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*receives the  
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# Reaching for the heights

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They say that hope springs eternal. That is our feeling at UB Law. We have never been busier growing UB Law and reaching for the heights that should make every alumnus/a proud of their *alma mater*. In academics, faculty, admissions, placement, external relations, development, alumni affairs, and every critical sphere of the Law School, we are on the march. As I have repeatedly said, our goal is to become a great law school. We are already strong, and now we must press ahead to become great.

We have just hired two outstanding scholars. Professor Kim Diana Connolly (JD, Georgetown; LLM, George Washington) will be joining our faculty as the Director of Clinical Legal Education. Professor Connolly, who comes from the University of South Carolina, brings with her a prolific academic record and the highest achievements in clinical legal education. She is the president of the Clinical Legal Education Association, the national body for law school clinicians. There is no doubt that she will take our clinics to places they have never been before. Professor Connolly will join us this summer.

Professor Jessica Owley Lippmann (JD, Berkeley; PhD, Berkeley) is an exceptionally talented young scholar who joins us this summer from Pace Law School. Already an emerging influential voice in environmental law, Professor Lippmann brings vitality and cutting-edge scholarship to this critical field.

These new hires, and others in the pipeline, signify a school on the rise, even during the most challenging economy since the Great Depression. It is testament to the commitment of UB to grow the Law School as one of its prized academic units. Star faculty are the epicenter of a great law school. Professors Connolly and Lippmann fully fit this description and point to our quest for greatness.

We expect a good pool of applicants this year in keeping with our quest to raise the academic profile of the student body. This is the cornerstone of the alumni cohort of the future. That is why we are investing significantly in getting the best entering class possible.

In May, just before Commencement, we will host a retirement party to pay tribute to our 11 emeriti faculty — Professors Lee Albert, James Atleson, Barry Boyer, David Filvaroff, Ellen Gibson, Thomas Headrick, Kenneth Joyce, Janet Lindgren, Elizabeth Mensch, Wade Newhouse and Judy Scales-Trent. We will honor them for their great service to UB Law. We hope that many of our alumni will join us for this im-



portant occasion.

Within O’Brian Hall, a frenetic pace is the order of the day. We are planning a Comprehensive Legal Skills Program to ensure that we produce practice-ready attorneys. Professor Charles Patrick Ewing, a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, is leading this effort. I cannot say enough about how important this endeavor is to the future of our Law School.

I am glad to report that we are making plans to renovate the first floor of O’Brian to make it a more livable and welcoming space for our students and visitors. We will “tech up” several classrooms on that floor to give us the capability to use the most advanced technology for pedagogy and public presentations. This is long overdue and will be a marked improvement for the Law School.

Finally, we will welcome as our Commencement speaker this year Professor Randall Kennedy, the Michael R. Klein Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. A Rhodes Scholar, Professor Kennedy is one of the most notable legal minds and public intellectuals in America today. His books and scholarship have earned wide acclaim. His presence in Buffalo will be a fitting close to a very successful year at UB Law.

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# THE SPIRIT OF '76

*Ken Forrest accepts the Jaeckle Award amid classmates, colleagues and kin*

New York City's elegant Union League Club was the setting, but the people were the real stars as the UB Law Alumni Association took to the road to present the 33rd Edwin F. Jaeckle Award to Kenneth B. Forrest '76.

The Jan. 29 event was part of the annual New York City Alumni Luncheon, and a room packed with Forrest's fellow UB Law alumni, colleagues from his firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, and family members and friends witnessed the presentation of the UB Law School and the UB Law Alumni Association's highest honor.

A partner at Wachtell, Lipton since 1982, Forrest concentrates his practice in commercial litigation. He was a founding member of the Dean's Advisory Council and is one of the school's most dedicated and involved alumni.

After opening remarks by UBLAA President Robert L. Boreanaz '89 and Dean's Advisory Council chair Tom Black '79, Dean Makau W. Mutua noted that both Forrest and his wife, Ellen, whom he met at UB Law, were top-flight students, saying, "I am told Ken and Ellen were neck-and-neck in terms of their academic achievements in law school." He also cited Mrs. Forrest's work as board chair of the Vincent Smith School, stating that the school may have described her best: "Ellen is an attorney by trade and a philanthropist by heart."

The dean said of Ken Forrest, "First and foremost, his colleagues describe Ken as a fabulous litigator, tremendously skilled in both oral and written advocacy. As they put it, Ken is a litigator whom anyone would want to have on their team."

At the Law School, Mutua said, Forrest has chaired the Dean's Advisory Council and he remains one of its most active and helpful members, providing advice and counsel to four deans. Mutua noted that, as chair, Forrest restructured meetings of the



Council to allow for more discussion and debate, and helped recruit new members for the advisory body. "He does not speak the most or even often," Mutua said, "but when he does, people listen very carefully. With quiet confidence and in a few short sentences, Ken can get a meeting back on track by reminding other people why they are there."

A standing ovation greeted the honoree, who began his remarks with a memory. "The year was 1973," Forrest said, "and I had this orange, non-air-conditioned old Plymouth Duster. I took the eight-hour drive from Brooklyn to Buffalo to attend UB Law School, and I knew that I was part of the first class to attend the school in a

new building on a new campus. I pulled up, and in front of me I saw the world's largest vacant lot. This was 1,200 acres of a construction site with two buildings, a dorm and a law school, and there was a rope so you wouldn't get blown away walking from one to the other. I looked at this huge, empty, vast, pretty disgusting-looking expanse, and I said to myself, what exactly did you do?

"So I took a deep breath, made the decision, drove in, and my life was soon transformed both professionally and personally."

Forrest was generous in his thanks to his colleagues at Wachtell, Lipton, praising the firm's "devotion to giving to the community"; to the Law School's current and previous administrations, which he said have grown the school despite severe financial constraints; and his friends and family, especially "the rock of my family," his wife, Ellen. "She was by far the best outcome of my decision to continue driving into that vast empty campus in 1973," he said.

A video of the Jaeckle Award presentation is available at [www.youtube.com/UBLawSchool](http://www.youtube.com/UBLawSchool).

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Forrest family, left to right: Daughter Kimberly, Kenneth '76, son Craig and wife Ellen '76.



*“Despite all his titles, accolades and accomplishments, he was always a teacher and educator. After his family, teaching is what he loved most.”*

—Carol Greiner

# WE REMEMBER “UB 13” — PROFESSOR WILLIAM R. GREINER

**W**illiam R. Greiner, who served as UB’s president for more than a decade, always preferred the title “Professor.” That love of teaching was at the fore as the University community gathered Feb. 2 in the Center for the Arts to celebrate his life. In this special tribute, *UB Law Forum* gathers reflections from some of the many in the UB Law family for whom Bill Greiner holds a permanent place in their hearts.



## A best friend’s tribute

THOMAS E. HEADRICK,  
SUNY DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE PROFESSOR  
EMERITUS





Bill and I were close friends for over half a century. We were colleagues and partners at work and play for a third of a century. We met in 1958 at Yale Law School. It's hard to pin down what makes a friendship grow and endure—certainly shared interests, shared values and shared fascinations with life and our complex world, and also shared experiences and the sheer enjoyment of doing things together.

The Bill I knew at Yale was much the same as the Bill you all knew—serious about education, vastly knowledgeable, infinitely curious, incisively intelligent, open, serious and funny, forthright and empathetic, at ease with all whom he met and knew, and most of all blessed with prodigious energy and abundant common sense.

He grew up in Meriden, a small manufacturing city on the decline in central Connecticut. His father died when he was a youngster and his hard-working mother made certain he studied and



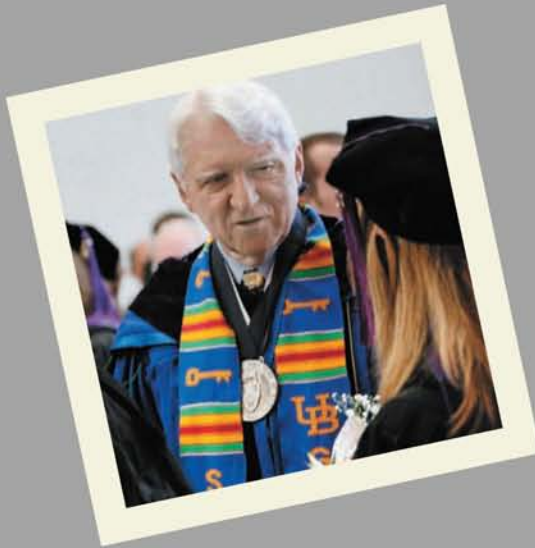
worked hard and acted responsibly and honestly in every way. He stayed near home for his education at Wesleyan and Yale. Moreover, in central Connecticut baseball fans have a choice-- Yankees or Red Sox. Bill chose the Red Sox, signaling his support for underdogs and a willingness to soldier on in the face of disappointment.

Sports were an important part of his life. At Yale we played basketball, squash and golf together. He was an exceptional golfer. He had a classic, long, flowing swing, naturally acquired, for he never had a lesson, and he regularly shot in the 70s. It was not surprising that Bill played a leading role in UB's move to Division I sports. But Bill's concerns were not so much over NCAA status. He was just the consummate fan. He loved watching games of all kinds, not as a quiet spectator, but as a connoisseur of talented and intelligent play and an often

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# WE REMEMBER

## REFLECTIONS FROM HEADRICK, JOYCE, BLACK, LETRO, CARREL AND NIESE



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— Professor Kenneth F. Joyce

KENNETH F. JOYCE, SUNY DISTINGUISHED  
TEACHING PROFESSOR EMERITUS

*“A true teacher  
of teachers”*

As an observer, close and distant, of Bill’s accomplishments over the years, I was struck by two consistent traits. First was Bill’s unhidden but genuine love for students (professional or non-professional, graduate or undergraduate) and his dedication to their interests. I have had many personal encounters with law students, some of them long out of law school, who went out of their way to remember and recount, gratefully and affectionately, not only Bill’s excellence in the classroom, but also his extra-classroom unselfish assistance and sincere interest in their progress and careers – all in all a truly impressive testament to Bill’s

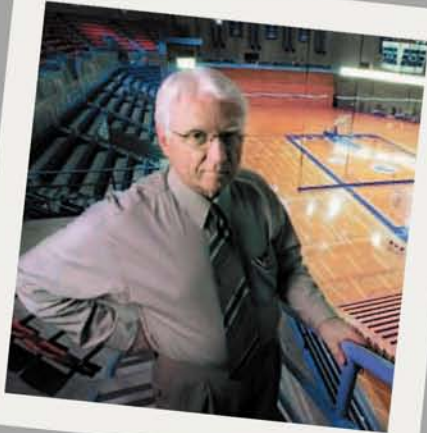


humanity.

The second trait of Bill’s which made such an impression on me was his willingness, indeed eagerness, to engage, at the drop of a hat, in no-time-limit discussions on questions of law or policy with which one of his colleagues (often myself) was struggling. Bill and I both taught Tax and Property courses at the Law School, and the welcoming attitude he brought to engaging in what he liked to call “the life of the mind” made him a go-to guy on tough issues, much like our friend Lou Del Cotto (who had, and appreciated, similar experiences with Bill).

Both of these traits are those of a true teacher – indeed of a true teacher of teachers. It is no denigration of his other contributions to university life to say that that is how I will remember him.





THOMAS E. BLACK '79

## “Godspeed, Bill Greiner”

The Greiner memorial service held on Feb. 2 was a spectacular celebration of the life and legacy of Professor Greiner. The two hours of tributes to Bill Greiner – the president, the professor, the friend, the father, the husband – was, for me, summed up beautifully when Mary Kate O’Connell sang one of the professor’s favorite songs, *Be Kind*. For that, in short, is what Bill Greiner was – a kind man.



Professor Greiner, with his Phil Donohue style, taught tax law to a then second-year law student. Long after the definition of “income” had faded into the past, the examples of intellect without arrogance, and debate with civility, made a lasting impression on my career and on the careers of so many other students.

I ran into President Greiner at halftime at Super Bowl XXVII in Pasadena. He passed up the Michael Jackson performance to buy me a beer and catch up on my career. He had a genuine interest in his students and their lives and careers after law school.

In September 2008, Bill and Carol joined my wife, Bridget, and me for a Notre Dame football game. In the third quarter the stadium announcer blared out that the Bulls were leading Pittsburgh at the half. Bill beamed like the proud father he was.

Godspeed, Bill Greiner. Thank you for all the kindness that you have shown to me and to the legion of former students proud to have had the opportunity to call you Professor.

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vocal judge of officiating competence.

At Yale Law School, politics were an essential part of the milieu. Bill’s intelligence and talents marked him among his friends as a likely future Connecticut governor. Thus, many were surprised when he headed off to Seattle to teach after graduating. But his intellectual interests and his passion about education easily trumped any potential political aspirations.

His teaching and writing at UW reflected his intellectual core. Hired to teach a conventional business law course, he quickly transformed it into inquiry into the philosophical and social complexities of the functions of law in a society. His background in economics and law taught him that law was not an isolated discipline. Instead, law sat at an intersection of human aspirations and societal forces. It needed the perspectives that humanists and social scientists contribute to understanding those forces.

This outlook brought him to UB, where President Meyerson’s educational vision linked the arts and sciences with the professional disciplines, so that theoretical inquiry and social realities would inform each other. Bill was a major driver of the interdisciplinary reach that has marked UB Law School apart from almost all others and still does—a law school looking outward, a school without intellectual boundaries.

Many can recount his accomplishments and impact on UB. I will just mention two that illustrate his genius as an academic leader.

One was his successful campaign to allow UB to keep its tuition revenue. First, he grabbed the attention of the Pataki trustees with a series of papers detailing the inequity of SUNY budgets. Then he romanced them, using their ideology to show that leaving tuition revenue on the campuses created private-like incentives to attract students and improve programs. Once they bought in, he negotiated the details through the bureaucracy, and then built back UB’s enrollment, which he had purposely reduced, so that tuition revenue and UB’s budget could grow without exceeding the SUNY enrollment caps.

Another was his passion to turn the Amherst campus into a real university community, which was frustrated by a state construction system that could not build housing that students could afford. One day, reading through the New York Education Code (something lawyers do for entertainment), he found a curious provision allowing alumni associations to build student housing. With that legal lever, he quickly organized lawyers, bankers, architects, contractors and political friends and applied his persuasive skills and their expertise and influence to beat down the obstacles in Albany so that the campus became home to thousands more students.

Bill had a vision for UB. A single theme could not capture it. He wanted to advance all of UB’s complex and multiple missions, piece by piece, opportunity by opportunity. To accomplish this, he was a master at strategic thinking as well as tactical organization. That was his genius.

Buffalo and UB were part of his being. Buffalo was to him Meriden writ large – full of hard-working, able and good people capable of shaping a better future. UB was a fine university with large and realizable aspirations and importantly without pretensions.

Bill was without pretention, which is why many remember him so fondly as a president, a leader, a teacher, a colleague and a friend.



## GREINER TRIBUTES

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FRANCIS M. LETRO '79

*“Professor, tutor, advocate, authority figure, friend and life coach”*

I couldn't help but wonder what was there about this handsome, charming, athletic and brilliant kid from Connecticut – who graduated on scholarship from prestigious private schools like Wesleyan University and Yale Law School – that brought him to Buffalo on a career path in public education. He came to educate and mentor ordinary kids like me from families of little or no means, but long on hope and big dreams that one day, through hard work and somebody's help, one of their own could become a lawyer. Bill Greiner was that somebody.



He understood the value of public education to families like mine. He understood that law students like me from working-class families needed a professional role model, for which he served as such for countless students.

He was aware that very few of us, if any, had a lawyer or a judge in our families to emulate, let alone a lawyer or a judge living next door or in our neighborhood.

By default and design, he mentored countless public-education students who looked to him as professor, tutor, advocate, authority figure, friend and life coach. Some of us needed and received from him all of that and much more.

We can best honor him and his memory as former students and colleagues by bringing to the courtrooms, boardrooms and classrooms the humanity and civility that our beloved professor, colleague and mentor epitomized during his 40-some years of service to this great University.



ALAN S. CARREL '67

*“A mentor and advisor”*

It was Bill Greiner and Tom Headrick who persuaded me to leave the practice of law and come to UB. Once I arrived, Bill, the academic Associate Dean, became a mentor and adviser. There has never been a more approachable person! His patience, wisdom, kindness and values put him in a class by himself. He taught me that students come first, and that compassion, sincerity and persistence can move mountains.



I once wrote a harsh letter and asked Bill to review before I sent it out. Bill read it and did not change a thing. He simply told me that the letter was a good venting tool, but I should put it in a drawer for a few days and read it again before mailing it. When I reread the letter, I realized it should not be sent. That “drawer” tip is one I still practice.

I became even closer to Bill in 1996 when he was president of UB and asked me to temporarily be his deputy and help with transitions. I was in awe of his gift for tackling and resolving the most contentious and difficult problems with ease and grace. When I felt a union leader had berated him unfairly in the newspaper, Bill said I should view it from that person's perspective and should consider his responsibility to his constituency. Bill said you can't reach consensus until you understand everyone's point of view.

Bill was a visionary and an achiever who loved people and loved UB. He was charismatic and genuine, delegated extensively and never micromanaged. He never lost his temper and raised his voice only when cheering for the Bulls. Working with him every day, it was clear that his commitment to UB and his children was surpassed only by his commitment to his wife, Carol. Their marriage was literally a union and their lives a true partnership.

I learned much from Bill, and miss him greatly.





WILLIAM A. NIESE '61

## “A true friend”

Some 15 years ago while visiting the Law School for a meeting of the Dean's Advisory Council, I was introduced to President Bill Greiner for the first time. From that introduction began a remarkable experience. So what started with a simple handshake grew into a genuine and lasting friendship.



Bill had the great gift of being able to be a friend, not just an acquaintance whose name could be dropped in conversation, but a real friend.

It is not an overstatement to say that of all those who regularly associated with Bill, most, if not all, of them considered him to be a friend and in all probability, he indeed was. He had the seemingly unlimited capacity to touch the lives of others in a warm and personal way.

Time is the element that establishes and confirms a friendship; one person taking, and making, time to be with another. On those occasions when my wife and I would return to the University,

Bill, and usually Carol as well, would always have time to be with us, often for dinner or even a basketball game.

When Bill and Carol traveled to the west coast, they would make time to be with us for dinner, a round of golf, or both. When my mother died, Bill and Carol made time to attend her funeral. In all of these ways, and many others, the Greiners, both Bill and Carol, were an uplifting force in our lives. Of all the gifts they gave us, none was greater than the gift of being a true friend.



UB PRESIDENT JOHN B. SIMPSON

## “A gifted leader”

Bill Greiner had a profound effect on every aspect of this institution, from academics and research, to student life and our engagement with our alumni and the community. His vision and leadership made UB the outstanding institution it is today.

He was a gifted leader with an abiding belief in the university. His devotion made others want to dedicate themselves to making UB the best it could become. We will miss him greatly.



UB PROVOST SATISH K. TRIPATHI

## “His legacy will endure”

Looking across the University at Buffalo's academic and physical landscapes, one can truly appreciate the indelible mark that President Emeritus Greiner had on our university. During his 42-year tenure at UB, he transformed our university in so

many lasting and meaningful ways. His body of work has enabled us, as a university community, to be among the finest public research universities in the nation. We owe so much of our success and future successes to UB's 13th president. He will be greatly missed, but, quite rightly, his legacy will endure.



UB LAW SCHOOL DEAN MAKAU W. MUTUA

## “He loved the law”

The Law School has lost an invaluable ally and advisor. Bill Greiner's ability and willingness to mentor countless law students was typical of his loyalty and selfless service to the Law School and UB. He loved the law. His name is fondly remembered by UB Law alumni throughout the country. The Law School, university and community are all better

because of Professor Greiner.

## William R. Greiner Scholarship Fund

For those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Professor Greiner, the family has identified three campus programs that held special importance to him: the Center for the Arts, UB athletics and the William R. Greiner Scholarship Fund. The fund, established in his honor in 2004, supports an endowment for a full-tuition scholarship to the UB Law School for a meritorious student who exemplifies leadership ability, dedication to public service and commitment to the Western New York community as a whole.

Checks should be made out to the William R. Greiner Scholarship Fund and mailed to:

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## Greiner on Greiner

*During his time as UB president, William R. Greiner received the Jaeckle Award – UB Law School and Law Alumni Association's highest honor – in 2002. His acceptance remarks were vintage Greiner – self-effacing, thoughtful and full of good humor. An excerpt from those remarks:*

YOU CAN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS.

There are so many people I need to thank. First, I need to thank Carol for all her support through the years. I wouldn't have gotten through law school sane without her.

I thank my kids for all the support they've given me. I want you to know that among them, the kids and their spouses, they hold 10 degrees from the University at Buffalo, including two J.D.s. So I'm like that guy who advertises the hairpieces: Not only do I own the company, I'm also a client.

The first person I met who was on the faculty of the University at Buffalo Law School was Jack Hyman. It was in the years when Carol and I were back at Yale, where I was working on my book *The Nature and Functions of Law* and Carol took care of the four kids. It was a great year for me; she sometimes had mixed feelings about it. Jack Hyman came through visiting the law school on a recruiting visit, and I was so impressed with him. I said, you know, if there's a law school anywhere in the country that I might like to be associated with, it would be UB, because that guy is really terrific.

Lo and behold, about six months later, I had the opportunity to talk with some faculty from the UB Law School and Dean Hawkland at a convention in New Or-

leans. I remember bumping into Bill Hawkland in an elevator, and he said, "Hi, I'd like to make you an offer." But Jack Hyman is the guy who sold me.

I've been so blessed to have colleagues at the Law School who are both intellectually stimulating and smart as hell, but they're also great people to work with. We have maintained a kind of family in the Law School faculty which I think is quite unusual.

I've had the pleasure over the last 15 years, both as provost and as president, of reviewing all the promotions and the senior appointments in the University. It's my way of keeping a finger on the pulse of the University. Our University, and especially our Law School, are in great shape. We have a superior faculty, and we have added to it recently.

All of you who are law alumni, take pride in your Law School, because it's going nowhere but up. Our alumni have been extraordinarily supportive over the years, and none more supportive than the law alumni. And I am so proud of the alumni of this University for the accomplishments that they have made since they left the University. Our profession is a public profession that has public service as one of its core values. I think our law alumni do that superbly well.



## GREINER AT A GLANCE

- Author of *The Nature and Functions of Law*, a seminal legal textbook still in use.
- Author most recently of *Location, Location, Location*, which chronicles the factors leading to the construction of UB's North Campus and debunks the idea that the decision to build in Amherst, rather than in Buffalo, was made for dubious or politically short-sighted reasons.
- Education: bachelor's degree in economics from Wesleyan University; master's in economics and the J.D. and Master of Laws degrees from Yale University.
- Sold sandwiches door to door at Yale under the firm name "Equity Chow."
- Joined the UB Law faculty in 1967.
- Served as chair of the Legal Studies Program from 1968 to 1970.
- Associate provost of the Law School from 1970 to 1975.
- Associate dean of the Law School from 1975 to 1980.
- UB Provost from 1984 to 1991.
- UB's 13th president, serving for 12 years beginning in 1991.
- Died Dec. 19, 2009, in the Cleveland Clinic, at age 75.



... with his mentor Jack Hyman...

Portrait of a young Bill...



... teaching tax...



... as provost...



... with Carol, the love of his life...



... as a young teacher...



... dedicating the Letro Courtroom...



... applauded at his Jaeckle Award luncheon ...



...congratulating his friend Al Mugel...





## BEYOND RACE

*In Mitchell Lecture, civil rights icon says post-racial society remains elusive*

“If a racially diverse democracy is to take place, we need to be able to talk to each other as peers.”

Despite the election of the nation's first African-American president, the path to a post-racial society still stretches out ahead, and only vigilance and hard work will get us there, prominent civil rights attorney John A. Payton said in a UB Law School address.

Payton, president and director-counsel of the NAACP's Legal Defense and Education Fund, delivered the Law School's signature Mitchell Lecture on Oct. 22 in O'Brien Hall, speaking to a near-capacity crowd of students, faculty, staff and the public. He appeared at the invitation of Dean Makau W. Mutua, a personal friend and colleague in human rights advocacy work.

Payton acknowledged the historic nature of the presidential election, saying, “There never has been a year even close to this in America. My father did not dream of this last year. For all his dreams, this wasn't one of them. These are remarkable changes, and it says something about our society.”

But, he said, “Are we a post-racial society? is a different question than ‘have we made progress?’”

The answer, he said, comes by look-

ing at racial fault lines in a handful of quality-of-life measures, including educational attainment, housing quality, employment, the criminal justice system and political participation.

In all of those measures save one, he said, African-American and Hispanic persons still lag behind their white peers — in high dropout rates in inner-city schools; in de facto segregated housing patterns as a result of white flight from the cities; in a foreclosure crisis that has disproportionately affected persons of color; in a prison population that is half minority; in the dearth of hospitals and other health care providers in minority neighborhoods. The only exception, he said, is political participation, as African-Americans voted in record numbers in the 2008 elections, despite a challenge to the landmark Voting Rights Act that Payton's Legal Defense Fund defended in the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Are we a post-racial society? The answer is, not yet,” he said. “It's a sobering assessment, but it's an unavoidable assessment.”

Describing one recent situation that he said reflected institutionalized racial disparity, Payton spoke of the federal

government's \$11 billion Road Home program intended to help rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Displaced residents of that city were offered financial help: either the actual cost of repairing their home, or the pre-Katrina value of the home, whichever was lower. White families mostly received the cost of repairs. But because homes in minority neighborhoods were assessed at a low figure, that was what was offered to African-American families. “Either you get enough money to rebuild your home or you don't,” Payton said. “Generally speaking, the white homeowners get enough money to rebuild their home, and generally speaking, the black homeowners don't.” The Legal Defense Fund sued, and just recently the government announced it is changing this formula.

Payton also pointed with dismay to the “very dark atmosphere” that surrounds the debate over health care reform. “This is hatred out there,” he said. “This is not disagreement. We've always had extremists. But the fact that Barack Obama is an African-American has pushed paranoia to another level, so people who have real disputes have now gone completely mad. And they've never had such access to the media that they do today.”

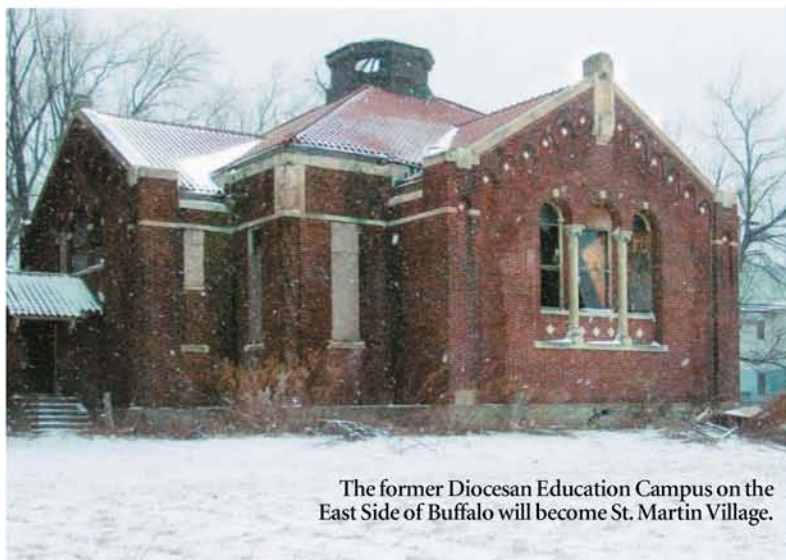
“It's really crucial that we figure out ways to marginalize those voices of hatred. The hatred we've seen is hatred that's directed at strangers. It's very hard to have that kind of emotion with someone who is literally your neighbor and who you actually know.”

And that, he said, is his major point: “If a racially diverse democracy is to take place, we need to be able to talk to each other as peers. Race is so easily used as a wedge issue. The sense of community doesn't happen by itself. You have to work on it.”

“Democracy at its real core requires that all the people be included in ‘we the people.’ For that inclusive democracy to function, we all have to be able to see each other as peers, as people we can respect. It depends on this sense of being in a shared enterprise together.”

“I believe we must become the inclusive democracy described by the Preamble to the Constitution. We must know our past in order to transcend our past. I believe that we must see our diversity as one of our most important strengths, and that we must see each other as peers. So let's get to work.”





The former Diocesan Education Campus on the East Side of Buffalo will become St. Martin Village.

## Affordable Housing Clinic leverages millions in grants for three projects

**U**B Law School's Affordable Housing Clinic has helped to secure three grants totaling more than \$28 million that will enable the construction of 106 new housing units in the City of Buffalo.

The new housing on the city's west, east and south sides will be energy-efficient apartments with affordable rents for senior citizens and low-income persons. Funding for the construction projects will come through the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

"This is a real tribute to the work the clinic has done, along with its students," says George Hezel, clinical professor of law and director of the Affordable Housing Clinic. "They have poured their hearts and souls into this project. It's a good result for the community at large and proof that UB is an economic development engine for the city and the region. If Buffalo is going to remain competitive in its search for federal and state funds, it needs an experienced and sophisticated advocate. With the clinic, we have an edge that other cities don't have."

The projects that won funding are:

- St. Martin Village, comprising 60 units of housing on the former Diocesan Education Campus at 564 Dodge St. Two existing three-story buildings will be rehabilitated into 24 two-bedroom units, and a chapel building will become a community center to be operated by the Community Action Organization. In addition, 36 townhouse units – 24 three-bedroom and 12 four-bedroom – will be newly constructed. Rents will be afford-

able for households that earn less than half the area's median income, and nine units will be configured for residents with special needs.

- Holy Family Senior Apartments, with 35 affordable apartments for senior citizens to be developed at the former Holy Family Elementary School building at 920 Tift St. in South Buffalo. The apartments will include 30 one-bedroom and five two-bedroom units. Nine units will be handicapped-accessible. Also included will be a large community room and improved facilities for the South Buffalo Food Pantry that Catholic Charities operates at the site. The sponsors are Delta Development of Western New York and Living Communities LLC.

- People United for Sustainable Housing, which will build 11 units of housing in a distressed neighborhood on the West Side. Three buildings on Massachusetts Avenue—a commercial storefront and long-vacant apartments—will be rehabilitated to create four one-bedroom, four two-bedroom and three three-bedroom apartments. All units will be affordable for households at or below 50 percent of the area median income.

Founded in 1987, the UB clinic, along with clinics at Yale and Seton Hall universities, pioneered the field of affordable housing clinics in U.S. law schools, championing a movement to bring practical work experience into the classroom while providing students with meaningful ways to improve their communities.

The recent grants bring to nearly \$200 million the total amount of private equity, loan and grant money the UB clinic has been able to leverage to help finance more than 2,000 units of affordable housing in Western New York for low-income families, the elderly, targets of domestic violence and people with disabilities.

The work of the Law School's legal clinics advances the UB 2020 strategic strength in Civic Engagement and Public Policy, which supports faculty research and scholarship that addresses pressing social and policy issues in collaboration with community partners, while also generating scholarly expertise. "There is no law firm, nor are there non-profits, that could sustain the effort that a Law School clinic can sustain," Hezel says.

In addition to affordable housing, UB Law School also offers clinics addressing such topics as family violence, the environment, elder law and community economic development.

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*– George Hezel, Clinical Professor and Director, Affordable Housing Clinic*

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# ALL TOGETHER NOW

*Faculty committees ensure broad buy-in to the mission of UB Law*



Professor and vice dean Errol E. Meidinger, left, is chair of the Appointments Committee. James R. Newton, vice dean for administration, is chair of the Career Services Committee.

#### The standing and special committees of UB Law School, as specified by the school's bylaws:

Appointments Committee  
 Committee on Committees  
 Academic Policy and Program Committee  
 Academic Standards and Standing Committee  
 Admissions Committee  
 Baldy Advisory Committee  
 Budget and Program Review Committee  
 Faculty Senate  
 Faculty-Student Relations Board  
 Grievance Committee  
 Law Library Committee  
 Law Review Committee  
 Mitchell Lecture Committee  
 Moot Court Committee  
 Special Needs Committee  
 Adjunct Development Committee  
 Bylaw Revision Committee  
 Career Services Office Committee  
 Development Committee  
 Faculty Mentoring Committee  
 Graduate and International Programs Committee  
 New Building Committee  
 Ph.D. Committee  
 Technology and Communication Committee  
 Vision and Mission Committee

It's lonely at the top – but not *that* lonely. The leadership of the Law School, recognizing that such a large and complex enterprise needs the voices and vision of all its stakeholders, counts on a diversity of working committees to share the load of governance. More than two dozen standing committees, drawing on the diverse talents of faculty members, administrators and a few students, meet regularly to provide guidance on a wide range of issues.

"In my time at the Law School, I cannot remember such a flurry of activity by the committees," says Dean Makau W. Mutua. "The vibrancy and vitality of these committees has not always been there. They were sleepers. But when I became dean, I promised the faculty that the committees would become real and that they would become forums for debating and deciding the fate of the Law School."

The dean says such a structure comports with his insistence on openness and transparency on the third floor of O'Brian Hall. "If you run a law school that is essentially unhappy – you don't communicate with students, you are not open with the faculty, you are opaque – the chances are you are running a failing law school," he says. "The dean of a law school becomes more effective if he or she is inclusive and walks in tandem with the faculty."

Dean Mutua nominally chairs many of the committees. But he has delegated much responsibility for running and reporting on the committee work to two fellow administrators: Professor James A. Gardner, vice dean for academic affairs, and James R. Newton, vice dean for administration.

"These committees are a means to get broader input into all the things that go into running the Law School," Newton says. "The dean charges the committees to look at various issues and then make policy recommendations."

In addition, notes Gardner, participation in the committee structure is, for

faculty, construed as service to the Law School – one of the key considerations that go into tenure and promotion decisions.

The implications of the committees' work for life at the Law School can be significant. Recently, Gardner and Newton say, these working groups have made major contributions in several areas. A small sampling of their work:

- A program to observe classes taught by adjunct faculty and provide feedback, to ensure a high standard of teaching in the classroom.

- Ongoing input into admissions decisions, especially for students in the broad midrange of the applicant pool.

- In process, a stronger and broader policy against academic dishonesty.

- A new policy on the hiring and retention of research and writing faculty, and an extensive new policy regarding the hiring and use of adjunct faculty.

- New policy guidelines for accommodating the needs of students with disabilities.

- A complete restructuring of UB Law's legal skills program.

- Major work on the Law School's use of technology, particularly as it relates to teaching. "We wanted to really aggressively think about how we are going to use technology," Newton says. "We have been hiring a lot of new faculty who are using more technology in the classroom, as are faculty at other law schools. We will be purchasing some new software and are planning to make major technology upgrades to several of our classrooms."

"The faculty can speak best to what their needs are, and what's changing out there in terms of teaching and legal academia, so that we as an administration can make the right purchases and plans for the Law School."



# UB exceptional scholars



**Professor James A. Gardner** was one of five recipients of the University at Buffalo's Exceptional Scholar Sustained Achievement Award for 2010. He was honored at UB's sixth annual Celebration of Academic Excellence on April 1 in the Center for the Arts.

Gardner is the Joseph W. Belluck and Laura L. Aswad Professor of Civil Justice; Director, the Jaeckle Center for Law and Democracy; and Vice Dean, Academic Affairs, in the Law School.

The Exceptional Scholar Award for Sustained Achievement was created by the University at Buffalo in 2002 to honor outstanding professional achievement that has been focused on a particular body of work over a number of years. This award was created to recognize an unprecedented accomplishment in a senior scholar's career, distinguishing a body of work of enduring importance that has gone beyond the norm in a particular field of study.

The other recipients were: Alexander N. Cartwright, Chairman and Professor, Electrical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering; Li Lin, Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering; Jerome A. Roth, Professor, Pharmacology and Toxicology; Mark T. Swihart, Professor, Chemical and Biological Engineering; Director, UB 2020 Initiative in Integrated Nanostructure Systems; and Georgirene D. Vladutiu, Professor, Pediatrics; Neurology; Pathology and Anatomical Sciences.

## Mangold selected a leading academic researcher for a National Institutes of Health conference



University at Buffalo Law School **Professor Susan V. Mangold** was selected as the leading academic for one of 15 teams accepted for a cooperative research conference sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and National Institute of Mental Health.

The conference, held in San Jose, Calif., Feb. 6-10, brought academic researchers and community administrators together in weeklong workshops to examine issues of public health. Mangold, co-director of UB's Program for Excellence in Family Law and an expert in child welfare law, served as the lead academic researcher for a group weighing the impact of local funding strategies on child welfare.

The conference, called the NIH/NIMH Community-based Participatory Research Approaches to Sustaining Healthy Families and Multicultural Communities Research Institute, accepted 15 teams – including Mangold's – from more than 40 proposals applying for sponsorships from the NIH/NIMH.

"We looked at whether the type of funding, not the amount, impacts child welfare outcomes," says Mangold. "Our preliminary findings indicate that local funding with flexibility, reliability and accountability leads to better outcomes."

Mangold says she and her research team worked at the institute to develop a study to test that hypothesis. Child welfare is funded by federal/state/local matching funds.

## Former Dean Olsen heads Buffalo fiscal control board

Economically, it's not the worst of times in the City of Buffalo, but it's not the best of times, either. Now UB Law **Professor and former dean R. Nils Olsen** has been named to chair a state-mandated fiscal control board that oversees the way the city handles its affairs.

The nine-member Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority was established in 2003 to bring order to what had been a dysfunctional budgeting process. As a so-called "hard" control board, it reviews significant contracts that the city enters into. The board also oversees spending in the Buffalo Public Schools, the Municipal Housing Authority and the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency. It's expected to transition into an advisory body this year, as the city has balanced three consecutive budgets and has amassed a record reserve account.



"I've always thought it was very important for the University to be civically engaged in the community and to devote some of its intellectual capital to the issues that are confronted by the community," says Olsen, who was appointed by Gov. David A. Paterson. "I thought it would be appropriate and a good idea to have someone from the University involved."

Though he's known for his expertise in environmental law, Olsen has been involved in community development issues, and has taught courses on the city charter commission review process and community economic revitalization.

And though things seem to be looking up for Buffalo, he says continued attention from the control board is vital. "The mayor, working with the control board and the Common Council, has done a very good job in turning around the dire situation that was present when the control board was enacted," he says. "They have built up an operating surplus and a significant rainy-day fund. Obviously, though, in today's economic situation, with the state economy in crisis and major increases in pension and other post-employment obligations, there needs to be continued vigilance and attention to this."



# Travel and honors fill Dean Mutua's calendar



Dean Makau W. Mutua speaking in Nairobi.

As 2009 gave way to 2010, Dean Makau W. Mutua packed a year's worth of activity and accolades into just a few months. One highlight was a **weeklong trip to Africa** in February, during which Mutua spoke in Nairobi, Kenya, and in Kampala, Uganda. His lectures came at a critical time for both countries: Kenya is rewriting its constitution and considering adding legal protections for gay and lesbian persons, and a bill pending in the Ugandan parliament would impose the death penalty on homosexuals. "Passions are high on both sides of the issues in both countries," Mutua said.

In his Nairobi lecture, titled "Sexual Orientation and Human Rights: Putting Homophobia on Trial," Mutua argued that anti-homosexual sentiment does not exist in isolation. "It is useless and hypocritical to fight one form of oppression and discrimination while supporting another," he said. "In most cases, individuals who express one form of hatred against one group are more likely expresses hatred against other groups – thus a racist is also likely to be homophobic, sexist, misogynist and a hater of poor people."

He exhorted human rights activists in Kenya, "You can't pick and choose what rights to focus on, or which people should be protected. When you fight for liberation, you should fight for the total liberation of the human condition. You should fight against all forms of discrimination."

The dean's trip was sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

Also in February, Mutua was **elected to the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations**, a New York City-based think tank and membership organization that studies major international issues and publishes the influential journal *Foreign Policy*.

With about 4,300 members, the Council's ranks include top government officials, renowned scholars, business leaders, acclaimed journalists, prominent attorneys and distinguished nonprofit professionals. Members participate in meetings, panel discussions, interviews, lectures, book clubs and film screenings to discuss and debate the major foreign policy issues of our time. In addition, they enjoy unparalleled access to world leaders, senior government officials, members of Congress and prominent thinkers.

The membership rolls include former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who chairs the organization, and such statesmen as former President Bill Clinton, Henry Kissinger, Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell; senior journalists such as Fareed Zakaria, Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric; senior academics such as Columbia University President Lee Bollinger and Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr.; and

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, along with other senior lawyers and judges.

On recommendation of the membership committee, the Council's Board of Directors elected Mutua as a life member.

In mid-March, Dean Mutua traveled to The Hague, The Netherlands, to **train investigators of the International Criminal Court** who are seeking evidence to determine whether senior Kenyan officials and businesspersons should be indicted for crimes against humanity for the violence that rocked the country in early 2008 after contested presidential elections. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, the Prosecutor of the ICC, has asked the court to authorize investigations into that violence, which resulted in killings, rapes, widespread attacks and wanton destruction of property.

And late last year, the dean was a **guest of President Obama and the first lady at a White House ceremony to present the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award**. Mutua was one of five international and national human rights experts who selected the recipient – Magodonga Mahlangu and her organization, Women of Zimbabwe Arise. The judges chose Mahlangu and WOZA for organizing more than 60,000 Zimbabweans in an ongoing campaign of non-violent action against injustice, exploitive social conditions and oppression of women's rights.

The award, established in 1984, honors courageous and innovative human rights defenders throughout the world who stand up against injustice, often at great personal risk. It includes a prize of \$30,000 and ongoing legal, advocacy and technical support through a partnership with the RFK Center.



## Spotlight on staff

PART OF A CONTINUING SERIES

# Dean Mutua says:



*Ilene R. Fleischmann, Vice Dean for Alumni, Public Relations and Communications and Executive Director, UB Law Alumni Association*

“Ilene brings to the important task of directing our alumni affairs, and telling the world about the great things that are happening at UB Law, a keen sense of professionalism and a dedication that have no match. She is a perfectionist who expects the highest standards and clarity of purpose. She has an eagle’s eye for the stories that put UB Law in the sharpest light. I am extremely fortunate to have such a gifted colleague in the ranks of the senior staff.”

Vice Dean Ilene Fleischmann is responsible for the Law School’s public face, bringing extensive journalism experience to her role in overseeing the award-winning *UB Law Forum* magazine; *UB Law Links*, a quarterly e-mail newsletter; *UB Law Briefs*, a bimonthly print newsletter; and the *UB Law Web* site and related electronic media. As executive director of the UB Law Alumni Association, she works to build relations with the school’s nearly 10,000 alumni.



*BobbyJo Ladelfa, Director of Records and Registration*

“BobbyJo exudes high competence and professional urgency in every task that she undertakes as registrar. The keeper of our academic records, BobbyJo occupies one of the most sensitive positions at UB Law with the grace and diligence that should be the envy of every law school dean. She has brought her impeccable organizational skills to a portfolio of UB Law that demands a unique combination of skills and talents.”

BobbyJo LaDelfa oversees management of the Law School’s Records and Registration Office, which is responsible for class scheduling and registration, final exams, grades, and maintenance of all student records, including transcript preparation. Dr. LaDelfa also provides academic audits and advisement for all students to ensure adherence to degree requirements and successful degree completion.



*Terrence E. McCormack, Interim Manager of Law School Technology and head of the M. Robert Koren Center for Clinical Legal Education*

“Terry is the unsung hero of UB Law. He has been the most important figure in making pedagogical technology accessible to many instructors. Even in the most difficult circumstances, Terry keeps the demeanor of the ultimate professional. I know from my own experience that he will scale heaven and earth to serve the needs of our students and faculty. He has brought that superb diligence and exceptional devotion to his position at UB Law IT.”

Terrence McCormack is the audiovisual librarian and head of the M. Robert Koren Center for Clinical Legal Education at the Charles B. Sears Law Library. He directs all media services in the Law School and maintains the Koren Center’s audio and video collection. He also serves as interim manager of the Law School’s Department of Technology Services, overseeing the school’s IT operations and services for students, faculty and staff.



*Melinda R. Saran, Vice Dean for Student Affairs*

“The English language does not have the words to capture Melinda’s dedication to our students and UB Law. She is the ideal description of the perfect dean of students. There is no one who works harder with our students – including when the cause is the most challenging – to mold and prepare them to be ethical, judicious and sharp attorneys. She is a real lawyer who instills in students the high purposes of this noble profession. Melinda is simply irreplaceable.”

Melinda Saran provides support services to students from the time they arrive to when they graduate, and even afterward for the bar examination. She plans and coordinates orientation and Commencement, provides academic and personal counseling, and works with student groups, dual-degree students, students with disabilities, and others to make the Law School experience successful, productive and enjoyable.



# THE WIDE ANGLE

*UB Law Alumni Association takes on a national focus*

Your UB Law Alumni Association has gone national. Not that the law alumni organization hasn't always had individual members across the United States and even worldwide. But, as vice dean and executive director Ilene Fleischmann says, "Historically, we were primarily a Buffalo-Rochester-based association. Most of our law students came from Western New York and many of our graduates wanted to stay here to practice. That is not the case today." "Now we want to get behind the Law School in its effort to be viewed more as a national rather than as a regional school, and the Law Alumni Association as a national organization. That's something that we've been working to achieve since the installation of Dean Mutua. He presented our organization with a great opportunity

to put a lot of energy behind that effort," says Robert Boreanaz '89, current president of the Law Alumni Association.

"The creation of a national alumni association is key to achieving my goals for the Law School," says Dean Makau W. Mutua. Toward that end, during this academic year he has traveled to visit alumni groups in Chicago, Atlanta, New York City, Washington, Rochester, San Francisco and Cleveland. "I have been humbled by the fantastic warmth and hospitality with which I've been received," he says. "For many, it's the first time they've seen the dean come to them."

Boreanaz, who also has traveled to a number of regional events, notes that the school's approximately 10,000 alumni live in nearly all 50 states as

**ALBANY**  
Buffalo Night at Jillian's  
Dec. 3, 2009



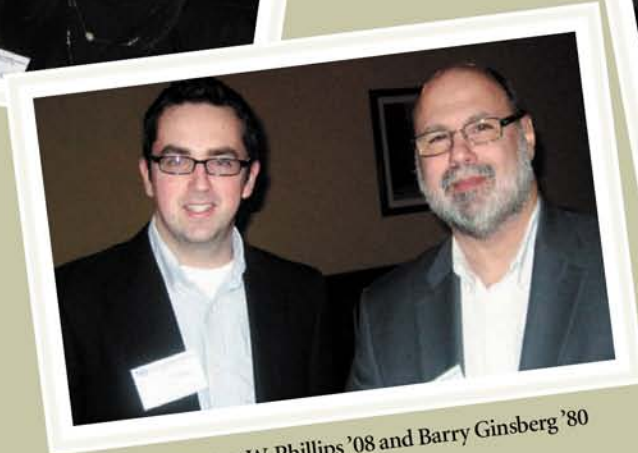
Left to right:  
Brenna C. Terry '09 and  
Victoria Choi '09

**ALBANY**  
Jillian's



Left to right: James E. Lonano '08, Jeremy  
Wilson and Anne E. Wilson '08

**ALBANY**  
Jillian's



Left to right: Burton W. Phillips '08 and Barry Ginsberg '80



**CHICAGO**  
The Mid-America Club  
Nov. 4, 2009



Left to right:  
Paul J. Korniczky '86  
and UB Law Dean  
Makau Mutua host  
a reception for  
Chicago alumni.

well as abroad. "We have alumni in all of these different areas," he says. "We want to take those alumni, who have made connections and set down roots in those areas, and have them available as resources to our students. When firms are recruiting, if they don't view us as a national law school then they are less likely to recruit our students."

The alumni association has taken several steps toward that end, says Lisa M. Mueller, assistant dean for alumni and communications, who serves as assistant director of UBLAA. Formal alumni steering committees, from 15 to 29 people, have been established in Washington, Albany, Rochester and New York City, she said. These steering committees, chosen to include male and female, older and younger alumni from different areas of practice, "will put together short-term and long-term plans for the area around how to fulfill the alumni association's mission," she says.

Now, in Phase 2, leaders will begin to integrate the work of the steering committees with the association's board of directors, about 30 officers and directors who meet monthly. Key

to that effort is a commitment to conduct two meetings a year by videoconference, bringing alumni leaders nationwide into the meeting.

Dean Mutua was present for the first such meeting in November, hosted by Dennis R. McCoy '77 at Hiscock Barclay, in Buffalo. "It was a great opportunity for the dean to address all of his alumni volunteers and leaders at one time and start a dialogue," Mueller says. Terrence M. Gilbride '88 at Hodgson Russ hosted the March videoconference meeting.

Also, Mueller says, the association bylaws will be revised to formally recognize these chapters as standing committees of the alumni association. One board member will be assigned to each chapter as a board liaison, "to mentor the chapters and be an advo-

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**CHICAGO**  
The Mid-America Club



Megan M. Wolfinger  
'00 and Simon A.  
Fleischmann '01

## Join your Law Alumni Association today!

No matter where you live or work, your Law Alumni Association can help you meet other alumni in your area, organize events or develop your professional network.

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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**NEW YORK CITY**  
The Hill Restaurant, Feb. 24, 2010



Left to right: Henderson Brathwaite II '09, Nate Bank '11, Sachin Kohli '06, Enam Hoque '06 and Michael D. Mann '06, chair of the NYC Alumni Steering Committee.

**NEW YORK CITY**  
The Cornell Club Feb. 18, 2010



Left to right: Ellen G. Yost Lafili '83, Stuart P. Schlem '79, Vikki L. Pryor '78, Jane Shufer '05 and Allison J. Tam '97

## THE WIDE ANGLE

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cate for them at board meetings.”

And Boreanaz points out that when vacancies occur on the alumni association’s board, appointments are made with an eye toward geography, and new members have connections to such places as Cleveland, Atlanta and New Jersey.

These efforts build on a continuing series of events hosted by regional chapters. For example, the traditional January luncheon of the alumni association’s New York City chapter was combined with the presentation of the Jaeckle Award, the Law School’s highest honor, to Kenneth B. Forrest '76. More than 100 people attended, including friends, family and colleagues of the honoree, who is based in New York City. “We plan to do more of this in other regions as appropriate – if the honoree is not in Buffalo, to honor them where they are,” Fleischmann says.

In Washington, more than 50 alumni attended a reception at the Kenyan Embassy hosted by the Kenyan ambassador, Boreanaz said. And a cocktail reception last summer in Chicago drew both students and alumni.

Another gathering to build ties with alumni was Rochester Day at the Law School on Feb. 12, at which about eight attorneys came from Rochester to talk to students about living and practicing law in the Rochester area. The day ended with a networking reception.

The next step, Mueller said, is to find ways to engage and hear from those in other regions with a concentration of UB Law alumni that currently are without a steering committee.

Boreanaz said that UBLAA has also found success in working with the University at Buffalo Alumni Association when it sponsors events nationwide. For example, we joined the UB Alumni Association in hosting events at the Cornell Club in New York City, when Vikki L. Pryor '78 spoke; and the Army Navy Club in Washington, D.C., featuring Nicole Lee '02.

All of these efforts, he says, draw on the close relationships that are created at UB Law. “There are countless stories that alumni can tell,” Boreanaz says, “about how they went to UB Law because that is what they could afford, and the school made it possible for them to have great careers. They carry the Law School in high esteem because they felt they received an excellent legal education.”

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
Kenyan Embassy  
Nov. 19, 2009



Left to right: Stefanie A. Svoren '09 and Theo Nickerson '08



**ATLANTA**  
The One Ninety One Club  
Oct. 14, 2009



Left to right: Thomas M. Galligan Jr. '91, Bryan Mitchell, Toinette M. Mitchell '94 and Stephen H. DeBaun '77

**ATLANTA**  
The One Ninety One Club



Left to right: Host of the event, Brent L. Wilson '76, with Dean Makau Mutua

**ROCHESTER**  
Rochester Day at UB Law School  
Feb. 12, 2010



Left to right: Students Nathanael T. Yohannes '12, Vanria P. Glenn '12 and Sarah D. Beisheim '92

**ROCHESTER**  
CLE at the  
Monroe County  
Bar Association  
Dec. 4, 2009



Left to right:  
Susan S. Laluk '85, Laura A. Myers '05, Rochester Chapter  
Chair Lorisa D. LaRocca '02, Matthew J. Fusco '86, Professor  
Athena Mutua and Patrick J. Solomon

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
Kenyan Embassy



Left to right: Kenneth A. Libby '85 and Adam Vodraska '89

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
The Army Navy Club  
Feb. 17, 2010



Left to right: Keith A. Gorgos '09, Nicole C. Lee '02,  
and Michael J. Surgalla Jr. '82



# Achievements recognized

## Law Review Dinner deepens bonds



Hon. Eugene Pigott '73



David Engel, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

Two legal lights with deep connections to UB Law School had that bond grow even deeper when they recently received the *Buffalo Law Review* Award.

Eugene Pigott '73, associate justice of the Court of Appeals, New York State's highest court, and longtime UB Law Professor David Engel were honored at the *Law Review's* annual dinner on April 21 at the Park Country Club.

The *Law Review* board, about five dozen students strong, made the selections based on an open nomination and election process. "Professor Engel and Judge Pigott were the unanimous decisions once they were nominated," says third-year student Scott Iseman, managing editor of the journal.

Engel, a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, teaches a first-year torts course that many *Law Review* members took, Iseman says. "Many people enjoyed him as a professor and thought he

was one of our favorite professors," he says. "He's such a kind, intelligent man, and that makes for a good professor." In addition, Iseman said, some members have taken Engel's bridge-term course involving travel to Chiangmai, Thailand, for intensive study of Thai legal culture.

Of Judge Pigott, Iseman said, "He is one of the more recognizable faces of the Law School throughout the state and the legal community as a whole. He's a great role model for our members to follow. His career path is more than just the bench — he served in private practice, and in the Army during the Vietnam War. That kind of professional dexterity and flexibility is something we like to emphasize with our membership."

The *Law Review* Dinner, for which Iseman served as emcee, celebrated a strong year for the journal, which publishes five issues annually. "It has been a good year for landing articles," he says.

"We have a number of cases that we're excited about publishing, especially our symposium issue this spring, a collection of essays from a number of high-powered professors" that arises from a Baldy Center conference.

A major initiative for the *Law Review* this year has been the creation of an online forum — "a place where a dialogue can be created among different professors in the legal community." The online venue will publish shorter pieces, 500 to 1,000 words, in a less formal format than the printed journal. "We want to try to get some dialogue going on the pieces we publish," Iseman says. "It will give an author an opportunity to be challenged and defend his opinions. This is an emerging trend among law reviews, so we're excited about that opportunity."

The *Law Review* Web site is at [www.buffalolawreview.org](http://www.buffalolawreview.org).



Trini E. Ross '92



Sheldon K. Smith '01

## Students of color hear words of thanks and advice

In keeping with the theme "Lifting as We Climb," the Law School's Students of Color Dinner brought together graduating students, continuing students, faculty and a wide variety of friends to celebrate achievement and call for a commitment to serve others as only lawyers can.

The April 15 dinner, held at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, is an annual joint venture of the Asian American Law Students Association, the Black Law Students Association and the Latin American Law Students Association. It

mixed solemnity with laughter, as those organizations honored the achievements of their members set to graduate in May. They also recognized distinguished alumni, minority trailblazers in the legal field, and professors.

With a slide show of smiling Law School faces running continuously in the background, those honored shared words of thanks and advice with those who will soon be their colleagues in the legal profession.

The keynote speaker was Associate Professor Rick Su, who teaches in the areas of immigration and local government law.

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Trini E. Ross '92, Assistant U.S. Attorney and member of the Dean's Advisory Council; Mark G. Pearce '78, of the Buffalo firm Creighton, Pearce, Johnsen & Giroux. Pearce was named by President Obama to the National Labor Relations Board; and Dr. Chanse Leon Kim '75, a suc-

cessful private practitioner from Seoul, Korea, who accepted his award by video.

The Trailblazer Award was given to Sheldon K. Smith '01, president of the Minority Bar Association. The Jacob D. Hyman Professor of the Year Award went to SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Charles Patrick Ewing, director of the Legal Skills program at the Law School. A "Lift As We Climb" scholarship also was awarded, as was the Monique E. Emdin Award, given in honor of the 2007 UB Law graduate, who died tragically of cancer at age 28.

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers '73, who previously received a Distinguished Alumni Award, was honored for her recent appointment to the Fourth Department, Appellate Division of New York State Supreme Court.

The event's traditional candle-lighting ceremony closed the evening.

Co-chairs of the dinner were Mollie K. McCabe '11 and Allison T. Chan '11.



# Distinguished alumni

*Six to receive awards at dinner May 11*

**F**ive accomplished alumni of UB Law School, and one non-alumnus with substantial ties to the school, will be honored May 11 at the UB Law Alumni Association's 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner. The event – the 48th annual for the Law Alumni Association – will be held at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7. To register, call (716) 645-2107 or e-mail law-alumni@buffalo.edu.

An advance look at this year's honorees reveals some well-known names and some unparalleled records of accomplishment:

**Hon. Erin M. Peradotto '84**, *For her conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary:* An associate justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, in Rochester, N.Y., she was appointed to the position in 2006. Justice Peradotto worked as a trial attorney for almost 20 years before she was elected to the state Supreme Court in 2003. She worked as an assistant attorney general in Buffalo from 1997 to 1998. She has also worked with various law associations, such as the Bar Association of Erie County and the State of New York's Attorney Grievance Committee for the 8th Judicial District.



**Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden '83**, *For her many contributions for the betterment of our community:* Buffalo City Court judge and acting Erie County Family Court judge Ogden served as president of the UB Law Alumni Association in 2008-09. She is the first and only African-American woman to serve Erie County Family Court. Known as a no-nonsense yet compassionate jurist, she was first appointed to City Court in 1995, then elected twice to serve 10-year terms. Prior to ascending to the bench, Ogden, a Buffalo native, worked as a trial attorney for the CIGNA Insurance; had her own practice; and served as a prosecutor from the Erie County District Attorney's Office and as assistant county attorney. She is a member and past president of the Women Lawyers of Western New York.



**Hon. Frank J. Clark '67**, *For his commitment to public service:* A former Erie County district attorney, Clark served in the district attorney's office in Buffalo for 27 years. He was a familiar figure in the news during much of that time. First elected to the county's top law enforcement position in 1996, he cited health concerns in announcing his retirement in 2008. A member of the Dean's Advisory Council at UB Law, Clark has been board president of the 100 Club of Buffalo, which supports



members of local law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service agencies and their families. A 2007 recipient of the New York State Bar Association's Outstanding Prosecutor Award, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War.

**Harvey L. Kaminski '77**, *For his exemplary service in business:* president and CEO, Prestige Capital Corp. in Fort Lee, N.J.

A member of the Dean's Advisory Council, Kaminski is a vocal and active supporter of the Law School; a lecture-hall classroom in O'Brian Hall is named in his honor. He has served as a mentor for UB Law students and fielded plenty of calls from students seeking career advice. He also has taught at the Law School's New York City Program in International Finance & Law. "It is critical to just give thanks and show gratitude for the positive experiences you have had in your life and what has made you successful," Kaminski says. "Life is short. You have to leave a legacy."



**Hon. Thomas P. Franczyk**, *For Outstanding Service to the University by a Non-Alumnus:* Considering all the time, effort and creativity he contributes to UB Law, "Tim"

Franczyk, an Erie County Court judge, might well be claimed as an honorary alumnus. Co-director of trial advocacy at the Law School, Franczyk oversees the school-sponsored Buffalo-Niagara National Mock Trial Competition, which last year brought nearly 130 law students from 32 schools to the Buffalo City Court building. Franczyk, a former Erie County prosecutor, has been coaching trial teams and teaching trial advocacy and drafting case problems at UB Law since 1994.



**Dr. Roger J. Jones '84**, *For his leadership by example as a private practitioner:* Jones is a partner in the Chicago law firm Latham and Watkins. Practicing in the firm's tax department, Jones specializes in tax controversy and litigation matters. He has represented taxpayers, including numerous Fortune 500 companies, in over 50 matters at all levels of the federal court system, including U.S. Tax Court, federal District Court, the Court of Federal Claims, the federal Circuit Courts of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as before various state courts. He is also a frequent speaker at seminars and symposia, taught in the Chicago-Kent College of Law Graduate Program in Taxation, and has been a member of the Dean's Advisory Council at UB Law since 1999.



# Don't miss your class reunion!

**May 21 and 22, 2010**

Class of 1960's 50th reunion on  
Commencement weekend

**October 8 and 9, 2010**

Planning is under way for Classes of  
1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000

For more information contact Amy Hayes Atkinson at  
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## '50s

**Hon. Joseph D. Mintz '56** has retired as a New York State Supreme Court justice, 8th Judicial District, in Buffalo. Mintz, who served on the bench since 1979, is a resident of Getzville, N.Y.

**Richard F. Griffin '57** is listed in *Business First* "Who's Who in Law" 2009, New York *Super Lawyers* 2009 and the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. A past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award, he is of counsel with Kavinoky Cook in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Robert J. Plache '57** is listed in the trusts and estates category of *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 and was named to *Super Lawyers* 2009. He is special counsel at Damon Morey in the Buffalo office, practicing in the probate, trust and estate department. Plache lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

**Anthony J. Colucci Jr. '58** has been named counsel in Colucci & Gallaher in Buffalo, concentrating his practice in corporate counseling and public finance. He also received the Martindale Hubbell Honoree Award, its highest peer recognition, for 25 consecutive years with Martindale Hubbell's top rating of "AV." A past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the association's Distinguished Alumnus Award, he lives in Buffalo.

**Maryann Saccomando Freedman '58** is named in the 2010 edition of both *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*. Freedman is of counsel to Cohen & Lombardo in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Harold M. Halpern '58** of East Amherst, N.Y., received the Nathan Benderson Community Service Award from the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo. He is vice president and general counsel for Calamar in Wheatfield, N.Y.

## '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.

**Vincent J. Moore '69** is included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the real estate law section and was named to *Super Lawyers* 2009. Moore is a senior partner in Damon Morey in the Buffalo office and chair of the firm's real estate department. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

## '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.



Anthony J. Colucci Jr.  
'58



Harold M. Halpern  
'58



John A. Cirando '66



# 50+ Reunion



Seated – Hon. Charles R. Newman '50, David A. Doll '50, Herbert Shafer '50, Hon. Joseph J. Sedita '50, Michael A. Amico '58, Michael T. Sullivan Jr. '53, Hon. John J. Gruber '52, Victor C. Silverstein '54, Frank R. Parlato '54

Standing – Hon. Joseph D. Mintz '56, Ross M. Cellino Sr. '56, Sanford M. Silverberg '57, John F. Canale '47, Richard N. Blewett '51, Ralph L. Halpern '53, Hon. John P. Lane '53, Grace Marie Ange '57, Thomas J. Kelly '52, Frank R. Papa '52, Thomas Santa Lucia '54, Gordon Gannon Jr. '59, Irwin E. Ginsberg '55, George M. Zimmermann '49, Harold M. Halpern '58

50+ REUNION LUNCHEON  
Aug. 5, 2009  
Buffalo  
• Luncheon at the  
Law School

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Left to right: Hon. Joseph D. Mintz '56, Gordon Gannon Jr. '59, and Hon. John P. Lane '53



Left to right: Michael A. Amico '58 and David A. Doll '50



Left to right: Herbert Shafer '50 and Hon. Charles R. Newman '50



Left to right: John F. Canale '47, Irwin E. Ginsberg '55, and Frank R. Papa '52



Left to right: Michael T. Sullivan Jr. '53 and Ross M. Cellino Sr. '56



# CLASS ACTION



Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72



Hon. Rose H. Sconiers '73



James P. Burgio '74



Arthur Herdzik '75

**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 the Amherst, N.Y., office 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.

**Hon. Mark G. Farrell** '72, Amherst Town Justice, has been named the recipient of the Annual Eugene W. Salisbury Magistrate of the Year Award for 2009 by the New York State Magistrate's Association. The award was presented at the 100th annual meeting of the New York State Magistrates Association, held in Lake Placid, N.Y. Judge Farrell was cited for his outstanding contributions and dedication to the local court system in New York State and his outstanding professional achievements as a member of the judiciary. The Eugene W. Salisbury Magistrate of the Year Award is the most prestigious designation available to a sitting magistrate in New York State. He resides in Amherst, N.Y.

**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 the 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 received the Robert M. Kiebala Memorial Award from the Defense Trial Lawyers of Western New York, recognizing him as the 2009 Defense Trial Lawyer of the Year. Burgio is a partner in Burgio Kita & Curvin in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Michele O. Heffernan** '74 of Buffalo is named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the employee benefits category. She is a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, practicing in employee benefits in the Buffalo office.

**Hon. Alexander W. Hunter Jr.** '74 was appointed associate justice of the Appellate Term of the New York State Supreme Court, First Judicial Department, in New York City. He previously served as a New York State Supreme Court justice, 12th Judicial District, in Bronx, N.Y. Hunter is a resident of New Rochelle, N.Y.

**Gregory C. Yungbluth** '74 has been named to *Super Lawyers* 2009. He is a senior partner in Damon Morey in the Buffalo office and is co-chair of the firm's corporate department. Yungbluth lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Christopher T. Greene** '75, a senior partner in Damon Morey in Buffalo, was named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the corporate law, health care law category. He was also named to *Super Lawyers* 2009. Greene is a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council and a former recipient of the Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Pamela Davis Heilman** '75 has been named to the advisory board of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Canada Institute. Heilman is a partner in the corporate and securities and international/cross-border practice group of Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office.

She is a member of the UB Council and of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council. Heilman is 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 Chelus 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., where 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.



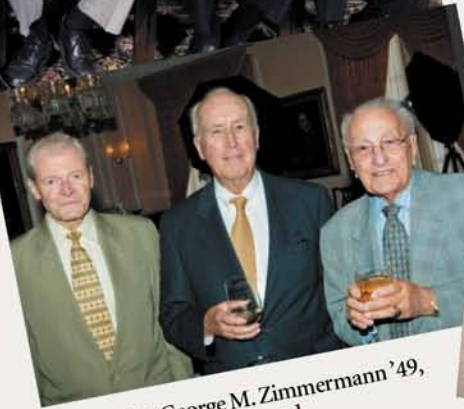


Seated – Hon. John T. Curtin, Peter J. Murrett Jr., Dr. George M. Martin, Joseph C. Vispi, Hon. Frank B. Borowiec, Philip H. Magner Jr.  
 Standing – Richard M. Handel, George M. Zimmermann, Joseph M. Ralabate, Oscar Smukler, Joseph A. Contino

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# Class of 1949

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



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



Left to right: Peter J. Murrett Jr. '49, Dr. George M. Martin '49, and Hon. Frank B. Borowiec '49

# Class of 1951

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

Seated – Eugene J. Martin,  
 Edward J. Schwendler Jr.,  
 William R. Pfalzer, Harvey  
 Rogers, W. Donn McCarthy

Standing – Richard N.  
 Blewett, Edward S. Spector,  
 David S. Reisman, Thomas  
 V. Troy, Henry S. Wick,  
 David Buch, Calvin Kallett,  
 Henry Rose



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

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Margaret P. Gryko '77

**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.



Michael R. Wright '77

**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.



Vikki L. Pryor '78

**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.

## Births

To Chandy Kemp '94 and Chris Kemp, a daughter, Marin Ivy, on July 17, 2009, in Le Roy, N.Y.

To Patricia A. Mancabelli '96 and Charles Mancabelli, a son, Maximilian Donald, on June 4, 2009, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

To Brian Gwitt '98 and Bridget Niland '98, a daughter, Ellen Rebecca, on Jan. 28, 2010, in Amherst, N.Y.

To Kimberlee McGrath Dunlop '03 and Joseph Dunlop, a son, Alex Michael, on Sept. 18, 2009, in Amherst, N.Y.

To Brian M. Swann '05 and Julieann Swann '05, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on Dec. 31, 2009, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

To R.J. Friedman '07 and Kelly Friedman, a daughter, Emily Mack, on Feb. 18, 2010, in West Seneca, N.Y.

## Marriages

Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

Elizabeth B. Snyder '00 and Philip G. Fortino, Sept. 5, 2009

Stephanie A. Williams-Torres '00 and Kerry L. Saunders, July 3, 2009

Kevin M. Momot '02 and Yelann L. Yu '03, Sept. 5, 2009

Elizabeth Tertinek Midgley '03 and J.P. Midgley, Sept. 12, 2009

John L. Rudy '05 and Genevieve Marino, Aug. 15, 2009

Carrie Rhea McElroy '08 and Jarod Stephen Masci, Oct. 2, 2009

Adam Seth Markel '09 and Katherine Anne Veith, Aug. 15, 2009

**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.





Seated – Jerome D. Adner,  
Victor C. Silverstein,  
Hon. Ann T. Mikoll,  
Robert W. Frangooles,  
Anthony C. Ben, Thomas  
Santa Lucia  
Standing – Milton J.  
Strebel, Hon. Robert L.  
Wolfe, Bertram C.  
Serling, John Markarian,  
Arthur J. Rumizen,  
Marlin B. Salmon,  
Donald J. Holzman,  
Bryant S. Kurtzman, John  
P. Patti Sr., Anthony M.  
Leone, Myron M. Siegel,  
Peter A. Vinolus, Herman  
J. Ginsburg, Irving M.  
Shuman



Left to right: Rosemarie Leone, Anthony M. Leone  
'54, Dolores Santa Lucia and Thomas Santa Lucia '54



Left to right: Myron M. Siegel '54, Bertram C. Serling  
'54, Marlin B. Salmon '54 and Kathleen M. Salmon



Left to right: Peter A. Vinolus '54, Trudi Vinolus,  
Susan Wolfe and Hon. Robert L. Wolfe '54



Left to right:  
Raymond Smith,  
Hon. Ann T.  
Mikoll '54 and  
Donald J.  
Holzman '54

## 55TH REUNION

June 17, 2009

Buffalo

• Dinner at the  
Mansion on  
Delaware

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# CLASS ACTION



William A. Lundquist '80



Michael Anthony Rossi '80



Daniel C. Oliverio '82

**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 P. 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.

## '80s

**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 '80** 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. Feroletto '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

For more reunion photos visit  
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## 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

3rd Row – Elbert Hargesheimer III, Allan M. Lewis, Lee J. Mondeshein, William F. McLaughlin, Daniel E. Brick, Richard S. Usen, Donald B. Eppers, Michael R. McGee, E. Carey Cantwell, Joseph V. Sedita, Richard J. Lippes



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

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Daniel J. Sperrazza '83



Daniel P. Joyce '84



Barbara L. Schifeling '84

**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 the 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

## Student kudos

**Theo Belniak '10**, a student in the joint JD/MLS program, has published her first paper, "The Law Librarian of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries: A Figuration in Flux." She won the 2009 American Association for Law Libraries/LexisNexis Call for Papers competition in the student category and delivered her paper at the 2009 annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, in Washington, D.C. Publication of her paper in the current issue of the *Law Library Journal* (Vol. 101, issue 4) is the final honor.

**Richard M. Scherer Jr. '10** won an honorable mention in the International Defense Counsel's legal writing contest. The article, arguing against social host liability, will be published in the April edition of the *Defense Counsel Journal*.

**Marrisa Jenna Trachtenberg '11** has been chosen as the recipient of the inaugural Elder Law Section Scholarship administered by the New York Bar Foundation. The \$2,500 award is available to second- or third-year law students who are enrolled in a law school in New York and actively participating in an Elder Law Clinic at the school during the 2009/2010 academic year. Named for the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, the scholarship will be applied to Ms. Trachtenberg's Law School tuition for the current academic year.

College. He is a partner in the business litigation practice group and chair of the construction law practice group in Hodgson Russ in the 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 chairman 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.

**Daniel P. Joyce '84** is named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the immigration category. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, practicing in the immigration, internal business,

business and corporate, and intellectual property practice groups. Joyce lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Robert D. Lonski '84** received the Wilfred R. O'Connor Award from the New York State Defenders 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. Dunlavy, Lance J. Mark, F. Gerard Hogan, Thomas B. Reeve Jr., Richard M. Tobe, Nathan S. Neill

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Left to right: Tricia T. Semmelhack '74, Nathan S. Neill '74 and Carol Cunningham



Left to right: Sheldon D. Repp '74, Christopher T. Greene '74, Richard M. Tobe '74 and Thomas C. Bailey '74



Above, left to right: Patricia E. Mark, Pat Hogan and Pat Reeve

Left to right: Konrad B. Langlie '74 and Hon. Michael E. Dunlavy '74



Left to right: Joel Brownstein '58 and Thomas B. Reeve Jr. '74



# CLASS ACTION



Gayle L. Eagan '85

**Mitchell J. Banas Jr. '85** is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010. He is a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, focusing his practice in trial and appellate practice, complex litigation, construction law, insurance law and business litigation. He also was elected to the council board of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts in Buffalo and was also appointed vice president of district operations for the council. Banas is a resident of North Tonawanda, N.Y.



H. Todd Bullard '87

**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 the Buffalo office. She is a past vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the association's Distinguished Alumna Award.



Brian M. Martin '88

**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, where he resides.

**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 Sidley Austin in Washington, D.C., where she resides.



Karen L. Spencer '88

**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 Gulisano & 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.

**Brian M. Martin '88** was named to Ethisphere's *100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics* 2009. Martin is senior vice president and general counsel for KLA-Tencor in Milpitas, Calif., and a

UB Law School adjunct faculty member, teaching ethics within the in-house legal community. He lives in Fremont, Calif.

**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 E. 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.

## '90s

**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 '52, 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 C. Schaus '53, Naples, Fla.  
 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 '07, 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 February 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.

club and in 2008 became the first female head coach. McNamara is a Buffalo resident.

**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.

**Paul H. Roalsvig '94** has started his own general law practice in Tupper Lake, N.Y., specializing in real estate, immigration, trusts, estates, wills and motor vehicles. His Web site is [www.Roalsviglaw.com](http://www.Roalsviglaw.com).

**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.



# CLASS ACTION



Tasha E. Moore '98

**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 Western New York Chapter of 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 Jaeckle 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. Spaul '98** of Rochester, N.Y., was appointed to the National Project Safe Place program board of directors for a three-year term. Spaul 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 Saeli & Tollner in Amherst, N.Y., and resides in Grand Island, N.Y.

**Paul A. Gennari '99** was elected of counsel in Steptoe & Johnson in the Washington, D.C., office. He is a member of the intellectual property group, focusing on patent litigation. He lives in Arlington, Va.

**John A. Orłowski '99** is environmental affairs counsel for General Electric Co., advising the aviation and transportation businesses in Cincinnati. Orłowski is also chairman of the Standard Alcohol Co. of America board, based in Durango, Colo. He is a resident of Cincinnati.

**Kirstin Lowry Sommers '99** has been elected to the board of directors of the U.S. Green Building Council Upstate New York Chapter. She is of counsel in Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo and is the only LEED-accredited professional attorney in Western New York (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System). Sommers is a resident of Orchard Park, N.Y.

## '00s

**Irene Chiu '00** has accepted a position as chief legal officer and general counsel of Systagenix Wound Management at the Boston headquarters. She will be relocating to their office in West Sussex, United Kingdom. She is the first Asian woman to join the global company's executive management team.

**Daniel M. De Federicis '00** has retired as New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association chief in Albany, N.Y. De Federicis served as a state trooper for 22 years before becoming the association's chief. He is a resident of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

**Emilio Colaiacovo '01** was named to "Who's Who in Western New York Law" by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Colaiacovo is a partner with Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo and lives in Kenmore, N.Y.

**Simon A. Fleischmann '01** has been elected a partner in the national law firm of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell. He concentrates his practice on the representation of banks and finance companies in complex litigation matters. Fleischmann resides in Chicago.

**S. Peter Konzel '01** has been promoted to a partner in Novak Druce & Quigg in the Washington, D.C., office. He oversees the daily operations of the firm's practice in Japan and practices in the areas of patent prosecution and patent re-examinations. Konzel lives in Alexandria, Va.



Sarah E. Tollner '98



Kirstin Lowry Sommers '99



Simon A. Fleischmann '01



# Class of 1979



## 30TH REUNION

June 5 and 6, 2009

Buffalo

- Happy hour at Shanghai Red's
- Brunch at the Law School
- Dinner at The Muse inside the Albright-Knox Art Gallery

Seated – Sharon Anscombe Osgood, Maryilyn Tebor Shaw, David E. Alexander, Lawrence M. Ross, Candace Scott Appleton, Jean C. Powers, Alan M. Wishnoff, Joann R. Parry, Ann E. Evanko, Terrie Benson Murray, Hon. Jean Graziani Greinert, Andrew V. Tramont

Standing – Thomas W. Bender, Hon. Michael H. Ranzenhofer, Thomas E. Black Jr., William M. Brooks, Harry F. Klodowski, John R. Drexelius Jr., Richard A. Hochman, Debra A. Norton, Dan D. Kohane, Dr. Kathleen E. Surgalla, James J. Pelletter, Paul J. Suozzi, James E. Morris, Mary Anne Connell, Hon. J. Mark Gruber, Joseph M. Schnitter, Hon. Steven Molik, Hon. Ann E. Pfeiffer, Michael B. Risman, Raymond P. Reichert, Hon. Frederick J. Marshall, Perry D. Silver



Left to right: Jean C. Powers '79 and Candace Scott Appleton '79



Left to right: John R. Drexelius Jr. '79, Kevin Powers, Richard A. Hochman '79 and Thomas E. Black Jr. '79



Left to right: Mary Schnitter, Joseph M. Schnitter '79, Christine Naples, Dan D. Kohane '79, Hon. Frederick J. Marshall '79 and Jody Marshall



Left to right: Karen Spencer '88, Merli Kaplan and David E. Alexander '79

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# CLASS ACTION



Patrick G. Radel '02

**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. Seeley '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. Aloï '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 Elma, 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 Jaekle 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



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concentrate on financial services and securities, securities litigation and complex commercial litigation. Goergen previously served as a law clerk to Hon. Richard C. Wesley, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in Geneseo, N.Y.

**Joseph M. Hanna '05** received the Community Service Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York in Buffalo at the association's 27th annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner on Sept. 23. Hanna is a partner in Goldberg Segalla, practicing in commercial litigation, intellectual property law, construction litigation, fidelity and surety law, and sports and entertainment law in the Buffalo office. He also was named 2010 Outstanding Young Lawyer by the New York State Bar Association's Young Lawyer Section. Hanna, who is also chair of his firm's diversity task force, resides in Amherst, N.Y.

**Kimberly Jetty '05** is an associate in Chelus Herdzyk Speyer & Monte in the Buffalo and Cheektowaga, N.Y., offices, handling general practice and litigation matters. She is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

**Molly M. Mallia '05** of Buffalo has been named state director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. She practices as an associate in the labor and employment department in Damon Morey in the Buffalo office. Mallia is president-elect of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

**Joseph D. Morath '05** has been appointed vice chair of the Bar Association of Erie County committee on veterans' and service members' legal issues in Buffalo. He is an associate in Connors & Vilardo in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Yadira A. Ramos-Herbert '05** of New Rochelle, N.Y., has become an associate in Goldberg Segalla in the White Plains, N.Y., office. She practices in labor law and product liability.

**Scott J. Bizub '06** has joined Siegel Kelleher & Kahn in Buffalo, where he resides. Bizub practices in personal injury.

**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 Herdzyk 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.



# Witness to the aftermath

*Nicole Lee '02 sees failings in the effort to aid victims of Haiti earthquake*

“The only thing keeping people alive are small NGOs and themselves. If one person has a bag of rice, they feed everybody until they run out, and then they try to figure out how to get more.”



The situation in Haiti, says Nicole Lee '02, is dire. “I’ve worked around the world, and I’ve never seen anything like it,” reports Lee, who as president of TransAfrica Forum visited the earthquake-ravaged island nation on a difficult weeklong trip in mid-March. She was there to assess how well aid is being delivered to those displaced by the calamity—whether people’s needs for food, water, shelter and health care are being provided for.

What she found, she said, was that only “a small percentage” of the need is being met effectively. “The need is significant, and it’s not clear that money is actually being spent on the top priorities,” she said. For example, Lee said, tarpaulins handed out as shelter will be of little use in the rainy season, and a sturdy four-person tent—available in the United States for around \$70—can go for as much as \$500 on the black market in Haiti. Most shelter aid, she said, falls far short of the international standards for shelter.

Lee—who traveled with a driver and an interpreter, in a “really beat-up car” in order to keep a low profile—visited

six camps for internally displaced persons, in the capital Port-au-Prince but also in the rural villages of Leogan, Delmas and Carrefour. In nearly all of them, she said, the aid was inadequate because the major nongovernmental organizations were unwilling to enter the camps.

“The first priority of corporate NGOs is their own security,” she said. “You don’t want relief workers being kidnapped or harmed. Unfortunately, in this situation there’s an assumption that the people in the camps are inherently violent. And that is not true. There’s no evidence for that at all.

“There’s nothing in these camps,” Lee said. “The only thing keeping people alive are small NGOs and themselves. If one person has a bag of rice, they feed everybody until they run out, and then they try to figure out how to get more.”

The population of each camp has elected a government. “In one camp,” she said, “most of the committee that was elected was college students. There was only one laptop among them, and this was a 3,500-person camp, but they had compiled a database with the name of every man, woman and child, their ages, their medical concerns, where they came from, whether they were renting or owned a home before, what happened to that property, and whether they planned to go back.”

Lee, whose husband is Haitian-American and who has lived in Haiti, said that despite the devastation, the human spirit remains strong. “The funny thing about Haiti,” she said, “is that everyone is always pristine. There’s no food there, no clean water, but there’s still a dry cleaner. People walk around with their heads held high, their clothes clean and pressed.”

But she is fuming about

the inefficient delivery of life-sustaining assistance, and on her return arranged a full slate of meetings with members of Congress and people at the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development. As an independent observer, she said, she is in a position to give them a clear-eyed assessment of how well U.S. government aid—mostly funneled through NGOs—is being spent, and how it might be used more effectively. She also was planning a return trip to Haiti with other prominent observers.

It’s the people she met who will stay with her, like the young Haitian woman who was working on community development issues in the artsy city of Gonaives. When the earthquake struck, she rushed home to find that her house had collapsed, killing her 22-month-old infant and her caretaker. In a daze, she walked to her husband’s office, only to find that it, too, had fallen, and he was dead. “She is still organizing in these camps,” Lee said. “She said, ‘My baby used to love going out and being around people. How could I stop doing something my baby loved so much?’”

“As critical as I am of the international community,” Lee said, “I am so inspired by what the Haitian people have been able to do.”



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# YOU ARE INVITED

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When the fine points of torts and contracts have faded, it's the people who form the most vivid memories of Law School – especially those who teach.

Eleven valued faculty members have retired in the past few years, and UB Law School is inviting them back to O'Brian Hall with a special pre-Commencement reception in their honor. The May 20 cocktail reception, open to all in the UB Law community including alumni, will begin at 6 p.m. in the fifth-floor Cellino & Barnes Conference Center.

Recognize any of your favorites?



**Lee A. Albert** taught at UB Law from 1975 to 2008. A specialist in health care law and constitutional law, he has studied and published on issues of medical ethics. He comes by his interest in the U.S. Supreme Court from the inside – he once clerked for Justice Byron White.



Tax specialist and Distinguished Teaching Professor **Kenneth E. Joyce**, a faculty member from 1964 to 2008, has been one of the Law School's most familiar faces. In addition to his teaching and research, Joyce has been at the forefront of law reform through legislation in New York State.



**James B. Atleson** retired in 2007 after teaching at UB Law for 43 years. An expert in international labor law, he also gained local fame as leader of the pickup Hot Cargo String Band, a fixture of Commencement ceremonies for many years.



**Janet S. Lindgren** taught at UB Law from 1973 to 2009. Her legal writing courses revolved around the concept of “writing for change” – writing for understanding and persuasiveness.



**Barry B. Boyer**, a UB Law professor from 1973 to 2009, served as dean from 1992 to 1998. An authority on environmental law, he founded the group Friends of the Buffalo Niagara Rivers. He also directed the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy for 15 years.



Distinguished Teaching Professor **Elizabeth B. Mensch '79** taught from 1980 to 2008. Her research interest in church and state led to several publications that include the 1993 book *The Politics of Virtue: Is Abortion Debatable?*, written with her late husband and fellow UB Law professor, Alan Freeman.



**David B. Filvaroff** served as the Law School's 15th dean, from 1988 to 1992, and lists among his accomplishments the creation of the Dean's Advisory Council. He taught torts, international law, civil rights, federal courts, constitutional law and international human rights.



**Wade Newhouse** taught Constitutional Law, International Law, Collective Bargaining in Government, Law and Public Education, and Comparative State Constitutional Law. A former UB Law dean, he taught from 1958 until 1993.



**Ellen M. Gibson '80** was director of the Charles B. Sears Law Library from 1984 until her retirement in 1999. She implemented the Mercury document delivery system through which faculty members can call or e-mail to request particular documents.



**Judy Scales-Trent** joined the faculty in 1984. With a major research interest in the social construction of race in America, she has also taught courses in employment discrimination law, constitutional law, and law and literature.



**Thomas E. Headrick**, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, served as dean of the Law School and as UB provost. With Professor William R. Greiner, he co-authored *Location, Location, Location: A Special History of the University at Buffalo*.

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