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Officers and directors of the Law Alumni Association’s GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group, an arm of the Association focused on organizing educational, social and networking opportunities to assist recent graduates as they transition from student to attorney, were elected to lead the Law School’s 2,454 young attorneys.

Kevin J. Espinosa ’09 of M&T Bank will serve as 2014–15 GOLD Group president. President-elect is Michael J. Hecker ’09 of Hodgson Russ. Immediate past president is Teia Marie Bui ’08 of Clover Group; treasurer is Joshua E. Dubs ’08 of the Law Offices of Joshua E. Dubs; treasurer-elect is Jeffrey T. Fiut ’10 of Hodgson Russ; secretary is Seth D. Pullen ’09 of Biltzoff & Pullen; and secretary-elect is Ryan P. Crawford ’06 of Gibson, McAskill & Crosby. Patricia L. Warrington of SUNY Buffalo Law School serves as assistant director.

Kevin J. Espinosa ’09

Other GOLD Group directors include: Elizabeth Blazey-Pennel ’11 of the Internal Revenue Service; Stephanie J. Calhoun ’08 of the New York State Attorney General’s Office; Frank H. Ewing ’12 of M&T Bank; Kathleen T. Ferelito ’11 of Brown & Kelly; Jeffrey P. Gleason ’08 of Damon Morey; Thomas M. Gordon ’05 of Gross, Shuman, Brizdle & Gilfillan; Kerisha Hawthorne ’14 of the UB Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program; Elizabeth A. Lee ’14 of Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola; Bradley S. Loliger ’13 of Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled, or Disadvantaged of Western New York; Melissa M. Morton ’07 of Gibson, McAskill & Crosby; James M. O’Keefe ’07 of The Law Offices of William Mattar; Paul C. Parisi ’06 of the Erie County District Attorney’s Office; Ryan K. Parisi ’10 of the Niagara County District Attorney’s Office; Michael E. Rayen ’09 of Hodgson Russ; Shatorah N. Roberson ’12 of Buddle and Roberson Attorneys-at-Law; Christopher S. Safulk ’13 of Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer & Monte; and Marnie E. Smith ’09 of Harris Beach.

Chairs of the Association’s regional alumni chapters include: Rachel P. Ainspan ’12 of the New York State Legislative Bill Drafting Commission and Kevin M. Grossman ’04 of the New York State Governor’s Office of Employee Relations, co-chairs of the Albany Chapter; Sam M. Tamburo ’68 of the Law Office of Sam M. Tamburo, chair of the Central New York Chapter; Robert J. Gutowski ’99 of MSC Inc., chair of the New York City Chapter; Penny A. Dentinger ’04 of Xerox Corp; and Wende J. Knapp ’10 of Xerox Corp., co-chairs of the Rochester Chapter; and Kenneth A. Libby ’85 of the Federal Trade Commission, chair of the Washington, D.C., Chapter.