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Hon. John T. Curtin ’49 was honored with the Sarah G. Metzger Human Rights Award at the 43rd annual meeting of Housing Opportunities Made Equal, in Buffalo. Curtin, U.S. District Court judge for the Western District of New York, also received the Leaders in Law award from The Daily Record for his community involvement and professional service.

Ralph L. Halpern ’53 received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from the University at Buffalo. Halpern, a partner in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, was one of a few attorneys who earned a law degree when an undergraduate degree was not required for law school admission. He practices in the business and corporate, financial services and international trade practice group in the firm’s Buffalo office.

Hon. John P. Lane ’53 was honored with the UB Law Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumnus Award for his conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary. Lane, who is retiring as supervising judge for the New York State Supreme Court, 8th Judicial District, in Buffalo, received the award at the UB Law Alumni Association’s 44th annual meeting and dinner May 10. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Paul Gensler ’54 was honored with the William O. Douglas Award for his community involvement and professional service.

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Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni Inc. He was recognized for his service to the financial industry and for his contributions to developing federal securities laws. Gonson is of counsel in the firm Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham in Washington, D.C.

Hon. Michael A. Telesca ’55 was recognized at the Monroe County Bar Association’s annual dinner on June 8 in Rochester, N.Y. During the dinner it was announced that the association’s office building, the Four Corners Building, had been renamed the Hon. Michael A. Telesca Center for Justice. Telesca also was honored at the 31st annual UB Law Alumni Convocation on Nov. 18 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. He received the Edithon F. Jaeckle Award, the highest honor UB Law School and the Law Alumni Association bestows. He is also a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Distinguished Alumni Award and the Buffalo Law Review Award. In addition, he was honored at the Rochester Education Foundation Recognition Awards dinner for his longstanding support of Rochester city school students. Telesca is the U.S. District Court judge for the Western District of New York, in Rochester. He may be best-known for his 2000 decision regarding the 1971 Attica State Prison uprising case, in which he approved a New York State settlement award of $8 million to inmates who were abused by law enforcement officers during the uprising.

Hon. Joseph S. Mattina ’56 was honored for his commitment to aiding children at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western New York’s WishMaker 2006 event at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens in Depew, N.Y. At the event, the foundation also named its WishMaker Award in honor of him. Mattina, a former Erie County surrogate court judge, is chairman and CEO of Counsel Financial Services in Amherst, N.Y. He is also a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association’s Jaeckle Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Anthony J. Colucci Jr. ’58 was honored with the Ernestine Midday Club in Buffalo. Jay, a past president of the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, was appointed by New York Gov. George Pataki to the Buffalo Fiscal Stabilty Authority. Colucci is a founding member of the firm Block Colucci Notaro & Laing in Buffalo. He is a past president of the Erie County Bar Association and a past recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

John A. Girando ’66 was named by New York Gov. George E. Pataki to the New York State Law Revision Commission. Girando is a Buffalo, N.Y., attorney concentrating his practice in appellate advocacy.

David G. Jay ’66 was honored with the Practitioner of the Year award by the Erie County Bar Association at its annual attorney recognition reception at the Midday Club in Buffalo. Jay, a Buffalo attorney, was acknowledged for his work in the criminal courts.

Courtland R. LaVallee ’66 received the 2006 Lawyer of the Year award from Nardin Academy in Orchard Park, N.Y. He serves as the deputy mayor of East Amherst, N.Y., and a partner in the law firm of East Amherst, N.Y.

New York State Sen. Dale M. Pataki, ’56, Depere, received the Igniting Award for outstanding professionalism during the University at Buffalo’s Business Partners Day 2006 luncheon. Volker was recognized for his leadership in helping to obtain state funding for UB initiatives.

Alan S. Birenbaum ’67 received the President’s Award for professionalism from the Monroe County Bar Association at its installation dinner in Rochester, N.Y. He serves as the association’s membership committee chair. He also has been appointed to a three-year term on the new attorney grievance committee for the 7th Judicial District. Birenbaum is a partner in the firm Birenbaum, Linder & Meyer in Rochester.

Hon. Timothy J. Drury ’67 was elected to the New York State Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, in Buffalo. Before his position on the bench, Forma was a prosecutor, county attorney and county judge. He is a resident of Elmira, N.Y.

Hon. Leslie G. Roschon ’65, U.S. magistrate judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, is retiring. He is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the association’s Distinguished Alumnus Award.


Richard C. Heffern ’69 has been named in The Best Lawyers in America 2007. He practices in the firm Bond, Schoeneck & King in Buffalo, as labor and employment department. Heffern is also a bridge-course lecturer at UB Law School.

Vincent J. Moore ’60 was listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2007. Moore is a senior partner in the firm Damien & Morey and is chair of the firm’s real estate department.

Hon. Michael L. D’Amico ’70 has been re-elected to a third term as a member of the Erie County Court of Appeals. D’Amico has been serving at that post since 1998.

Gregory Stamma ’71 has been nominated by Gov. George E. Pataki to be chairman of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority in Buffalo. He practices in the firm Stamm, Bock & Stamm in Williamsville, N.Y., and also serves as general counsel to the Erie County Fiscal Stabilty Authority.

Raymond H. Berr ’72, a partner in the firm Phillips Lyde in Buffalo, was chosen for inclusion in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices in municipal, banking and business law.

Peter J. Brevorak ’68 was listed in the North Carolina edition of Super Lawyers and the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Brevorak, a solo practitioner, has offices in Buffalo and Greensboro, N.C.

Robert B. Coucklin ’68 was recognized for his accomplishments in the community by The Daily Record of Rochester at the Leaders in Law awards reception held March 9th at the Hyatt Regency in Buffalo. Coucklin is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo and a member of UB Law School’s Dean’s Advisory Council.

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Anthony J. Coluccio Jr. ’80 was honored in the Outstanding Nardin Distinguished Service Award from Nardin Academy in Buffalo for his six years of service on the board of directors. He also was appointed by New York Gov. George Pataki to the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority. Coluccio is a founding member of the firm Block Colucci Notaro & Lang in Buffalo. He is a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

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Hon. Timothy J. Drury ’67 was selected by the New York State Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, in honor of Black History Month and Junior Appreciation Week in the jury room at the Hall of Justice in Rochester, N.Y. Green, an Appellate Division, 4th Department, judge in Buffalo, discussed “A Personal Perspective: Achieving Excellence on the Road to Justice and Equity.” Green also has been appointed by New York State Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye to a new commission to study the state’s “archaic” trial court system. He is associate justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, in Buffalo.

Timothy M. O’Marra ’70 was elected president of the National Metropolitan Bar Association in Buffalo. He is a partner of the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Cheektowaga, N.Y. Battaglia, of East Amherst, N.Y. was named the Erie County Fiscal Stability Commission’s representative for the 53rd Judicial District in honor of Black History Month and Junior Appreciation Week in the jury room at the Hall of Justice in Rochester, N.Y. Green, an Appellate Division, 4th Department, judge in Buffalo, discussed “A Personal Perspective: Achieving Excellence on the Road to Justice and Equity.” Green also has been appointed by New York State Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye to a new commission to study the state’s “archaic” trial court system. He is associate justice of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, in Buffalo.

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Paul R. Comeau ’73 was featured speaker at the “Tax Executives Roundtable” conference in Chicago. He discussed “Documentation Issues: Sales and Personal Property Taxes.” Comeau is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ and chair of the state and local tax practice group in the Buffalo office.

Helen Osgood ’74

Robert A. Doren ’75, a partner in the Buffalo firm Salvatore, Young & Senko, was appointed national director of the New York State Magistrates Commission since 1994.

Hon. Mark G. Farewell ’72 was elected president-elect of the New York State Magistrates Association at its 57th annual conference and advanced training session at the Nespelem Resort and Country Club in Ellensburg, N.Y. Farewell is president of the Monroe County Bar Association to speak at the New York State Bar Association program in New York City on Nov. 8, “Buying or Selling a Small Business.”

Robert N. Gottfried ’75 spoke at a pre-conference retirement conference at the United Nations. Gottfried, who has addressed the U.N. for the last six years, discussed procedures for U.N. retirees to obtain permanent U.S. residence and auxiliary U.S. immigration benefits. He is a partner in the immigration practice group in the Buffalo office of the firm Hodgson Russ.

Arthur A. Herdzik ’75 was selected by the New York State Bar Association to speak at the CLE program “Ethics and Civility in Litigation: Introductory Lessons for 21st Century Litigants” in Amherst, N.Y. Herdzik is a partner in the firm Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer, Monte & Pajak in Buffalo, practicing litigation.

Linda H. Joseph ’75 received the 2006 Women Who Mean Business Award from Business First. Joseph is a partner in the Buffalo firm Serotte Reich & Wilson and co-editor in chief of the American Immigration Lawyers Association’s Immigration Practice Under NAFTA and Other Free Trade Agreements.

Gregory C. Yungbluth ’74, a senior partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2007. Yungbluth is a co-chair of the firm’s corporate department.

Robert E. Brennan ’75 was elected president of the Monroe County Bar Association in Rochester, N.Y. Brennan is a partner in the firm Trevett, Croio, Saltus & Anderson in Rochester.

Richard F. Campbell ’79 was a panelist for the New York State Bar Association program in New York City on Nov. 8, “Buying or Selling a Small Business.”

Brenner has been an administrative law judge with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. Brennan was appointed deputy chief administrative law judge of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. Brennan has been an administrative law judge with the commission since 1994.
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Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. ’73 was presented with the 2006 Outstanding Jurist Award by the Bar Association of Erie County. He also has been named associate judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. In addition, he was honored with the Champion of Diversity Award from the Rochester Black Bar Association and recognized for his efforts in recruiting minority lawyers and judicial clerks through the Appellate Division Fellowship program. He is a past recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award and a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council.

Thomas C. Bailey ’74, a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, has been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America 2007. Bailey is a Buffalo resident.


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Robert E. Brennan ’75 was elected president-elect of the Monroe County Bar Association at its 97th annual meeting and dinner on May 10. He has also been included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Brennan is a partner in the firm Damon & Morey.

Michele O. Heffernan ’74, a Buffalo resident, is listed in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the employee benefits category. She was also a presenter at the New York Employee Benefits Conference at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott in Buffalo. She discussed recent legislation, new regulations and other legal developments.

Hon. Thomas F. Segalla ’72 was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America 2007 as well as in the new publication Best of the U.S. 2006. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Harrington & Emery, concentrating his practice in employee benefits law.

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Nev. and now resides in Las Vegas, 3443-9). Cohen previously included in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Cohen was appointed deputy class counsel for the Rochester Black Bar Association program in New York City on Nov. 21, “Buying or Selling a Small Business.”


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Cheryl Smith Fisher ’76 has been named to the board of directors of the Institute on Taxation in Buffalo. Fisher is a partner in the firm Gross Shuman Brizdle & Convisser, where she is a resident of Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Ronald C. Guter ‘76 has been elected to the board of directors of the Association of Lawyers for Children. Guter is a partner in the firm Gross Shuman Brizdle & Convisser, where he has been involved in The Best Lawyers in America on 2007. Guter practices in Buffalo.

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Alumni Association. He is a professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Business.
**Births**

Brian Martin '08 and Terri Martin, a daughter, Jessica Regan, on Nov. 4, 2005, in Fremont, Calif.

David L. J. Brown, a daughter, Jordyn Harland, on Dec. 15, 2005, in New York, N.Y.

Dr. Bridget Callen Mandlakos '94 and Dr. Michael N. Mamber, a daughter, Areleyin Mandlakos, on April 24, 2006, in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.


Peter C. Traminarchi '98 and Kelly Traminarchi, a daughter, Sofia Rose, on April 17, 2006, in New York, N.Y.

Melissa Freeman Gold '00 and Todd A. Gold '02, a son, Maxwell D. Freeman, on July 6, 2006, in Denver, Colo.

Margot Schoenborn '09 and Jeffrey A. Schoenborn, a son, Cole G. Schoenborn, on March 2, 2006, in Buffalo, N.Y.

David Benz '01 and Rayne Hammond Benz '01, a son, Zander David, on Aug. 8, 2006, in Malden, Mass.

Anita C. Batera '90 and Robert D. Manning, a daughter, Stella Francesca, on Jan. 16, 2006, in Pittsford, N.Y.

Gabe DiMaiio '01 and Amy DiMaiio, a son, Joseph, on Feb. 17, 2006, in Kenmore, N.Y.

John G. Rizzo '01 and Tracy A. Rizzo, a son, Tyson John, on March 23, 2006, in Rochester, N.Y.

**Alumni Briefs**

Edward D. Manno '75 is co-author and editor in chief of Chain of Custody, Federal Circuit, 2006 Edition, an annual book published by West. Manno is a partner in the litigation and intellectual property law group of the national law firm of Weiser, Manno & Cudd. Manno currently is a member of the firm's litigation and intellectual property subcommittee, which is responsible for the firm's published work on commercial practice and intellectual property law. Manno is a member of the UB Law Alumni Association.

Thomas A. Palermo '75, a partner in the Amherst, N.Y., office of the firm and committee member, is named in the Best Lawyers in America 2007. Palermo practices in the areas of business and corporate law.

Ronald N. Gottfried '75 has been named to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County. Gottfried is a partner in the Buffalo firm Schneier & King in the New York City office.

Robert J. Feldman '76 has been named to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County. He is a partner in the firm Gross Simoneit Brulid & Feldman practicing business law and litigation, and is a resident of Snyder, N.Y.

Cheryl Smith Fisher '76 has been named assistant on the UB Law Alumni Association. Fisher is a partner in the firm Magaviey, Magaviey & Grinn in Buffalo.

Richard C. Kiech Sr. '76 received a Certificate of Appreciation at the Bar Association of Erie County’s attorney recognition reception at the Midland Club in Buffalo. Kiech is a New York State Court of Appeals judge in Buffalo.

Joseph A. Matteliano '76 was elected to the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County for a three-year term. Matteliano practices in Buffalo.

Howard S. Rosenbach '76 presented a mock trial for members of the New York Insurance Association in Syracuse, N.Y. Rosenbach is a partner in the litigation group of the firm Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, where he resides.

Elliot J. Wiener '76 has become the chairman of the alumni and family department in the firm Phillips Nischan in New York City. Wiener practices in the areas of divorce, custody, visitation, support and related matters. Wiener is currently a member of the matrimonial counsel and family law support group, which is organizing an effort to reform the New York court system’s marriage law practice, and is a member of the firm’s divorce of the Bar Association of the City of New York, and is the New York Bar Foundation’s legal education subcommittee, which is organizing an effort to reform the New York court system’s divorce law practice.

Ronald C. Berger '77, chair of the law firm Bond, Schoeneck & King in the Syracuse, N.Y., office, has been included in The Best Lawyers in America 2007. He is a business and corporate attorney counseling clients regarding corporations and commercial matters.

Ronald C. Convissar '77 was elected treasurer of the Bar Association of Erie County. Convissar has lived in the Buffalo firm's Coburn & KobItaliano, where he was a partner, and started his own private practice. Convissar practices in criminal defense, white-collar defense and white-collar corporate crime. He is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

Irwin Gilbert '77 has written the book Florida Business Torts, published by Lexis. He is a Florida attorney specializing in commercial litigation, unfair competition, antitrust and fraud.

Margaret P. Gryka '77 was recently named to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Gryka has been appointed to the advisory board of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is an assistant professor of law at the Delaware North Cos. in Buffalo.

Denis R. McCoy '77 has been elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a partner in the firm Hirsch & Beaston in Buffalo.

Kenneth A. Manning '77 was named in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Manning is a partner in the firm Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo. He is also the chair of the business litigation practice of the firm.

Sam S. Loughlin '78 of Buffalo was recognized in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Susan A. O’Connell '78 of Buffalo was recognized in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Vikki L. Pryor '78, president of SIBI USA Mutual Life Insurance Co. in New York City, was named to UB Law School’s 17th Annual Students of Color Dinner at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott. She was also named to The Daily’s 40 Under 40 list of “Most Powerful Women in Business” in New York City for 2006-07. She is also a member of the firm’s appellate practice.

Calvin K. Reichert '78 was appointed to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. Buffett is a Buffalo attorney.

Ann E. Evans '78 was awarded the 2006 Women Who Mean Business Award from Business First. She is a partner in the firm Goldberg, Block & Mullen. She is a member of the management committee and serves as vice president of the firm.

Dan D. Kohane '78 was named a partner of the Federations of Defense & Corporate Counsel at its annual meeting in Bermuda. Kohane is a senior partner in the firm Harwit & Fine in the Buffalo office and is an admitted foreign member of the UB Law Alumni Association.

Lawrence M. Ross '79 (a current member of the UB Law Alumni Association) has been named to the board of trustees for Medical College of Ohio's law school. Ross is a Buffalo attorney.

Joseph M. Schmitt '74, a partner in the firm Greipen & Egan in Buffalo, New York, has been named to the board of directors for 2006-07. He is a partner in the firm Greipen & Egan in Buffalo. He is also an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School.

Brown & Kelly, in conjunction with the UB Law Alumni Association, is organizing a new case analysis and litigation appraise program.

Charles C. Swankamp '79 is a partner in the UB Law Alumni Association. He is an adjoint faculty member at UB Law School.

Raymond F. Rechert '79 (a former recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association’s President’s Award) has been named to the board of trustees for Medical College of Ohio’s law school. Rechert is a partner in the firm Greipen & Egan in Buffalo. He is also an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School.
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Barbara Howe '80 received the Trademark Award at the 17th annual UB Law School Students of Color Dinner. Howe, a Buffalo resident, is the Surrogate Court Judge for Erie County.

Timothy P. Johnson '80 has joined the Buffalo firm Hiwatzi & Fine as a member. He specializes in commercial lending and commercial real estate. Johnson has over 25 years' experience representing financial institutions and business clients in banking matters.

Joseph A. Kelemen '80 accepted the Young Audiences of Buffalo Organization Award in the 2006 Denise Ray Awards, in the Legal Assistance Partnership Conference in Albany, N.Y. Kelemen is executive director of the Western New York Law Center in Buffalo.

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David S. Smith '81 is a partner in the New York City firm Cowen, Traver, Lefkowitz, Burman, Smith & Marcus. He focuses his practice on insurance defense and subrogation. Smith resides in Morgantown, N.J.

Karla D. Wilsey '81 was named secretary of the Monroe County Bar Association in Rochester. N.Y. She is currently employed with Public Abstract Corp. in Rochester.

Richard S. Binko '82 was named vice president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Binko practices personal injury law in his firm in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

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Vincent O. Hanley '82 is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, 2007. He was also appointed vice chair of the Hilbert College board of trustees in Hamburg, N.Y., and served as chairman and moderator of the New York State Bar Association program on "Practical Skills – Mortgage Foreclosures and Workouts." In addition, N.Y. Hanley practices as a partner in the firm Jacobson, Hoffman & Melin in the Buffalo office, specializing in real estate law.

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Robert C. Schwenden '82, a partner in the firm Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson in New York City, was honored on April 27 at the 17th annual Buffalo Law Review dinner at the Buffalo Club. Schwenden is chair of his firm's corporate department and head of the private equity practice.

Mark R. Sannuto '82 was the keynote speaker for UB Law School's 17th annual Students of Color Dinner sponsored by the school's Latin American, Black and Asian-American student associations. A partner in the firm Van Elen Salzmann & Becket, Sannuto practices at the business and litigation departments in the firm's Los Angeles office.

Mark A. Ventrone '82 has joined the Law Firm of Robert A. Dunn as a partner engaged in civil litigation, handling both plaintiff and insurance defense matters, in Syracuse, N.Y. Ventrone also serves on the Onondaga County Bar Association Board of directors as chair of the Law Review in the Classroom committee.

Eric T. Boron '83 has joined the firm Matter & Grant & Guthrie in Buffalo. Boron is an associate specializing in business litigation.

Hon. Colleen Brown '83 was given the Vermont Bar Association Pro Bono Award at the association's midyear meeting. Brown is a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge in Burlington, Vt.

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Michael A. Pfeife ’80 has been named to The Best Lawyers in America 2007. He is a partner in the real estate practice group of the firm Jaskel Heschlman & Mogul in the Amherst, N.Y., office.

Douglas F. Wasser ’80 shouts out to the Class of 1980 and is pleased to announce the formation of Wasser & Bruss, a business law firm in New York City. He writes, “Drop by and say hey!”

Michael A. Battle ’81 delivered the keynote address at the 2007 Annual Statewide Drug Court Training Conference for drug treatment court professionals at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Buffalo. Battle directs the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, in Washington, D.C.

James J. Contiino ’81 was honored by The Best Lawyers in America 2007. Contiino practices as a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo. He concentrates his practice in real estate law.

Daniel P. Forsyth ’81 is listed in the labor and employment category in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He practices in the firm Borden, Schenckke & King in Buffalo.

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Sharon L. Wick ’84 is named in The Best Lawyers in America 2007. She is a partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lydick, practicing in the areas of trusts and estates. Wick is a former vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and currently serves as treasurer.

Mitchell J. Banas ’85 has been re-elected to the executive committee of the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Muge in Buffalo.

Robert J. Lane Jr. ’83

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Daniel Barreiro-Cruz ’99 domestic and foreign taxation. In his new position, he will focus on tax planning and controversy.


Mark Metz ’86 was recently appointed to a three-year term to the Federal Reserve Board's consumer advisory council. Metz is deputy general counsel for Wachovia Corp. in Charlotte, N.C., where he resides.

Stuart Rech ’86, a Buffalo attorney, was appointed to the Bar Association of Erie County board of directors. Rech is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Frank A. Sedilla III ’86 has been named prosecutor of the year by the New York State District Attorneys’ Association. Sedilla is deputy district attorney for the Erie County district attorney’s office and head of the homicide bureau in Buffalo. He is an adjunct faculty member of the National District Attorneys Association’s national college in Columbus, Ohio.

Victor R. Sicilain ’86 has been active on the investment management-speaking circuit. He provided a year-in-review of the impact of the mutual fund compliance rate at the investor Conference Institute’s Operational and Technology conference in Austin, Texas, and his conference materials were published as an article in Money Management Executive. In addition, he addressed the Financial Research Associates’ Hedge Funds 101 and 102 conference in January 2006 in New York City and will speak again at the conference in June. Sicilain will also moderate a panel discussion at the BFI annual Investment Advisor Compliance Forum in New York City in May, and has been participating as a mutual fund industry expert on the Statutory Trust Act drafting committee of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Sicilain is a partner in the firm of Nixon Peabody in the Buffalo office.

Peter H. Abdella ’87 is listed under professional malpractice law in The Best Lawyers in America 2007, and was included in the professional malpractice law section of the new publication Best of the U.S. 2006. Abdella is a partner in the firm of Weinstein and Essential in Rochester, N.Y., where he resides.

Martha M. Anderson ’87 was selected as a member of the 2006 advisory council for the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. Anderson is a partner in the law firm of Nixon Peabody in the Buffalo office.

Donna L. Burden ’87, a Buffalo attorney, was appointed to the New York Trial Lawyers Association’s Wrongful Death Committee of the New York State Bar Association. Burden is a partner in the firm of Hodgson, Ruff,幕墙, N.Y. Burden is a partner in the firm of Hodgson, Ruff,幕墙, N.Y.

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Paul W. Kullman ’87 was elected to the board of directors of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Kullman is claims counsel for Fidelity National Financial in Buffalo.

Brian C. Mahoney ’87 was elected deputy treasurer of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association for 2006. He practices and resides in Buffalo.

Hon. John, L. Michalski ’87 has been appointed to the New York State Court of Claims in Buffalo for a nine-year term. He was previously a town prosecutor in Amherst, N.Y.

David M. Stibbe, ’87, a Buffalo resident, was elected to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association for 2006. He practices in the firm of O’Shea, Bynold and Cummings in Buffalo.

Mark E. Brand ’88 discussed health and wellness updates at the Walsh Insurance Group’s annual fall benefit seminar at Shanklino Bistro in Buffalo. Brand is a partner in the Buffalo office of Phillips Lytle, practicing employment benefits law and retirement and estate planning. He is a past member of U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Small Business G.O.D Group and the Law Alumni Association.

John J. Christopher ’88 was appointed to the advisory board of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County’s Emerging Leaders Society. In addition, he was elected to the board of directors of the New York State Association of School Attorneys. Christopher is a partner in the firm Hodgson, Ruff,幕墙.


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Candid 6: Richard S. Feldman, Ellen Katz, Forrest
Daniel Barreiro-Cruz

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Kathleen A. Crowley ’87 is a partner in the Buffalo office of Hurwitz & Fine. Crowley has been elected chair of the trucking law section of the New York State Bar Association.

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Michelle M. Stecher ’87 and David W. Kloss ’85 are partners in the new firm KdK Stecher, Kloss & LyTempo in Buffalo. Stecher focuses his practice in civil litigation, including business and corporate law, contracts, product liability, transportation law, personal injury and toxic torts.

David M. Stillwell ’87, a Buffalo attorney, was appointed to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association for 2006. He practices in the firm O’Shea, Reynolds & Cummings in Buffalo.

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Jane A. Conrad ‘88 was honored with the President’s Award at the Monroe County Bar Association’s installation dinner. She was recognized for her leadership and commitment to the bar association. Conrad is a resident of Churchville, N.Y., and is on staff with the New York State attorney general’s office in Rochester, N.Y.

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Hon. John G. Farrel ‘88 is an administrative law judge with the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board in Newburgh, N.Y. He is the author of Electronic Files and Administrative Hearings: A View from the Bench” (N.AALJ, Vol. 24, No.1). In addition, he is a member of the AL subcommittee of the New York State Bar Association and is president-elect of the New York State Administrative Law Judge Association.

Sophie I. Freil ‘88 has been invited by the International Buffalo-Niagara WorldConnect to host six experts wishing to learn about deterring human trafficking, refugee issues and worker exploitation matters under U.S. immigration law. Freil recently met with a representative of the Japanese Government to discuss ways to assist the Japanese Government to develop laws and regulations to address these issues.

Daniel Ilabrador Cruz ‘89 recently became a member of the Harvard University’s Institute of Educational Management Class of 2005. In addition, he recently graduated from Seton Hall University’s College of Education and Psychology with an educational specialist degree in bilingual/bicultural education. He currently serves as president and CEO of Advance & Development Associates, a development and federal government lobbying firm serving private colleges and universities in Puerto Rico.

Karen R. Kaczmarki ‘89 has been named an adjunct faculty member teaching civil litigation in the legal studies department for Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y. Kaczmarki is a partner in the Buffalo office of Hutter Seely & Emery.

Lisa Massaro Krating ‘89 was honored by Business First of the 2006 Women Who Mean Business Award. She is the owner of Leeveda, a women’s clothing boutique in Williamsville, N.Y.

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Kathy L. Quencer ‘90 has become a member of the new attorney grievance committee for the 5th Judicial District for a three-year term. She is a partner in the firm Proven & Quencer in Watertown, N.Y.

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Terrance P. Flynn ’88 has been named the recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association’s annual Distinguished Alumnus Award. Flynn, immediate past president of the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors, was also recently appointed chair of the SPCA’s development committee. He has also vice president of the SCPA and a member of its board of directors. In addition, she has been named an adjunct faculty member teaching civil litigation in the legal studies department for Hilbert College. In Buffalo, N.Y., Kaczmaroski is a litigator in the Buffalo office of Hanter Seiney & Enright.

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Lisa J. Allen ’90 has been elected to the Board of Directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She also has been accepted for membership as a Western New York representative to the “Special Needs Alliance,” a national organization of elder law and disability law attorneys who focus on estate and trust planning for persons with special needs. Allen is supervising attorney in the firm Hogan & Willing in Buffalo, and is also named partner at UB Law School.

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Alumni Briefs

Congratulations to the following UBuff graduates:

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Jacinthe M. Costello ‘82 and James T. McCann ‘94 were appointed to the board of the Buffalo Hearing and Adjudication, Employment Services, Labor and Employment Law as adjunct professors. Ms. Costello ‘82 is the manager of the collective and class actions unit in conjunction with the firm HarterヤEndpoints Resource Association in Rochester, N.Y. Mr. McCann ‘94 is an administrative law judge for the New York State Department of Labor, Employment and Labor Law at the office in Rochester, N.Y.

Jennifer A. Sladky ‘99 and David M. Grossman ’82 were appointed to the board of directors of the UB Alumni Council. Ms. Sladky ‘99 is a partner at the firm Goldberg Segalla. Mr. Grossman ‘82 is an immigration attorney with Baker & Hostetler in Buffalo.

James T. McCann ’94 has joined the board of the UB Alumni Council. He is a former member of the UB board of directors and is a partner at the firm Goldberg Segalla.

Robert B. Schaller ’00 has been appointed to the board of directors of the UB Alumni Council. He is a partner at the firm Goldberg Segalla.

Kevin D. Szczupak ’93 has been appointed to the board of the UB Alumni Council. He is a partner at the firm Goodale & Scodari, LLC in Rochester.

Hallie C. Rankin ’06 has been appointed to the board of directors for 2006 by the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. The Best of the Renaissance Faire in Las Vegas, Nevada is awarded to the Renaissance Faire in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lisa Pabiniak ’82 has been appointed to the board of directors of the UB Alumni Council. She is a partner at the firm Goldberg Segalla.

Luke Bellocchi ’95 has been appointed to the board of directors of the UB Alumni Council. He is a partner at the firm Goldberg Segalla.

Charles W. Russell ’95, Rochester, N.Y. resident, has become a member of the firm Harris, Weinberg, Hoagland, N.Y., office, practicing in the commercial and real estate law department.

John E. Stanton Jr. ’95 has been appointed to the board of directors of the UB Alumni Council. He is a partner at the firm Brown & Kelly in Buffalo.

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cooperatives, agricultural suppliers and lenders, food processing and other agriculture businesses, and farmers engaged in cooperative formation, governance, finance, taxation, securities, compliance and related matters.

Suzanne K. Taylor ’92 participated in the Jimmy Carter Work Project 2006 from Oct. 29 to Nov. 3 in Mumbai, India. Taylor will meet President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, and help them build facilities for homeless adults in Mumbai. In addition, Taylor has been helping to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity in Buffalo, where she resides.

Lisa J. Allen ’90 was a former member of the board of directors of the Lawyers’ Mental Health Gold Group.

Russell J. Mattusak ’92 was elected vice president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. He also was elected secretary of the Canisius College Alumni Association Board of Visitors in Buffalo, N.Y. Mattusak is legal counsel for HealthNow New York.

Gregory V. Pajak ’92 was named vice president-president of the State of New York Office of Court Administration. He was also named chairman of the Buffalo Regional Office, practicing in the area of civil evictions. Pajak is a former member of the corporate counsel board of the City of Buffalo and was named from a tour of duty in Iraq as a member of the 42nd Infantry Division.

John J. Jablonski ’93 practices in the areas of business litigation, workplace practices and resides in Hamburg, N.Y., where he resides.

Kevin Loftus ’02 is an attorney at the Buffalo firm Magavern & Grimm. In addition, Taylor has been helping to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity in Buffalo, where she resides.

Kevin E. Raphael ’94 was a speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 12th annual Health Law Institute. His topic was “The Wolf in the Woods: The Threat of Private Prancer Deals During and After a False Claims Act Case.” Raphael is a partner in the firm Miller, Allison & Rasmussen in Philadelphia.

Selina Regan ’93 has accepted a position as vice president in charge of marketing for Avenue of the Arts, a group of luxury hotels.

Lisa M. Yang ’90 and Jeffrey Bue, July 18, 2006.

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David Rodriguez ’96 is the new deputy city attorney for the City of Buffalo. Rodriguez is the first Hispanic lawyer appointed to the position. He had been a solo practitioner in Buffalo since 2005.

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Daniel R. Connors '99 has been promoted to partner in the firm Goebel & Lombardo in Buffalo. He deals with cases regarding civil litigation and insurance law in construction accidents, complex medical malpractice, automobile accidents and premises liability. Connors is a Buffalo resident.

Toni L. Frein '99 was elected by the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. Frein is an attorney in the firm Kasimu & Grok in Buffalo. She was also appointed to the organizational committee of the National Kidney Foundation’s 2006 Kidney Walk.

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He joined the firm as an associate focusing his practice in litigation.

Kara A. Bucaglia ’02 is of counsel with the firm Shelley Balch & White in Williamsville, N.Y. She handles cases involving criminal and family law. Bucaglia is a Williamsville resident.

Tracie L. Covey ’02 served as presenter at the Nursing Education Services seminar “Hiring & Firing in New York: How to Do It Right” in Buffalo. Covey practices in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle, concentrating her practice on representing management in the private and public sectors.

Natalie A. Grigg ’02 was appointed chair of the young lawyers committee for the Bar Association of Erie County. She is an associate in the firm Rupp Baine Edged Cunningham & Copholis in Buffalo and is secretary of UB Law School’s GOLD Group.

Kevin K. McKain ’92 has become an associate at the firm Burns Beach in the Pittsford, N.Y., office, practicing business and commercial litigation, and is a Rochester native.

Kevin M. Moomot ’02 is a new publications director of the Daily Record of Rochester. Rochester native. Moomot has been editor since 2001 and is a Rochester native.

Jessica D. Owens ’02 transferred from the New York City U.S. office of the Department of Homeland Security’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of the Chief Counsel to the San Francisco, Calif., office. She continues to work as a trial attorney representing the agency in immigration court proceedings. Owens is very happy to be on the West Coast, where she spends her free time hiking, camping, biking and enjoying the area’s cultural scene.

Allison Porcella ’02 has accepted the position of compliance and licensing officer with trade policy and export controls at EDAN North America Defense Co. in Arlington, Va., where she resides.

Christopher D. Smith ’92 has been selected to serve on the board of directors of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Smith practices and resides in Hamburg, N.Y.

Marc Spezzano ’92 is a new associate in the firm Woods Oviatt Gilman in Rochester, N.Y. He counsels clients regarding general civil litigation, business litigation and employment litigation matters. He previously practiced in Virginia.

Marla Weaks ’92 was selected to the Leadership Buffalo Rising Leaders Class of 2004. She is an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, practicing in the federal international tax practice group.

Jennifer Weidner ’92 has accepted a position as associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office of Better Secret & Entry. She focuses her practice in transfer tax planning and estate and trust administration.

Julie A. Atti ’93 sang the national anthem before the Buffalo Bills preseason opener against the Cincinnati Bengals on Aug. 16, a song she professionally trained in singing and ballet, also won the Italian American ‘American Idol’ title at the Sorrento Italian Heritage Festival in Buffalo. She is a personal injury attorney in the Law Office of Roland M. Corone in Buffalo and a trial advocacy instructor at UB Law School.

Beth-Ann Diedato ’93 has accepted the position of Assistant Dean of Development at UB Law School. She was the new managing editor for Campus Life and is a graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Humanities and Science.

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Michael R. Argenti ‘01 recently accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo-firm Harris & Ferrante in the litigation department. He specializes in labor law, environmental law, medical malpractice, automotive and product liability.

William Chen ‘01 has become associated with the firm Jardale, Fleischmann & Magiel in the Buffalo office, practicing business and corporate litigation. Chen is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y., and a past member of the board of directors of UB Law School’s GOLD Group.

Catherine Grantier Cooley ‘01 was named to the New York State Bar Association committee on the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules. She practices in the litigation group in the Buffalo office of Hodgson Russ.

Gabriel Dimato ‘01 has been named to the Public Radio Program Directors board of directors. He is an assistant program director of WRPO Radio at UB and is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

Paul Presan ‘01 has become associated with the New York City firm Innsby, Austin Brown & Wood. Presan concentrates his practice in trusts and estates.

Steven G. Slawinski ‘01 of Amherst, N.Y., has joined the firm Hamberger & Weiss in the Buffalo office. Slawinski is an associate specializing in workers’ compensation in defense.

Sheldon Smith ‘01 has joined the firm Nicos Peabody as an associate in the Buffalo office. He specializes in alternative dispute resolution, employment defense, insurance coverage, property tax assessment and tort liability defense.

Jason Stanek ‘01 has accepted a position as a policy adviser to Hon. Philip Moyer of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. Stanek lives in Laurel, Md.

John W. Andrews ‘02 is practicing in the Buffalo firm Magaziner Magaziner and Coon.

Scott T. Hanson ‘02 has been elected secretary of the National Kidney Foundation of Western New York and treasurer of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Hanson is an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office and counsels clients in the area of general litigation. He lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Rashonnda M. Jackson ‘02 has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Hinckley & Barclay in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Jackson handles cases involving insurance coverage matters as well as tort and products liability litigation.

Jeffrey L. Kingsley ‘02 was elected to UB Law School’s GOLD Group board of directors. Kingsley is an associate in the firm Jardale, Fleischmann & Magiel in the Buffalo office.

Nicole Lee ‘02 has become executive director of TransAfrica Forum in Washington, D.C., the oldest African-American advocacy organization for justice for Africa and the Diaspora. She will oversee human rights and advocacy work. Actor Danny Glover is chairman of the organization.


Kevin K. McKinain ‘02 has become an associate in the firm Burns Beach in the Pittsford, N.Y., office, practicing business and commercial litigation and employment law.

Kevin M. Momot ‘02 is a new publications director of The Daily Record of Rochester. N.Y. Momot has been editor since 2001 and is a Rochester native.

Jessica D. Owens ‘02 transferred from the New York City office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Immigration Enforcement Office of the Chief Counsel to the San Francisco, Calif., office. She continues to work as a trial attorney representing the agency in immigration court proceedings. Owens is very happy to be on the West Coast, where she spends her free time hiking, camping, biking and enjoying the area’s cultural scene.

Allison Porcella ‘02 has accepted the position of compliance and licensing officer with trade policy and export controls at EDAX North America Defense Co. in Arlington, Va., where she resides.

Christopher D. Smith ‘02 has been selected to serve on the board of directors of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Smith practices and resides in Hamburg, N.Y.

Marc Spezzano ‘02 is a new associate in the firm Woods Oviatt Gilman in Rochester, N.Y. He counsels clients regarding general civil litigation, business litigation and employment litigation matters. He previously practiced in Virginia.

Marla Wells ‘02 was selected to the Leadership Buffalo Rising Leaders Class of 2006. She is an associate in the firm Hodges Ras in Buffalo, practicing in the federal international tax practice group.

Jennifer Weidner ‘02 has accepted a position as associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office of Barter Secret & Entry. She focuses her practice in transfer tax planning and estate and trust administration and litigation.

Julie A. Arr ‘03 sang the national anthem before the Buffalo Bills pre-season opener against the Cincinnati Bengals on Aug. 18. Aims, who is professionally trained in singing and ballet, also won the Italian 14K life at the Sorrento Italian Heritage Festival in Buffalo. She is a personal injury attorney in the Law Office of Roland M. Corone in Buffalo and is a trial advocacy instructor at UB Law School.

Beth-Anne Diodato ‘03 has been selected to serve on the board of directors of UB Law School’s GOLD Group. Diodato is the new publications director of WBFO Radio at UB and is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

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Kyle R. Andrews ’05 has joined the firm’s intellectual property group as an associate. He specializes in corporate, tax and securities law. Gordon lives in Buffalo.

Rosemary T. Hedges ’05 practices in the corporate department in the firm Damon & Mooney. She has been appointed legislative affairs defense as an associate with the firm Harter, Secrest & Emery in the Buffalo office.

Jillian Heinstock ’00 is a private practice attorney in New York City. She previously worked as an associate at the firm Ciccarone, Shainbrown & Co., where she specialized in labor relations and employment law.

Keith R. Vona ’05 practices in the areas of asbestos, personal injury and lead paint litigation. He previously worked as an assistant in the Buffalo office. Vona is an associate in a Buffalo firm specializing in commercial litigation and employment law.

Karen A. Pavlou ’94 has joined the firm’s New York City office as an associate. She specializes in litigation and employment law.

Scott J. Bizub ’06 has joined the firm’s Syracuse, N.Y., office. He specializes in civil litigation.

Jennifer M. McCann ’04 is an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office of the firm Goldberg, Wasser & Tschirhart. She handles cases involving medical malpractice and lead paint litigation. McCann is a Rochester resident.

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Bryan L. Brizdle ’05 has joined the firm as an associate. He specializes in intellectual property and employment law.

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Jason P. Livingston ’05 practices in the firm Woods Oviatt Gillman as an associate. He specializes in corporate, tax and securities law. He is a Webster, N.Y., resident.

Sarah H. Maramanga ’05 practices as an associate in the firm Harter, Secrest & Emery in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She specializes in labor relations and employment law.

Rodolfo R. Berroa ’05 practices in the firm’s New York City office as an associate. He specializes in insurance defense. Berroa is a Rochester resident.

Jodi Reynolds ’06 has been named an associate in the firm’s intellectual property group. She specializes in copyright, trademark and trade secret law.

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Melissa A. Foti ’03 has been selected as a Rochester, N.Y., Up & Coming Attorney for 2006 by The Daily Record. Foti practices as an Erie County’s young lawyers specialist in addition to clerking at Deloitte in Brussels, Belgium. Foti was a Reference /Mercury graduate assistant at UB Law School.

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