January 20, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam:

OUTLaw, SUNY Buffalo Law School’s LGBTQ student organization, cordially invites you to its 2016 Annual Dinner:

- Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00pm
- The Hotel Lafayette, Greenhouse Room, 391 Washington St, Buffalo 14203
- Station-style dinner with a two hour open bar

OUTLaw promotes a positive atmosphere at Buffalo Law for LGBT students and their allies. Our primary objective is to educate our colleagues about the legal issues surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity. OUTLaw sponsors activities, panels, social events, and service projects that build a network for both members and supporters of the LGBT legal community.

The 2016 OUTLaw Dinner Honoree will be William (“Bill”) H. Gardner - a 1959 graduate of SUNY Buffalo Law School and a pioneer in the legal defense of gay rights. Gardner challenged NY's sodomy law in People v. Onofre, where the NY Court of Appeals struck down the law, and several years later he argued People v. Uplinger before the U.S. Supreme Court to defend that earlier victory. Gardner, a retired senior partner from Hodgson Russ, LLP, is active in a number of local organizations, including The Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus and The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo. He also uses his legal skills as a diligent volunteer in the Buffalo community.

OUTLaw is seeking your attendance and support at this year’s dinner. Enclosed you will find a ticket order form. Please mail this form and payment to the address provided. Alternatively, you may elect to donate seats you purchase to students instead. Tickets are also available for purchase online here. All orders must be received by March 1, 2016.

Thank you for your continued support of OUTLaw and SUNY Buffalo Law School.

Sincerely,

Patrick O’Brien
President, OUTLaw
J.D. Candidate 2017