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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

# High numbers, higher hopes

*“My goal remains putting UB Law among the top 50 law schools in the country.”*

The fall semester is always a time of new beginnings. As we open the 2010-11 academic year, UB Law welcomes within its ranks one of the most accomplished and exciting first-year classes in its history.

On the faculty front, we are joined by three new faculty members. And, of course, we welcome you – our alumni – back to the school for what promises to be an exciting year. Together, these three pillars – students, faculty and alumni – form the foundation on which academic greatness is possible.

First, a few words about our entering class. For the first time in the school's history, the median LSAT of our 1L class hit 158. In this respect, it is our most competitive class ever. When I became dean in 2008, I pledged to raise the LSAT scores of our students and am proud to report that we have gone from a median LSAT of 156 to 158 in just two years. This accomplishment is quite remarkable given that we faced budget cuts exceeding 10 percent during this period. I am determined to raise these numbers even higher because they are a proxy for better bar pass rates and factor greatly into our rankings. My goal remains putting UB Law among the top 50 law schools in the country. I will not retreat from that pledge.

I could not be more excited about the three new teachers and scholars who will join us this year. As I have said before, the currency for respect in the academy is the excellence of scholarship. And, as we all know, great teachers change students' lives. For these reasons, we must have faculty who are either stars already or have star potential.

The faculty we have hired this year, and the last, meet these criteria. Professors Kim Diana Connolly, Jessica Lippmann and Sagit Leviner are as good as they come. Professor Connolly, the nation's foremost expert on wetlands law, will direct our clinics.

Professor Lippmann will teach environmental law and Professor Leviner will teach tax law. Professor Angela Harris, a nationally renowned academic from Berkeley Law School, will teach criminal law and serve as the acting vice dean for research and faculty development. Together with



our accomplished faculty, these new hires will change the face of UB Law.

I could not ask for a better foundation on the journey to academic excellence.

Finally, our alumni – you – continue to be the inspiration on which our success revolves. You continue to show us great affection and love, and I must confess that my deanship would not have been where it is today without your engagement, kindness and generosity. I know you will do whatever is necessary for us to succeed, and I most sincerely thank you for it. There is nothing we cannot accomplish together.

And so, as we enter the fall, I want to us to raise our hopes and aspirations even higher. Our drive toward excellence continues at a breakneck pace!

*Mark A. Macauley*



## Belluck '94 named to the SUNY Board of Trustees

The State University of New York recently announced that Gov. David Paterson's appointment of Joseph W. Belluck '94 to the SUNY Board of Trustees was confirmed by the State Senate. Belluck is a founding partner of the Manhattan law firm of Belluck & Fox LLP, which focuses on asbestos, consumer, environmental and defective product litigation.

His appointment was effective July 1, 2010, to a term that expires June 30, 2017. He replaces Trustee Robert J. Bellafiore, who has served as a member of the board since 2005.

Board Chairman Carl T. Hayden said, "As a distinguished alumnus holding both undergraduate and graduate SUNY degrees, and as a former lecturer in our classrooms, Joseph Belluck is a welcome addition to the Board of Trustees."

"Joseph Belluck's SUNY education and his experience with the state attorney general's office make him an excellent addition to the SUNY Board," said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. "Joe's knowledge of SUNY and New York State will benefit the entire system



as we implement 'The Power of SUNY,' our new strategic plan."

Belluck said, "I am honored to have been appointed by the governor to be a SUNY trustee. As a SUNY alumnus, I know firsthand the value of SUNY to its students, faculty and local communities. SUNY is one of New York's treasures and I am looking forward to ensuring that it continues to provide high-quality

educational experiences to all New Yorkers."

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of SUNY and consists of 17 members, 15 of whom are appointed by the governor by and with consent of the State Senate.

The president of the Student Assembly serves as student trustee, and the president of the University Faculty Senate serves as an ex officio and non-voting trustee.

SUNY trustees serve on a voluntary basis without compensation for terms of seven years.

Belluck graduated in 1989 with a B.S. in sociology from Binghamton University and magna cum laude from the University at Buffalo Law School in 1994, where he later served as an adjunct lecturer on mass torts.

Belluck previously served as counsel to the New York State attorney general, representing the State of New York in its litigation against the tobacco industry, as a judicial law clerk for Justice Lloyd Doggett of the Texas Supreme Court, and as director of attorney services for Trial Lawyers Care, an organization dedicated to providing free legal assistance to victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

He lives in New York City and Woodstock with his wife, Laura, and their children, Olivia and William.

## Brent L. Wilson '76 honored by Atlanta Business League

**Brent L. Wilson '76**, a member of the Dean's Advisory Council and recipient of the Law Alumni Association's 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award, has been named among the Atlanta Business League's 2010 Men of Influence. The honor, bestowed at a dinner July 27, recognizes black business owners, professionals, community and civic leaders in the metropolitan Atlanta area who have reached senior-level positions within their profession, are leading entrepreneurs in their industry, have proven history-making feats or have attained the



ability to influence large public bodies politically and in government.

In addition to professional accomplishments, the Men of Influence have demonstrated their commitment to the citizenry of Metro Atlanta by maintaining significant involvement and participation in community and civic activities.

Wilson, a partner in the Atlanta law firm of Elarbee, Thompson, Saap & Wilson LLP, devotes his practice to defending employers in employment-related litigation matters as well as counseling employers regarding day-to-day

employment decisions to avoid litigation. He works with a variety of employers nationwide, including communications companies, service providers, educational institutions, non-profit groups, public entities and manufacturing operations. He has been named one of America's Leading Black Lawyers by *Black Enterprise* magazine, a member of Georgia's Legal Elite by *Georgia Trend* magazine and one of Georgia's Top 100 Attorneys by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

## Hochul '84 confirmed as U.S. Attorney for Western New York

It has been a long ride since then, but Bill Hochul '84 – recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate as U.S. Attorney, the lead federal prosecutor in Western New York – vividly remembers that first terrifying, exhilarating year at UB Law School.

“Especially I remember my contracts class with Fred Konefsky,” Hochul said during an interview in his downtown Delaware Avenue office. “I learned a great deal about being a lawyer through his Socratic method. He called on me early and often. It was a class that taught me to think on my feet. You never knew where Professor Konefsky would take the discussion. It was like watching John Houseman teach at Harvard, on TV.”

Those skills, refined over years at the U.S. Attorney's office, where he has served since 1991, came to the attention of Sen. Charles E. Schumer, who nominated Hochul to the top post. “Mr. Hochul has had a long and distinguished career in public service,” Schumer said. “His exceptional, innovative legal mind, his commitment to justice, and his extensive experience will make him an outstanding U.S. Attorney for the Western District.” President Obama made the appointment, Senate confirmation followed, and Hochul was sworn in April 10.

Hochul has served as chief of the office's anti-terrorism unit, as anti-terrorism advisory council coordinator, as chief of the national security division and as confidential human source coordinator. He is known as a hard-nosed trial attorney who routinely was assigned some of the biggest federal prosecutions in Western New York, including:

- Donald “Sly” Green and other members of the LA Boys street gang, a drug organization responsible for numerous slayings, kidnappings and as-



saults in Buffalo.

- A sting operation that led to convictions of a restaurant owner and others who smuggled dozens of illegal Chinese aliens into the United States through Buffalo.

- Prosecuting leaders of Laborers Local 91 in Niagara Falls, following a federal probe into labor racketeering “goon tactics” including beatings, death threats and a bombing.

- Lead prosecutor of the “Lackawanna Six,” a group of young Muslim men from Lackawanna who trained at a camp in Afghanistan run by the al-Qaida terrorist network.

Hochul also has taught as an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School as well as Hilbert College and Niagara University.

“The training of UB Law School was very good,” he says. “Law school teaches you how to take a position and defend it, and also how to even define your position.” In addition to Konefsky, he cites as an early influence Professor James Atleson: “Jim Atleson’s labor law class did a great job of bringing the law to life. It taught me that law is a living,

breathing entity with real stories behind every case.” He’s also appreciative of former Dean Tom Headrick and the career counseling of Alan Carrel. And his moot court experience was especially formative, Hochul says. “The moot court program was outstanding. The opportunity to argue, with a partner, before lawyers and judges was great training. And the opportunity to travel – that, more than anything, developed my skills as a litigator.”

In his new position, he’ll be doing less direct litigation, a fact he acknowledges with a certain ruefulness. “For 26 years I’ve spent most of my working days in a courtroom or at least thinking about cases,” Hochul says. “I’m not in the courtroom anymore, and that is a significant difference. It’s more about oversight of the work our line attorneys and supervisors do.”

In addition to that oversight, he says he plans to do a lot of community outreach, “trying to encourage the community to report issues or areas of concern they may have – to raise our visibility so people bring us issues.” The U.S. Attorney’s office comprises units dealing with organized crime, terrorism, white-collar crime and gang violence. Hochul is responsible for an office that employs about 120, two-thirds of them in Buffalo. There is also a Rochester office.

He is married to Erie County Clerk Kathleen C. Hochul, who held the Bible at his swearing-in ceremony. They have a son and a daughter – both, he said, bound for law school in the next few years.

## Gary DeWaal '80 among top general counsels

Gary A. DeWaal, group general counsel for Newedge USA, a global brokerage firm headquartered in New York City, was one of five finalists for the International Law Office General Counsel of



law firm nominees for the honor. The International Law Office designation recognizes lawyers “for demonstrable

the Year Award.

DeWaal, a 1980 graduate of the Law School in the J.D./MBA program, was selected from among more than 3,000 corporate counsel and

achievements across the full spectrum of in-house responsibility.” The awards were presented at a black-tie dinner in New York City on June 23.

DeWaal is a member of UB Law School’s Dean’s Advisory Council. He joined Fimat in 1995, and the company merged with Calyon Financial in 2007 to form Newedge USA.

## Blacks' gift endows prestigious professorship

**T**homas E. Black Jr. '79 has covered a lot of miles to get to where he is today. He and wife Bridget have lived in Buffalo, Hartford, Fort Worth, Washington, D.C., and Irvine, Calif., as he built a legal and business career.

Now that they've spent 15 years in the Dallas area, where Black is managing partner of the hugely successful mortgage servicing firm Black, Mann & Graham, the odometer doesn't spin quite so fast. But in a sense, the couple have never left Western New York behind.

That is nowhere more apparent than in their support for UB Law School, culminating this year in a \$1 million gift to establish a named professorship at the school. The first Tom and Bridget Black Professor will be Angela Harris, a renowned scholar in criminal law and critical race theory.

"These are positive times," says Black, who as chair of the Dean's Advisory Council is intimately familiar with the workings of the Law School. "I'm a firm believer that Dean Mutua is going to accomplish his goal of making us a top 50 law school, and I believe it's going to happen in next five years. The dean has the right formula to get us back there. I could have made a not-so-meaningful gift, but the Law School is meaningful to me, and I needed to step up."

For his part, Dean Mutua says alumni investment on this scale is crucial to faculty development, a major component of law school rankings. "This gift signals to our junior faculty and to others in the legal academy that UB is a school on the rise, a place where academic excellence is rewarded with the highest recognition," the dean says.

Black's early career was in banking law before he moved into mortgage lending. "I tripped into where I was," he reflects. "But because of my law background, I was able to get into a position

to learn management and customer service skills and learn how to deal with business issues. It was a good combination. It has allowed me to apply those same principles to the practice of law."

After a series of positions with mortgage companies nationwide, in 1997 he opened his firm in Flower Mound, Texas. Now Black, Mann & Graham is the largest document preparation law firm in Texas, where preparing a mortgage loan document requires an attorney. The firm represents major mortgage companies and banks, preparing their mortgage loan documentation and counseling them on regulatory compliance issues.

Tom and Bridget Black have two children: Ryan, a Notre Dame graduate who is now a second-year student at UB Law, and Erin, a senior theater major at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame's sister school.

Black, a 2008 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his performance in business, sees alumni giving as a way to stay invested in the school that made their careers possible. "Dean Mutua has a crystal-clear vision of where this law school needs to go," he says, "and he has done a great job of communicating that vision to a lot of alumni, including me. When the dean talks about areas of need, one is scholarship opportunities to attract top students. But in addition to that, in order to make it a top 50 law school, we're going to have to attract the top talent in the teaching profession. Endowed chairs and professorships allow us to bring in people who might not otherwise consider UB Law. Guys like me, who have been given a great education and a very affordable education, need to step up to the plate and support that."



## Beecher '59 receives UB's Norton Award



Thomas R. Beecher Jr. '59, chairman of the board of Barrantys LLC, received the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal, UB's highest award, during the university's 164th general commencement on May 9.

The Norton medal is presented annually in public recognition of a person who has, in Norton's words, "performed some great thing which is identified with Buffalo ... a great civic or political act, a great book, a great work of art, a great scientific achievement or any other thing which, in itself, is truly great and ennobling, and which dignifies the performer and Buffalo in the eyes of the world."

Beecher is a founder and first chairman of the board of directors of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC), a non-profit corporation established to cultivate a world-class medical campus in downtown Buffalo. Under his leadership, and in partnership with its member institutions, the BNMC has implemented a master plan for development of the Buffalo Life Sciences Complex and for scientific recruitment and entrepreneurial development on the medical campus.

As board chairman of Buffalo General Hospital from 1991 to 1994, Beecher helped lay the groundwork for the hospital's merger with Millard Fillmore and Women and Children's hospitals into the Kaleida Health System. He chaired that system's board in 1999 and 2000.

He co-founded BISON, the Buffalo Inner-City Scholarship Opportunity Network, which funds scholarships for low-income students seeking private secondary education. He also served on the boards of directors of Canisius College and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.



# AN OBLE PURSUIT

## *COMMENCEMENT 2010 CELEBRATES THE HUMAN SIDE OF LAWYERING*

**F**or UB Law's latest generation of promising attorneys, the journey of a thousand miles ended with a single step: the pomp and circumstance of the Law School's 121st Commencement ceremonies.

Held in the Center for the Arts on May 22, the ceremonies celebrated the achievements of 267 recipients of the Juris Doctor degree, nine who earned the master of laws degree in criminal law and seven who earned the general master of laws degree.

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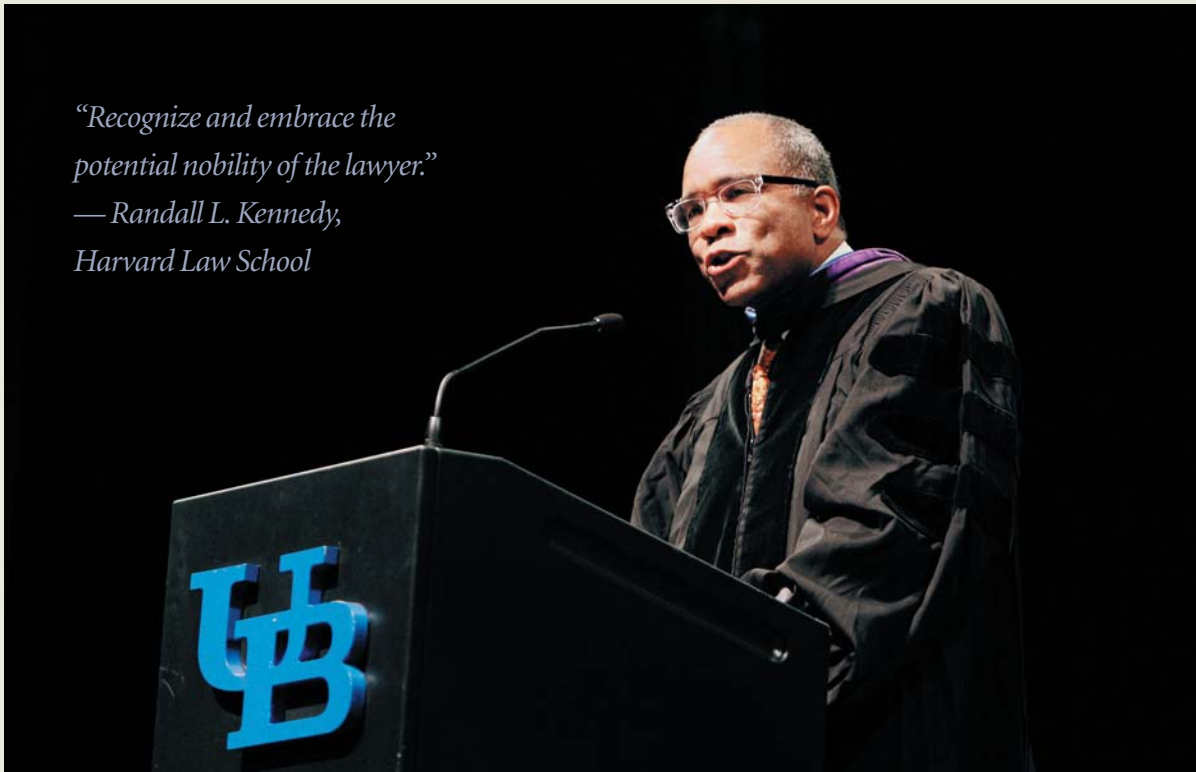


*"Henceforth your most enduring identity will be that of a lawyer. Cherish that identity and use it for the public good."*

— Dean Makau W. Mutua

*"Recognize and embrace the  
potential nobility of the lawyer."*

— Randall L. Kennedy,  
Harvard Law School

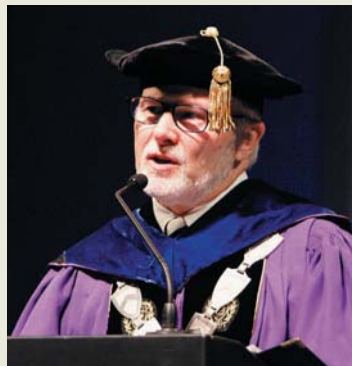


Above, Zachary G. Schurkman gets a hug from his grandmother.

At right, UB President John B. Simpson



Joanna T. McKeegan



A red-robed Dean Makau W. Mutua told the graduates that "Henceforth your most enduring identity will be that of a lawyer. Cherish that identity and use it for the public good."

"The notion of justice is the most cherished ideal in this civilization," the dean said. "Whether you are going to work as a prosecutor, as a defense lawyer, as a public-interest lawyer, as a corporate attorney, as a human rights advocate, as a judge, as a policy-maker, as a researcher or in any other capacity using your legal skills, remember this: There is no better calling than the privilege to serve others."

University at Buffalo President John B. Simpson added his own congratulations and noted, "You are graduating at a pivotal moment in the history of the University at Buffalo and indeed in the history of American higher education. On a global scale, this moment in time represents unprecedented advances in innovation, research and discovery, and unprecedented challenges to the implementation of these. Just as surely as our past prosperity has been driven by the American research university, just as surely our future also depends

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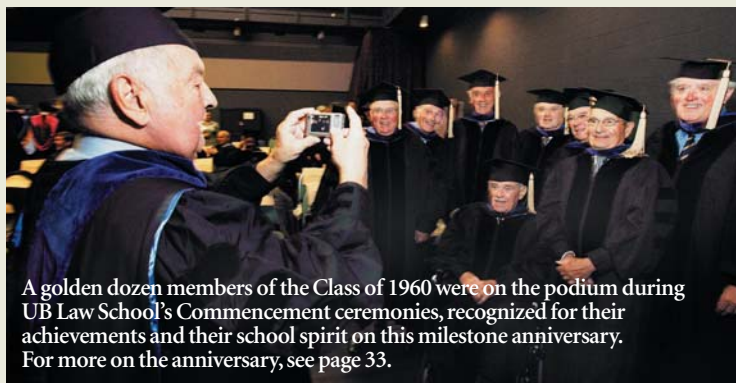


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upon its well-being.”

The student address was delivered by Joanna T. McKeegan '10, who remarked on the graduates’ “twisted and interesting journey” to this juncture in their lives. “We have learned a lot in the last three years,” McKeegan said. “We’ve learned what’s a contract, what’s hearsay, what professors usually teach at 9 a.m. on Friday and when during the day you have a 50-50 chance of getting a library computer. . . . We began to speak in a language that no one around us understood, complaining about the rule against perpetuities and the Socratic method and adverse possession. Talk about falling cows, the remarkable Learned Hand and jumping onto trains with boxes of fireworks in our hands became just as frequent as talk about Thursday night bowling, course selection and some team you might have heard of called the Sabres.”

The ceremony was highlighted by a challenging and emotional keynote address by Randall L. Kennedy, a Harvard Law School professor whose scholarship has focused on the intersection of racial conflict and legal institutions in American life. Kennedy urged the graduates to “recognize and embrace the



A golden dozen members of the Class of 1960 were on the podium during UB Law School’s Commencement ceremonies, recognized for their achievements and their school spirit on this milestone anniversary. For more on the anniversary, see page 33.



John F. O’Donnell Jr. (Jack) is congratulated by his parents, Hon. John F. O’Donnell and Denise E. O’Donnell ’82.





Professor and Vice Dean James A. Gardner congratulates the John F. Bennett Achievement Award winners, Maureen N. Polen and Joshua M. Agins.



Dean Makau Mutua presents the Dean's Medal to Margaret W. Wong '76.



Leo J. Dandes with his dad, University at Buffalo Council member Jonathan A. Dandes.



Clinical Professor George Hezel hoods Robyn E. Zenzinger.

potential nobility of the lawyer," noting that despite the age-old ubiquity of lawyer jokes, our society looks most often to lawyers to serve, for example, as president, vice president and secretary of state.

"Attorneys are involved in all sorts of pursuits: litigation, negotiation, planning," Kennedy said. "They work for governments, business, non-profits. There is potential for good in all of these settings. I draw no hierarchy of virtue according to role. There are many ways to be socially productive and many ways to find happiness."

Those ways include, he says, the work of "private, independent, old-fashioned practitioners who provide legal services to everyday people. They are the attorneys to whom you turn when you are preparing a trust, when you are involved in a divorce or think you have been victimized by fraud or negligence, or need to defend yourself from a lawsuit. Many of you will enter practices that will involve you with such problems. Typically these difficulties are not the stuff of grand drama. They are prosaic troubles, but they are dramatically important to the people who face them, and they confront the attorneys charged with addressing them with

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Boris I. Karasch and Patricia G. Pantaleon march toward receiving their Master of Laws in Criminal Law degrees.

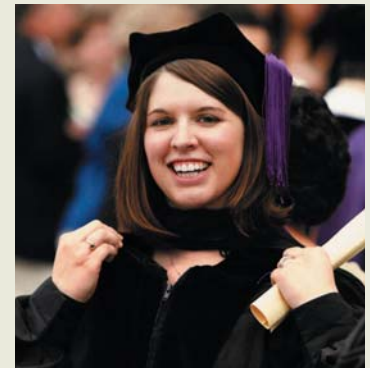
large responsibilities.”

On a deeply personal level, Kennedy spoke about his own family lawyer and her guidance at the time of the death of his wife, Dr. Yvedt Matory. “I shall always be grateful,” he said, “for the way in which, at that moment of utter personal devastation, my attorney addressed my problem. She attended to the legal issues expertly, but she deployed more than technical legal expertise to assist me. She addressed my personal crisis with the utmost care and tactfulness, graciousness and empathy. She offered not only knowledge but wise counsel. There was a real nobility in the fashion in which she addressed my pressing need, a nobility that is latent in all sorts of settings in which lawyers find themselves. I hope that you graduates will seize opportunities to be as helpful to your clients as my attorney was helpful to me.”

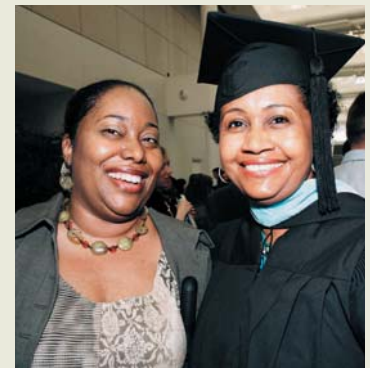
Other highlights of the ceremony included Dean Mutua’s presentation of the Dean’s Medal to Margaret W. Wong ’76, and recognition of the Class of 1960, celebrating the 50th anniversary of its own Commencement.



Daniel D. Day gives his son a ride.



Jenelle L. Messer



Tasha E. Moore '98 and Vice Dean for Admissions Lillie Wiley-Upshaw.



# TAHERI ENDS HIS UB LAW TEACHING CAREER WITH HONORS

**C**riminal defense attorney Michael S. Taheri spent 13 years in front of UB Law classes as an adjunct professor. But the Law School saved the best for last when it honored Taheri during Commencement ceremonies with the inaugural Kenneth F. Joyce Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award, named for the popular SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, celebrates outstanding teaching. But to hear Taheri tell it, the benefits run both ways.

"I thought it would make me a better lawyer," he says of his years teaching courses in white-collar crime, New York State DWI law and law firm management. "You've got to be prepared for class, and you've got to be current on the law and be able to explain it. It's not enough to know it. You have to explain it to people who are not lawyers. If you can explain it to students, you're going to be better at dealing with clients. Making the law clear and understandable, and keeping students engaged for three hours, takes your preparation to a higher level."

Taheri, whose firm is Taheri & Todoro in Williamsville, sometimes taught three or four classes in a semester. "I loved every minute of every class I had at UB," he says in retrospect. "I never had a bad class. It's very kind of the Law School to recognize me with this award as bringing something to those students, but I was committed to them. They still e-mail me, and it's always fun when they call with some ethics question. And they invite me to a wedding now and then."



Attorney Michael S. Taheri accepts the inaugural Kenneth F. Joyce Award for Excellence in Teaching from Professor Emeritus Joyce and Professor James B. Gardner.

Taheri, who has written and published several books on the law for laymen and professionals, retired as an adjunct professor at the end of the 2009-10 academic year, but his talent for teaching and influencing lives is not going to waste. He and his wife, Josette, have gotten deeply involved as volunteers at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in downtown Buffalo. "I felt that the skills I developed in the classroom, both academic and administrative skills, might be helpful to students and other people who are living a life of poverty," Taheri says. So, for example, he worked this year with a summer program, teaching high school students how to make a public presentation, and taking them on field trips to broaden their horizons. He has done adult literacy instruction at the mission as well.

New classroom, but still teaching.

*"I thought it would  
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lawyer."*

*— Michael S. Taheri, on  
his years teaching  
courses in white-collar  
crime, New York State  
DWI law and law firm  
management*



# WIRED FOR EXCELLENCE

*Two classrooms begin a technological revolution*



Terrence E. McCormack, interim manager of Law School technology and head of the M. Robert Koren Center for Clinical Legal Education

Students learning their craft this fall in two first-floor lecture halls of O'Brian Hall will find a major upgrade in the Law School's technology infrastructure, making possible tools that promise to revolutionize the teaching of law.

Room 106 will become the Law School's go-to room for major special events and will be outfitted for distance education. Room 108 will be set up for electronic teaching technologies as well.

Terrence E. McCormack, head of the M. Robert Koren Center for Clinical Legal Education and interim manager of Law School technology, is overseeing the implementation of these technological advancements, the vanguard of what he says is planned as a broad-ranging move toward the use of instructional technology.

Faculty have used electronic technologies for years, McCormack says, going back to the days of 16mm films and overhead-projector transparencies, but each use involves Law School IT staffers dragging projectors, cables, video monitors and the like into classrooms—a clumsy, labor-intensive and distracting

process. With the two large lecture halls, he says, “our aim is to move toward teaching technologies that are functional for teaching and learning, but also are as transparent as possible.”

Says Vice Dean for Administration James R. Newton: “We are excited about these enhancements because we have a top-notch faculty who are eager to teach with and through technology. They want to utilize live-feed technology to bring experts from around the world into our classrooms, present videos and PowerPoint presentations, and record students as they prepare for oral advocacy.”

Because it's designed to accommodate special events, Room 106 will have a movable podium that can be transferred to one side of the room and reconnected to the technology grid. This will clear space for a stage that can be installed for special events. The podium will be outfitted with a touch panel that enables the professor or other presenter to toggle between electronic applications, for example moving from a PowerPoint presentation to a piece of video streamed from the Internet. “This will

allow them to switch eloquently between assets without interrupting the flow of the lecture and teaching,” McCormack says. Presenters can bring their own laptop and plug it into the system or bring their materials on a flash drive. DVD and VHS inputs are available as well.

Dual projectors will be connected to the technology grid. Rather than displaying on a screen, they will be formatted to project images on the front walls, which will be painted with screen paint. The projectors will adjust their images to the walls' 28-degree angle to eliminate any parallax effect.

The room will have two cameras set up, and microphones that cover all seating, to facilitate distance education, such as classes taught collaboratively with other law schools and appearances by distant guest speakers, making for a cost-effective way to get great legal voices into UB Law School classes.

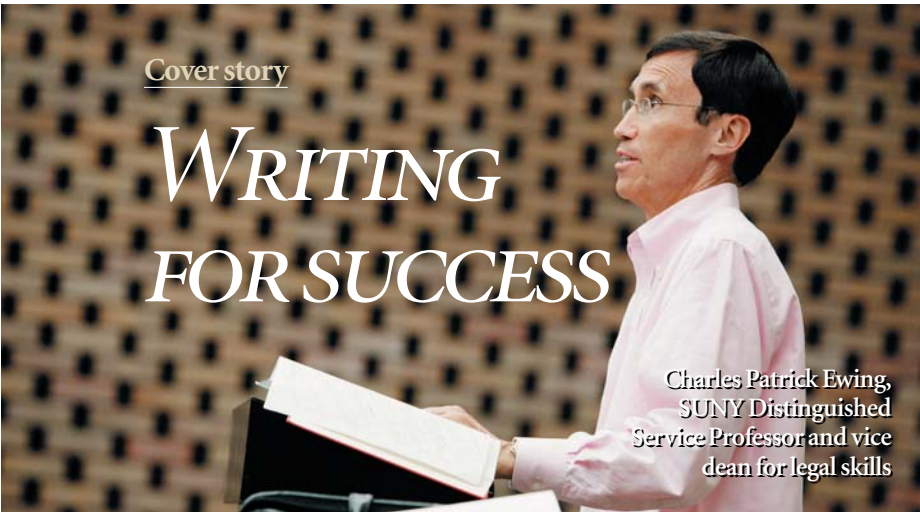
Room 108 will have similar technology on a smaller scale—a fixed podium and a single projector, but all the instructional assets in place as well.

The project comes following a survey in which faculty members were asked what technologies would help them teach better, and after McCormack visited law schools nationwide that showcase their instructional technology as a key component of the learning experience. It's a feature that resonates with students, he says, who routinely use YouTube clips and PowerPoint in their own presentations.

Says Vice Dean Newton: “Installed technology in the classroom will enhance the learning process as we produce outstanding lawyers ready for practice in the 21st century. Undergraduates are accustomed to learning with technology and expect their graduate education to develop them further along this path; and today's lawyers are utilizing technology in the courtroom, in the boardroom and in their practices in ways people could not have imagined 20 years ago.”

Cover story

# WRITING FOR SUCCESS



Charles Patrick Ewing,  
SUNY Distinguished  
Service Professor and vice  
dean for legal skills

## New LAWR program highlights Legal Skills initiative

A major change in Research and Writing curriculum requirements highlights recent developments in UB Law's Legal Skills initiative – the school's coordinated effort to develop practice-ready lawyers. Under the director of Professor Charles Patrick Ewing, Legal Skills comprises curriculum components, moot court and trial technique experiences, published journals, professional development and legal externships.

For years, UB Law students have been required to take two semesters of Research and Writing. Now the newly renamed Legal Analysis, Writing and Research program, or LAWR, has expanded to require three semesters of coursework, beginning with the entering Class of 2013. A vote of the faculty affirmed the change.

"Legal analysis and legal writing are the two fundamental skills of any lawyer," Ewing said. "This enables us now to not only give students more training in these skills, but to give it to them in pieces that they are more able to deal with at their level. We don't have to rush students to get all this in." One skills course will be required in each semester of a student's first year, with the third to be taken at any point in the sec-

ond or third year.

The change grows out of a series of focus groups that the school conducted last year with judges, judicial clerks and attorneys. "We asked what skills our students need on day one and what they do during their first week in a law office," Ewing said. "We got a tremendous amount of feedback. We also looked at every law school in the United States, focusing especially on the top 10. We found that nine of them required at least three semesters of research and writing."

In addition, he said, students will be required to take at least one other course with a major writing component, such as an externship or a trial technique course.

Writing has always been crucial to the panoply of moot court and trial technique experiences offered at UB Law. Under the guidance of Professor George Kannar, the Buffalo Moot Court Board made a substantial change in the Desmond Moot Court competition, tweaking the "problem" case so that it afforded each side the chance to make a balanced substantive argument. Associate Professor Stuart Lazar became faculty adviser to the Mugel Tax Law Moot Court Competition, which brought 10 teams to Buffalo. Nineteen

schools sent teams to the Wechsler Criminal Law Moot Court Competition.

But even those numbers were no match for the jewel of the Law School's Trial Technique Program, the Buffalo-Niagara Tournament, which drew about 130 students from 32 law schools nationwide – "a really impressive group of schools," Ewing said. UB President John B. Simpson welcomed the competitors, and an elegant banquet with lots of awards closed the event. The tournament is already fully booked for this fall.

During the academic year, UB Law teams also traveled to trial competitions at Michigan State University, St. John's University, and in Atlanta, Sacramento, Detroit and the National Trial Competition in Syracuse. At the American Bar Association regional competition, UB Law's team won more awards than any other school, including three of the top five "best oralist" awards and second-best brief out of 33 submitted. Erie County Court Judge Thomas P. Franczyk and Christopher O'Brien of the firm O'Brien Boyd head the Trial Technique Program.

All of this activity, Ewing says, "redounds to the school's benefit in terms of reputation," both the visibility created by hosting competitions and the performance of UB Law students at competitions across the country. And success breeds success – Ewing says that UB Law has been able to be more selective in fielding trial teams, making the teams better prepared to compete on a national level.

Also under the Legal Skills umbrella is the school's program of externships. Ewing says many more students are taking advantage of these unpaid, for-credit experiences in judicial clerkships, in law offices and in not-for-profit and government agencies. Many more judicial externships have developed, he said, under the leadership of Director of Externship Programs Lise Gelernter.

Administrators are also working to streamline and standardize the work processes of the law journals published at UB Law, under the direction of Associate Professor Rick Su. And the school's academic support program, directed by Barbara Sherk, has become part of the Legal Skills initiative, with support for students preparing for the bar exam and other professional development services.



# THE ADVOCATES' ADVOCATE

*Buffalo Human Rights Center puts ideals into practice*



*"We want to bring the issues to life for students, allowing them to see human rights work in all its gritty detail."*

—Associate Professor

Tara J. Melish

From justice in Sierra Leone to sex trafficking in the United States, the Buffalo Human Rights Center is thinking globally and acting locally to help UB Law students and community members learn about a world of issues and to become more effective human rights advocates.

To do this, the center has launched a series of initiatives under the directorship of Associate Professor Tara J. Melish. Two of the most popular include a Comparative Human Rights & Practice Series, through which a wide variety of human rights scholars and practitioners are brought to the Law School to discuss their work with students and faculty, and a practice-oriented initiative called Human Rights Projects. Both are designed to fulfill what Melish says are the center's primary goals: first, raising critical awareness of the practical strategies advocates employ to address the distinct forms of human rights abuse experienced around the world (including in Buffalo), and second, providing hands-on opportunities for students to participate in or otherwise contribute to those advocacy efforts. "We want to bring the issues to life for stu-

dents," Melish explains, "allowing them to see human rights work in all its gritty detail, practical and procedural complexity, and need for difficult and strategic decision-making."

The center's 2010 spring-semester Comparative Human Rights & Practice Series featured speakers in eight areas. They included a representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees discussing gender aspects of refugee and asylum law; advocates from San Francisco, New York City and Boston talking about implementing aspects of international human rights treaties at home, including Buffalo; and a critical update on the status of indigenous rights in the Americas from the executive director of the Indian Law Resource Center.

To provide additional opportunities for interested students, a series of lunches and dinners were organized with the presenters to discuss career opportunities and further strategies for persuasive advocacy. Two community-oriented training sessions and an evening talk were also organized to bring presenters together with students and advocates

from Western New York. Community interests that attended included the Partnership for the Public Good, a coalition of 78 community-based organizations in Buffalo, members of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation and the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women.

The center's flurry of activity comes with substantial input from students, a point of particular pride for Melish. A 12-member Student Advisory Board to the center was created in the fall, made up of leaders in the Law School's human rights community, including two student directors of the center.

Among the highlights of the Comparative Human Rights & Practice Series:

- A Feb. 17 appearance by David Crane, founding chief prosecutor for the Special Court of Sierra Leone, and Charles Jalloh, former chief defender in that court, discussing the historic trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor.

- A March 3 session that brought together key advocates of city-based human rights monitoring initiatives from around the nation who have pushed their City Councils to adopt regularized monitoring mechanisms around the guarantees contained in international human rights treaties.

- A March 22 appearance by Rachel Lloyd – founder and director of Girls Education & Mentoring Services, and herself a victim of sex trafficking – on the serious problem of sex trafficking in the United States.

A second new initiative of the center is the Buffalo Human Rights Projects, which takes on short-term projects on behalf of human rights organizations that need specific help on discrete projects, such as legal research or drafting for litigation or other advocacy efforts. The project has two volunteer student directors.

All of this comes in addition to the center's traditional activities, including supervising publication of the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review* and providing financial support for students who spend their summer working in human rights internships. This summer eight students were funded for work throughout the United States and abroad, including in Thailand and China.





Left to right: Joanna McKeegan '10, Clinical Professor Suzanne Tomkins, Tomas Callocchia '10, Jeanne Lane '11 and Professor Robert S. Berger.

## HAITI'S FUTURE, PAINTED IN GREEN

A win-win-win partnership—among two UB Law clinics and a Buffalo foundation with big dreams for the nation of Haiti—was showcased April 14 in a Baldy Center presentation.

The colloquy, “A Brighter Future for Haiti: The Power of Renewable Energy,” drew an overflow crowd to the Cellino and Barnes Conference Center. It featured students from two Law School clinics—the Environment and Development Clinic, and the Women, Children, and Social Justice Clinic—who have worked with the local Solar Liberty Foundation over the past academic year.

As Haiti continues to recover and rebuild from this year’s devastating earthquake, the focus of the project has been on providing its impoverished residents, especially those in remote

rural areas, with solar cookers—a “green” energy technology that provides environmental and social benefits.

Second-year student Jeanne Lane, a member of the Environment and Development Clinic, defined the problem in Haiti as one of access to power. “The lack of electricity is something that Haiti has been suffering from for decades, and it is unfortunate that the government has done nothing about it,” she said. “And since the earthquake, it has gotten worse. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and also the least illuminated. Haitian people are lucky to receive four straight hours of electricity a day.”

As a result, she said, students have no light by which to study, the functioning of businesses is crippled, and health care is impeded when, for example, the electricity cuts off in the middle of delicate surgery.

But the Caribbean nation enjoys sunny weather year-round, and, Lane said, “harvesting” that energy can improve the lives of Haiti’s residents as well as reduce the hazardous byproducts of using diesel fuel for power.

A fellow member of the Environment and Development Clinic, third-year student Tomas Callocchia, said this year’s project involved researching the benefits that solar cookers can offer.

Callocchia showed off such a cooker, the size of a couple of microwave

ovens. It operates, he said, as “a mini-greenhouse—the heat comes in but it isn’t allowed to escape.” Two thin metal pots rest under a glass top; placed outdoors in a sunny spot for several hours, it cooks food at a moderate to high temperature.

By contrast, he said, traditional cookstoves burn wood or charcoal, and over time that leads to depletion of forests. In addition, he pointed to health dangers: “The use of solar cookers vastly reduces exposure to smoke, ash and fire.”

Third-year student Joanna McKeegan, a member of the Women, Children, and Social Justice Clinic, also spoke about the issue in human terms, saying that traditional fires worldwide put women and children at risk.

“Women in developing nations have to collect firewood at least three times a week,” she said. “The source can be a great distance from where these women live, 35 miles or more. Because of the time it takes to gather firewood, women aren’t able to attend school or job training or have a small business.”

Bringing a global issue back to a local connection, clinic students have proposed that Carolyn’s House—a residence in Niagara County for women and children whose lives have been disrupted by family violence—begin a manufacturing operation for solar cookers as part of its job training services. “This addition would create social change not only for the women who work on it, but the women whose very lives could be saved by the introduction of a solar cooker into their life,” McKeegan said.

The students were joined by representatives of the YWCA of Niagara, which is collaborating with the Solar Liberty Foundation on the solar cooker project, and by officials of the foundation, including Paige Mecca ’99, its executive director.

“The devastating earthquake in Haiti has allowed the world’s eyes and hearts to go toward that country, and we cannot stop,” Mecca said. “Haiti can be a model of what renewable energy looks like, and we can start that from the ground up in the rebuilding process.”

The Environment and Development Clinic is directed by Professor Robert Berger. The Women, Children, and Social Justice Clinic is directed by Professor Suzanne Tomkins.

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*— Paige Mecca ’99*



*"It's our job to connect our alumni with what they are most passionate about at UB Law. That's what philanthropy is all about, being in a position to help others and make a difference."*

## KAREN KACZMARSKI '89 TO HEAD UB LAW'S DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

As a student at UB Law School, Karen R. Kaczmariski '89 learned to be a vigorous advocate for her clients. Now, as the school's newly appointed associate dean for development, Kaczmariski is using her people skills and her persuasive powers to advance the Law School's mission.

"I raise funds to help educate the next generation of leaders," says Kaczmariski, who has served in the Law School's development office since April 2007 after 15 years as a successful trial attorney. "I think that's one of the best forms of advocacy. I'm using what I learned in law school and in practice to help UB Law."

As associate dean, Kaczmariski will oversee the school's overall fund-raising efforts and will work personally on cultivating major gifts to support Law School initiatives, including scholarship support and establishing named faculty chairs and professorships. Dean Makau W. Mutua has identified major gifts as a key component of his vision to strengthen the school's nationwide reputation.

"The dean's vision is one of excellence," Kaczmariski says. "Excellence in our students, our faculty and our program – and perhaps most importantly, in our relationships with our alumni, whose support is critical to enhancing the Law School." Whether it's a major gift or a gift to the Law School's Annual Fund, "every gift is important and no gift is too small, since all help advance the school's mission." Her role is to develop relationships and identify graduates who have an affinity for the school and a desire to give something back.

"It's our job to connect our alumni with what they are most passionate about at UB Law," she says. "That's what philanthropy is all about, being in a position to help others and make a difference."

Before returning to the Law School as a member of the development staff, Kaczmariski practiced law in Buffalo, as an associate with Philip H. Magner Jr. '49, as a partner with Saperston Day, P.C., and as counsel with Harter, Secrest & Emery, LLP. She litigated and tried complex commercial cases in federal and state courts throughout the United States. Kaczmariski began her legal ca-

reer as a confidential court attorney with the New York State Appellate Division, Fourth Department.

"Over the past three years, Karen has demonstrated that she is a wonderful fundraiser and advocate for the Law School," Dean Mutua says. "She plays a lead role in the Law School's development efforts with the rest of our highly skilled development team."

"If I was not accepted into UB Law, I would not have been able to afford law school," Kaczmariski says. "We're striving to be the best we can be, and at the same time we are making sure that talented people have the opportunity to obtain a legal education. To do that, we recognize that we need more support from more people, we need to do more outreach, and we need to build more relationships – and we are working every day to do just that."

Kaczmariski succeeds Deborah J. Scott, who became executive director of advancement at Victoria University in Toronto.

## Spotlight on staff

PART OF A CONTINUING SERIES

## Dean Mutua says:



**Susan A. Martin**  
Faculty Assistant

“Sue is the quintessential perfectionist. Diligent and careful to a fault, Sue is a beloved assistant to all those faculty who have had the good fortune of working with her. Sue handles projects which are vast in scope and still gets everything to come out perfectly. She constantly expands upon her already impressive skill set, and in doing so is a role model for her peers. Students speak of her high degree of professionalism, and many alumni ask me about her when I see them on my travels. UB is richer – and very lucky – for having a person of such talent among us.”

- Susan Martin provides support to numerous tenured and adjunct faculty, facilitating all aspects of their work related to their teaching and research. She retrieves and integrates information for dissemination to faculty, staff and students as well as people from the community. Sue works closely with the vice dean for resource management on administrative assignments related to faculty assistants. Sue also serves as managing editor of *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, a peer-reviewed journal publishing five issues a year, and is the administrative assistant for the Edwin F. Jaekle Center for State and Local Democracy.



**Lisa M. Mueller '93**  
Assistant Dean for Alumni and Communications and Assistant Director, UB Law Alumni Association

“Lisa, who is our graduate, is a jewel at UB Law. She has quietly, but most effectively, led our efforts to ‘nationalize’ our Law School by creating alumni chapters around the country. Diligent in her work and gifted in her way with people, Lisa is the perfect ambassador for our alumni outreach efforts. For Lisa, there is no task that she will not tackle – she is the complete citizen. Her work with the alumni and in communications has positioned us to rise to the next level.”

- Lisa Mueller manages the daily activities of the UB Law Alumni Association and is responsible for its regional growth and activity through the establishment of alumni chapters and the organization of programs and events. She assists with Law School communication efforts to enhance the visibility, reputation and image of UB Law, and oversees the Law School's continuing legal education programs.



**Lisa M. Patterson**  
Associate Dean for Career Services

“Lisa is charged with running perhaps the most complicated and pressure-filled office in the Law School. Career Services is one of the hot seats in the Law School, particularly in a down market. But Lisa is a pillar of strength and determination in the face of every challenge. Year in and year out, she provides exemplary service to both students and employers. She is an expert in her field, possessing vast knowledge about the legal market. Perhaps most importantly, she is caring and supportive of all of our students as they seek to launch their careers.”

- Lisa Patterson directs the Career Services team for the Law School, providing career education, training and counseling resources to prospective and current students as well as alumni. She connects students and graduates to employers and career-building networks through interviews, job listings and interactive events. A veteran of the law career services field, Dean Patterson uses her 15 years of experience to provide leadership in navigating the changing legal employment landscape and creating innovative programs for our students.



**Dawn Skopinski**  
Assistant Director for Career Services

“There is perhaps no one at the Law School who does so much without recognition as Dawn. She is utterly selfless, and completely giving of herself to the institution and our students. She has mastered the art – and science – of dealing with the career needs of our students. BPILP would not exist as we know it today without Dawn. I can say without equivocation that Dawn is the pride and joy of this Law School. She inspires the best in us with her wonderful personality and professional persistence. We are very lucky that she chose to work at UB Law.”

- As assistant director, Dawn Skopinski provides a wide range of career services to the Law School community. She brings her 20 years of CSO experience to her role as counselor and educator to students and alumni seeking job-search guidance and resources. Dawn also plans and runs educational programs, writes various informational newsletters and guides, manages all aspects of Career Services resources including a 120-page Resources Booklet, and processes student and alumni employment data. Dawn has also advised the Buffalo Public Interest Law Program since 1989.



# A VISIT WITH OLD FRIENDS

## *Celebrating 12 UB Law emeritus professors*



Left to right: Professor Emeritus Lee A. Albert, Bridget Black and Thomas E. Black '79.



SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus Kenneth F. Joyce and Hon. Barbara Howe.



Zoe Koston and Professor John Henry Schlegel.

Nearly 200 people – colleagues, former students, alumni, friends and family – crowded the first floor of O'Brian Hall on the evening of May 20. For many it was a homecoming, and the occasion was home as well – a celebration of the achievements of a dozen emeritus faculty of the Law School.

In the Frances M. Letro Courtroom, poster displays highlighted the scholarly works of these retired faculty members, and those present were honored with elegant glass statuettes.

"A law school is really the sum of its parts: alumni, faculty, staff and students," said Dean Makau W. Mutua in his welcoming remarks. "But today faculty takes center stage, because the faculty is the core of any Law School. It is the faculty that teaches the students who end up becoming our illustrious alumni. It is the faculty that creates the possibility of a law school like this one to become nationally recognized. It is the faculty that molds the soul of a law school. ... Sometimes we forget to honor those individuals who made us what we are. No institution can be what it is without the individuals who made it what it is."

Added Thomas E. Black '79, chair of the Dean's Advisory Council (and

father to Ryan, a second-year UB Law student): "Like candles, these professors have consumed so much of themselves to light the way for our students. Thank you not just for what you taught, but for what you are: the very foundation on which this great institution was built."

Emceed by James L. Magavern '59 and Hon. Leslie G. Foschio '65, the night was structured as a series of toasts to those present and then to those absent – 12 professors representing a total of 394 years of service to the Law School.

A sampling of some of the emeritus professors' remarks:

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.

"'Closure' is a much overused term these days," said Albert, who was toasted by UB Law librarian Marcia L. Zubrow, "but I think it well fits the occasion today, at least for me. I can't say that after all the years of teaching I sorely miss the classroom, but I do miss the place and the people who keep it running."

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.

"It's hard to stand here tonight and not see a lot of ghosts around this place," said Boyer, whose toast by Vice Dean Errol E. Meidinger was read by Magavern. "The thing that stays with me about this place and those people is, first, it's been a place that's always open to new ideas and new approaches. That is an enormous institutional strength. It's been an intellectually alive place."

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.

"I came to this Law School because of its distinctiveness, the ways in which it differed from most traditional law schools," said Filvaroff, who was toasted by Professor George Kannar. "I also have loved the strength and imagination of its faculty, and the boundless energy of its students. The support staff, often overlooked, has always been terrific."

Tax specialist Kenneth F. 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.

"When I got here," said Joyce, who was toasted by Hon. Barbara Howe '80, "I taught administrative law, but I also got stuck with a wills and trusts course. I didn't know how I was going to pull it together, so I used Lou Del Cotto's notes. We used to play bridge with the

Del Cottos, and at one game, Lou asked me to 'at least try tax.' And that was the beginning of my work in tax. I gave up administrative law."

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.

"I've had a ball," said Scales-Trent, whose toast by Professor Isabel S. Marcus was read by Dean Mutua. "I want to thank the many people who have come into my life who have made it so special. As faculty here we get time to read, time to think and time to write, and that makes the experience of teaching here so special."

Louis H. Swartz, who taught both law and social work from 1965 to 2006, had a research interest in the history of law and transsexualism, especially the subject of gender changing and its legal recognition. He sought to expose the diverse ways that gender politics was masked as medical diagnosis in the United States and other Common Law countries.

Zoe Koston accepted the award for her father, whose toast was raised by Professor John H. Schlegel. "Early in my dad's law career, he was practicing in New York City but feeling disillusioned about what law meant," she said. "He was speaking with a friend who was a judge, and he said, 'I went into law because I wanted to help people.' 'Lou, you can do that, but you're going to starve,' the judge said. He went to work at Legal Aid, and she was only partially right. He absolutely helped people, and we didn't starve."

Finally, Professor Schlegel raised a toast to those emeritus faculty who were not able to be present: James B. Atleson, Ellen M. Gibson, Thomas E. Headrick, Janet S. Lindgren, Elizabeth B. Mensch and Wade J. Newhouse.

## VISITING PROFESSOR OF RESEARCH



# Barnes '89 rethinks America's voracious media culture

**D**on't cry for Tiger Woods, or Paris Hilton, or Tom Cruise, or Sandra Bullock. Life in the public eye has paid a lot of mortgage payments and opened a lot of doors for them.

But don't think that just because they're celebrities, their intimate family lives are fair game for public consumption, argues Robin Barnes '89. Despite the cherished protections of the First Amendment, she says it's time to rethink the indelicate balance between free speech and privacy rights.

Barnes, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Connecticut Law School, makes that argument in a recently published book, *Outrageous Invasions: Celebrities' Private Lives, Media, and the Law* (Oxford University Press). The author was at UB Law School this summer as a visiting professor of research, trading ideas with her fellow scholars and working on a proposal for her next book.

In *Outrageous Invasions*, Barnes looks at the contrasts between European and U.S. law around privacy rights. She says that U.S. jurisprudence has fiercely defended unfettered media rights, reasoning that the First Amendment insistence on a free press should trump privacy considerations. But, she says, European law includes strong provisions for protecting individual privacy, and the media environment abroad is still robust.

"We have a problem in the United States," Barnes says. "Our myopia and commitment to the First Amendment and freedom of speech has overshadowed what we traditionally understood as the needs of a democratic society."

The tension goes back to the landmark 1964 Supreme Court decision in *New*

*York Times v. Sullivan*, in which the court ruled that public officials could not successfully sue media outlets for defamation unless they proved "actual malice." Subsequent rulings extended that standard to non-government public figures — athletes, artists, musicians, authors, actors, even "regular Joes and Janes involved in matters of public concern," Barnes says.

The media culture today is, of course, much different than it was in 1964. And even when celebrities succeed in suing over tort law violations, circuit courts routinely reduce awards for damages significantly. "The deterrent effect for publishers is still not there," she says.

To tip the balance back toward individual privacy, Barnes suggests the United States could learn from European law. For example, she cites a statute in France that photos of an individual can't be published without his or her permission. "If it's a public photograph — if Princess Caroline showed up at a Monaco event as part of her official duties — then yes. But her tripping over something at the Monaco beach club in her bathing suit is off-limits." Implementing such a law in the United States, she says, would remove the economic incentive that paparazzi have for stalking celebrities.

Barnes even argues that permitting injunctive relief — allowing a court to prohibit publication or broadcast of intrusive material — could be salutary. "There are those moments in time when that system could work well," she says.

The tenor, she says, should be set by the European Convention on Human Rights, which "talks specifically about familial dignity and how individuals have the right to expect privacy for their home and private life."

# FIRST AMONG EQUALS

*New director of clinical programs brings wide experience*



*“We’ll be combining what’s happening in the clinics with the school’s real focus on legal skills, helping to more fully dedicate the institution to creating practice-ready students.”*

UB Law’s Clinical Legal Education program – the eight clinical settings in which students learn and serve in such areas as family law, elder law, environmental law, affordable housing and mediation – is one of the school’s signature assets. Now Professor Kim Diana Connolly, who joins the faculty this fall from the University of South Carolina School of Law, is looking to take the clinical program to the next level.

Connolly, who is immediate past president of the Clinical Legal Education Association, the national umbrella organization for law school clinical programs and largest membership organizations of law professors nationwide, says she’s excited to have the chance to direct UB Law’s clinical program. “I wanted this job because I get to be the first among equals of people who are doing amazing clinical work,” she says. “They’re so busy doing great work, they don’t stop to toot their own horn. I’ll be relieving them of paperwork and hopefully helping them to get more support

to do what they do. Part of it is helping train some spotlights on some of the things they have been doing.”

Connolly says UB Law’s clinical program is well-regarded nationally, part of a wider movement to integrate both the theory and the practice of law in clinics as an effective teaching tool. “We must graduate students who are good thinkers and good analysts,” she says. “And part of being a problem-solver is having levels of skills, not in the trade school sense of ‘There’s where the courthouse is,’ but in the sense of ‘Here’s a messy, sticky situation, how do we approach it? How do we think through the options and create a wraparound advocacy approach that is going to achieve the client’s goals?’

“We’ll be combining what’s happening in the clinics with the school’s real focus on legal skills, helping to more fully dedicate the institution to creating practice-ready students.”

Connolly, who holds both U.S. and Canadian citizenship, says one immediate goal will be to examine whether an international environmental clinic would fit well in UB Law’s curriculum.

As a scholar, Connolly is most active in the field of environmental law, and she has special interest and expertise in legal issues around wetlands. Raised on Cape Cod, Mass., she says, “I grew up with a view of the ocean and wetlands. They are essential parts of my personal ecosystem. As I started to get into the practice of law, I realized how interrelated and convoluted the set of statutory and regulatory guidelines are that provide some level of protection for wetlands.”

When she goes to grade schools to talk to kids about wetlands, she brings props: a sponge, a coffee filter and a doll’s bed. It’s an object lesson in the value of wetlands for flood storage, filtration of waters that people rely on for drinking, and habitat for animal species, including, she says, the 47 percent of listed endangered species that spend at least part of their life cycle in

wetlands.

She talks to adults, too – she has testified before Congress on wetlands regulation and wrote an amicus brief for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Connolly majored in chemistry as an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina. She earned the J.D. at Georgetown University Law Center, and recently completed a master of laws degree in the Environmental Law Program at George Washington University Law School. She has practiced environmental law in three firms and did related work before starting law school with a non-profit organization.

At UB Law, she will teach a non-clinical course called Environmental Advocacy – a simulation course in which students work in teams. “I choose an actual, current controversy that people who are in the practice of law are actively dealing with,” Connolly says. “Then I make up a pretend client and a very narrow fact pattern, and have students work with real documentation. They write administrative comments, legislative testimony, a litigation planning memo and an op-ed piece, and participate in simulated hearings. We’ll also bring in guests who are stakeholders on all sides of the issue.”

Connolly and her partner, Jim Cumberland, are the parents of daughter Tayte, 8, and son Simon, 4. They also share a love for greyhounds “rescued” after the dogs’ racing career ends, and have adopted a number of them.



# BEYOND THE TAX CODE

*Israeli-born scholar finds a world of meaning in taxation*



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A traditional strength of UB Law School, the study and teaching of tax law, enters its next generation as newly hired Associate Professor Sagit Leviner joins the faculty.

Leviner, who grew up in Israel and earned her higher education in the United States, has teaching and research experience from both nations. She received her bachelor of laws degree with honors from Haifa University Faculty of Law in Israel. As in much of the world, it is an undergraduate program there. She then worked for Israel's Ministry of Justice, Office of the Attorney General Fiscal Department, as a postgraduate intern – the equivalent of a first-year associate in the United States. After successfully passing the Israeli bar exam Leviner crossed the ocean to enroll at the University of Michigan Law School, where she earned the master of laws and a doctorate in the science of laws (S.J.D.) degrees, concentrating in tax policy. Leviner continues her focus on tax policy at Ono Academic College in Israel,

where she will become an overseas affiliated faculty upon joining the Law School at Buffalo. Though her appointment at UB is effective immediately, Leviner will teach her first courses in Buffalo in spring 2011.

Leviner says UB Law, with its widely known focus on interdisciplinary approaches to the study of law, fits well with her own perspective on tax. "My research explores the coming together of normative and pragmatic aspects of tax policy design," she says. "It is interdisciplinary in orientation and rests on the premise that developing a solid understanding of our tax system and how to best manage it requires the consideration of social, economic and political issues that reside outside the immediate world of taxation."

"The tax system's foremost design is to serve society," she explains. "We want to ask ourselves why we have taxes. Do we just want to fund the government or do we also wish to advance social goals such as affordable housing or the health care system? If these goals are worthy, how do we want to further them? Do we want to tax consumption or income? Do we want to tax wealthy people more than others? How much more and what are the risks and benefits of such methods?"

Leviner says taxation first caught her interest about 10 years ago when she was earning her first degree in law and took the basic individual tax course. She continued to enroll in more advanced tax classes, and the rest is history. When she started developing an interest in perusing academic life, wise people, she says, advised her to broaden her horizons by earning an advanced degree abroad, which is how she ended up in Ann Arbor.

Leviner's S.J.D. dissertation is titled "Taking a Societal Perspective to Tax Policy: On the Interface Between Public Policy, Tax Law and Society." It has yielded three published articles, two of which appeared with the *Virginia Tax Review* and Michigan's *Journal of Law Reform*, another article published with the interdisciplinary journal *Regulation and Governance*, and a fourth piece scheduled to come out as a chapter in a

book featuring broad perspectives on tax that is in the works with fellow tax colleagues. Leviner also has presented her work on various occasions. Most recently she spoke at the fourth annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (USC, 2009), the 2008 Toronto University Tax Law and Policy Workshop, the 2008 American Law School Association Annual Conference and the 2007 IRS Annual Research Conference.

After her work in Michigan was concluded, Leviner spent a year with the U.S. National Headquarters Office of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington D.C. She was hired into the Office of Chief Counsel (at the time headed by Chief Counsel Donald Korb) and was effectively lent to the IRS' Office of Research. While with the IRS, she explored the issue of taxpayer compliance and, in particular, behavioral facets affecting the taxpaying experience. Compliance issues, she says, reflect Americans' deep-seated beliefs about personal autonomy, money and government. "When people are taxed they often feel the government is taking something that it is not entitled to, so that the government is put in the position where it has to justify the imposition of taxes." In part, her work aims to challenge some of these underlying assumptions. For example, she explores ideas rooted in political thought and economy concerning the notion of ownership and its application to the modern fiscal state: whether citizens are entitled to the entire share of the income they earn or, perhaps, only a part of it.

Then there are related sociological and pragmatic factors: "What do we do about those who resist paying their fair share? To what extent are tax evasion and avoidance marked by social plague-like characteristics, and what can or should we do about that?"

These are the kinds of questions, Leviner says, that continue to intrigue her, and she is looking forward to exchanging ideas on them while at UB Law.

# LAND ROVER

*Jessica Owley Lippmann follows her passion for environmental issues to UB Law*



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Jessica Owley Lippmann, who joins the Law School faculty this fall, comes by her interest in environmental law, well, naturally. Owley Lippmann grew up in what she calls "a very urban setting" in Milwaukee; her mother was a union organizer, so their home was steeped in the language of justice. As a high school student, Owley Lippmann spent a year abroad, studying in Norway, the country from which her grandparents had immigrated. It opened her eyes.

"In Norway, I was living on a farm, and I saw a very different style of life, a very different relationship to the environment," she says. "Norwegians in general are much more forward-thinking than Americans are on environmental issues."

She went on to Wellesley College, where she studied physics but also founded a student environmental group, and then to the University of

California, Berkeley. There she pursued environmental planning, earning a master's degree in landscape architecture, before earning her J.D. at Boalt Hall (recently renamed Berkeley Law) and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science, Policy and Management. (She was able to overlap some of the law school and doctoral coursework, she says: "I like to stay busy.")

That was followed by two years clerking in U.S. District Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; two years at a San Francisco law firm where she practiced land use and environmental litigation; and most recently, a year spent teaching at Pace Law School in White Plains, N.Y., a small school with a strong environmental law program.

"This wasn't a meandering path," Owley Lippmann says in looking back. "I realized from my first year of law school that I wanted to be a law professor. Through all of these experiences, I have always been intrigued by legal academia and research. I love working with students."

Owley Lippmann's interests revolve around what she terms "the evolving meaning of property and ownership. I am particularly interested in how shifting meanings and interpretations affect environmental values and regulatory schemes." Her doctoral dissertation, by way of example, looked at "exacted conservation easements," which can result when property owners seek a permit to alter their land and the permitting agency requires a conservation easement to mitigate the environmental damage that results.

Her work is informed by political ecology—the study of how political, economic and social factors affect environmental issues. "It's not traditionally a field that a law professor would study or invoke," she allows, "but it lends itself very well to the study of the law, especially environmental law. You have to look beyond just the

statutes and case law to see how the law is being shaped and used."

As well, she's intrigued by the power of narrative. "Stories matter," Owley Lippmann says. "The way we talk about things, and the stories we tell, make a difference." As individuals talk about property ownership, for example, "they say, 'You can't come on my land' or 'This is private property.' I'm interested in the terms that people use when they're sitting around the kitchen table, talking to their friends about their view of what property is."

At UB, she will find kindred interdisciplinary spirits. "I'm looking forward to working with a lot of people here," she says, "not just the environment people and not just in the Law School. I've been talking with some of the professors and bringing together ideas about interdisciplinary teaching. I'm hoping that I get the chance to work with a lot of them or at least get their feedback on my work."

As part of a two-part Environmental Law course shared with Professor Barry B. Boyer, Owley Lippmann will teach a segment on natural resources. She'll also lead a seminar on land conservation in the context of global climate change, with a novel twist: She and her students will work in concert with classes at five other universities, sharing research on conservation easements and bringing a variety of perspectives to their shared discussions.

Owley Lippmann is married to Julian Lippmann, a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering who will teach in UB's new Department of Biomedical Engineering. Department. They have a daughter, Charlotte, who is 1 year old.

# TIME TO CREATE

## Professor Sullivan wins two fellowships, including a Guggenheim

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, which each year receives about 3,000 applications for its coveted fellowships, has awarded one of them to a UB Law associate professor.

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, who directs the Law School's Law, Religion and Culture Program, will spend the 2010-11 academic year as a member of the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study, at Princeton University. The Guggenheim, one of the top academic honors available to researchers and academics in all disciplines, comes on top of a fellowship from the American Council for Learned Societies, which will also support her work at Princeton.

The Guggenheim fellowship, designated for those "who have demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts," is intended for professionals in midcareer. The foundation's intention is to give its fellows "blocks of time in which they can work with as much creative freedom as possible."

Sullivan has done much already with her creative freedom. Her research focuses on how religion and law shape one another, despite the Constitution's insistence that government and religion must be separate spheres. "Drawing on her expertise in law and religion, Sullivan argues that religious freedom in America is impossible," wrote one reviewer of her work. "She succeeds in arguing that religious freedoms are not as free as one might think."

Peer reviewers stretch for adjectives when they are confronted with some of Sullivan's ideas, calling her work "provocative, engaging, valuable" and "elegant, moving, uncompromising and profoundly important."

Her most recent book, *Prison Religion: Faith-based Reform and the Con-*



### Winnifred Fallers Sullivan

- B.A., Cornell University, 1971
- J.D., University of Chicago, 1976
- Ph.D., University of Chicago Divinity School, 1993

#### Affiliations:

- National Association for the Study of Religion
- American Society for the Study of Religion and the Law
- Religion and Culture Group of the American Academy of Religion

#### Previous visiting academic positions:

- Foundation fellow at the National Humanities Center, North Carolina
- Visiting fellow at the American Bar Foundation
- Visiting fellow at the Martin Marty Center at the University of Chicago

stitution (Princeton University Press, 2009), looked at "faith-based" prison programs in light of recent changes in constitutional law with respect to religion. An earlier work, *The Impossibility of Religious Freedom* (Princeton, 2005), argued that while religious freedom as a political idea was once a force for tolerance, it has become a force for intolerance.

At Princeton, Sullivan will take those ideas further as she works on a new book, *Spiritual Governance: The New Religious Establishment*. It will describe U.S. legal regulation of religion in the context of the private-public partnerships that establish chaplaincies, that odd confluence of religious counseling and a taxpayer-supported paycheck.

"We are living in an interesting time in which to study religion," Sullivan says. "After a long period in which it was largely assumed by scholars at secular universities that secularization was a necessary, inevitable and relatively

uninteresting byproduct of modernity, religion has become newly salient, both as a political and social matter, and also as an intellectual matter."

The Law, Religion and Culture Program has become a signature concentration for scholarly work within the Law School. The program takes as its organizing principle this idea: "Law and religion are cultural products. We seek to understand how these two powerful social and cultural sets of ideas, practices and institutions have come to be seen as separate, and how they interact and have interacted and recombined in diverse ways across space and time."

In addition to her work at the Law School, Sullivan serves on the executive committees of the National Association for the Study of Religion; the American Society for the Study of Religion; and the Law, Religion and Culture Group of the American Academy of Religion.



# UB PARTNERS DAY

*Clinical Professor George Hezel, CAO  
and Hodgson Russ recipients of awards*



Above, left to right:  
UB Provost Satish  
Tripathi; Professor  
George M. Hezel '73;  
CEO of the Communit  
Action Organization L.  
Nathan Hare;  
UB President John B.  
Simpson and UB Vice  
President Marsha  
Henderson



UB President John B. Simpson  
congratulates Gary Schober, president  
and CEO of Hodgson Russ LLP.

Clinical Professor George M. Hezel '73, longtime director of the Law School's renowned Affordable Housing Clinic, and the Community Action Organization of Erie County have been named the recipients of the University Community Partners Award. The award, given for the first time, was presented at a luncheon during UB Partners Day on June 9 at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

The luncheon followed a morning of free workshops and exhibits. These focused on various ways that companies, entrepreneurs and non-profits can benefit when they enter into partnerships with the University at Buffalo.

In addition to honoring Hezel, the University honored the law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP with its Vital Partners Award – the highest honor bestowed on a company by UB – and presented a UB Faculty Entrepreneur Award to Jerome J. Schentag, professor

of pharmaceutical sciences and founder of TheraSyn Sensors Inc.

The keynote speaker was James J. Walter, a senior vice president of Mattel Inc.

According to Dean Makau Mutua, "George Hezel is the first recipient of this new award, which is fitting given his tremendous service."

"It is also wonderful to see Hodgson Russ, which has been so good to this Law School, receive this recognition as well."

Hezel founded the Affordable Housing Clinic at UB Law in 1987 and has directed the clinic since its founding. Along with clinics at Yale and Seton Hall universities, UB has 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.

Collaborating with not-for-profit community-based organizations like the Community Action Organization, UB's Affordable Housing Clinic has leveraged more than \$200 million from federal, state and local government funds, as well as private equity raised through the sale of low-income housing tax credits. It has produced 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.

Hodgson Russ attorneys Millard Fillmore and Nathan Hall were integral to the formation of UB in 1846, with Fillmore serving at the university's first chancellor. Now the firm employs more than 120 UB alumni, many who have given back through volunteer service on the UB Council, UB Foundation and deans' advisory councils.

# BUILDING ON BALDY'S SUCCESS

## *Environmental scholar to head interdisciplinary center*

**E**rrol E. Meidinger, professor and vice dean for research and faculty development at the University at Buffalo Law School, has been named director of the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy.

His appointment was announced by UB Provost Satish K. Tripathi, who praised Meidinger for his scholarship and record of service.

The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy is a nationally recognized focal point for interdisciplinary research and teaching at the UB Law School and UB.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Errol Meidinger as director of the Baldy Center

for Law and Social Policy, effective immediately," Tripathi said. "Professor Meidinger is a nationally and internationally renowned scholar and widely respected expert in environmental and natural resources law. He writes and teaches in the fields of administrative law, environmental law, indigenous peoples' law, international trade and the environment, legal theory, property and the sociology of law.

"A renowned academic who crosses disciplines and possesses substantial administrative skills and experience, he will lead the Baldy Center into a new era of innovation and academic excellence."

As director of the center, Meidinger will lead the newly created Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy Advisory Council in making recommendations on the center's future, and its vision, mission and guidelines.

The Baldy Council is composed of Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen, professor of geography; Guyora Binder, UB Dis-

tinguished Professor of Law; Robert Granfield, professor and chair of sociology; Stephanie Phillips, professor of law; Kenneth Shockley, associate professor of philosophy; Mateo Taussig-Rubbo, associate professor of law; and James Wooten, professor of law, director of the Law Library and vice dean for legal information services.

Formed as an oversight body, the council will also offer Meidinger advice on strategic matters, and will report to the provost, the dean of the Law School and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The director of the Baldy Center will report to the dean of the Law School.

Meidinger holds a Ph.D. and a J.D. from Northwestern University and a B.A.

from the University of North Dakota. He is the co-editor of two books on environmental law and the author of more than 30 journal articles and book chapters.

Meidinger joined the faculty of UB Law in 1982.



## *Associate Professor Rick Su: Immigration law controversy puts Arizona cities in 'legal limbo'*

**G**iven the controversy and the fact the U.S. government is a party challenging the law, it makes sense that a federal court would put the Arizona immigration law on hold so the legal and constitutional questions can be discussed and pondered in a measured way, according to Associate Professor Rick Su, an expert on immigration law.

But, Su says, what is more interesting about the court's preliminary injunction is not what parts of the law were blocked, but rather the controversial provisions of Arizona's immigration law that were left intact. "Most notably," Su says, "cities and police departments in Arizona are still prohibited from taking any steps to restrict the full

enforcement of immigration laws – irrespective of funding or its effect on community relations."

In other words, while the court's preliminary injunction specifically bars Arizona from requiring that local law enforcement officials check a person's immigration status in the course of their duties, it left in place provisions that deprived local communities of the discretion not to participate in immigration enforcement, Su points out.

"The law also authorizes private lawsuits against cities if there is any evidence to suggest that they are discouraging immigration enforcement," Su says, "all of which leaves Arizona cities in a legal limbo: neither required to enforce immigration laws, but also prohibited from instructing

its officials not to."

Su believes that these provisions will have as much of a negative effect on Arizona residents as those parts of the law that were specifically blocked, especially for those who reside in the state's minority communities.

Su has written about how the proposed immigration law stifles local power and discretion in favor of state control in an earlier commentary. "The preliminary injunction does a lot of things, but it specifically leaves many of those provisions that I questioned intact," he says. "What this shows is that even when the first round of legal challenges against Arizona's new immigration law are resolved, important questions about state and local relations will likely still remain."





## UB Law Alumni Association elects officers and directors for 2010-11



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and Vice Dean for Academic Affairs James A. Gardner. Third row, left to right: Marion K. Henderson, Hon. Leslie G. Foschio and Joseph N. Del Vecchio. Back row, left to right (on stairs): Thomas P. Cunningham, James W. Grable, Jr., Jeffrey F. Reina, Marc W. Brown, Robert P. Heary, William A. Gersten, Kevin D. Robinson and Alan J. Bozer.

**L**aurie Styka Bloom '83 has been elected president of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2010-11. Bloom is an attorney in the Buffalo office of Nixon Peabody LLP, and is a member of the firm's Products: Class Action, Trade & Industry Representation practice area. She has more than 20 years experience defending complex litigation, including personal injury matters, toxic and mass torts, and commercial torts. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute and

the Erie County Bar Association.

Richard F. DiGiacomo '76 of Nesper, Ferber & DiGiacomo, LLP, is the new president-elect. Vice presidents are: Terrence M. Gilbride '88 of Hodgson Russ LLP; Hon. Craig D. Hannah '95 of Buffalo City Court; Brian M. Melber '96 of Personius Melber LLP; and Tasha E. Moore '98 of the New York State Division of Human Rights.

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Lorisa D. LaRocca '02 of Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP and Laura A. Myers '05 of Ward Greenberg Heller & Reidy LLP co-chair the Rochester Chapter of the Law Alumni Association. Matthew R. Coseo '05 of McMahon & Coseo PC is chair of the Albany Chapter; Michael D. Mann '06 of Sidley Austin LLP is chair of the New York City Chapter; Margaret W. Wong '76 of Margaret W. Wong & Associates Co. LPA is chair of the Ohio Chapter; and Betsy Broder '81 of the Federal Trade Commission is chair of the Washington, D.C. Chapter.



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Left to right: Michael R. Wolford '68, Susan Rueckwald '13, Hon. Thomas M. Van Strydonck '73 and Kirstie Means '13.

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### ALBANY

Day at the races in Saratoga Springs



Heather P. Behnke '98 and her husband, David.



Left to right: James W. Everett Jr. '83, Chapter Chair Matthew R. Coseo '05, Mary Kate Coseo '05, Jillian R. Coyles '05 and Jonathan D. Coyles '05.

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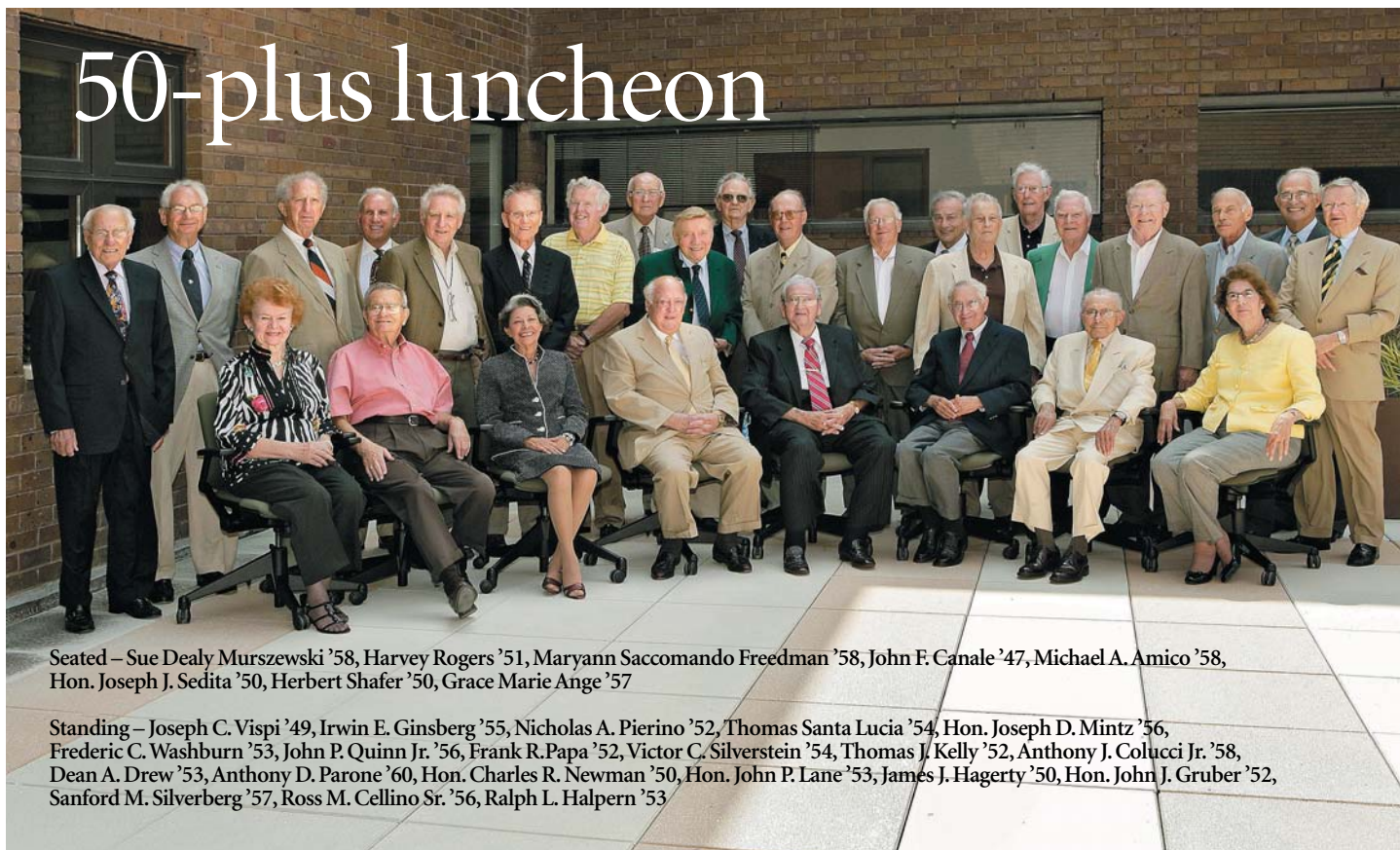
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## 50-plus luncheon



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**Maryann  
Saccomando  
Freedman '58**

### '50s

**Maryann Saccomando Freedman '58** is named in the 2011 editions of both *Who's Who in American Women* and *Who's Who in American Law*. Freedman is of counsel to Cohen & Lombardo in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Mark G. Pearce '78** received the Trailblazer Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. Pearce was recently named to the National Labor Relations Board by President Obama and is a past recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from UB Law School's Students of Color. He is a Buffalo resident.

### '70s

**Howard S. Rosenhoch '76** was named president of Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo. Rosenhoch is a partner in the litigation department of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo, where he resides.

### '80s

**Kathleen McDermott '82** published *Style for All: Why Fashion, Invented by Kings, Now Belongs to All of Us*, an artist's book/fashion history in e-book and paperback. The entire book is available in slide show at <http://web.mac.com/hautehistory/iWeb/Style%20For%20All/Style%20For%20All.html>. McDermott is an instructor at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, graduate and continuing education division in Boston, where she resides.

**Matthew G. Shaw '84** has become a partner in McCullough Ginsberg Montano & Partners in the New York City office. Shaw practices customs and international trade law. He lives in Scarsdale, N.Y.

**Richard A. Grimm '87** was named second vice chairman of Meals on Wheels for Western New York in Buffalo. He is a partner in Magavern Magavern Grimm in Buffalo. Grimm is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

### '90s

**Tina M. Stanford '90** was appointed director of the New York State Office of Victim Services, in Albany, by Gov. David A. Paterson. This new position was created with the enactment of the governor's public protection budget bill and replaces the New York State Crime Victims Board. Stanford previously served as chairwoman of the board. She lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

**Kevin E. Raphael '94** of Philadelphia was appointed a hearing committee member on the disciplinary board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for a three-year term. He was also named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 2010 by *Law and Politics*. Raphael is a partner in Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti in Philadelphia and co-chair of the firm's health care litigation practice group.



**Howard S.  
Rosenhoch '76**

## Births

To **Joanna L. Silver '97** and Kevin Organ, a son, Jacob Christopher, on Jan. 6 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

To **Marc W. Brown '99** and Shira Brown, a son, David Ian, on June 29, in Buffalo

To **Emilio Colaiacovo '01** and **Kimberly Colaiacovo '06**, a son, Brayden Michael, on May 15, in Kenmore

## Marriages

Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

**Matthew M. Becker '02** and Meegan Marie Michalek, July 9, 2010

**Christopher R. Turner '06** and **Lauren M. Fitzgerald '08**, June 19, 2010.

## In Memoriam

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

**Joseph A. Marion '53**, Arlington, Va.

**John F. O'Donnell '54**, Guilderland, N.Y.

**Franklin Pack '55**, Osprey, Fla.

**Thomas E. O'Brien '56**, Amherst, N.Y.

**David G. Jay '66**, Buffalo

**Hon. Michael L. McCarthy '68**, Rochester, N.Y.

**Hugh F. Brantley '75**, Rochester, N.Y.

**John Yuhas Jr. '78**, Spafford, N.Y.

**John P. Hains '83**, Hamburg, N.Y.

**Patrick J. Young '86**, Buffalo

**Amanda Anne Gresens '02**, Amherst, N.Y.

**Nicole M. Marro '95** joined Bond Schoeneck & King in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She handles estate planning including wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts, charitable trusts and prenuptial agreements. Marro lives in Victor, N.Y.

**Rosanna Berardi '97** was named to *Business First* 2010 "40 Under 40." She is founder of Berardi Immigration Law, one of the only woman-owned immigration law firms in the Buffalo-Niagara region. Berardi is a resident of Lancaster, N.Y.

**Jennifer Bowen '97** has become senior adviser to President John B. Simpson at UB, expanding her current position as associate vice president for human resources. Bowen will provide strategic business and legal analysis of emerging trends within higher education and various initiatives in support of UB 2020. She lives in Getzville, N.Y.

**Leanne Lapp '98** received the 2010 Kevin M. Andersen Memorial Award from the New York State Defenders Association. She is first assistant public defender for the Ontario County Office of the Public Defender in Canandaigua, N.Y. Lapp is a resident of Farmington, N.Y.

**Russell Klein '99** was promoted to first assistant attorney general of the financial and health services unit of the Office of the Colorado Attorney General in Denver. Klein lives in Longmont, Colo.

## '00s

**Laura A. Myers '05** has been chosen as an Up & Coming Attorney for 2010 by *The Daily Record*. She is an associate, focusing on complex litigation matters involving insurance coverage and mass toxic tort litigation in Ward Greenberg Heller & Reidy in Rochester, N.Y., where she resides. Myers is co-chair of the Rochester Chapter of the Law Alumni Association.

**Katherine E. Courtney '06** was named an Up & Coming Attorney for 2010 by *The Daily Record*. Courtney is the staff attorney for the Empire Justice Center in Rochester, N.Y., where she resides.

**John J. LaBoda III '06** is listed as an Up & Coming Attorney for 2010 by *The Daily Record*. He is an associate in the global business and transactions practice group in Nixon Peabody in Rochester, N.Y., where he resides.

**Michelle A. Daubert '07** was elected to the board of directors of Meals on Wheels for Western New York in Buffalo. Daubert is an associate in Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. She is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Justin R. Hartman '09** has joined Brown & Kelly as an associate in Buffalo. He practices civil litigation, including personal injury claims. Hartman lives in Alden, N.Y.



Nicole M. Marro '95



Jennifer Bowen '97



Katherine E. Courtney '06



Michelle A. Daubert '07

## Barbara Sherk '02 and Lillie Wiley-Upshaw to receive Minority Bar Association awards



Barbara A. Sherk '02, a member of UB Law School's teaching faculty and director of academic support, and Lillie V. Wiley-Upshaw, vice dean for admissions and financial aid at UB Law, are among those who are slated to receive awards at the Minority Bar Association of Western New York's 28th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner. The event is to be held Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Buffalo-Niagara Convention Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The association will be celebrating its 40-year anniversary. The annual dinner serves as a platform for attorneys and others of diverse ethnic backgrounds to applaud the outstanding accomplishments of individuals who have distinguished themselves through community leadership and service. In addition, the association spotlights future leaders of the legal community by awarding scholarships to outstanding law school students.

Sherk is being honored for her success in implementing and teaching a bar examination preparatory course that has resulted in remarkably high bar passage rates; and for her work assisting minority students with mentoring and professional guidance.



Wiley-Upshaw is being honored for her work with MBAWNY's Recruitment and Retention Task Force, which strengthens ties between the Law School and minority attorneys and focuses on pipeline initiatives to increase the number of minorities in the legal profession; and for her commitments to diversity as the Law School embraces change and success.

Two J.D. candidates at UB Law School, Erica C. Smith '12 and Duwaine T. Bascoe '12, will receive scholarship awards.

Others being honored at the dinner include Susan C. Roney, office managing partner, Nixon Peabody (Buffalo office); Mark G. Pearce '78, National Labor Relations Board member; Eric Walker of PUSH Buffalo; David Stapleton of David Homes; Jessica M. Lazarin; and Sartoria Donovan, executive director of Urban Professionals of Western New York.

For ticket or sponsorship information please contact Christopher Hayes, 2010 vice president and dinner chair, by calling (716) 504-5725, or e-mailing him at [chayes@phillipslytle.com](mailto:chayes@phillipslytle.com).

## Nancy Babb wins Chancellor's Award



Nancy Babb, a cataloger and manager of the Law Library's Web presence, is among the seven faculty members, two librarians and five staff members who received 2010 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship recognizes "skill in librarianship; service to the campus, the university and to the field; scholarship and professional growth, and major professional achievements." Recipients are Nancy Babb, associate librarian, Charles Sears Law Library, and John M. Bewley,

associate librarian and archivist, Music Library.

Babb joined the Charles Sears Law Library in 2002. She is both a cataloger and manager of the Law Library's Web presence; her research and scholarly activities have incorporated both these arenas, exploring the evolution of traditional practices within the context of technological development and initiatives. The theory of authorship and practice of bibliography are one primary area of exploration; she has published on spirit authorship, with her current research focusing on animal and fictional authorship.

Babb has been an active participant in many committees and projects in the Law Library, the University Libraries and the university communities. She has been a guest lecturer for UB's Discovery

Seminar Program and is an ongoing contributor to the *UB Reporter's* "Electronic Highways" column.

A member of both the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York (ALLUNY), she serves as vice president/president elect of ALLUNY, as well as its webmaster and education chair. She also has been editor of the ALLUNY newsletter and chair of the National Council of Newsletter Editors, as well as webmaster for several national committees.

Babb earned a bachelor's degree in humanities from Buffalo State College and a master's degree in library science from UB. She volunteers with several local animal rescue organizations.





## 50th reunion

Forty-four percent of the living members of the class were on campus for their golden-anniversary reunion which included participating in Commencement (see page 13). Classmates also enjoyed dinner at the Buffalo Yacht Club, a lunch at the Law School followed by an O'Brian Hall tour, and 18 holes at Crag Burn Golf Club in East Aurora.

Seated, left to right: Richard I. Mulvey, Hon. Philip B. Dattilo Jr., Hon. Eugene W. Salisbury, Dennis J. Speller

Standing, left to right: Peter C. Wiltse, Stanley M. Lopat, Hon. John R. Bray, Henrik H. Hansen, Alan H. Vogt, Alexander Kushner, Anthony D. Parone, Joseph M. Augustine



Anthony D. Parone '60, Joseph M. Augustine '60, Alexander Kushner '60, and Peter C. Wiltse '60



Peter C. Wiltse '60 and Chris Wiltse



Hon. Philip B. Dattilo Jr. '60, Alan H. Vogt '60, and Hon. Eugene W. Salisbury '60

Class of 1960 slide show — [www.law.buffalo.edu/forum/class60.asp](http://www.law.buffalo.edu/forum/class60.asp)

# PROFESSOR LOU SWARTZ DIES AT 84



**U**B Law School's excellence in interdisciplinary studies, and focus on the law as a tool for human good, never had a more committed champion than Professor Lou Swartz. Renowned for his expertise in the area of law and human sexuality, and designer of a pioneering dual-degree program in the Law School and UB's School of Social Work, Professor Swartz taught at UB Law for 41 years and helped shape the minds and careers of generations of attorneys.

Professor Swartz died June 9 in an Amherst hospital. He was 84 years old.

A graduate of Oberlin College and Cornell University Law School, Professor Swartz also earned a master of laws degree from Columbia University and, later in his career, a doctorate in sociology from Columbia and a nursing degree from the University at Buffalo. He published widely on socio-legal topics, especially on the legal recognition of transgender persons.

"He was really amazing with his sexuality research," said Nancy J. Smyth, dean of the School of Social Work. "He was very sensitive to the diverse issues that could come up with transgender people, and really ahead of his time in a lot of ways."

In the School of Social Work—which is establishing a scholarship in Professor Swartz's name, funded by his family—Professor Swartz "had a very strong sense of ethics around policy decisions," Smyth said. "Having someone to raise those issues is important, because it forces you to look at things from many different angles."

Professor Swartz's daughter, Zoe Swartz Koston, serves as field education coordinator for the School of Social Work. She says that those who came into contact with her father were inevitably struck by both his humility and his passion for social justice.

"He was genuinely very humble," Koston says. "He didn't wear stuff on his sleeve. Growing up, I was immersed in the people who surrounded my dad, people who believed very much in social justice, which certainly was what my father believed in above all—social justice in every way that society can provide that. He was very different from all my friends' dads. My friends were all quite jealous that I had such a liberal father."

On a personal level, Koston notes that her parents divorced when she was a toddler, and her father raised her and her brother, Bill. "That was at a time when people were not getting divorced and certainly single fathers did not raise their kids," she says. "He could have gotten a lot of sympathy. He would say to me that single mothers would never get that support and sympathy. He felt what an unfair system this was. Even before it was 'in' to be a feminist, he was a feminist."

At the Law School, longtime colleague Professor John Henry Schlegel recounts that "It was immediately clear to me that he worked hard and took his teaching very seriously. He was also energetic, regularly walking up and down the stairs in O'Brien Hall, something that many of his younger colleagues,

myself included, often chose not to do. Over time, I noticed that he was intellectually energetic, too.

"Lou kept records of all of his work in big four-drawer filing cabinets. Toward the end of his teaching career I had occasion to seek his counsel on some matter. I knocked on his door to find him sitting at a small desk to the left of the door in a room chock-full of filing cabinets. He invited me in. In order to execute this maneuver, he had to get up, ask me to step into the place where he had been working, close the door behind me and finally bring a chair into the space behind the door so we could see each other when talking. Meticulousness had its disadvantages."

Another faculty colleague, Professor Stephanie Phillips, added her own reminiscence. "I came to know Lou Swartz quite well because we were both nocturnal, working in the Law School until very late at night and often encountering each other in the photocopying room," she says. "We had numerous fascinating discussions during the 1990s as Lou focused his research and writing on the legal responses to transsexualism. He was truly interdisciplinary in his approach, a legal scholar and social scientist who examined transsexualism from the perspectives of law, biology and culture. I admired the breadth of his knowledge, the seriousness of his scholarship and his characteristic mode of discussion: When talking about matters beyond the margins of conventional wisdom, he always adopted a manner that was verbally precise and immensely thoughtful."

# MITCHELL LECTURE

*International law scholar to speak on Oct. 27*

A leading international law scholar with a special interest in Africa will deliver the 2010 Mitchell Lecture at UB Law School. The Oct. 27 appearance by Henry J. Richardson III, professor of law at the Beasley School of Law at Temple University, continues a distinguished tradition that began with the lecture series' founding in 1950.

Richardson's address, he says, will draw from his recently published book *The Origins of African-American Interests in International Law* (Carolina Academic Press). In the book, Richardson explores the birth of the African-American international tradition and the roots of African-Americans' stake in international law, and he will draw on those themes, both historical and contemporary, for his lecture.

"I'm going to reflect on some of the lessons, insights and implications we can draw from the historical development of African-Americans' interest in international law," Richardson says. "With respect to their welfare, how international law in certain cases is interpreted can make a difference."

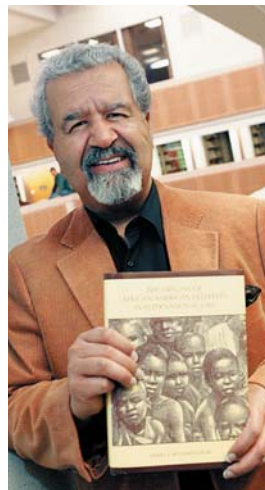
Historically, for example, the capture and sale of Africans as slaves was condoned by international law. "The slave trade was a grand, ugly international enterprise as it fed into the North American corner of the British Empire," he says, "and you can only fully understand it through its international connections. In this context, African-Americans' international interests have their roots in the history of Africa and slavery well before the formal organization of the United States."

Another, more recent example, he says, is the United States' ratification in 1945 of the United Nations Charter. Pioneering civil rights activist W.E.B. DuBois testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Richardson says, about the human rights provisions of the charter and their applicability to U.S. citizens.

"African-Americans not only supported ratification of the charter, but they had an interest in the authority of those human rights provisions being interpreted to be binding and authoritative in the United States," he says. "In part that would mean that the treaty would provide more or less the equivalent of an American civil rights statute. But in the 1940s there was fierce dedication to there not being a civil rights statute. The doctrinal and legal basis for the charter having that effect as a civil rights statute was there. But the U.S. implementation of the charter had written into it an interpretation that its human rights provisions were not binding on any nation" — an instance, he says, when a different interpretation of international law would have advanced the cause of civil rights by decades.

Richardson shares with UB Law Dean Makau W. Mutua a deep interest in the fortunes of Africa. After Richardson graduated from Yale Law School in 1966, he served for more than two years as international legal adviser to the government of Malawi shortly after that southeast African nation gained independence from British rule. There he advised on inherited treaties and a range of southern African international legal negotiations and questions.

After returning to the United States, he earned a master of laws degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, was associate professor of law at Indiana and Northwestern law schools, and served on the staff of the National Security Council in charge of African



policy during President Jimmy Carter's administration. After periods as senior foreign policy adviser to the Congressional Black Caucus and as an attorney in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Defense, he joined the Temple Law faculty in 1981.

Richardson has written many scholarly articles for the *American Journal of International Law* and other international law journals. He teaches courses on international law, constitutional law and foreign

policy, international human rights and international organizations. He also was a co-founder of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Africa Interest Group of the American Society of International Law and Temple's *International and Comparative Law Journal*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a counsellor to the American Society of International Law.

UB Law School's Mitchell Lecture Series was endowed by a gift from Lavinia A. Mitchell in memory of her husband, James McCormick Mitchell. An 1897 graduate of the Law School, Mitchell later served as chairman of the Council of the University of Buffalo, which was then a private university.

Mitchell Lecture programs have brought many distinguished speakers to UB Law School. They have included Irene Khan, C. Edwin Baker, Derrick Bell, Barry Cushman, Carol Gilligan, Elizabeth Holtzman, Stewart Macaulay, Catharine McKinnon, Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Richard Posner, Clyde Summers and John Payton.



# As We Go To Press

## NEW IN TOWN

*As the fall semester drew near, UB Law School welcomed a 1L class full of promise*

### Great expectations

*Meet the Class of 2013*

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Median LSAT                       | 158       |
| • 25th-75th percentile            | 155-160   |
| Median GPA                        | 3.48      |
| • 25th-75th percentile            | 3.18-3.69 |
| Applications received             | 1,896     |
| Entering class                    | 219       |
| Proportion of applicants admitted | 37%       |
| Men                               | 55%       |
| Women                             | 45%       |
| Average age                       | 24        |
| Age range                         | 20-52     |
| Age 25-plus                       | 28%       |
| Advanced degree holders           | 9%        |
| Ethnic minorities                 | 14%       |
| Out-of-state population*          | 11%       |

\*Includes international students plus Canada.  
States represented include Florida, Pennsylvania, Washington, California, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Connecticut and Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia.



From left to right: Lydia V. Newcomb '13, Wilber Trivino '13, Amanda E. Dermady '13 and Emily H. O'Reilly '13



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From left to right: Ji Hyun Ryu '13, Seung Eun Lee '13 and Susan M. Rueckwald '13



Leonid Goldshteyn '13, left, and Vice Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid Lillie Wiley-Upshaw



From left to right: Thearthur A. Duncan '12, Emery T. Lewis '13 and Anthony L. Orphé '13



LLM student Ruchi Mody, left, and first year student Tarunbir Singh '13



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# It's not too late to register for your class reunion

## *Oct. 8 and 9, 2010*

*Here is what the classes of  
1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990,  
1995 and 2000 can expect:*

### FRIDAY, OCT. 8

- **Back to school** – Opportunity to audit a class just for fun.
- **Network the nation** – Share your advice and experiences with our students.
- **Cocktail party with the dean** – at the Mansion on Delaware (the former Victor Hugo Mansion). Enjoy conversation with your classmates and view the 2010 reunion photo show.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 9

- **CLE on "Ethics in Today's Legal Environment"** presented by Professor Nils Olsen.
- **Lunch at the Law School** – Followed by a tour of O'Brian Hall.
- **Buffalo cultural tours** – Possible venues include Burchfield Penney Art Center, Darwin Martin House, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo architectural tour, Niagara Falls Daredevil Tour or Niagara Wine Trail.
- **Class parties** – Reunion weekend concludes Saturday evening with the all-time favorite alumni event – the individual class parties.

More information is posted at [www.law.buffalo.edu/classreunions](http://www.law.buffalo.edu/classreunions).

Late-breaking developments and class information will be shared via e-mail – don't be left out.  
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### *Class of 1961's 50th reunion*

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Commencement weekend

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