '02 joined the firm Bond, Schoeneck & King in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. He handles cases involving business and international immigration law. Popiel is a Syracuse resident.

V. Christopher Potenza '02 is associated with the firm Mattar & D'Agostino in Buffalo. He works in the area of criminal litigation and criminal law. Potenza is a Buffalo resident.

Dean S. Puleo '02 has joined the law office of Frank L. Bybel in Lackawanna, N.Y. Puleo will be involved with general practice cases. He is a resident of Elma, N.Y.

DeAnna Devries Russell '02 is an associate practicing in the areas of civil litigation and personal injury. She joined the law office of J. Michael Hayes in Buffalo. Russell lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Christopher Schenk '02 has joined the University at Buffalo Development Office as a research analyst. Schenk resides in Kenmore, N.Y.

Lisa M. Schultz '02 has become assistant chief counsel for the federal Department of Homeland Security in Miami. Schultz is a resident of Miami Beach.

Christopher D. Smith '02 practices as an associate in the firm Damon & Morey in Buffalo. He joined the business litigation and insolvency department, specializing in commercial litigation and bankruptcy. Smith is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Marc A. Spezzano '02 has become an associate in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey. Spezzano concentrates his practice in the areas of labor and civil litigation in the labor and employment department. He resides in Clarence, N.Y.

Kim Koski Taylor '02 is a law clerk for New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department in Rochester, N.Y., where she resides.

James C. Thoman '02 has joined the insolvency and commercial transactions group in the firm Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece in Syracuse, N.Y. Thoman is an associate in the firm and lives in Glenwood, N.Y.

Emily A. Vella '02 works in the firm Vella & Vella in Springville, N.Y., in the area of general practice. She is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

Marla Waiss '02 practices in the area of general and international tax law. Waiss is an associate in the Buffalo office of the firm Hodgson Russ. She lives in Lancaster, N.Y.

Cynthia Warren '02 has accepted a position as in-house counsel at Univera Healthcare in Williamsville, N.Y. She is an East Amherst, N.Y., resident.

Christine Zells '02, a Cheektowaga, N.Y., resident, is a solo practitioner, focusing her practice in the area of residential real estate. Zells is also the director of title services at Bartus Mortgage in Williamsville, N.Y.