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Newton, whose J.D. degree is from Cornell Law School, worked as a corporate lawyer in a large firm and as in-house counsel doing corporate transactions, before joining UB Law School as assistant dean for development in November 2003.

“Our students are exceptional,” he says, “and this new job provides an opportunity to open doors for them. We find that once that door is open, employers are blown away by who they are and what they can do.”

In his new role, Newton also will have responsibility for strategic planning initiatives centered on how the school markets and defines itself, facilitating collaboration between the alumni, development, career services, student services and admissions offices. He also will take charge of the school’s reporting to the American Bar Association and U.S. News and World Report, which produces a controversial but closely watched ranking of U.S. law schools.

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Geographic Distribution

WITHIN NEW YORK STATE

Buffalo 50%
New York City & Boroughs 22%
Rochester 13%
Albany 6%
Syracuse 4%
Other 3%
Southern Tier 2%

OUTSIDE NEW YORK STATE

Long Island 16%
DC 16%
FL 16%
International 13%
PA 10%
GA 7%
CA 7%
IL 7%
AK 3%
CT 3%
MA 3%
NC 3%
NJ 3%
TN 3%
VA 3%
VT 3%

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