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**F**our UB Law alumni and one non-alumnus friend of the Law School were among the recipients of 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards as the UB Law Alumni Association gathered for its 49th annual dinner on May 4.

The event, which began with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7, was held at the downtown Hyatt Regency Buffalo.

Honors were received by:

**Hon. Paula L. Feroletto '82**, administrative judge for the New York State Supreme Court, 8th Judicial District, in Buffalo, for the judiciary. Only the second woman to take control of the 8th Judicial District, Feroletto in 1991 became the first female partner in the Buffalo law firm of Brown & Kelly. She was also the first female president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. As a busy private attorney, she was active for years in pro bono legal work through the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Before she was elected to the bench, she was a board member of Lawyers for Learning, which provides tutors for inner-city children. She was elected to the

state trial bench in November 2004, and assumed her current post in October 2009.

**Howard S. Rosenhoch '76**, partner in the Buffalo law firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, for community service. Rosenhoch, a partner in the firm's litigation group, practices in the areas of personal injury defense and property damage claims, including extensive experience in products liability and toxic tort litigation. He is a frequent presenter and panelist in industry presentations on ethics in legal practice and other legal topics. Rosenhoch also serves as president of Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo.

**Jeffrey L. Tanenbaum '76**, recently retired as a partner in the New York City firm Weil Gotshal & Manges, for private practice. Tanenbaum was named 2010 Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer*, recognized for his role as counsel to General Motors in the bankruptcy of auto parts manufacturer Delphi. He also worked on the General Motors reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Tanenbaum teaches a bankruptcy course as part of the Law School's New York City Program in International Finance and Law.

**Kathleen M. Mehlretter '78**, former acting U.S. attorney in Buffalo, for public service. Mehlretter retired

last year after 31 years as a federal prosecutor. Among the high-profile cases on which she worked successfully were helping to convict the "Lackawanna Six," accused of supporting al-Qaida; the Oklahoma City bombing case; and the high-profile case against a gunman who killed an Amherst doctor who performed abortions.

**Christopher J. O'Brien**, partner in the Buffalo law firm O'Brien Boyd, for outstanding service to the University and community by a non-alumnus. O'Brien, a lecturer at the Law School and a personal injury trial attorney, co-directs the school's Trial Technique Program. A graduate of Washington & Lee School of Law, he also serves on the UB Council and with community organizations as disparate as Canisius High School's Alumni Board of Directors, the Food Shuttle of Western New York and the Buffalo Na Fianna Gaelic Football Club.