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‘60s
Peter J. Martin ’64 received the Striving for Excellence Award from Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled, in Buffalo. Martin is a senior partner with Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo, practicing corporate, tax and business law. He is a Buffalo resident.

Victor J. Gagliardi ’65 was a guest speaker at Bassett Manor and Bassett Park Manor Senior Living Communities in Williamsville, N.Y. He discussed “What You Should Know About Elder Law.” Gagliardi is special counsel in the Buffalo office of Bouvier Partnership, concentrating in elder law, trusts and estates, probate administration, wills, living trusts and irrevocable trusts. He lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

John A. Cirando ’66 was appointed to the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination. The commission evaluates and nominates candidates for vacancies on the state Court of Appeals. Cirando is a partner in the firm D.J. & J.A. Cirando Esqs. in Syracuse, N.Y., where he resides. He concentrates his practice in appellate advocacy, estates, wills and real estate.

‘70s
Thomas J. Wojciechowski ’70 discussed “What You Should Know About Elder Law” at Bassett Manor and Bassett Park Manor Senior Living Communities in Williamsville, N.Y. He is a partner in Bouvier Partnership, concentrating in real estate, estate planning and elder law in the Buffalo office. Wojciechowski is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.
50+ Reunion


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50+ REUNION LUNCHEON
Aug. 5, 2009
Buffalo
• Luncheon at the Law School
Paul A. Battaglia ’72 was named to The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the tax category. Battaglia is a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Amherst, N.Y., and an adjunct instructor at UB Law School. He lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

David G. Brock ’72 of East Amherst, N.Y., was named 2009 Maurice S. Tabor Man of the Year by the Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo. He was also named to the 2010 The Best Lawyers in America list in the litigation category. Brock is a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo and a former vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

Anthony J. Latona ’72 was named president of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra in Amherst, N.Y. The symphony is the longest-running community orchestra in the nation. Latona is a partner in the litigation and economic and land development practice groups in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo office. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Joseph E. Zdarsky ’72 of Williamsville, N.Y., has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Zdarsky is a partner in Zdarsky Sawicki & Agostinelli in Buffalo, practicing business litigation.

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers ’73 has been appointed by New York State Gov. David A. Paterson to the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Judicial Department, in Buffalo. Sconiers previously served as a New York State Supreme Court justice in Buffalo, where she resides. She is a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the association’s Distinguished Alumna Award.

James P. Burgio ’74 was named to the UB Law Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumnus Award. He represents a Buffalo resident.

Arthur A. Herdzik ’75 was a guest speaker at the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Erie Institute of Law CLE program “Masters in Trial” in Buffalo. Herdzik is a member of Chetus Herdzik Speyer & Monte in Buffalo and is a resident of Lancaster, N.Y.

Edward D. Manzo ’75 has written the second edition of Patent Claim Interpretation—Global Edition 2009-2010. Manzo is co-founder of Cook Alex in Chicago, and is listed in Who’s Who in the World, Best Lawyers in America 2010. He was also named to Super Lawyers 2009 as one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers in Illinois in the intellectual property and intellectual property litigation practice areas. Manzo is president-elect of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago and an adjunct professor of law at DePaul University College of Law. He resides in Lake Forest, Ill.

Thomas A. Palmer ’75 is named in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the business and corporate section. Palmer is a partner in the business and corporate practice group in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Amherst, N.Y., and he resides.

William F. Savino ’75 is included in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law/commercial litigation section, and was named to Super Lawyers 2009. He is a senior partner and chairman of the business litigation and insolvency department in the Buffalo office of Damon Morey. Savino is a bridge course lecturer at UB Law School and a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association. He resides in Amherst, N.Y.

Diane F. Bosse ’76 has received the New York State Bar Association’s 2010 Award for Excellence in Public Service. She practices with Bender & Bender in Buffalo and is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumna Award. Bosse lives in Clarence, N.Y.
Class of 1949

60TH REUNION
June 8, 2009
Buffalo
• Dinner at the Buffalo Club


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Class of 1951

58TH REUNION
July 24, 2009
Buffalo
• Dinner at a classmate’s home


Left to right: George M. Zimmermann ’49, Philip H. Magner Jr. ’49, and Joseph C. Vispi ’49

Left to right: Henry Rose ’51, Calvin Kallett ’51, and background Richard N. Blewett ’51

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Kenneth B. Forrest ’76 is the recipient of the Jaeckle Award, the highest honor UB Law School and the Law Alumni Association can bestow. Forrest is a partner in Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz in New York City, practicing commercial litigation. He has served for 18 years on UB Law School’s Dean’s Advisory Council and is a past chairman. Forrest is a resident of Roslyn, N.Y.

Allan D. Mantel ’76 was quoted in the Dec. 16, 2009, New York Times article “Claims of Insider Trading From Trader’s Ex-Wife.” Mantel is a partner in the New York City office of Stein Riso Mantel, immediate past president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a member of UB Law School’s Dean’s Advisory Council. He is a New York City resident.

Hon. Gail B. Rice ’76 has been named city court judge in New Rochelle, N.Y., where she resides. Rice has been acting judge since 1996 and is a partner in Rice & Rice in New Rochelle, specializing in matrimonial and family law.

Ronald C. Berger ’77 has been named chair of the merger and acquisition practice group in Bond Schoeneck & King in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. Berger is a resident of Cazenovia, N.Y.

William J. Brongo ’77 has joined Brenna Brenna & Boyce as a partner in Rochester, N.Y. Brongo previously served as chief clerk of the Monroe County Surrogate’s Court in Rochester, where he resides.

Margaret P. Gryko ’77 has been elected president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association for 2009-10. Gryko is assistant general counsel for Delaware North Cos. in Buffalo. She is past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and resides in West Seneca, N.Y.

Mary Dee Martoche ’77 has been named to the National Leadership Council of the American Red Cross for the Greater Buffalo chapter. Martoche is chief clerk of Erie County Surrogate’s Court in Buffalo, where she resides.

Michael R. Wright ’77 is listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the commercial litigation and construction law categories, the 2009 New York Super Lawyers and the November/December 2009 Super Lawyers-Corporate Counsel edition. Wright is a partner in Levene Gouldin & Thompson in Binghamton, N.Y., where he resides.

Vikki L. Pryor ’78 was named one of the 50 most powerful women in New York by Crain’s New York Business. Pryor is president of SBLI USA Mutual Life Insurance in New York City. She is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumna Award and a member of the Law School’s Dean’s Advisory Council. Pryor is a resident of New Rochelle, N.Y.

Dennis C. Vacco ’78 has become a partner in Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman in Buffalo, practicing in the areas of business consultation, litigation and dispute resolution and governmental regulation and compliance. Vacco is a former New York attorney general and U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award. He is a resident of Boston, N.Y.
Class of 1954


55TH REUNION
June 17, 2009
Buffalo
• Dinner at the Mansion on Delaware

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Candace Appleton '79 of Merrick, N.Y., has been appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Appleton previously served as senior staff attorney at Nassau Suffolk Law Services in Hempstead, N.Y., specializing in Social Security benefits and the rights of disabled persons.

Maryann Foley '79 was elected secretary of the American Bar Association's family law section. She is a solo practitioner in Anchorage, Alaska, where she resides.

James W. Gormley '79 is listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the corporate law section. Gormley is a senior partner in Damon Morey in the Buffalo office, practicing in the health care practice group. He is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

JoAnn E. Gould '79 took a position as counsel in the environmental group in Harter Secrest & Emery in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She lives in Fairport, N.Y.

Dennis Harkawik '79 is listed in the environmental category in The Best Lawyers in America 2010. He is a partner in the environmental practice group of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, where he resides.

Joseph G. Makowski '79 was named chair of a new investigative practice group in Siegel Kelleher & Kahn in Buffalo. The group represents clients who have suffered substantial losses in the stock market. Makowski, a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, is a Buffalo resident.

Jean C. Powers '79 is named in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the real estate section. Powers is a partner in the Amherst, N.Y., office of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, practicing in the real estate group. She is a member emeritus of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council, a former recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna Award and a past president of the alumni association. She lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Raymond P. Reichert '79 of Buffalo has been named to The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the tax category. Reichert is a partner in the tax practice group of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office.

Stuart P. Gelberg '80 was a speaker at the New York Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and Hofstra University School of Law seminar held at the New York City Bar Association. He discussed when it is advisable for a divorcing individual or couple to file for bankruptcy, and dischargeability of marital obligations including attorney fees and other related topics. Gelberg is an attorney in Garden City, N.Y.

Barry Ginsberg '80 has been named executive director of the New York State Commission on Public Integrity in Albany, N.Y., where he resides. Ginsberg previously served as acting director and general counsel.

William A. Lundquist '82 of Hamburg, N.Y., has become a partner in Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. Lundquist practices in the business litigation and construction law practice groups.

Michael M. Mohun '80 was appointed chairperson of the attorney grievance committee for the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo by presiding justice Hon. Henry J. Scudder of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department. Mohun is a solo practitioner in Cowlesville, N.Y., where he resides.

Kenneth Patricia '80 has become special counsel in Bouvier Partnership in the Buffalo office, practicing in litigation. Patricia lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Michael A. Piette '80, a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, has been named in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a member of the economic and land development, financial services, housing resources and real estate practice groups. Piette lives in Lockport, N.Y.

Robert J. Portin '80 of Amherst, N.Y., is included in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the corporate law/health care law category. He is a senior partner in Damon Morey in the Buffalo office.

Michael Anthony Rossi '80 of Grand Island, N.Y., was reappointed to a five-year term on the Town of Grand Island Board of Ethics. Rossi serves as chairman and is a solo practitioner in Grand Island.

Chris G. Trapp '81 is listed in Who's Who In Western New York Law in the education law category by Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. Trapp is a partner in the firm Bouvier Partnership in the Buffalo office and is a resident of Alden, N.Y.

Richard S. Binko '82 is president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Binko is a solo practitioner in Cheektowaga, N.Y., where he resides.

Richard A. Denmon '82, a shareholder in Carlton Fields in Tampa, Fla., has been included in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the securities law category. He practices in the areas of corporate, securities and tax and lives in Valrico, Fla.

Hon. Paula L. Feroleto '82 was appointed administrative judge of the New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo, where she resides. She previously served as a Supreme Court justice and is president of the State Supreme Court Judges Association in the Eighth Judicial District.

Vincent O. Hanley '82 has been named to The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the real estate category. Hanley is a partner in the business and corporate, economic and land development, financial services and real estate practice groups in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.
Class of 1964

45TH REUNION
June 6, 2009
Buffalo
• Brunch at the Law School
• Dinner at The Buffalo Club

Seated – Kathy Straub, William E. Straub ’64, Carolyn Billingsley
Standing – William C. Farner ’64, Lance W. Billingsley ’64

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Class of 1969

40TH REUNION
June 5 and 6, 2009
Buffalo
• Happy hour at a classmate’s home
• Brunch at the Law School
• Dinner at the Garrett Club

1st Row – Frederick B. Cohen, Lawrence W. Golden, Helen Kaney Dempsey, Robert B. Sommerstein
2nd Row – Robert M. Pusateri, Hon. Ralph A. Boniello III, Donald A. Alessi, Ronald A. Axelrod, John M. Dempsey

Left to right: Joseph V. Sedita ’69, Carole Sedita, Rosemary Alessi and Donald A. Alessi ’69

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Daniel C. Oliverio ‘82 was appointed chair of the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority in Buffalo by New York State Gov. David A. Paterson. Oliverio is a partner in Hodgson Russ in Buffalo office and is a member of the firm’s dispute resolution and intellectual property practice groups. He is a Buffalo resident.

Stuart B. Shapiro ‘82 was a guest speaker at Niagara University’s Technology Workshop, where he spoke on “The Legal Implications of Technology.” Shapiro is a partner in Cohen & Lombardo in Buffalo, practicing in insurance law, civil litigation, entertainment law and intellectual property. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Laurie S. Bloom ‘83 has become a member of the attorney grievance committee for the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo for a three-year term. She is counsel in Nixon Peabody in the Buffalo office and is president-elect of the UB Law Alumni Association. Bloom is a Buffalo resident.

Michael Marszalkowski ‘83 of Williamsville, N.Y., has been named to Super Lawyers 2009. He is special counsel at Damon Morey and chairs the firm’s immigration practice group in the Buffalo office.

Robert W. Patterson ‘83 is listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the employee benefits section. Patterson is a partner in the employee benefits and health care practice groups in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, where he resides.

Daniel J. Sperrazza ‘83 was elected president of the board of directors of WNY Collaborative Law Professionals Ltd., in Buffalo. Sperrazza is a partner in Cohen & Lombardo in Buffalo and lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

J. Joseph Wilder ’83 was elected chair of the Alfred State College Development Fund board in Alfred, N.Y. Wilder is a founding partner in Wilder & Linneball in Buffalo and is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Benjamin M. Zuffranieri Jr. ‘83 received the President’s Distinguished Service Award from Buffalo State College. He is a partner in the business litigation practice group and chair of the construction law practice group in Hodgson Russ in Buffalo office. Zuffranieri lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

George W. Collins Jr. ‘84 is included in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the personal injury litigation category, and in Super Lawyers 2009. Collins is the chair of the litigation group of Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo. He lives in Snyder, N.Y.

Patrick J. Higgins ’84 has been named a fellow of the American Bar Association Foundation. He was also named to Super Lawyers 2009 and is chair of the New York State Bar Association seminar “Handling Tough Issues in a Plaintiff’s Personal Injury Case.” Higgins is a partner in Powers & Santola in Albany, N.Y., where he resides.

Robert D. Lonski ’84 received the Wilfred R. O’Connor Award from the New York State Bar Association. He is the administrator of the Bar Association of Erie County’s Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Assigned Counsel Program in Buffalo. Lonski is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

Barbara R. Ridall ’84 received the President’s Pro Bono Award for the Eighth Judicial District from the New York State Bar Association. Ridall is an associate in Bulan Chiari Horwitz & Ilecki in Williamsville, N.Y., where she resides.

Barbara L. Schifeling ’84, a partner in the Buffalo office of Damon Morey, is included in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the ethics and professional responsibility law/ personal injury litigation category. She has also been named to Super Lawyers 2009. Schifeling practices in litigation and is a Buffalo resident. She is also a national co-chair of UB Law’s 2009-10 Annual Fund.
35TH REUNION
June 5 and 6, 2009
Buffalo
• Happy hour at the
  Buffalo Yacht Club
• Brunch at the Law School
• Dinner at the
  Saturn Club
• Brunch at a classmate’s
  home

Seated—Anthony Ilardi Jr., Judith D.
Katzenelson, Tricia T. Semmelhack,
Susan Bring Tobe, Hon. Alexander
W. Hunter Jr., Konrad B. Langlie

Standing—Thomas C. Bailey,
Sheldon D. Repp, Christopher T. Greene,
Hon. Michael E. Dunlavey, Lance J. Mark,
E. Gerard Hogan, Thomas B. Reeve Jr.,
Richard M. Tobe, Nathan S. Neill

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Gayle L. Eagan '85 of Buffalo is listed in the estates and trusts category in The Best Lawyers in America 2010. She is a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo office. She is a past vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the association’s Distinguished Alumnus Award.

John T. Kolaga '85 has been named chair of the environmental law committee of the Erie County Bar Association in Buffalo for 2009-10. Kolaga is special counsel in Damon Morey in Buffalo, focusing his practice in real estate and land development and business and economic development and business and commercial litigation. He lives in Webster, N.Y.

Virginia A. Seitz ’85 received the 2009 PAR Flex Success Award by the Project for Attorney Retention, a national organization dedicated to advancing women lawyers and improving work-life balance for all lawyers. Seitz is a partner in Sidney Austin in Washington, D.C., where she resides.

Steven M. Zweig '85 has been named to Super Lawyers 2009. He is a partner in the litigation department in Damon Morey in the Buffalo office and lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

H. Todd Bullard ’87 received the 2009 Leaders in Law Award from The Daily Record in Rochester, N.Y. Bullard is an equity member in Harris Beach in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He specializes in public finance and economic development and business and commercial litigation. He lives in Webster, N.Y.

Donna L. Burden ’87 was elected a national director of DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar at its annual meeting in Chicago. Burden is founding member of Burden Gulsano & Hickey in Buffalo. She is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Daniel DeLaus Jr. ’87 was appointed deputy county executive by Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks. DeLaus, who previously served as county attorney, lives in Webster, N.Y.

Leslie S. Kramer ’87 has been appointed chair of the 2010 United Jewish Fund’s Women’s Philanthropy in Buffalo. She is a past president of the Bureau of Jewish Education and a past member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo. Kramer, who has practiced law in Chicago and Buffalo, is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Steven J. Ricca ’87 is named in the environmental category in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. Ricca is a partner in the environmental practice group and a member of the economic and land development practice group in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, where he resides.

Robert P. Simpson ’87 has been awarded board certification in intellectual property law by the Florida Bar Association. He has also been named to the board of advisers of the UB School of Management’s Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Simpson is a registered patent attorney and member in Simpson & Simpson in Williamsville, N.Y., where he resides.

Nancy Braun ’88 owns Showcase Realty, a full-service real estate firm in Pineville, N.C. The firm specializes in residential and commercial sales, property management and foreclosures. Braun is a resident of Charlotte, N.C.

Paul F. Hammond ’88 is included in Super Lawyers 2009 and has become a member of the Litigation Counsel of America. Hammond is a partner in the litigation group in Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo, where he resides.

Thomas F. Knab ’88 was named a partner in the litigation practice group in the firm Underberg & Kessler in the Buffalo office. Knab is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Mary Elizabeth Mattimore ’88 has been promoted to deputy regional attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in Buffalo. She lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Karen L. Spencer ’88 of East Aurora, N.Y., has taken a position as archives and special collections librarian at UB. She previously served for 35 years in the Charles B. Sears Law Library at UB Law School.

Hon. Paul G. Buchanan ’89 spoke at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges’ annual conference in Chicago. He is an Erie County Family Court judge in Buffalo, where he resides.

Vincent F. Doyle III ’89 was named president-elect of the New York State Bar Association. He is a partner in Connors & Vilardo in Buffalo, practicing civil and white collar criminal litigation. He is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and resides in Elma, N.Y.

Hon. Stephen K. Lindley ’89 of Pittsford, N.Y., was appointed by Gov. David A. Paterson to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, in Rochester. N.Y. Lindley previously served as a New York State Supreme Court justice, 7th Judicial District, in Rochester.

Kenneth J. Yood ’89 has joined Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton in the Los Angeles/Century City, Calif., office. Yood is a partner in the firm’s health care and corporate practice groups. He is a resident of Los Angeles.

Aileen M. McNamara ’90 has been named assistant coach of the UB women’s rowing team. She has been involved in rowing since 1979, is a past president of the West Side Rowing Club in Buffalo and was the first woman elected president, in 2004-05. She is also a past vice president of the
In Memoriam

The Law School extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of the following friends and alumni/ae:

Lillian E. Cowan ’27, Kenmore, N.Y.
Leonard C. Lovallo ’38, Spring Hill, Fla.
Benjamin Gold ’40, Lewiston, N.Y.
Albert Rydzynski ’49, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Hon. Thomas P. Flaherty ’50, Buffalo
Kenneth L. Cooper ’53, Buffalo
Irving Rosenberg ’50, Williamsville, N.Y.
Edwin J. Kuzdale ’52, Dunkirk, N.Y.
John W. Rickers Jr. ’52, Buffalo
Hon. Theodore S. Kasler ’53, Lancaster, N.Y.
William T. Quigley ’53, Buffalo
Robert D. Gunderman ’62, Snyder, N.Y.
Peter S. Gilfillan ’71, Amherst, N.Y.
Steven B. Telzak ’76, Bronx, N.Y.
John L. Martin ’87, Buffalo
Andrew E. McLaughlin ’87, Buffalo

William R. Greiner, University President Emeritus and Professor of Law, Professor Greiner joined the law faculty in 1967 and rose to become UB’s 13th president in 1991. He served until 2003 and was named president emeritus Nov. 17 by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Lillian E. Cowan, 102
June 20, 1907—Feb. 21, 2010

Lillian E. Cowan, who practiced law until four years ago at age 98, died Feb. 21 in her Kenmore, N.Y., home. She was 102. Born Lillian Geiger in Buffalo, she graduated from the University of Buffalo Law School in 1927. One of three women in her class, she was the 45th woman to graduate from UB Law School, which has since produced more than 4,000 women graduates. In 1999, Mrs. Cowan was honored by the Law School at Commencement ceremonies during the Law School’s celebration of “100 Years of Women at UB Law” when she was cited as a role model for new law graduates entering the profession.

Markian M.W. Melnyk ’90 has written the book Offshore Power about developing offshore renewable energy projects. Melnyk is special counsel in Dewey & LeBoeuf in the Washington, D.C., office. He lives in College Park, Md.

Sean P. Beiter ’91 has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the labor and employment law category. Beiter was also a presenter at the 35th annual training conference of the New York State Public Employer Labor Relations Association in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and co-presented “It’s Not Over Until It’s Over: Taking Management’s Position to the Court of Appeals.” He also was re-elected council president of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts in Buffalo. He is a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office and is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Anthony L. Eugeni ’91 is named in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the corporate law category. He is a senior partner in Damon Morey in the Buffalo office and lives in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Christopher J. Belter ’93 was named chair of the construction law committee for DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar at the group’s annual meeting in Chicago. Belter is a senior trial partner in Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo. Belter lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

Thomas F. Keefe ’93 of East Amherst, N.Y., was appointed to the attorney grievance committee for the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo. Keefe is a solo practitioner in Williamsville, N.Y.

Hon. Henry J. Nowak ’93 was named vice president of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society board of managers. Nowak is a city court judge in Buffalo, where he resides.

Hope W. Olsson ’94 received the 2009 Leaders in Law Award from The Daily Record in Rochester, N.Y. She is a partner with Olsson & Feder, specializing in bankruptcy law in Rochester, where she resides.


Jeremy M. Brown ’95 has been named one of New Jersey Law Journal’s “40 Under 40.” He is senior counsel in the labor and employment law department in Proskauer Rose in the Newark, N.J., office. Brown lives in Upper Montclair, N.J.

Alisa A. Lukasiewicz ’95 is special counsel in Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office, specializing in labor and employment law. She previously served as corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo, where she resides.
Dylan S. Mitchell ’95 was elected a partner in Blank Rome in the New York City office. A member of the matrimonial group, he lives in Mineola, N.Y.

Hilary C. Banker ’96 was elected president of the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York. She is a partner in Burgio Kita & Curvin in Buffalo and a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association’s GOLD Group and the Women’s Bar Association. Banker is a Buffalo resident.

Bruce C. Karpati ’96, New York City resident, has been named a unit chief of the asset management unit of the enforcement division of the Securities and Exchange Commission in New York City. He is founder and was head of the commission’s Hedge Fund Working Group and previously served as assistant regional director of the New York Regional Office of the commission.

Roberta Kellam ’96 was appointed to a four-year term on the State Water Control Board in Richmond, Va. Kellam practices and resides in Franktown, Va.

Maria M. Eliseeva ’97 of Brighton, Mass., joined Sugarman Rogers Barshak & Cohen as of counsel in the Boston-based office. She handles matters regarding intellectual property litigation, including patent, trademark, copyright and licensing disputes, practicing in English and Russian. She was also elected chair of the international and foreign law committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Matthew C. Van Vessem ’97 was a presenter at the 35th annual training conference of the New York State Public Employer Labor Relations Association in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and co-presented “It’s Not Over Until It’s Over: Taking Management’s Position to the Court of Appeals.” He is a partner in the firm Jacackle Fleischmann & Mugel in the labor and employment practice group in the Buffalo office. Van Vessem is a Buffalo resident.

Tasha T. Dandridge-Richburg ’98 of Amherst, N.Y., was elected treasurer of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York in Buffalo. She practices tort defense in the Buffalo office of Hurwitz & Fine.

Ryan Everhart ’98 of East Aurora, N.Y., has become a partner in Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. He practices in the areas of education and labor law with a focus on special education law.

Tasha E. Moore ’98 received the Legal Service Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York at the association’s 27th annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner in Buffalo. Moore is regional director of the New York State Division of Human Rights in the Buffalo office. She is vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past president of the Minority Bar Association. Moore resides in Buffalo.

Elaine M. Spauld ’98 of Rochester, N.Y., was appointed to the National Project Safe Place program board of directors for a three-year term. Spauld is executive director of the Center for Youth in Rochester and a city councilwoman.

Sarah E. Tollner ’98 was a featured speaker at the annual meeting of the New York State Bar Association in New York City on Jan. 29. She addressed the labor and employment law section on an attorney’s obligations under the new Rules of Professional Conduct. Tollner is a partner in Saeki & Tollner in Amherst, N.Y., and resides in Grand Island, N.Y.

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Ryan Everhart ’98 of East Aurora, N.Y., has become a partner in Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. He practices in the areas of education and labor law with a focus on special education law.

Tasha E. Moore ’98 received the Legal Service Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York at the association’s 27th annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner in Buffalo. Moore is regional director of the New York State Division of Human Rights in the Buffalo office. She is vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past president of the Minority Bar Association. Moore resides in Buffalo.

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Gretchen M. Nichols’01 has become a partner in Nesper Ferber & DiGiacomo in Amherst, N.Y., practicing in corporate and business law. She has also been elected to the board of directors of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce and chairs its Business Resource Council. Nichols resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

Suzanne Hill Patrick ’01 has become director of career services at St. Mary’s University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, where she resides.

Audrey A. Seelye ’01 has been promoted to become a member in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in the Buffalo office. She specializes in insurance coverage, no-fault coverage, municipal and environmental counseling and governmental liability. She also received the Sheldon Hurwitz Young Lawyer of the Year Award. In addition, she is village attorney in Springville, N.Y., and a resident of West Valley, N.Y.

Sheldon K. Smith ’01 was elected president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. Smith also became a member of the attorney grievance committee for the Eighth Judicial District in Buffalo for a three-year term. He is a senior associate in Nixon Peabody in Buffalo and a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Thomas Haidon ’02 is serving as an international trade specialist and trade negotiator with the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He provides policy advice in the areas of international trade in services and investment and acts as a negotiator in New Zealand’s regional trade agreements. Haidon is a resident of Wellington, New Zealand.

Stephen W. Kelkenberg ’02 has become a partner in Hodgson Russ in the business litigation and the torts, insurance and products liability practice groups in the Buffalo office. Kelkenberg lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

Jon A. Nichols ’02 was named in the 2009 Virginia Super Lawyers as a Rising Star. He is an associate in Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman in Richmond, Va., and a member of the board of directors of the Henrico County Bar Association in Richmond. Nichols is a resident of Midlothian, Va.

Jessica D. Owens ’02, an attorney with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Refugee and Asylum Law Division in Washington, D.C., has been detailed to the U.S. Senate. She will be working for Sen. Charles E. Schumer, chairman of the Senate judiciary subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Patrick G. Radel ’02 is a partner in Getnick Livingston Atkinson & Priore in Utica, N.Y. He focuses his practice in the areas of bankruptcy law and federal litigation. He is a past recipient of the Nicholas S. Priore Advocacy and Professionalism Award and lives in New Hartford, N.Y.

Melissa A. Reese ’02 received the Kevin M. Andersen Memorial Award from the New York State Defenders Association. Reese is an attorney with the Erie County Assigned Counsel Program in Buffalo. She is a resident of Depew, N.Y.

James S. Skloda ’02, a Clay, N.Y., resident, has been elected a partner in Hancock & Estabrook in Syracuse, N.Y. Skloda handles cases involving real property valuation, real estate, banking and finance, and environmental law.

Kathryn J. Synor ’02 has opened her own general-practice firm in Troy, Mo. The firm handles cases involving traffic tickets, divorce and child support, adoptions, wills and trusts, power of attorney, deeds and leases, contracts, collections and personal injury. Synor is a resident of Foristell, Mo.

Jack Trachtenberg ’02 has been appointed New York State’s taxpayer rights advocate by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance in Albany, N.Y. In this newly created position, he will act as an ombudsman between the public and the department in resolving taxpayer disputes. Trachtenberg was previously a senior associate in Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office and is an adjunct faculty member at Albany Law School and UB Law School.

Cheryl A. Aloj ’03 has joined HoganWillig in the Amherst, N.Y., office. She practices in matrimonial and family law and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Thomas M. Krol ’03 is general counsel for Steuben Foods, Elmhurst Dairy, Dora’s Naturals and affiliates in Elmira, N.Y. Krol is a Buffalo resident.

Ryan J. Mills ’03 has become a partner in Brown & Kelly in Buffalo, where he is a member of the asbestos defense department. Mills is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

Marybeth Priore ’03 has been named a shareholder in Colucci & Gallaher in Buffalo. Priore handles cases involving products liability, intellectual property and general litigation. She is immediate past president of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter, and lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

Hon. Julie M. Rosen ’03 has been appointed an administrative law judge for the New York State Department of Labor in the Rochester, N.Y., office. Rosen previously served as a senior attorney for Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society in Syracuse, N.Y.

Steven W. Wells ’03 has joined Hodgson Russ as an associate in the Buffalo office. He practices in the areas of bankruptcy, creditor’s rights and commercial litigation. Wells is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

Elisha J. Burkart ’05 has been named co-chair of the employment and labor law committee of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York. She is an associate in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the labor and employment practice group in Buffalo.

Kimberly Conidi ’05 is practicing as an associate in Chelus Herdzik Speyer & Monte in Buffalo. Conidi specializes in civil litigation, employment discrimination, insurance defense, municipal law and products liability. She lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

Erik A. Goergen ’05 has joined Nixon Peabody as an associate in the litigation department in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He will
Bartholomew Chacchia '06 has become associated with Harter Secrest & Emery in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He concentrates his practice in finance and mergers and acquisitions. Chacchia lives in Fairport, N.Y.

Jennifer G. Flannery '06 was selected to join Estate Analysts of Western New York. Flannery is an associate in Damon Morey in Buffalo, practicing in the trust and estate and corporate departments. A member of the UB Law Alumni Association's GOLD Group, she is a Buffalo resident.

Minryu Sarah Kim'06 was elected a director of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. Kim is an associate in Phillips Lytle in Buffalo, where she resides.

Christian M. Lovelace '06 has become an associate in Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman in Buffalo. He practices in business and financial transactions and general business counseling. Lovelace lives in Orchard Park, N.Y.

James W. Mahoney '07 is an associate in Harter Secrest & Emery in the Buffalo office. Mahoney practices environmental law, land use, zoning and municipal law. He is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

Bo Gyung Kim '08 is an associate with Kloss Stenger & LoTempio in Buffalo. Kim concentrates her practice in business and corporate law, contracts, product liability, civil litigation and business immigration law. Kim also was a presenter at an informational seminar at UB Law School on Feb. 18. She discussed "The Road Map to Permanent Residency Through Employment for Students." She also held a similar seminar for Korean-speaking students at UB Law School on Nov. 11. She lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Abby E. Oliver'08 has joined Spadafora & Verrastro in Buffalo. She is practicing as an associate in family law.

Brittany L. Penberthy '08 is practicing as an associate in Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria in the Buffalo office. She concentrates in personal injury and lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Burton Phillips '08 has accepted a position as associate counsel and senior research analyst to the Senate policy group of the New York State Senate in Albany, N.Y., where he resides.

Manik J. Saini '08 has joined Chelus Herdzik Speyer & Monte as an associate in Buffalo, handling cases involving litigation and general practice matters. Saini lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Michelle Schwach '08 has accepted a position as an associate with Cohen & Lombardo in Buffalo, concentrating her practice in matrimonial and family law. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

Douglas R. Smith '08 has become associated with Kloss Stenger & LoTempio in Buffalo. He is a registered patent attorney focusing on intellectual property matters including patent, trademark, copyright prosecution and infringement litigation.

Joseph C. Todoro '08 has joined Spadafora & Verrastro as an associate in Buffalo. Todoro handles personal injury cases and lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

Jon Paul Anthony '09 has joined Hahn Loeser & Parks as an associate, practicing complex commercial litigation in the Cleveland office.

Pamela S. Schaller '09 was elected recording secretary of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. She practices with Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where she resides.

Mark E. Welchons '09 has joined Hiscock & Barclay as of counsel in the Utica, N.Y., affiliate office, practicing corporate law. He lives in Clinton, N.Y.