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Hon. Matthew J. Jasen ’39 was honored on April 15 at the Statler Towers in Buffalo by the New York State Court of Appeals. Jasen, a retired Court of Appeals judge, was recognized for his outstanding career on the bench. He was the last Western New Yorker to sit on New York State’s highest court, in Albany.

Fenton Harrison ’47 of Clarence Center, N.Y., was inducted at the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Sept. 21 at West Seneca. N.Y. Harrison was the longtime Lannin Pool manager and American Legion county, district and zone baseball chairman. He managed AAABA, Legion and CEBA teams to league titles.

Hon. John T. Curtis ‘49, judge for the U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, in Buffalo, was honored at the University at Buffalo Alumni Association Celebration of Excellence dinner on April 15. He received the community leadership medal for his “outstanding accomplishments in making the UB community a better place to live and work.”

Joseph C. Vispi ’49, a Buffalo attorney, was selected to be a member of “Who’s Who in Law 2005” by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Vispi practices real estate law and lives in Amherst, N.Y.

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Eugene C. Tenney ’54, a personal injury attorney in Buffalo, has been nominated by his colleagues and inducted into “Who’s Who in Law” for 2005 by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Tenney lives in Eggertsville, N.Y.

Hon. Rose D. LaMendola ’55 was honored at the Women in Law luncheon on May 25 at the Adams’ Mark Hotel in Buffalo. The 8th Judicial District’s Gender and Racial Fairness Committee acknowledged her for outstanding contributions to the bench, bar and community. LaMendola is a retired New York State Supreme Court Justice, 8th Judicial District, in Buffalo. She is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

Frank J. Boccio ’56 was recognized for his outstanding leadership and management skills with the Juvenile Court Administrator Award from the National Juvenile Court Services Association. Boccio is chief clerk of Erie County Family Court in Buffalo, where he resides.

Hon. Joseph S. Mattina ’56, chairman and CEO of Counsel Financial Services in Amherst, N.Y., was named to the board of directors of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Corp. in Buffalo. Mattina is a retired Erie County surrogate court judge and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association’s Jaeckle Award and

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Richard F. Griffin ’57, of Buffalo, was honored in the new category of alternative dispute resolution in the 2006-07 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Griffin is of counsel in the Buffalo law firm Kavinsky & Cook.

James Carlo ’58, a partner in the firm Magavero, Magavero & Gimini in Buffalo, was named to “Who’s Who in Law 2005” in the real estate category by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Carlo is a Buffalo resident.

Anthony J. Colacis ’58, of Buffalo, received Letters of Affiliation by the Superior General of Brothers of the Christian Schools. This is the highest lay recognition bestowed by the order. Colacis has been named board director of First United Bank in the Beaches, in Florida. He is a partner in the firm Block, Colacis, Nearo & Long in the Buffalo and Florida offices. He is past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

Thomas R. Beecher Jr. ’59 received the UB Law Alumni Association’s Jovian Award at the 30th annual alumni convocation on Oct. 22 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Beecher is of counsel to the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office, practicing in the areas of estates and trusts, probate, real estate law and public and sound-based not-for-profit entities. In addition, he is director and chairman of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and is a member of UB Law School’s Council. Beecher is a Buffalo resident.

William H. Gardner ’59, general counsel in the Buffalo office of the firm Hodgson Russ, has been included in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Gardner is a Buffalo resident.

Eugene P. O’Connor ’59, a Buffalo attorney, was named an honorary member of the American Football Coaches Association. He was previously legal counsel for nine years for the association. O’Connor practices sports law, business and tax matters, negligence and business litigation. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

William D. Schultz ’62 was appointed chair of the Presbyterian Senior Care of Western New York Foundation for a one-year term. Schultz is an attorney in the firm Duke, Holman, Varga & Plyliotis in Buffalo.

Gerald S. Lippes ’64, a Buffalo attorney, was recognized in the Business First and Buffalo Law Journal’s “Who’s Who in Law 2005.” Lippes is founder and senior partner in the firm Lippes Mathias Winter Friedman. He is a Buffalo resident.

Edward V. Regan ’64 has been appointed by the New York State Gov. George E. Pataki to serve as a state Court of Claims judge, subject to Senate confirmation. Morrisey has his own practice in Franklinton, N.Y., and also serves as town attorney of Franklinton, Hamburg, Oriskany, Lyndon and Yorkshire. He is also the city attorney of Salamanca and the village attorney of Delevan, N.Y., and is chairman of the Chemung County Republican Party.

Richard F. Plazagnost ’68 was honored at the 50th annual UB Law Alumni Association dinner on April 14. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award for “his many contributions to the betterment of our community. Plazagnost has also been named chair of the board of trustees of the New York State Lawyers Assistance Trust. He included in the 2006 listing of “Who’s Who in Law” by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Plazagnost, former president of the Bar Association of Erie County, in Buffalo, is of counsel in the firm Plazagnost, Bonham & Members in Cheektowaga, N.Y. He is a Buffalo resident.

Ronald J. Axelrod ’69, of Hamburg, N.Y., has his own law firm, Ronald J. Axelrod & Associates, in Fredonia, N.Y. The firm will handle cases involving estate elder law and business law.

Douglas H. 69 has been named commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 3, 9th Coast Guard District, Eastern Region, 3rd Coast Guard District, Eastern Region from May 21. He is the father of two children and lives in Buffalo. He is a retired Coast Guard officer and is a graduate of UB Law School.


Bruce R. Schmidt ’65, a partner in the firm Halls, Kline & Gilmore in Buffalo, was elected to the 8th Judicial District grievance committee. He is an Albion, N.Y., resident.

Thomas Sciolino ’66 was elected treasurer of the Bar Association of Erie County, in Buffalo. Sciolino practices law in Buffalo and is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Carl J. Montante ’67 of Clarence, N.Y., was named Niagara Frontier Executive of the Year by the UB School of Management and its alumni association. Montante is president and managing director of3land Development Co. in Amherst, N.Y.

Frederick A. Wolf ’67 has been named board counsel to the Union in Buffalo. At Damron & Morey, he will practice in municipal banking and business law. Wolf is a resident of East Aurora, N.Y.

Robert B. Conklin ’68, president of a Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, was named in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He also was honored at the 16th annual Law Review Dinner, held April 24 in Buffalo, where he was recognized for his service to UB Law School and Western New York. Conklin is a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council at UB Law School and is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Paul N. L. Hiedeman ’68 gave the keynote address at UB Law School’s 116th commencement on May 21. Friedman is a U.S. District Court judge in Washington, D.C. Among the cases he has presided over is the largest civil rights settlement in U.S. history. The case involved a class-action lawsuit brought by African-American farmers claiming discrimination by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.


Wayne LeChase ’66 has been named one of Rochester’s Top 50 CEOs by the Rochester Business Journal. LeChase Construction Services, Rochester, N.Y., is a resident of Webster, N.Y.

Jeremiah J. Morlina ’68 has been named to the New York State Gov. George Pataki to serve as a state Court of Claims judge, subject to Senate confirmation. Morrisey has his own practice in Franklinton, N.Y., and also serves as town attorney of Franklinton, Hamburg, Oriskany, Lyndon and Yorkshire. He is also the city attorney of Salamanca and the village attorney of Delevan, N.Y., and is chairman of the Chemung County Republican Party.

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has been chosen as one of the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, East Amherst, N.Y. Alumni Association. He lives in the state and local tax practice groups, he lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

John J. DeFranks Jr. ’73, a Tonawanda, N.Y., resident, was honored by his peers and named in Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal’s "Who's Who in Law 2005." DeFranks is first deputy district attorney for the Erie County district attorney's office in Buffalo.

Joseph Leone Jr. ’73 was appointed to the 8th Judicial District grievance committee: Leone is a justice, law, town attorney and assistant Niagara County public defender. He is a township resident.

Hon. Michael L. Nenne ’73 was named president of the New York State Court Judges Association. Nenne is the Chautauqua County family court judge in Olean, N.Y., where he resides.

Walter R. Pacer ’73, a Buffalo attorney, was appointed to the board of directors of the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. ’73 received the Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Judicial Administration. He was honored by the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Department, in Rochester.

Robert P. Campbell ’75 was named in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He was previously chair of Hodgson Russell and Pigott is a Buffalo resident.

Michael M. Blinkoff ’75 of Buffalo was honored by the New York State Bar Association's Distinguished Jurist Committee, Young Alumni Association of Kenmore, N.Y., was selected by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal's "Who's Who in Law 2005." Blinkoff is a Buffalo resident.

Richard F. Campbell ’75 is named in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Campbell practices in the firm Hodgson Russ as a partner in the office in Buffalo, where he resides.

Hon. Judith S. Claire ’75 was honored with the Women in Law Award by the 8th Judicial District’s Gender & Racial Fairness Committee at a

Annie Bennett ’75 is named in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She was previously chair of Hodgson Russell and is also on the "Who's Who in Law 2005." Bennett is a Buffalo resident.

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Leonard Berkowitz ’72 was appointed to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, Buffalo. Berkowitz practices and resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

David G. Brock ’72 has been named to "Who's Who in Law 2005" in the litigation category by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Brock is in private practice in the Buffalo firm Fleischmann & Mugel and former executive director of the Mental Health Association of Erie County, Buffalo, where he resides.

Roger Stone ’72 received the Excellence in Service award from Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y. Stone is chairperson and professor of paralegal studies at Hilbert College. He is also executive director of the Mental Health Association of Erie County, Buffalo, where he resides.

Arthur A. Hackett ’73 of Williamsville, N.Y., has formed the firm Goldstein, Ackeloff & Fletcher in Buffalo with Jay C. Fletcher ’55. The firm handles business law, including special education law, education law, wills, trusts, guardianship, health care, not-for-profit corporation law, disability discrimination and vaccine injury cases.

Paul R. Comeau ’73, chair of the firm Hodgson Russell in Buffalo and a member of the firm’s Board of Directors, was selected for the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He was a featured speaker at the summer meeting of the New York State Bar Association’s real property law section in Lake Placid, N.Y. His topic was "The Marriages of Tissue and Real Estate: Secrets for a Successful Marriage." A member of the state and local tax practice groups, he lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Christopher Greene ’74 has been named a distinguished community leader by the National Conference for Community and Justice. He was honored at the organization’s 52nd annual citation banquet. He is also on the "Who's Who in Law 2005." Greene is managing partner in the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office.

Michelle Heffernan ’74, a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaskiele, Fleischmann & Mugel, addressed the New York Employee Benefits Conference in Buffalo. She discussed the final 401(k) and 401(m) regulations recently issued by the IRS. Heffernan is a Buffalo resident.

Helen Osgood ’74, a member of the Buffalo firm Harvitt & Fine, is named in the banking law section of "Who's Who in Law 2005." By Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal, Osgood practices in the areas of commercial lending and credit restructuring.

Richard T. Lippes Jr. ’69 of Richard T. Lippes Associates in Buffalo, was named in the environment law section of the Business First and Buffalo Law Journal’s "Who's Who in Law 2005." Lippes is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Joseph V. Sedlta ’69, a partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, has been chosen as one of the leading lawyers in the country. Sedlta was named in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He resides in Buffalo.

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For New York Paralegal: "Law of East Amherst, N.Y., a partner in the firm Jaskiele Fleischmann & Mugel in the Amherst, N.Y., office.

Samuel J. Palliano ’72 has been appointed a partner in the employee benefits practice group in the Buffalo firm Hutter, Sperle & Smigli in Buffalo, where he resides.

The Class of 1960 marked their 45th-year reunion on June 10-11. The weekend brought old friends together for an opportunity to look back. The classes kicked off the festivities with a casual gathering at the Law School on UB’s North Campus. Dean Nils Olsen welcomed the alumni back and showed them around the school’s facilities. For some, it was the first time they had been to the Law School since it moved from downtown Buffalo in the 1970s. The Park Country Club was the setting for their reunion dinner and class photos. The beautiful evening allowed for classmates to enjoy cocktails on the outdoor patio overlooking the scenic grounds and golf course.

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luncheon celebration on May 25 at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Buffalo. Claire is the Chautauqua luncheon celebration on May 25 by the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo. Heilman also was honored by being a member of UB Law and a member of the Buffalo Law Journal in the labor and employment category in “Who’s Who in Law 2005.”

Hon. Julio M. Fuentes ‘75 was inducted into the Western Association. He is a member of the UB Law Alumni Association and is a current member of the UB Law Alumni Society of CPAs and the American Accounting Association, Ohio Region. Fugacity is a professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He teaches taxation, business law and auditing. Fugacity also is chair of the Weatherhead School of Management’s department of law and is a resident of Chardon, OH.

E. Joseph Giroux Jr. ‘76, a resident of Spartanburg, S.C., has been acknowledged by his peers and listed in “Who’s Who in Law 2005.”

Tonawanda, N.Y. He appears in the 2004-2005 list of “Who’s Who in Law” by Buffalo Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Smith is a former recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award and is a current member of UB Law School’s Alumni Advisory Council. He lives in Clarence, N.Y.

Margaret Burt ’79 received the Stephanie Kopfman Juvenile Justice Award from the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York. She is a founding member of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. She joined the firm Cohen & Lombardo in Buffalo and is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

Lawrence Cohen ’79, a Buffalo resident, has been appointed special counsel in the Rochester region by Philadelphia-based Patton Cooney. Cohen specializes in securities litigation, corporate litigation and regulatory matters, general business and franchising distribution controversies.

Hillary Exter ’79 of New York City, has become the director of Student organizations and student activities department in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, specializing in the area of bankruptcy and creditor-debt relations. She is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Linda J. Marsh ’78 was nominated in the area of personal injury and named to the Business and Buffalo Law Journal “Who’s Who in Law” 2005 list. Marsh is a partner in the firm Elarbee, Madden &聞 in Buffalo, where she resides.

Kathleen Mehltretter ’78 is now the acting U.S. attorney for Western New York succeeding Michael A. Battle ’81. Mehltretter, a veteran prosecutor, was previously first assistant. She resides in Buffalo.

Honor, Marilyn L. O’Connor ’77 received the Grenned-Breach Partnership Award from the Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. O’Connor is a Monroe County Family Court Judge in Rochester, N.Y.

David F. Smith ’76 was named president of National Fuel Gas Supply Corp. and Empire State Pipeline in New York. He was also elected vice president of National Fuel Gas Co. in Williamson, N.Y. He appears in the 2004-2005 list of “Who’s Who in Law” by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Smith is a member of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award.

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James D. Gauthier ’75 has started a real estate firm in Buffalo. He handles cases involving real estate, business, wills and estate, litigation, mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

Pamela Davis Holman ’79 was named one of the 109th American Assembly’s Most Influential Alumni Relations, held in Harrisburg, N.Y. W. E. Joseph Giroux Jr. ’76, a resident of Buffalo.

Hon. Richard C. Kloch Sr. ’76 was confirmed to a nine-year term on the New York State Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, as Buffalo resident. He is a former judge of the Buffalo Law Journal.

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Edward J. Kelly ’77, university assistant professor of law at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, completed a term in residency training in orthopedic surgery. He attended the American College of Surgeons, an affiliated society of the American Medical Association. He is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

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Pamela Davis Holman ’79 was named one of the 109th American Assembly’s Most Influential Alumni Relations, held in Harrisburg, N.Y. W. E. Joseph Giroux Jr. ’76, a resident of Buffalo.

Hon. Richard C. Kloch Sr. ’76 was confirmed to a nine-year term on the New York State Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, as Buffalo resident. He is a former judge of the Buffalo Law Journal.

Joseph A. Matteliano ’76 is a partner in the firm Bednarski, Matteliano & Cerrone in Buffalo. He was previously a member of the UB Law Alumni Society of CPAs and the American Accounting Association, Ohio Region. Fugacity is a professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He teaches taxation, business law and auditing. Fugacity also is chair of the Weatherhead School of Management’s department of law and is a resident of Chardon, OH.

Edward J. Kelly ’77, university assistant professor of law at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, completed a term in residency training in orthopedic surgery. He attended the American College of Surgeons, an affiliated society of the American Medical Association. He is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Linda J. Marsh ’78 was nominated in the area of personal injury and named to the Business and Buffalo Law Journal “Who’s Who in Law” 2005 list. Marsh is a partner in the firm Elarbee, Madden &闻 in Buffalo, where she resides.
Robert A. Doren ’75, partner in the firm Bond, Schoeneck & King in Buffalo, has been included in the current list of labor and employment law category in the latest edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Doren, who has been listed since 1988, is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y. He also was honored by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal for his labor and employment category in “Who’s Who in Law 2005.”

Julio M. Ruete ’75 was honored at UB Law School Students of Color Dinner on April 8. Ruete, justice for the U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit in Newark, N.J., a former recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the UB Law Alumni Association.

James D. Gauthier ’78 has started his own law firm in Buffalo. His firm handles cases involving personal injury, wills and estate litigation, defense and personal injury litigation, and condominium law.

Thomas A. Palmer ’75 is the leader of the new emerging company practice group in the firm Jackson Lewis.Palmer, a partner in the firm, N.Y., offers a wide variety of services to clients in forming their businesses and protecting their assets. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

William F. Savino ’75 was nominated to the bankruptcy category and named in the “Who’s Who in Law 2005” list of the Buffalo Law Journal Savino is a partner in the firm Coughlin & Coughlin in Buffalo. He teaches taxation, business law and auditing.

Hon. Richard C. Kloch Jr. ’76 was confirmed to a nine-year term in the New York State’s Court of Claims in Buffalo. Kloch, a partner in the firm H examining and keeps current on labor and employment law.

Edward J. Kelly ’77, university professor and former dean at the University and Quillen College of Medicine, completed a term in March as managing director, teaching and advising faculty at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He was a panelist at the National College of Judges in San Antonio.

Hon. Richard C. Kloch Sr. ’76 was confirmed to a nine-year term in the New York State’s Court of Claims in Buffalo. Kloch, a partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine, is chairman of the New York State Judicial Conference.

John J. Molloy ’77 was named partner in the New York State Judicial Conference. He is a partner in the firm Greenberg & Jaffe in Buffalo. He teaches labor law.

Garry M. Gruber ’78 is listed in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He recently represented a defendant against a securities class action in the Southern District of New York.

Robert B. Fleming Jr. ’78 was included in the 11th edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He represented clients in the business division of the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office.

Steven Gerber ’78, managing partner of the firm Gerber & Samson in Wayne, N.J., has merged his firm with the national firm Aderer & Yoss, which gives the firm national presence in New York City, California, Georgia, New York and Washington, D.C. Gerber will be a partner in the firm’s New Jersey office. Gerber specializes in securities matters, general business and complex litigation.

Linda J. Mars ’78 was nominated in the area of personal injury and named to the Business First and Buffalo Law Journal “Who’s Who in Law” list. Mars is a partner in the firm Elrich, Mars & Lang in Buffalo, where she resides.

Kathleen Mehleitretter ’78 is now the acting U.S. attorney for Western New York. She succeeds Michael A. Battle ’81, who had been named by President George W. Bush to be U.S. attorney for Western New York. Mehleitretter has been a partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine. He also was previously a prosecutor in Buffalo. She is a resident of Clarence, N.Y.

Hon. Marilyn L. O’Connor ’78 received the Greenville Branch Distinguished Service Award from the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. O’Connor is a Monroe County Family Court judge in Rochester.

David F. Smith ’78 was named president of National Fuel Gas Co. in Buffalo. Smith is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y. He is the first of “Who’s Who in Law” by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Smith is a partner of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award and is a member of UB Law School’s 2005 “Who’s Who in Law” list.

Karen H. Siegel ’78 was named president of the Greater Buffalo Women’s Bar Association for 2005-2006. Siegel is a Buffalo resident.

Stephen O. Dixon Jr. ’78, a resident of Clarence, N.Y., has been appointed to the New York State Board of Law Examiners. Dixon is a member of the UB Law School’s Advisory Board.

John A. Swann ’78 was named partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. He cites his practice in securities, corporate and municipal law.

Rhonda Diamond ’76 and Jason Diamond, a son, Brandon Abraham, on Jan. 26, 2005, in Danville, Calif.

D. Charles Roberts Jr. ’76 and Rachel Roberts, a daughter, Natalie L., on Sept. 9, 2005, in Buffalo.

Shawn C. O’Buckley ’98 and Erika O’Buckley, a daughter, Molly Rose, on Sept. 8, 2005, in Tampa, Fla.

Amy S. Erickson ’99 and Jeremy Gockard, a daughter, Emily Rose, on March 9, 2005, in San Diego, Calif.

Avik K. Ganguly ’04 and Sara Ganguly, a son, Benjamin K., on Aug. 11, 2005, in Buffalo.

Maggie Chace ’05 received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the UB Law Alumni Association. M. Chace is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo.

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Kenneth A. Patricia ’80, a personal injury attorney, is named in “Who’s Who in Law” for 2005 by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Patricia is a partner in the firm Quinn, McCarthy, Caffery & Patricia in Buffalo.

Michael Piette ’90 has been elected to the board of directors of Family & Children’s Service Inc. He is also a member of the board of directors of Leadership Niagara and a member of the real property committee of the Bar Association of Erie County. Piette is a partner in the firm Jacobie, Fleischmann & McGuig in the Buffalo office.

Olivier G. Young ’90 has been appointed to the New York State Bar Association’s House of Delegates and will be involved with policymaking for the bar association. Young is principal court attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, 8th Judicial District, in Buffalo. He is past president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York and a former recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Michael A. Battle ’81 of Buffalo has been selected as the new director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Battle has been the U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York since 2002 and was involved in the well-known “Lackawanna N.Y.” case. He was the first African-American to hold the position of U.S. attorney in Western New York.

Daniel P. Forsyth ’81 is listed in The Best Lawyers in America. Forsyth is a partner in the firm Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo. Forsyth is also a partner in the firm Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo.

Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office.

John L. Collins ’82, a Buffalo resident, has been a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Collins is a partner in the firm Lipset, Green, Fabian, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo.

Carol Cordon ’82, of Buffalo, N.Y., resident, has become a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Collins is a partner in the firm Lipset, Green, Fabian, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo.

Robert J. Lane Jr. ’83 has been named as counsel of the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ. He is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ, practicing in the business litigation practice group in the Buffalo office and in the business litigation practice group in the Buffalo office.

Richard A. Weissfeld, Roger P. Williams

The 40-year reunion of the Class of 1965 was celebrated on the weekend of June 10-11. This momentous occasion brought together old friends, spouses, and Law School administrators in celebration of the accomplishments of the Class of 1965.

The weekend started off on Friday night with cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and picturesque views at Shangri-Lee’s on the Buffalo waterfront. Saturday morning, the class reconvened at the Law School for a brunch hosted by Dean Nina Olsen. Dean Olsen welcomed the class back to the Law School and treated them to a tour of the school’s facilities. Saturday afternoon the Allentown Art Festival – a nationally renowned outdoor art festival in Buffalo – was in full swing, and classmate Bob Kolken opened his home as a rest stop for classmates.

The Buffalo Club was the location for the reunion dinner that evening. The class enjoyed a scrumptious meal in the Millard Fillmore Room and spent the evening laughing, telling stories and dancing to the music of a jazz trio.

“It was wonderful to gather with our classmates and friends. For the Class of 1965, it has been 20 years since our last reunion – much too long,” said Samuel L. Shapiro of the Buffalo-based firm Kavinoky & Cook LLP. “I am looking forward to our next one, and I hope those not able to make this reunion join us in five years.”

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Sixth row, left to right: Courtland B. Lavallie, Samuel L. Shapiro, Richard A. Weisfeld, Roger P. Williams.
Robert W. Patterson '83 is a partner in the firm Fleischmann & Mugel in the employee benefits practice group of the Buffalo office. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mark Rasch '83 is senior vice-president of ambition, a computer security company in Bethesda, Md. Rasch was former head of cyberinvestigations for the Justice Department. He is a resident of Bethesda.

Edward Robinson '83, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, has been placed in the 2005 listing of "Who’s Who in Law" published by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. He then was elected the best corporate lawyer in Buffalo, has been placed in the Buffalo, N.Y., issue of homeland security and international motor carriers. He is a partner in the firm Jaskiel, Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office.

Jennifer Parker '84, president/CEO of Business First, has been named to "Who's Who in Law 2005" by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Bond lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

To mark their 35th reunion from UB Law School, the Class of 1970 gathered on Saturday night. The weekend commenced on Friday evening with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Law School on UB's North Campus, where Dean Nils Olsen warmly welcomed the class back for their 35th reunion. Cocktails were followed by a tour of the Law School’s facilities – a first for some of the alumni, who attended their law school classes on West Eagle Street.

The Buffalo waterfront’s Shanghai Red’s was the venue for the farewell dinner on Saturday night. The beautiful surroundings and delicious meal were an added bonus to an already ideal evening. Old friends came together, evoking old memories and creating new ones.

John W. Dorn of Nesper, Ferber & DiGiacomo LLP noted, “Our reunion brought back good memories and renewed old friendships. I look forward to our next one.”


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Anna L. Scott ’83 was honored by the 8th Judicial District’s Censers & Racial Harassment Committee at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo, Scott, a Buffalo attorney, received the Women in Law Award.

Michael B. Sexton ’83 was included in the “Who’s Who in Law” 2005 listing by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. He is general counsel/corporate secretary for Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. Sexton resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Brian Welch ’83, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, received the New York State Bar Association’s Pro Bono Publico Award from the New York State Bar Association. Welch is a partner in the firm Siegel, Kelleher & Kahn in Buffalo.

Benjamin M. Zuffranieri ’83, lead attorney in the business litigation practice group in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Bess, has become member of the board of directors in the firm. Zuffranieri practices civil litigation, general business, construction and cross-border litigation. He is a Williamsville, N.Y., resident.

Michael Berg ’84 of New York City is of counsel in the firm Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Merlisi in Westfield, N.Y. Berg concentrates his practice in the areas of pharmaceutical, medical device, chemical and mechanical fields, litigation as well as intellectual property counseling.

Elizabeth G. Clark ’84 received the James Carver Award from Housing Opportunities Made Equal at its annual meeting. She was honored for her superior work in the cause of fair housing. Clark recently retired as a partner in the firm Hodgson Bess in Buffalo, where she resides.

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Janet Novakowski Gabel ’84 of Buffalo, received the Liberty Bell award from the Bar Association of Erie County in Buffalo, N.Y., staff judge advocate of the U.S. Army National Guard 42nd Infantry Division, was honored for his service in Iraq. He is also an assistant U.S. attorney in Buffalo and a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Jennifer Parker ’84 received the “Who’s Who in Business” award from Business First. Parker is president of Celina Capital Network in Buffalo, where she resides.

Todd Rubin ’84 has accepted a position as in-house counsel in the firm Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein in Raleigh, N.C. office. Rubin deals with matters concerning visas and employment-based immigration.


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The 30th reunion of the Class of 1975 was celebrated on the weekend of June 10-11. The weekend was a trip down memory lane for the class as they caught up and celebrated each other's accomplishments. Festivities began Friday evening with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Buffalo Yacht Club, where the class was treated to a delicious meal. The weekend continued with a brunch hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Nils Olsen, followed by a tour of the school's facilities.

The reunion was a chance for the class to reconnect and reminisce about their time at UB Law. The Class of 1975 was proud to have had such a strong presence in the legal community, with many members going on to become accomplished lawyers and leaders in their fields.


Second row, left to right: Sue S. Gardiner, Bruce D. Steiner, Edward F. Zagajewski, Daniel J. McDonald, Phyllis L. Spieser, Robert N. Gottfried, Rodney L. Klafehn, Timothy M. Gutter, Thomas M. Vilego, Tony A. Rozmys, Arthur A. Herdzik
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The following morning, the class met at the Law School, where Dean Nils Olsen hosted a brunch and gave a tour of the school’s facilities, giving them an opportunity to see the improvements that the Law School is making.

Saturday evening brought to a close a fantastic weekend. The reunion closed out with a delicious meal at the Buffalo Yacht Club while enjoying views of the Niagara River and Lake Erie. The weekend was a great chance for the class to catch up and celebrate each other’s accomplishments. This sentiment was voiced by William F. Savino, of Darrin & Money LLP.

“It was rewarding that each of us, coming from diverse backgrounds and with varying interests, had found comfortable roles in our shared profession. Some looked forward to early retirement with a government pension, or sought political activism, while others wanted to expand their entrepreneurship. Some had become sole practitioners in rural areas, raising and riding horses, while others had returned to New York City. “No one was a fish out of water; each had found his or her natural role.”
The Class of 1980 reunion tradition continued in grand fashion and had excellent attendance for the 25th reunion held on May 6-7. The weekend got under way with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the historic Mansion on Delaware Avenue. The night was spent mingling and swapping stories with former classmates in grand style.

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Law 2005" listing. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Linda R. Hassberg '92 was elected to the Western New York Supreme Court, 7th Judicial District. A native of Rochester, Hassberg is a partner at Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Wyman & Verplanck.

LaMarr J. Jackson '92 is a counsel in the firm Hess, Connolly, Johns, Botel & Jerome in Rochester, N.Y. She was also appointed to the grievance committee for New York State Supreme Court, 7th Judicial District.

Amiracano Anthony Barreto '93 is professor at New York University's Excellence in Teaching Award for 2005. Barreto is an associate professor at Northeastern New Jersey Institute, where he resides.

Linda W. Chodos '93, a Williamsville, N.Y., attorney, recently moved to Buffalo before the Matrimonial Commission on the Practice of Law and Collaborative family law in resolving matrimonial and family cases. Chodos is co-chair of the Bar Association of Erie County's alternative dispute resolution committee.

Joseph M. Morris III was named president of the Western New York Finger Lakes Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. Morris is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hipskind, Levine, Kritz & Cunningsham.

Lisa M. Mueller '93 is associate director for the Program on Law and the Family at the New York State Bar Association. Mueller is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y. She lives in Buffalo, practicing in the area of defense litigation.

Kevin D. Robinson '92 is a partner with the defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York. Robinson is a resident of the University at Buffalo's general office in Buffalo.

Karen Gauhgan Scott '92 has been appointed chairman of the UB Law Forum.
Law 2005" listing. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Linda R. Hassberg ’92 was elected to the Board of Governors. Opportunities Made Equal board of directors. She is a member in the firm of Rapp, Dilts, Sponseller, Cook, Winn \\
Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo, where she is a partner in the firm.

LaMarr J. Jackson ’92 is of counsel in the firm, Lewis, Chestnut, Johnstone, Roll, \\
& Levine in Rochester. N.Y. He was also appointed to the governance committee for New York State Supreme Court, 7th Judicial District. Jackson is also an adjunct professor at Keuka College and the Community College of Western New York.

David J. Kritz ’92 has accepted a position as general attorney in the law department of Norfolk Southern Corp. in Norfolk, Va. He is married to a Norfolk resident, practices in the law department of Norfolk Southern Corp. in Norfolk, Va.

Michelle Parker ’93 has been appointed chairman of the Earthwise Award Committee in the Mayor’s Office of Environment and Natural Resources. She is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Michaela M. Hamilton ’92 has accepted a position as assistant counsel for the Department of Environmental Conservation in the Mayor’s Office of Environment and Natural Resources. She is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

John C. Garavasci ’92, a resident of the City of Buffalo, has been appointed to the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Resolutions. Garavasci is a resident of the City of Buffalo, has been appointed to the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Resolutions.

John E. Kelly ’95, a Rochester, N.Y., attorney, has been named president of the Rochester Bar Association’s Women Lawyers’ Section. He is a resident of Aurora, N.Y.

John J. Flynn ’95 has been awarded the 2005 Margaret S. Hooper Professional Service Award by the American Bar Association’s Consumer Protection Forum. Flynn is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.

John B. Hurwitz ’96 has been named president of the New York State Bar Association’s Legal Aid Society Board of Governors. He is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.

Kevin E. Raphael ’94 has been named president of the New York State Bar Association’s Legal Aid Society Board of Governors. He is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.

Kevin K. Glue ’96 has become a partner in the firm of Rapp, Dilts, Sponseller, Cook, Winn & Roll, Salisbury & Cambria in Buffalo. He is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Kevin F. Banta ’93 has been named a partner in the firm of Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo, where he is a resident of Buffalo, N.Y.

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Santiago, Calif., practicing health care litigation. She resides in Sacramento with her husband. Michael Chase ’97

Antilla Colos Castello ’97 is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ. She is involved with causes in dealing with employee benefits, qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, ERISA, tax and stock equity-based compensation programs and practices, in the Buffalo office. 

James V. D’Anza ’97 practices in the firm Underberg & Kesser in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He joined the firm as an associate and focuses his practice in general civil litigation as well as business, employment and matrimonial law. 

Lenora Foote ’97 has been named recruiting chair of the UB Law School’s GOLD Group board of directors. Foote is a Buffalo resident.

M. Curran ’84 was acknowledged as an “Up and Coming Attorney” for the 8th Judicial District by the Daily Record & Rochester, N.Y. Nickson is past president of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association and lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.


Scott Philbin ’97 has joined the Buffalo firm Buchanan Ingersoll & Riechel as a senior litigation associate. Philbin specializes in commercial and civil litigation, products liability and personal injury defense. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y. 

D. Charles Roberts Jr. ’97 is the new president of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Roberts is employed by DeloTrue North Co. in Buffalo, where he resides.

Paulette Ross ’97 has been elected recording secretary of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. She practices and resides in Buffalo.

Jeremy W. Schulman ’97 is a partner in the commercial litigation department in the firm Shulman, Rogers, Geduld, Pordy & Ecker in Rockville, Md. Schulman focuses on matters regarding international and domestic arbitration, regulatory inquiries, internal investigations and corporate counseling. He lives in Bethesda, Md.

Kristen M. Smith ’97 was elected local director and programs committee co-chair of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York for 2005-06. Smith is an attorney in the Buffalo office of Walter R. Pacer Jr., in Buffalo.

Elizabeth R. Wright ’97, I Grand Island, N.Y., resident, has been recognized in the field of education in the Buffalo State University Office of Student Affairs. She is a Buffalo resident.

Lindsey Hazelton ’97

Matthew A. Lenhard ’97 has become a partner in the firm Rupp, Baase, Platnag, Cunningham & Coppola in Buffalo. He specializes his practice in civil litigation, defending premises liability, automobile liability and New York labor law claims. He lives in Lancaster, N.Y.

David Luzon ’97, an Amherst, N.Y., resident, has become a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Luzon practices in the firm Lipton, Green, Fahringer, Rohe, Salisbury & Cambria in the Buffalo office.

M. Ragan Morton ’97 has become a partner in the firm Schoeller, Joseph & Associates, in Buffalo, practicing in employee benefits. She is a Buffalo resident.

Melissa Nickson ’97, confidential law clerk to New York State Supreme Court justice 9th Judicial District. Hon. John

Kevin K. Glee ’96

Who in Law 2005” directory. She was also appointed local director and programs committee co-chair of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York. Wright is a partner in the firm Goldberg, Ackerhalt & Fletcher in Buffalo.

Kelly V. Zaronce ’97 has been elected a member of the Saratoga Central School District board of education in Pendleton, N.Y. Zaronce is a partner in the Buffalo firm Schulte Zaronce, specializing in tax abatement, qualified domestic relations orders, and estate planning and administration including elder care. She is a resident of Pendleton.

Betty Calvo-Torres ’98 has been selected to be director of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. She is a Buffalo attorney and president of the Hispanic Women’s League of Western New York. She is a Buffalo resident.

Julie M. Grogan ’98 recently joined the firm Wilder & Lannerhill as an associate in the Buffalo office. Grogan handles cases involving complex litigation, product liability and utilities law. She lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Thomas P. Kawalcie ’98, associate attorney in the firm. Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak in Buffalo, has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He specializes in commercial litigation, product liability and personal injury and civil defense matters.

Thomas M. Kent ’98 is an organized crime and drug task force attorney in the U.S. attorney’s office for the middle district of Tennessee, in Nashville. Kent formerly worked in the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., in the narcotics and dangerous drug section. He is currently resident in Mount Juliet, Tenn.

John J. Koeppel ’98 has been elected to be director of the Erie County Bar Association of Erie County corporation law committee in Buffalo. Koeppel is an associate in the business practice group of

The 20th reunion for the Class of 1985 was held on May 6-7 in Buffalo. An excellent turnout of more than 75 classmates and friends helped to create an ideal weekend for these alumni to reconnect. The festivities were kicked off with a traditional Buffalo chicken wing happy hour at Darcy McGee’s in the Chipper’s Street District on Friday evening. The night provided plenty of laughs and opportunities to catch up with old friends. Saturday morning brought the Class of 1985 together at the Law School. Dean Nils Olsen hosted a brunch to welcome many alumni back to the Law School for the first time since their days of studying in the library and classes with their professors. After the brunch, the attendees were given a tour so that they could see first hand just how much things have changed since their days at the school.

On the evening of May 7, the reunion was capped off at the historic Buffalo Club, where they were treated to a delicious meal with plenty of cocktails, food and great conversation.

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Scott Philbin ’81 has joined the Buffalo firm Bush, Snow, Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak in Buffalo. Philbin specializes in commercial and civil litigation, products liability and personal injury defense. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

D. Charles Roberts Jr. ’97 is the new president of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Roberts is employed by Deloitte North Cos. in Buffalo, where he resides.

Sarah McPeek ’97 has been elected president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. She is a Buffalo resident.

The Alumni Briefs section includes profiles of alumni and their professional achievements. It highlights their contributions to the field, such as being named recruiting chair of a alma mater, or becoming a partner in a law firm. The section notes various alumni being elected to positions within their bar associations, such as president or member of the Minority Bar Association. It also mentions alumni being acknowledged in directories such as “Who’s Who in Law” or “Who’s Who in Law 2005.”

The Alumni Briefs section provides a snapshot of the professional lives of the alumni, showing their dedication and commitment to their fields and their alma mater. It serves as a testament to the diverse and accomplished careers that alumni from the school have embarked upon.
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Tasha E. Moore ’98 has been appointed communications officer of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. She has also become communications chair of the UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Moore is an attorney for the New York State Division of Human Rights in Buffalo, where she resides.

Catherine E. Nagel ’98, a Buffalo attorney, has been selected to UB Law School’s GOLD Group board of directors. Nagel lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Mickey H. Osterreicher ’98, a Buffalo solo practitioner, has been appointed to the New York State Bar Association’s media and government information committee of the National Press Photographers Association. Additionally, he was admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on June 6. Osterreicher lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Lisa D. Primorazan ’98 has joined the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo, where she resides. Primorazan is an associate practicing in commercial litigation and corporate law. She is also a member of the board of directors of UB Law School’s GOLD Group.

Elaine Spauld ’98 received the “Women in the Rochester Business Women’s Network for Serving as a role model to local women. She also received the 2004 Youth Quality Leadership Award for her work with the Youth Services Quality Council. Spauld is executive director of the Center for Youth Services in Rochester, N.Y., where she resides. She also serves as the center’s director of Youth Services.

Heath J. Szymczak ’98, associate practitioner in the Family Law Practice, was elected secretary of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Szymczak is in private practice in Amherst, N.Y.

Michael S. Cerrone ’99, as a “Up and Coming Attorney” for 2005 for the 8th Judicial District. He was also elected to serve for a second term on the executive committee of the Buffalo Alliance for Education. Cerrone is a partner in the firm Phillips Lydell in Buffalo, where he resides.

Michael C. Erickson ’00 has been admitted to the bar of Wyoming and joined the firm Erickson Casmir in Cheyenne, Wyo. Erickson is a partner in the firm. Erickson is also a chief fellow in psychiatry. Erickson has also been accepted into Harvard University’s LL.M. program. He is a resident of Fall River, Mass.

Russell J. Matuszak ’92 recently spoke at a seminar, “Rolling the Dice on Casino Work in Western New York.” Both attorneys practice in the Buffalo firm Rupp, Basya, Plafzig, Cunningham & Corpolla. Sarzynski handles cases dealing with construction and commercial litigation and lives in Amherst, N.Y.

With a great turnout of over 80 alumni and friends, the Class of 1995 created a memorable weekend for their 10-year reunion over the weekend of May 6-7. Alumni from all over the country made the trip to visit with friends and family from Law School days. Cynthia Valderrey Bernett traveled from Schertz, Texas, and said, “It was so nice to see & to be in Buffalo again and see old classmates. We had a fantastic time!”

The weekend began on Friday night with majestic views and an informal gathering at one of the newest restaurants in Buffalo, Shanghai Red’s. The beautiful weather and picturesque per views on Buffalo’s waterfront provided the perfect setting for the first night of the reunion. Classmates reconvened on Saturday morning in the lobby of O’Brien Hall for a brunch hosted by Dean Nils Olsen. Following the brunch, classmates toured the Law School’s facilities, which provided an opportunity for the alumni to see firsthand and improve the facility that is the school. One of the tour stops is the portrait gallery on the third floor where classmates took great interest in finding their third year picture and remarking on all the changes in their own lives since Law School.

The Millard Fillmore Room at The Buffalo Club was the site for the Class of 1995’s conclusion to the weekend. They were treated to exquisitely prepared food with the jazz sounds of Mark Manar on the piano. The night lent itself to opportunities for former classmates to reconnect and look back fondly on their days at UB.

“What a great time! It was wonderful to see so many classmates travel from outside the Buffalo area to commemorate our 10 year law school reunion” commented Amy Habib Rittling of Tom Burton’s office in Buffalo. “I heard many people commenting that they want to come back for a 15-year reunion – even though I said I understand our next reunion will be our 20-year. The events were well-planned and much fun! Thank you.”
May 6-7 brought the Class of 2000 together for their first reunion since graduating from Law School five years ago. The beautiful weather was an added bonus to an already fantastic weekend.

On Friday, the class came together for an informal evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Shapiro’s on Buffalo’s waterfront. The event allowed classmates, some of whom have not seen each other since graduation, to assemble in a casual atmosphere in their own private room.

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“It was wonderful to come back to UB Law and see our classmates, hear how everyone is doing so well, and it was especially great to hear Dean Olsen tell us how the Law School continues to grow and strive for academic excellence in this ever-changing technological world,” said Elizabeth B. Snyder of Mental Hygiene Legal Service, Appellate Division, 4th Department, in Utica.

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Michael P. Leone ’00, a partner in the Rochester, N.Y., firm Harris, Chesworth, Office, Johnstone, Welch & Leone, received the 2005 Rosa W. Simmons Award from the New York State Bar Association. Leone was recognized for outstanding community service. He is a Rochester resident.

Patrick J. Long ’00 was appointed president of the board of directors of Just Buffalo Literary Center. He also has become a member of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County’s Emerging Leaders Society. Long is an associate practicing in lit, insurance and products liability in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo.

Robert G. Murray ’00 was named “Up and Coming Attorney” for the 8th Judicial District by the Daily Journal of Commerce. Rochester, N.Y. Murray practices in the Buffalo firm Rupp, Baase, Cunningham & Coppola and resides in Getzville, N.Y.

Kelly J. Phillips ’00 is the state director and chair of the legislative committee of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York for 2005-06. Phillips is an associate in the Sugarmum Law Firm in Buffalo, practicing in litigation.

David W. Polak ’00 was appointed education co-chair of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Polak, an Elma, N.Y., resident, is a partner in the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York. Polak practices in the Buffalo firm Rupp, Baase, Cunningham & Coppola and resides in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Richard P. Staropoli ’00 has become associated with the Adair Law Firm in Webster, N.Y. He handles cases involving business transactions and dispute resolution. Staropoli lives in Webster, N.Y.

Emilio Colaiacovo ’00 was named to “Who’s Who in Law” appears in the spring 2005 issue of Health Lawyer, an associate in the Buffalo firm Johnstone, Welch & Leone, and a partner in the Rochester firm of the same name.

John A. Alessi ’02 Partnership in Buffalo, where he resides.

Alejandro Gutierrez ’01 has returned to solo practice in Buffalo. He specializes in immigration law and matters involving non-citizens. He is a Buffalo resident.

Amy Hemenway ’01 of Tonawanda, N.Y., has been appointed to the board of directors of the Greater Buffalo Youth Ballet and the Greater Rochester Youth Ballet. She is an associate in the firm Harter, Sweet & Emery in Buffalo.


J. Patrick Lennon ’01 is practicing in the litigation department in the firm Boies, Schiller & Flexner. Lennon joined the firm as an associate specializing in personal injury and criminal law. He resides in Buffalo.

Pietra G. Lettieri ’01 was appointed treasurer of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Lettieri practices on the firm’s Hamlin Beach in Buffalo.

Norma Polizzi ’01, of Rochester, N.Y., was nominated by the Democratic Party to run for the Monroe County Legislature, 4th District. Polizzi practices as an associate in the Rochester office of the law firm Fleischmann & Mugel.

Andrea C. Ruta ’01 was a presenter at the University at Buffalo’s MBA Advantage Program Realistic Job Preview. Ruta is an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, where she resides.

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Samantha Stagney ’01 has become assistant director of development for the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at UB. Before accepting this position, Stagney was assistant director of undergraduate admissions for Medaille College in Buffalo. She resides in Buffalo.

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Jeffrey L. Kingsley ’02 and Anthony L. Latona ’72 spoke on the topic “Trial Preparation From Start to Finish” for New York Paralegal’s magazine “The Paralegal” at an institute for Paralegal Education seminar at Binghamton University. Latona is an associate in the firm Juckle, Flieshman & Mugel in Buffalo and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

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Scott T. Hanson ’02 of Clarence Center, N.Y., is an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, practicing in litigation. Hanson has also been elected to the Board of Directors of UB Law School’s GOLD Group.

Tara Johnson ’02, an assistant district attorney with the Monroe County district attorney’s office in Rochester, N.Y., was elected membership chair of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. She lives in Webster, N.Y.

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Kimberly Stock ‘02 has taken a position as an attorney with the Supervision and Legislation Division of the Washington, D.C. Stock is a resident of East Aurora, N.Y.

Philip Umlau ‘02 practices in the firm Hamberg & Weiss in the Rochester area of litigation in the Buffalo law firm. He specializes in workers’ compensation. He is a Rochester resident.

Maria Walls ‘02, Leslie R. Kellogg ‘95 and Jessica S. Wiltse ‘04 are authors of the 2005 edition of Canadian Competition to E-Commerce and Planning. Waiss practices in the area of immigration law and is a member of the firm’s Canada practice group.

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Tiffany M. Szymanek ’02, an associate in the Buffalo firm Hamberger & Weiss, has been named local director of the New York State Bar Association’s Young Lawyers’ Division. She is a Buffalo resident.

Anthony Marecki ’03 has joined the firm Rupp, Baase, Phelan, Craig & Dwyer LLP as an associate in the Buffalo office, handling cases involving insurance defense. He is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

Carrie P. Parks ’03 is practicing in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo. Parks recently joined the firm as an associate specializing in insurance defense, commercial litigation, professional liability and ERISA matters. She is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School’s GOLD Group and is a Buffalo resident.

Marybeth Priore ’03 is an associate in the Buffalo firm Colson, White, Goudelock & Gilchrist. She was elected local director, membership committee co-chair and programs committee co-chair of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York. Priore lives in Amherst, N.Y.

James Privitera ’03 has been named by Kaleida Health as director of human resources at Millard Fillmore Rehabilitation Hospital in Buffalo. He was previously a senior employment relations specialist for Kaleida. He is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School’s GOLD Group and is involved with the Erie County Women’s Bar Association. Priore lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Askel W. Wilkerson ’03 is practicing in the firm Hamberger & Weiss in Buffalo. He focuses on matters regarding workers’ compensation. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Meghan Dorr ’04 is a Pittsford, N.Y., law clerk for Hon. John C. Naidis, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, in Rochester, N.Y.

Esther Eagan ’04 is an associate in the intellectual property practice group in the firm Phillips Lytle LLP. She handles cases involving intellectual property, family law and estates. She was also named to the New York State Bar Association’s Family Lawyers section committee on child custody and its committee on family court. Hawthorne resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Ellen Heidrick ’04 is a Buffalo district legal service attorney in Batu, N.Y., which gives free representation to low-income residents of Cattaraugus, Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. Heidrick lives in Addison, N.Y.

Lisa Danish ’04 is a resident of Winter Haven, Fla. Danish joined a Buffalo firm in May and practices in the areas of insurance defense and real estate. She resides in Winter Haven, Fla.

Cynthia A. Giganti ’04 has joined the firm O’Dwyer, Kalb & Murphy. She is currently a staff attorney in the Buffalo office, practicing as an associate in the commercial law department. She is a Buffalo resident.

Dwight T. McGarity ’03, a member of UB Law School’s Board of Governors, has joined the firm glasses, a resident of West Hartford, Conn. He is a resident of York County.

Kevin Deering ’04 is an associate in the firm Hamberger & Weiss in Buffalo. He focuses on matters regarding workers’ compensation. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Tina M. Hawthorne ’03 has become associated with the Buffalo firm McDonley, Ackerhalt & Tofias. She handles cases involving business litigation and business law. She is a Buffalo resident.

Robert T. Wiltse ’04, a licensed real estate salesperson, has joined the new real estate department of the firm Hamberger & Weiss in Buffalo. He focuses on matters involving insurance defense and real estate. He resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

John Ford ’04 has joined the firm Hiscock & Barclay. He focuses on business and labor law and resides in Buffalo.

Jennifer Valvo McCann ’04 of Syracuse, N.Y., concentrates her practice in the areas of insurance defense and personal injury. She resides in Syracuse, N.Y.

Sarah Ranel ’04 is a staff attorney in the legal department of the Buffalo office of Hodgson Russ & Suggs. She is currently a resident of Syracuse, N.Y.

John H. Feinerman ’95, Eggertsville, N.Y., is practicing in the area of labor law and is a Buffalo native.

Jennifer A. Thompson ’04 is an associate in the litigation practice group and is a Rochester, N.Y., resident.

Benjamin Moskel ’04 has joined the firm Colvin, White, Goudelock & Gilchrist. He focuses on matters involving insurance defense and real estate. He resides in Amherst, N.Y.

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Christina Siminac-Proctor ’04 has joined the firm Hodgson Russ & Suggs as an associate in the Buffalo office. She is a Buffalo resident.

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