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# Law Alumni Association elects 2015-16 officers and directors



**Front row, left to right:** Assistant Director Lisa M. Mueller, Executive Director and Vice Dean Ilene R. Fleischmann, Amy P. Herstek, Hon. Lenora B. Foote-Beavers, Terrence M. Gilbride, LAA President Robert P. Heary, Melissa A. Foti, Jaime C. Gallagher and Elizabeth A. Kraengle

**Second row, left to right:** Pietra G. Lettieri, Thomas F. Knab, Stephanie A. Saunders, Jason G. Ulatowski and Joseph D. Morath Jr.

**Third row, left to right:** Beverley S. Braun, Andrea Schillaci and Linda Lalli Stark

**On stairs, left to right:** Stephen A. Sharkey, Jeffrey C. Stravino, Christopher E. Copeland, Scott C. Becker, Marc W. Brown, Brian D. Gwitt, Paulette E. Ross, Sylvia Valentin, Kenneth M. Gossel, Leslie M. Greenbaum and Mary Pat Enright Fleming

**Not pictured:** Hon. Tracey Bannister, Christopher M. Grant, Amy L. Hemenway, Marion K. Henderson, Anne E. Joynt, Tiffany R. Perry, Jeffrey F. Reina, Brendan J. Rich, Elizabeth M. Savino, Pauline C. Will and Preston L. Zarlock

**R**obert P. Heary '91 has been elected 2015-16 president of the SUNY Buffalo Law Alumni Association.

Heary is a partner at Barclay Damon in the Buffalo office, where he has more than 20 years of experience representing employers and their management teams in all aspects of labor and employment law. He also leads the firm's business services practice group, and is a director of the Bar Association of Erie County's Volunteer Lawyers Project.

Brian D. Gwitt '98 of Woods Oviatt Gilman is the new president-elect. Vice presidents are: Hon. Tracey Bannister '84 of New York State Supreme Court; Scott C. Becker '93 of Kavinoky Cook; Christopher E. Copeland '02 of M&T Bank; Jeffrey F. Reina '99 of Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria; and Stephanie A. Saunders '00 of the Buffalo Board of Education.

Treasurer is Marc W. Brown '99 of Goldberg Segalla; assistant treasurer is

Pietra G. Lettieri '01 of Harris Beach; secretary is Amy Herstek '04; and secretary emerita is Marion K. Henderson '65, retired.

Immediate past president is Hon. Lenora B. Foote-Beavers '97 of Erie County Family Court. Vice Dean for Alumni, Public Relations and Communications Ilene R. Fleischmann, of SUNY Buffalo Law School, continues as executive director. Lisa M. Mueller '93, assistant dean for alumni and communications, serves as assistant director.

New directors elected for terms ending in 2018 are Kenneth M. Gossel '91 of National Fuel Gas; Christopher M. Grant '05 of the Office of Congressman Chris Collins; Elizabeth A. Kraengle '07 of Duke, Holzman, Photiadis & Gressens; Elizabeth M. Savino '92 of CTG Inc.; Jason G. Ulatowski '07 of Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham; and Dr. Sylvia Valentin '97 of Niagara University.

Other directors include: Beverley S. Braun '07 of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel; Melissa A. Foti '03 of Kenney Shelton Liptak Nowak; Jaime C. Gallagher '02 of the New York State Liquor Authority; Amy L. Hemenway '01 of Harter Secrest & Emery; Anne E. Joynt '05 of Lipsitz & Ponterio;



Robert P. Heary '91

Thomas F. Knab '88 of Underberg & Kessler; Joseph D. Morath '05 of Connors & Vilarado; Tiffany R. Perry '00 of Erie County Family Court; Brendan J. Rich '05 of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman; Paulette E. Ross '97 of Gibson, McAskill & Crosby; Andrea Schillaci '82 of Hurwitz & Fine; Stephen A.

Sharkey '88 of Bond, Schoeneck & King; Jeffrey C. Stravino '97 of Hodgson Russ; Pauline Costanzo Will '96 of Bennett Schechter Arcuri & Will; and Preston L. Zarlock '92 of Phillips Lytle.

# New GOLD Group leadership named



**Front row, left to right:** Executive Director and Vice Dean Ilene R. Fleischmann, Jessica M. DeMichiel, Cristin L. Murray, Joshua E. Dubs, Kathleen T. Feroletto, Assistant Director Pat Warrington, James M. O'Keefe and Ryan P. Crawford

**Second row, left to right:** GOLD Group President Michael J. Hecker and Lydia H. Beebe

**Third row, left to right:** Marnie E. Smith, Kevin J. Espinosa and Jeffrey P. Gleason

**Fourth row, left to right:** Teia M. Bui and Elizabeth Blazey-Pennel

**On stairs, left to right:** Elizabeth A. Lee, Michael E. Reyer, Aaron M. Saykin, Bradley S. Loliger, Ryan K. Parisi, Seth D. Pullen, Jeffrey T. Fiut and Paul C. Parisi

**Not pictured:** Emily M. Berry, Eliza P. Friedman, Melissa M. Morton, Caitlin E. O'Neill, Nicholas A. Romano and Christopher S. Safulko

Officers and directors of the Law Alumni Association's GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group, a committee of the association focused on organizing educational, social and networking opportunities to assist recent graduates as they transition from student to attorney, were also elected. Michael J. Hecker '09 of Hodgson Russ will serve as 2015-2016 GOLD Group president. President-elect is Jeffrey P. Gleason '08 of Woods Oviatt Gilman. Immediate past president is Kevin J. Espinosa '09 of M&T Bank; treasurer is Jeffrey T. Fiut '10 of Hodgson Russ; treasurer-elect is Elizabeth R. Blazey-Pennel '11 of the Internal Revenue Service; secretary is Ryan P. Crawford '06 of Gibson, McAskill & Crosby; and secretary-elect is Marnie E. Smith '09 of Harris Beach. Patricia L. Warrington of SUNY Buffalo Law School serves as assistant director.

Other GOLD Group directors include: Lydia H. Beebe '12 of Barclay Damon; Emily M. Berry '15; Teia Marie

Bui '08 of Clover Group; Jessica M. De Michiel '11 of Barclay Damon; Joshua E. Dubs '08 of the Law Offices of Joshua E. Dubs; Eliza P. Friedman '14 of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman; 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; Cristin L. Murray '12 of Hodgson Russ; James M. O'Keefe '07 of The Law Offices of William Mattar; Caitlin E. O'Neil '15 of Connors & Vilaro; Paul C. Parisi '06 of Blair & Roach; Ryan K. Parisi '10 of the Niagara County District Attorney's Office; Seth D. Pullen '09 of Hodgson Russ; Nicholas A. Romano '13 of Connors & Vilaro; Christopher S. Safulko '13 of the Erie County District Attorney's Office; and Aaron M. Saykin '13 of Hodgson Russ.

Chairs of the association's regional alumni chapters include: Caroline B. Brancatella '07 of Greenberg Traurig 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 MSCI Inc., chair of the New York City Chapter; Michelle A. Daubert '07 of Wegmans Food Markets and Wende J. Knapp '10 of Xerox Corp., co-chairs of the Rochester Chapter; and Michelle M. Radecki '96 of Grace Studios, chair of the Washington, D.C., Chapter.