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ith gratitude, the Law School recognizes those alumni and friends who have given their time and energy to help organize, plan and attend their reunion event. Though every effort has

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Thank you! We hope to see everyone at your next reunion.

## Save the date for your reunion!

Classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1999

We are starting planning for 2009 reunions. Reunion weekend dates are May 1 and 2, 2009, and June 5 and 6, 2009.

If your class year ends in 4 or 9, please consider helping us with your reunion. We need alums to help plan functions and others to call classmates and friends – a perfect opportunity to get involved if you live outside the Buffalo area and want to see your classmates.

Information will be posted at [www.law.buffalo.edu/reunions](http://www.law.buffalo.edu/reunions). Contact Amy Hayes Atkinson at (716) 645-6224 or [aatkins@buffalo.edu](mailto:aatkins@buffalo.edu) if you want to get involved.

## '50s

**Hon. John J. Gruber '52** has retired as Town of Tonawanda Court judge in Tonawanda, N.Y. Gruber served for 23 years on the bench. He was also an acting Buffalo City Court judge for the past several years.

**Ralph L. Halpern '53** of Buffalo has been named a visiting professor in the faculty of law and history at Neophyte Rilsky South-Western University, in Bulgaria. Halpern is senior counsel in the business and corporate, financial services and international trade practice groups in the Buffalo office of Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel.

**Daniel T. Roach '53** received the John Cegielski Civility Award from the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Roach is a partner in the Buffalo firm Roach, Brown, McCarthy & Gruber. He is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

**Gordon R. Gross '55** has given a \$1 million gift to the University at Buffalo to establish an endowed professorship for the Institute for Jewish Thought, Heritage and Culture. In addition, UB Law School has named one of the school's most-used lecture halls the Gordon and Gretchen Gross Classroom, in recognition of their \$250,000 gift to the Law School. Gross is a senior partner in the Buffalo firm Gross Shuman Brizdler & Gilfillan. He is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award and is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Maryann Saccomando Freedman '58** of Buffalo was honored by the Bar Association of Erie County for her trailblazing efforts. She is the only woman to have served as president of both the Bar Association of Erie County and the New York State Bar Association. Freedman is of counsel in the Buffalo firm Cohen & Lombardo.

Look for more reunion coverage in the Spring 2009 issue of *UB Law Forum*.

## '60s

**Gerald S. Lippes '64** received the Knox Award for Lifetime Achievement at the Arts Council in Buffalo and Erie County's annual Arts Award luncheon. Lippes is founder and senior partner of the Buffalo firm Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman. He also serves on the board of directors of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, the New York State Council on the Arts and the University at Buffalo Foundation. Lippes is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Jaekle Award and Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is an emeritus member of the Law School's Dean's Advisory Council.

**Hon. Samuel L. Green '67** was the keynote speaker for the Student's of Color Dinner, April 3. He was honored by the Bar Association of Erie County and the Minority Bar Association of Western New York for serving for 25 years in the Appellate Division. Green is a judge of the Appellate Division, 4th Department, in Buffalo. He was the first African-American Supreme Court justice to serve the 8th Judicial District and the first African-American outside the New York City area to be named to an appellate division. In addition, he is the longest-serving associate justice in the Fourth Department. Green is a former recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Jaekle Award and Distinguished Alumnus Award. He lives in Buffalo.

**Robert P. Fine '68** is CEO and chair of the board of directors of the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine. He previously served as president of the UB Law Alumni Association and focuses his practice in business/corporate law and estate planning. Fine is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award and is an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Giles P. Manias '68** has been named president of the Bar Association of Erie County. Manias is a solo practitioner in Buffalo, where he resides. He also chairs the bar association's international sister cities committee and holds a premier license in public international law from



Members of the Class of 1958 gathered for their 50th reunion on the weekend of May 16 and 17. On Friday, classmates met at the picturesque Westwood Country Club in Williamsville. Special guests included former professor Donald Lubick and former adjunct professor Hilary Bradford '53. Classmates came from as far as Hawaii to get reacquainted for this milestone reunion.

On Saturday afternoon, several classmates joined Dean Makau Mutua for lunch in the Law School Conference Center, on the fifth floor of O'Brian Hall. After lunch, the class was seated on stage with faculty, VIPs and other dignitaries for the Class of 2008 Commencement ceremony at UB's Center for the Arts. As part of the ceremony, the Class of 1958 was honored for its accomplishments.

Seated – Anthony J. Colucci Jr., Diane Gaylord-Ogasawara, Maryann Saccomando Freedman, Sue Dealy Murszewski, Hon. Michael A. Amico, Richard A. Boccio. Standing – Ronald D. Anton, Harold M. Halpern, Jack L. Getman, Noel E. Bartlo, Dr. Charles S.V. Telly, Former Professor Hilary P. Bradford '53, Former Professor Donald C. Lubick, Richard A. Grimm Jr., James N. Carlo, Nicholas J. Longo, Hon. Glenn R. Morton, Joel Brownstein, Edwin R. Ilardo, Thomas C. Hartzell Sr.



Anthony J. Colucci Jr., Carmela Colucci and Joel Brownstein



Thomas C. Hartzell Sr. and Richard A. Grimm Jr.



Dr. Charles S.V. Telly, Ginny Amico, Hon. Michael A. Amico and Hon. Glenn R. Morton



Maryann Saccomando Freedman, Diane Gaylord-Ogasawara and Sue Dealy Murszewski



Richard A. Boccio and Edwin R. Ilardo

# Class Action



Pamela Davis Heilman '75



Richard M. Miller '76



Robert N. Convissar '77

the University of Brussels, Belgium.

**Lawrence Golden '69** was elected president of the Oneida County Bar Association. He is a partner in the firm Lockwood & Golden in Utica, N.Y., where he resides.

## '70s

**Richard Ascher '70** was elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention on behalf of former presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton. Ascher lives in San Diego.

**Hon. Richard R. Stokely '71** was elected to a third term as county judge in Otero County Magistrate Court in Alamogordo, N.M., where he resides.

**Paul A. Battaglia '72** was honored at the *Buffalo Law Review* Dinner at the Buffalo Club on April 10. He is a partner in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Amherst, N.Y., office, and an adjunct instructor at UB Law School.

**Ralph Cessario '72** has joined the Buffalo-based law firm Phillips Lytle as special counsel, specializing in products liability defense. Cessario was formerly with the law firm of Quackenbush Cessario & Hamlin in Buffalo. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Isaac Fromm '72** has been appointed to the New Jersey governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Immigration Policy. Fromm is a partner in the firm Barst & Mukamal in New York City, practicing immigration and nationality law. He resides in Teaneck, N.J.

**Hon. Rose H. Sconiers '73** received the Outstanding Jurist Award from the Bar Association of Erie County in Buffalo. She also was honored with the Judicial Excellence and Leadership Award from the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of New York State. Sconiers is a New York State Supreme Court justice, 8th Judicial District, in Buffalo, where she resides. She is a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna Award.

**Mark J. Mahoney '74**, a Buffalo resident, received the Thurgood Marshall

Award for Outstanding Practitioner at the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers annual dinner in New York City. Mahoney is a partner in the Buffalo firm Harrington & Mahoney. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the first board member from Buffalo in 50 years.

**Douglas S. Coppola '75** was honored with the Charles H. Dougherty Civility Award at the Bar Association of Erie County's 121st annual dinner in May. A past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, he is a solo practitioner and resident of Buffalo.

**Pamela Davis Heilman '75** has been named a member of the University at Buffalo Council, the University's local governing council. She is a partner in the corporate and securities and international/cross-border practice group of the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ. Heilman, a Buffalo resident, is also a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council.

**Arthur A. Herdzik '75** spoke at a New York State Bar Association CLE program, "Introductory Strategies on Ethics and Civility in Everyday Lawyering," and participated in a panel discussion on ethics and civility with other program faculty, at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Amherst, N.Y. Herdzik is an officer of the firm Chelus Herdzik Speyer & Monte in Buffalo. He lives in Lancaster, N.Y., where he is village attorney and treasurer of the Lancaster Lions Club.

**Charles P. Jacobs '75** of Eggertsville, N.Y., was named in the 2008 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. He was also named head of the business and financial services department in the Buffalo office of Nixon Peabody. Jacobs is a partner in the firm, practicing in the areas of investment funds, private equity and fund formation.

**Richard M. Miller '76** has joined the firm Cowan Liebowitz & Latman as a partner in the New York City office. He will also spearhead the firm's new office in Princeton, N.J. Miller lives in Hopewell, N.J.

**Robert N. Convissar '77** has been elected vice president of the Bar Association

of Erie County in Buffalo and serves on the board of directors of the bar association's assigned counsel program. He is a Buffalo solo practitioner and resides in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Leslie Haggstrom '77** has been promoted to first assistant county attorney for Allegany County, N.Y. She has primary supervision of attorneys representing the Department of Social Services in child welfare matters. In addition, she serves as district lay leader for the Mountain View district of the United Methodist Church and as president of the Allegany County Area Foundation. Haggstrom lives in Angelica, N.Y.

**Kenneth A. Manning '77** received the 2008 President's Pro Bono Service Award from the New York State Bar Association. He was honored at the Bar Association of Erie County's Law Day Luncheon in Buffalo and the New York State Bar Association Law Day Luncheon in Albany. Manning is a partner in the Buffalo-based firm Phillips Lytle. He currently serves on UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council, is a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

**Hon. Marilyn O'Connor '78** received the 2008 Distinguished Jurist Award at the Center for Dispute Settlement's 18th annual awards luncheon in Rochester, N.Y. O'Connor is a retired Monroe County Family Court judge in Rochester.

**Mark G. Pearce '78** has been elected a fellow by the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. He also has been appointed to the New York State Industrial Board of Appeals and serves on the New York State Commission on Increasing Diversity in the State Government Workforce. Pearce is a partner in the Buffalo firm Creighton Pearce Johnson & Giroux. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Vikki L. Pryor '78** delivered the commencement speech at Bronx Community College on June 6 in Bronx, N.Y., and received the 2008 Bronx Community College Presidential Medallion. Pryor, a former student at the school, was honored for her leadership, philanthropic efforts and commitment to higher education. She is president of SBLLI USA Mutual Life Insurance in



## Class of 1983

The Class of 1983 continued its reunion tradition in grand fashion for its 25th reunion, held May 2 and 3 in Buffalo. The weekend got under way with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and breathtaking views of Lake Erie and Buffalo's skyline at Shanghai Red's in the Buffalo Harbor. The night was spent mingling and swapping stories in the grand ballroom overlooking the harbor.

Saturday morning, the class reconvened at the Law School for brunch, followed by a tour. Current UB Law students took the opportunity to show the alums all the changes that have taken place at the Law School.

That evening, the class enjoyed dinner at the historic Mansion on Delaware, featuring music by the Thom Diina Band with lead vocalist and classmate Lynn Clarke. During the band's intermission, classmate Rick Roberts provided additional entertainment with a comedic routine to further lighten everyone's mood.

1st Row – Ann Demopoulos, Nancy J. Badeer, Kenneth R. Hiller, Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, Judith Holender Loeb, Linda J. Nenni, Barbara L. Schifeling, Lynn A. Clarke, Ellen Yost Lafili, Julia A. Garver  
2nd Row – Jeffrey S. Antin, Laurie Styka Bloom, Richard A. Roberts, Ronald P. Hart, Mark I. Reisman, Joseph A. McBride, Alan J. Bozer, Scott B. Nadel, Allen J. Zaretsky, Joseph F. Ruh Jr., J. Joseph Wilder, Carol G. Snider, Albert A. Foster Jr., Lee E. Berger, Jean Frances Niven, Hon. Mark A. Montour, Jerry A. Gambino  
3rd Row – John P. Hains, Jeffrey S. Shein, Hon. Gerald J. Whalen, Louis Algios, Neil E. Higgins, Alan H. Solarz, Michael E. Marszalkowski, Andrew M. Thaler, Michael P. J. McGorry, Daniel P. Tiede, James W. Everett Jr., Stephen S. Southard

Jeffrey S. Antin, Neil E. Higgins, Louis Algios, Andrew M. Thaler

Ronald P. Hart, Paula R. Bozer, Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden, Alan J. Bozer

Julia A. Garver, Joseph F. Ruh Jr., Linda J. Nenni

Above: Dan Schifeling, Albert A. Foster Jr., Mark I. Reisman

Above: Hon. Gerald J. Whalen, J. Joseph Wilder, Jerry A. Gambino



David F. Smith '78

New York City, a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna Award and a member of the UB Law School Dean's Advisory Council.

**David F. Smith '78** of Clarence, N.Y., was elected chief executive officer of National Fuel Gas Co. in Williamsville, N.Y. Smith has been with the company since 1978 and served as president and chief operating officer since 2006. He is a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council.



Ann E. Evanko '79

**Thomas E. Black Jr. '79** was awarded the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award for his exemplary performance in business. He was honored at the association's 46th Annual Meeting and Dinner on May 1 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Black, chair of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council, is managing partner in the firm Black Mann & Graham in Flower Mound, Texas, where he practices residential real estate law.



Anna Marie Cellino '81

**Ann E. Evanko '79** of Orchard Park, N.Y., is the recipient of the 2008 Athena Award from the Western New York Women's Fund and the Buffalo Niagara Partnership. She has also been named president of the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine. Evanko concentrates her practice in business and employment law and she is a founder and a past president of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

**Dan D. Kohane '79** was named to the 2008 *Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers*. Only 300 lawyers are selected from the United States, and Kohane was the only lawyer selected from New York State outside of New York City. He is a senior member of the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine and an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School.

**Francis M. Letro '79** was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UB Law Alumni Association. He was recognized for his leadership by example as a private practitioner at the association's 46th Annual Meeting and Dinner on May 1 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Letro's firm represents victims of personal injury and wrongful death accidents. In June 2002, Letro committed \$1 million to UB Law School to establish the Francis M. Letro Courtroom, one of the first functional court-

room housed in a law school in the nation. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Paul M. Moskal '79** has retired as supervisory special agent and chief division counsel of the FBI in Buffalo. Moskal began his career with the FBI as a special agent in 1979. He has been on multiple assignments, including investigations in Honolulu and the Republic of Haiti, and he also served as assistant legal attache for the FBI in the U.S. embassies in Rome and London. Moskal is leaving the FBI to work in a private/public consortium.

**Ronald J. Tanski '79** has been named president of National Fuel Gas Supply Corp. in Williamsville, N.Y. Tanski joined National Fuel Gas Co. in 1979 and will continue to serve as principal financial officer. He lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

## '80s

**Gerard S. Citera '80** has become of counsel in the New York City office of Davis Polk & Ward. He practices in the financial institutions group, advising broker-dealer clients regarding regulatory and transactional practice. Citera previously practiced in the firm Chadbourne & Parke in the New York City office.

**Gary DeWaal '80** was appointed senior managing director and group general counsel for Newedge in New York City. He is a member of the 13-member executive committee that oversees Newedge and is responsible for the legal, compliance and anti-money laundering departments. DeWaal is a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Stuart P. Gelberg '80**, a Garden City, N.Y., attorney, has been named the Thomas Maligno Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the Nassau County Bar Association.

**Anna Marie Cellino '81** has been appointed president of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. in Williamsville, N.Y. She previously served as senior vice president and is the first woman to lead the company. Cellino resides in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Hon. Melanie L. Cyganowski '81** has become a member of the firm Otter-

bourg Steindler Houston & Rosen in New York City, practicing in the creditors' rights and insolvency practice department. Cyganowski was a U.S. chief bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of New York for 14 years and is a member of the executive committee of the commercial and federal litigation section of the New York State Bar Association. She is director of the New York Institute of Credit; vice president of its women's division; and a past recipient of the New York Institute of Credit's Trustee Award.

**Jeffrey P. Crandall '82** was honored on April 10 at the Buffalo Law Review Dinner at the Buffalo Club. Crandall is a partner in the New York City office of Shearman & Sterling, practicing in the executive compensation and employee benefits group.

**Herbert J. Glose '82** has become a partner in the Buffalo office of Hiscock & Barclay, practicing in the corporate practice group. He is chair of the municipal and school law committee of the Erie County Bar Association. Glose was previously a partner in the firm Harris Beach in Buffalo.

**Denise E. O'Donnell '82** received the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna Award on May 1 at the 46th Annual Meeting and Dinner in the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. She was honored for her commitment to public service. O'Donnell is commissioner for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in Albany, N.Y. She is a former partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ and a former first assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York. O'Donnell, a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, is a Buffalo resident.

**Edward P. Yankelunas '82** was named a partner in the Buffalo firm Underberg & Kessler. He practices in banking, creditors' rights and litigation. Yankelunas was previously a partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey. He is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Laurie S. Bloom '83** was elected deputy treasurer of the Bar Association of Erie County. She is also a vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association and counsel in the firm Nixon Peabody in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Eric T. Boron '83** has become a senior associate in the firm Mura & Storm in

Buffalo, practicing insurance coverage and defense litigation. Boron lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

**Hon. Donald F. Cerio '83** of Canastota, N.Y., was named New York State Court of Claims judge, 6th Judicial District, in Binghamton, N.Y. Cerio was previously Madison County district attorney in Wampsville, N.Y.

Canadian Consulate General's Export USA Mission. Joyce is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, practicing in the immigration, international business, business and corporate, and intellectual property practice groups.

**Karyn Vampotic '84** is an assistant attorney general in the State of Arizona. She is one of four team leaders in an of-

Act (Article 12 of the New York Navigation Law) at the Lockport Country Club in Lockport, N.Y. Kolaga is a partner in the environmental practice group of the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel.

**Mark S. Mulholland '85** is co-managing partner of the firm Ruskin Moscou Faltischek in Uniondale, N.Y. The firm has been voted "Best Law Firm on Long Island" in a reader poll conducted by *Long Island Business News*. Mulholland is co-chair of the firm's litigation department. He resides in Bayport, N.Y.

**Hon. Lisa Bloch Rodwin '85** has been named an Erie County family court judge in Buffalo. Rodwin was former chief of the Erie County district attorney's office domestic violence bureau in Buffalo. She is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Joel I. Ross '85** has joined Riehlman Shafer & Shafer as an associate in the Tully, N.Y., office, practicing in real estate, civil and criminal litigation, and general practice. He was previously a staff attorney with UAW-Daimler Chrysler/GM Legal Services Plans in Syracuse, N.Y. Ross is a resident of Liverpool, N.Y.

**E. Lee Smith '85** was promoted to partner in the firm Thacher Proffitt & Wood in the New York City office. He focuses his practice on commercial lending and loan recovery activity from a lender's and borrower's perspective.

**Rita Hubbard-Robinson '86** was named corporate training director at Erie County Medical Center Corp. in Buffalo, where she resides. Hubbard-Robinson was formerly executive director of the Buffalo Commission on Citizens' Rights and Community Relations.

**Ross P. Lanzafame '86** has been elected chair of the health law section of the New York State Bar Association. He is a partner in the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in Rochester, N.Y., where he resides. He practices in general business, health care professionals, health systems and hospitals, not-for-profit organizations and long-term care.

**Mark R. Multerer '86** was named a partner in the Sugarman Law Firm in Buffalo. He counsels clients regarding personal injury claims.

## Births

To **Jeanne-Marie Waldman '88** and Ileen Paley, twins, Sarah Judith and Matthew Simeon Paley-Waldman, on April 7, 2008, in South Orange, N.J.

To **Victoria Hunter Hay '93** and Mark E. Danziger, a daughter, Margot Kim, on May 14, 2007, in South Korea, adopted on Jan. 23, 2008.

To **Daniel Ullman '97 and Erin Barclay '98**, a son, Miles Jeffrey Barclay Ullman, on Dec. 8, 2007, in Washington, D.C.

To **James M. Appler '00 and Carrie Parks Appler '03**, a daughter, Olivia Ann, on Feb. 10, 2008, in Amherst, N.Y.

To **Marco Cercone '02** and Kari Cercone, a daughter, Marina, on Nov. 14, 2007, in West Seneca, N.Y.

To **Kate L. Hill '04** and Justin Hill, a daughter, Lauren Anne, on Jan. 25, 2008, in Buffalo.

**Katherine M. Gladstone '83** received the 2007 Hon. Michael F. Dillon Law Guardian Award from the 7th Judicial District for her work on behalf of children. Gladstone practices in Rochester, N.Y., where she resides.

**Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden '83** has been named president of the UB Law Alumni Association for 2008-09. Ogden, a Buffalo City Court judge, is a bridge course and trial technique instructor at UB Law School. She is also a past president of the Minority Bar Association in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Perry Binder '84** has become a member of the National Speakers Association, based on his keynote and training programs for businesses and law firms. Binder is a legal studies professor at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

**Daniel P. Joyce '84** was a presenter at the 2008 New Exporters to Border States Missions Multisectoral program in Buffalo. The program was part of the

face of 22 lawyers with the Child and Family Protection Division, Protective Services Section, where she handles cases on dependency actions and termination of parental rights trials. Vampotic lives with her husband in Tucson, Ariz.

**Paula M. Ciprich '85** of Eggertsville, N.Y., was elected secretary of National Fuel Gas Co. in Williamsville, N.Y. Ciprich, general counsel of the company, is also treasurer of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Gayle L. Eagan '85** lectured on "Faces of Discrimination – Money Related Issues" at the June Noonday Lectures sponsored by the Erie Institute of Law in Buffalo. Eagan is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel. A Buffalo resident, she is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna Award.

**John T. Kolaga '85** presented a CLE program about the New York Oil Spill



H. Todd Bullard '87



Belina Anderson '88



Lisa J. Allen '90

**H. Todd Bullard '87** received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at UB Law School's Students of Color Dinner at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott on April 3. He was also elected to the board of directors of USNY Bank, the first individually chartered community bank in New York State. Bullard is an equity member in the firm Harris Beach in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He specializes in public finance and economic development and business and commercial litigation.

**Paul W. Kullman '87** was appointed town prosecutor for the Town of West Seneca, N.Y. He is a resident of West Seneca.

**Belina Anderson '88** joined Gilbert Stinziano Heintz & Smith as managing attorney in the New York City office. She focuses her practice on civil litigation, representing commercial clients. Anderson previously worked for the New York City Law Department, World Trade Center Unit, which handled complex litigation arising from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. She has almost 20 years of legal experience in New York City in both the public and private sectors.

**Molly C. Dwyer '88** has been appointed Clerk of Court for the United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, in San Francisco. She will serve as chief administrative officer for the largest federal appellate court in the nation. Dwyer, a San Francisco resident, has served the court since 1988.

**Ryan L. Everhart '88** spoke at the National School Boards Association's annual conference in Orlando, Fla. He discussed emerging trends in special education litigation. Everhart is a senior associate in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, practicing education and labor law with a focus on special education law.

**William E. Grieshaber Jr. '88** has been promoted to vice president and deputy general counsel at Rich Products Corp. in Buffalo. He previously served as managing director of the company's New Ventures Group. Grieshaber lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Daniel T. Lukasik '88** was presented with the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award at the association's 46th Annual Meeting and Dinner on May 1 in the Hyatt Regency

Buffalo. He was honored for his many contributions to the betterment of our community. Lukasik suffered from clinical depression and created a first-of-its-kind Web site for lawyers with depression, [www.lawyerswithdepression.com](http://www.lawyerswithdepression.com). In addition, he received the Public Service Merit Award from the Bar Association of Erie County at the New York State Bar Association's annual meeting. Lukasik is a partner in the firm Cantor Lukasik Dolce & Panepinto, in Buffalo. He lives in Lancaster, N.Y.

**John S. Manning '88** has been promoted to director, domestic planning, and senior tax counsel for Lockheed Martin Corp. in Bethesda, Md. He resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife and their three children.

**Joseph W. Allen '89** was the moderator at the fifth annual Western New York Bankruptcy Conference sponsored by the Bar Association of Erie County and the Monroe County Bar Association at the Hampton Inn in Batavia, N.Y. He is also a presenter for the Bankruptcy Law and Litigation Seminar sponsored by the National Business Institute at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Allen is a partner in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office and lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Marc A. Batchelor '89** of Chantilly, Va., received the 2007 Young Alumnus Achievement Award from Buffalo State College. He is vice president of credit with Builders Bank and serves as business manager and legal counsel for Drug Free Kids: America's Challenge Inc., in South Riding, Va.

**Vincent E. Doyle III '89** spoke at the National Football League's club counsel seminar in Philadelphia. He discussed "Ethical Considerations for In-House Counsel." Doyle is a partner in the Buffalo firm Connors & Villardo and a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Camille Wicher '89** was named vice president of corporate ethics and research subject protection at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. Wicher was previously assistant vice president for research and subject protection and scientific integrity. She lives in Depew, N.Y.

## '90s

**Lisa J. Allen '90** has been appointed to the executive committee of the New York State Bar Association's trusts and estates committee. Allen is a member of the firm Harris Beach in Buffalo, practicing in the life and asset planning practice group, and is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Paula M. Eade Newcomb '90** spoke at the Bar Association of Erie County's "Life After Law School: Basic Practice 101" seminar at Shanghai Red's Restaurant in Buffalo. Her topic was "What Every New Lawyer Needs to Know." She was also the guest speaker at the Youth Award Luncheon sponsored by the Lake Erie District Exchange Club at the Comfort Inn The Pointe in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Newcomb is of counsel at Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo. She is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

**Naomi L. Adler '91** has become president and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam in White Plains, N.Y. Adler was previously CEO of United Way of Rockland County. She is a former recipient of the Forty Under Forty Award and was named a "Hero of Humanity" by Rockland County for her leadership in working with underserved populations.

**Sean P. Beiter '91** of Amherst, N.Y., received the Silver Beaver Award from the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts. The award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. He has served as council president since April 2007. Beiter is a partner in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo.

**Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk '91** was honored with the 2007 Young Alumnus Achievement Award from Buffalo State College. She serves in the Maryland House of Delegates and lives in College Park, Md.

**Scott B. Schwartz '91** has served as an adjunct professor for the Drexel University Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts and Design in Philadelphia. He is a member of the intellectual property department in the firm Cozen O'Connor in Philadelphia.



## Class of 1988

The 20th reunion of the Class of 1988 was held May 2 and 3 in Buffalo. An excellent turnout of classmates and friends helped to create an ideal weekend for these alums to reconnect.

On Friday, things got under way with a traditional Buffalo happy hour at Darcy McGee's in the Chippewa District. The night provided plenty of laughs and opportunities to catch up with old friends.

Saturday morning brunch brought the class together at the Law School. After the meal, class members were given a tour so that they could see firsthand how things have changed since their days in O'Brian Hall. The reunion was capped off Saturday evening at the Steer Restaurant in the University District.

**1st Row** (stairs bottom to top) – Joseph Ferraro, Michael Francis Zendan III, Richard C. Wong, Hon. John W. Goldsmith, Cindy Kaplan Bennes, Alvin M. Greene, Jane A. Conrad, Paul R. Prentiss, Holly Baum, Susan J. Gass  
**2nd Row** (landing left to right) – Hon. Forrest Strauss, Bruce T. Frankiewicz, Anne McGuirk Hurley, Daniel R. Archilla, Maryanne Courtney, Harry E. Werner III, James M. Tierney, Daniel A. Feuerstein, Caitlin M. Denecke, Maureen E. Casey, Terrance P. Flynn  
**3rd Row** (stairs top to bottom) – Sophie I. Feal, David J. Sleight, John S. Manning, Josh B. Rosenblum, John J. Williams, Renee S. Filiatraut, Dana M. Young  
**4th Row** (landing left to right) – Mary Jo Herrscher, Thomas F. Knab, Beth Mattimore, Carolyn Wright LaFon, Samuel J. Capizzi, Cora A. Alsante, Susan B. Collins, James L. Jarvis Jr.  
**5th Row** (back roof) – Mark E. Brand, John J. Christopher, Helen A. Drew-Meosky, Regina A. DelVecchio, Ann Marie Fitch, William E. Grieshaber Jr.

Maureen E. Casey, Caitlin M. Denecke, Martin Denecke and Terrance P. Flynn



Richard C. Wong, Michael Francis Zendan III and Joseph Ferraro



Below: Carolyn Wright LaFon and John J. Williams



Above: John S. Manning, Samuel J. Capizzi and Daniel A. Feuerstein



**Eric C. Nordby '92**



**Jennifer M. Demert '93**



**Frank T. Housh '93**

**Jacqueline A. Brummer '92** was inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. Brummer is a four-time state gymnastics champion from Sweet Home High School in Amherst, N.Y. In addition, she won three NCAA championships while attending Arizona State University, was on the U.S. National Team for two years, won three Empire State Games titles and won the DDR Invitational in East Germany. Brummer, an attorney licensed to practice in California, Colorado and New York, lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Thomas P. Cunningham '92** was named chair of the law and practices committee of the torts, insurance and compensation law section of the New York State Bar Association. Cunningham is a managing partner in the Buffalo firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola. He lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Brendan P. McCafferty '92** has been named special counsel in Buffalo office of Magavern Magavern & Grimm. He practices in taxation, trusts and estates, and business law.

**Anne M. Noble '92** has become president/CEO of Connecticut Lottery Corp. in Rocky Hill, Conn. She previously served as deputy general counsel to Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell and was a partner in the Hartford firm Robinson & Cole. Noble lives in Burlington, Conn.

**Eric C. Nordby '92** received the Voluntary Service Award from the Federal Court Bar Association for the Northern District of New York. Nordby practices with Hancock & Estabrook in Syracuse, N.Y., where he resides.

**Kevin D. Robinson '92** has been named to the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Robinson is an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. attorney general's office, Western District of New York in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Suzanne E. Tomkins '92** received the "30 Years, 30 Leaders Award" from the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She was recognized for her work to end violence against women. Tomkins is a professor and co-director of clinical legal education and director of the Women, Children and Social Justice Clinic at UB Law School.

**Jennifer M. Demert '93**, a Buffalo native, has been named head of school at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart. She was previously a partner in the Buffalo firm Cantor Lukaski Dolce Panepinto.

**Timothy P. Donaher '93** has become the new Monroe County public defender in Rochester, N.Y. He was previously the assistant public defender. Donaher is a Rochester resident.

**Richard Holstein '93** has been promoted to partner in the firm Hamberger & Weiss in the Buffalo office. He represents workers' compensation clients.

**Frank T. Housh '93** has joined the firm Cohen & Lombardo as an associate in the Buffalo office. He counsels clients in civil litigation, special education and criminal defense. Housh lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Martha Buyer '94** of East Aurora, N.Y., spoke on current issues in telecommunications law to members of the Society of Telecommunications Consultants and the Canadian Telecommunications Consultants Association in St. Louis. Buyer, a solo practitioner, has offices in East Aurora and Boulder, Colo.

**Marianne Mariano '94** has been named acting federal public defender for Western New York in the Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y., offices. She was previously an assistant public defender in Buffalo.

**Robert F. Regan '94** is of counsel in the firm Ruskin Moscou Faltischek in Uniondale, N.Y. The firm has been voted "Best Law Firm on Long Island" in a reader poll conducted by *Long Island Business News*. A member of the firm's litigation department, he resides in Garden City, N.Y.

**John J. Flynn '95** has been appointed special counsel in the litigation group of the Buffalo firm Bouvier Partnership. In addition, Flynn serves as town justice in the Town of Tonawanda and is a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Eric W. Schultz '95** presented a seminar, "Immigration Issues and How Recent Developments Impact the Business Owner." The seminar was part of the breakfast presentation series of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Schultz is of counsel in the

firm Hiscock & Barclay in Buffalo, practicing U.S. immigration and nationality law. He lives in Lewiston, N.Y.

**Emily L. Downing '96** has become a shareholder in the Buffalo firm Lewis & Lewis. Downing concentrates her practice on personal injury. She is a Hamburg, N.Y., resident.

**Thomas Ferrazzi Ferris '96** was elected to the Sweden Town Council in Sweden, N.Y., for a second four-year term. He was also elected to the Brook-Lea Country Club board in Rochester, N.Y. Ferris is a partner in the firm Connors & Ferris in Rochester and resides in Brockport, N.Y.

**James W. Grable Jr. '96** has been elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Connors & Vilaro and lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Tracy Kachur '96** is an instructor at Medaille College in Buffalo. She teaches Ideas and Experiences: Introduction to Critical Thought and Expression, Business Law, Analytical Writing and College Writing II. She also has taught Employment Law, Criminal Law, Law and Ethics, and Human Relations at another local college. Kachur is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Brian M. Melber '96** has been named to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He most recently served as a vice president. Melber is a partner in the Buffalo firm Personius Melber and is a trial advocacy instructor at UB Law School. He is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

**Yvan-Claude Pierre '96** of Hartsdale, N.Y., has joined the firm DLA Piper as a partner in the New York City office. He represents privately held and publicly traded companies, investment banks, financial institutions and venture capital clients in corporate matters. Before joining the firm, Pierre was a partner in the firm Fulbright & Jaworski in the New York City office.

**John L. Sinatra Jr. '96** has become a partner in the business litigation group in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo. Prior to joining the firm, Sinatra worked in the general counsel's office in the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he defended the department against congressional investigations. He lives in Amherst, N.Y.

## Marriages

Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

**Roberta A. Vallone '96** and Emerson Polk Kellam Jr., March 29, 2008

**Julie A. Atti '03** and Brian C. Rogers, April 26, 2008

**Lisa Danish '04** and David Sharp, April 5, 2008

**Holly A. Beecher '97** has been named a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office. Beecher practices estate and trust planning and administration. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Hon. Lenora B. Foote '97** was honored at the third annual Women in Leadership Recognition Award & Dinner by the Parent Council of St. Philip's Community Center in Buffalo. Foote is Erie County Family Court support magistrate in Buffalo. She is a state director of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter, a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past member of UB Law School's GOLD Group. Foote is a Buffalo resident.

**Craig A. Leslie '97** has become a partner in the Buffalo-based firm Phillips Lytle. He focuses his practice in products liability, tort litigation, commercial litigation and real property valuation dispute and tax assessment challenges. He lives in Getzville, N.Y.

**William McDonald '97** is an associate in the firm Ruskin Moscou Faltischek in Uniondale, N.Y. The firm has been voted "Best Law Firm on Long Island" in a reader poll conducted by *Long Island Business News*. McDonald practices in the health care law and white-collar criminal practice groups. He lives in Deer Park, N.Y.

**Karen Richardson '97** was elected treasurer of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York for 2008-09. She is confidential law clerk to Hon. H. Kenneth Schroeder Jr. '61, magistrate judge for U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, in Buffalo. Richardson lives in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres '98** was honored with the Distinguished Alumna Award at UB Law School's Students of Color Dinner on April 3 at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott. A Buffalo City Court judge, she is the first female Hispanic judge in Buffalo history.

**Corinne Carey '98** authored the report "Access to Reproductive Health Care in New York State Jails" for the New York Civil Liberties Union. The report exposes that there are no uniform health care standards for incarcerated women. Carey is an attorney with the New York Civil Liberties Union's Reproductive Rights Project in New York City.

**Christopher J. Centore '98** has been promoted to partner in the Syracuse, N.Y., office of Hiscock & Barclay. He concentrates his practice in real estate law and financing transactions. He lives in the Town of Onondaga.

**Darcie A. Falsioni '98** has been named a member of Bond Schoeneck & King in the Buffalo office. She practices in employee benefits law, higher education, and tax and fiduciary matters. Falsioni lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Brian D. Gwitt '98** has become a partner in the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office. Gwitt practices in the business and litigation and insolvency departments. He was previously a partner in the firm Ice Miller in Indianapolis, and now resides in Amherst, N.Y.

**Thomas P. Kawalec '98** was elected to the board of directors of the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York. He is a partner in Chelus Herdzik Speyer & Monte in Buffalo, practicing insurance defense litigation, insurance coverage, trials and appeals.

**Gregory A. Mattacola '98** was appointed to the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. Mattacola, a solo practitioner, is a past member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD Group. He practices and resides in Rome, N.Y.

**Angela Zwirecki Miller '98** has been promoted to partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office. She specializes her practice in bankruptcy and creditors' rights. She also was appointed to the Town of Orchard Park, N.Y., ethics board for a five-year term. She is an associate in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle, practicing commercial law.

**Eric C. Naegely '98** is special counsel in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey. He is a trial attorney in the general litigation department, defending physicians, nurses, hospitals and nursing homes in civil matters as well as defense matters involving the New York State Education Department and Department of Health.

**Kim Shaffer '98** has accepted a position at Paychex Inc. in Rochester, N.Y. She is labor and employment counsel for internal matters and external products. Shaffer lives in Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

**Heath J. Szymczak '98** was named chair of the New York State Bar Association's business torts and employment litigation committee of the torts, insurance and compensation law section. Szymczak is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, handling cases involving business-related torts, complex commercial litigation and civil litigation.

**Lourdes M. Ventura '98** has become a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is counsel to the minority leader of the New York State Senate, with offices in Albany and New York City.

**Marc W. Brown '99** authored the article "Tax Assessment Proceedings and the Role of the Board of Assessment Review," published in the *New York State Bar Association Journal*. Brown is an associate in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle, a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past president of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

# Class Action



Rafael O. Gomez '00



Emilio Colaiaacovo '01



Rashondra M. Jackson '02

**Sarah J. Delaney '99** was named vice chair of the insurance coverage committee of the New York State Bar Association's torts, insurance and compensation law section. She practices in the Buffalo firm Goldberg Segalla handling matters regarding insurance coverage analysis and litigation and appellate practice. Delaney lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Toni L. Frain '99** has joined the Buffalo firm Goldberg Segalla. She is an associate concentrating in commercial litigation, toxic tort litigation and personal injury. Prior to joining the firm, Frain practiced in the Buffalo firm Kavinoky Cook.

**Deborah A. Hagen '99** was recognized for her work on behalf of children with the 2007 Hon. Michael F. Dillon Law Guardian Award from the 8th Judicial District. She is a solo practitioner in Pavilion, N.Y., where she resides.

**Amy C. Martoche '99** has been elected to the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. She is a partner in the firm Connors & Vilaro in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Mary Moorman Penn '99** has joined the firm Hamberger & Weiss in the Buffalo office. She is an associate practicing administrative law, administrative hearings and adjudication, personal injury and workers' compensation. Penn is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past president of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

## '00s

**Maureen Blake '00** has joined Verizon Business commercial transactions team as a contract analyst. She resides in Purcellville, Va.

**Jorge S. deRosas '00** has joined the Buffalo firm Mattar D'Agostino & Gottlieb as an associate. He handles matters of criminal defense, administrative law and family law. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Sheila Dickinson '00** of Buffalo is a recipient of the Hon. Michael F. Dillon Law Guardian Award from the 8th Judicial District. She was honored for her advocacy on behalf of children. Dickinson practices in Buffalo.

**Steven K. Erickson '00** has completed the MIRECC fellowship at Yale University. In addition, he has accepted a visiting faculty position as a John M. Olin Fellow in Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School for the 2008-09 academic year.

**Rafael O. Gomez '00** was honored by Hispanics United of Buffalo at the annual Nuestro Orgullo Latino Gala on June 14 at the Statler Towers in Buffalo. He was honored for his professional success which has inspired the youth of the community. Gomez is a Buffalo resident.

**Thomas J. Sheehan '00** has become a partner in the Buffalo-based firm Phillips Lytle. He practices in pharmaceutical and biologic products liability litigation. Sheehan is a Buffalo resident.

**Elizabeth B. Snyder '00** has been promoted to associate attorney for the State of New York, Mental Hygiene Legal Service, Appellate Division, 4th Department, in Utica, N.Y., where she resides.

**Emilio Colaiaacovo '01** has become a partner in the firm Bouvier Partnership in the Buffalo office, practicing matrimonial and family law. Colaiaacovo serves as associate counsel at the Erie County Water Authority and is counsel of the Erie County Republican Committee. He resides in Kenmore, N.Y., with his wife, Kimberly Colaiaacovo '06.

**Gabe DiMaio '01** has become the program director of Classical 94.5/WNED-FM, a station of the Western New York Public Broadcasting Association in Buffalo. He was previously assistant program director at WBFO, the University at Buffalo public radio station. DiMaio is a member of the board of directors of the Public Radio Program Directors National Association and is an adjunct faculty member at Buffalo State College and UB.

**Pietra G. Lettieri '01** has been named to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is immediate past president of UB Law School's GOLD Group and practices as an associate in the Buffalo office of Harris Beach. Lettieri is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

**Gretchen M. Nichols '01** of Williamsville, N.Y., has joined the UB Law Alumni Association board of di-

rectors. She is an associate in the firm Nesper Ferber & DiGiacomo in Amherst, N.Y.

**Shannon S. Olivier '01** has formed the firm Notaro & Olivier. The general practice firm has offices in West Seneca and Williamsville, N.Y. Olivier is a Williamsville resident.

**Rashondra M. Jackson '02** was elected president of the Rochester Black Bar Association in Rochester, N.Y. She is an associate in the Rochester office of Hiscock & Barclay, practicing in health care and human services and insurance coverage litigation. She recently made a presentation on public nuisance law at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association insurance coverage litigation committee in Tucson, Ariz. Jackson lives in Webster, N.Y.

**Lt. Paige Junker Ormiston '02** completed her tour as civil law branch head at Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily and is serving as the assistant command judge advocate for the USS Abraham Lincoln, a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier home ported in Everett, Wash. Her duties include managing the discipline program for the crew and embarked elements of over 5,500 personnel, coordinating the tax and customs programs, and providing legal assistance such as consumer law, family law and estate planning to the crew.

**Michael M. Chelus '03** has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. He is an associate in the firm Chelus Herdzik Speyer & Monte in Buffalo, focusing on insurance defense litigation, insurance coverage, trials and appeals.

**Marybeth Priore '03** has been named president of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, in Buffalo. Priore is an associate in the Buffalo firm Colucci & Gallaher, practicing in products liability, intellectual property and general litigation. She is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

**Michael L. Amodeo '04** has joined the Buffalo-based firm Damon & Morey as an associate. He practices in the litigation department in the areas of automobile/trucking, premises, products and labor law litigation. Amodeo lives in West Valley, N.Y.



## Class of 1998

Members of the Class of 1998 created a memorable reunion weekend on May 2 and 3 to mark 10 years since their graduation.

Classmates gathered Friday evening for a happy hour at Shanghai Red's on the Buffalo waterfront, where they enjoyed breathtaking views of the harbor and reconnected with friends from their Law School days. On Saturday morning, alums and guests attended an O'Brien Hall reunion brunch that included all the reunion classes from 1983 through 1998. After brunch, classmates toured the Law School's facilities and saw firsthand the advancements that the school is making.

The Stillwater Restaurant was the site for the Class of 1998's reunion dinner. Classmates enjoyed a special prepared menu and plenty of interesting conversation.

- 1st Row – Gregory A. Mattacola, Max T. Raterman, Michele M. Gast, Jennifer L. DeCarli, Stephen A. Sharkey, Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres, Kevin M. Doane, Brian J. Bocketti
- 2nd Row – Bridget Niland Gwitt, Lourdes M. Ventura, Bahaati E. Pitt, Jody Galvin, Tasha E. Moore, Joel J. Java Jr., Theresa M. Walsh, Brigid Lyons Maloney, Jodi L. Cramer
- 3rd Row – Jennifer C. Ruggiero, Jeff VanCollins, Andrew M. Wilson, Peter C. Trimarchi, Brian D. Gwitt, Brian C. Eckman



Left: Charles F. Torres, Mark T. Raterman, Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres, Gregory A. Mattacola and Jaclyn Mattacola

Above: Claire Thomson Brookins, Darcie A. Falsioni and Stephen A. Sharkey

Jody Galvin and Brigid Lyons Maloney

Standing: Charles F. Torres, Damone Berkeley, Jeff VanCollins, Rene F. Solorzano and Lourdes M. Ventura.  
Seated: Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres, Bahaati E. Pitt and Tasha E. Moore



Katy Hedges '05

**Bethany J. Gilbert '04** has been named president of UB Law School's GOLD Group for 2008-09. Gilbert is an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Sean J. Mackenzie '04**, a Lewiston, N.Y., resident, has become an associate in the firm Magavern Magavern Grimm, practicing in the Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y., offices. He specializes in corporate law, litigation and appeals.

**John M. Cordon Jr. '05** has accepted a position as assistant corporation counsel with Steuben Foods Inc. in Elma, N.Y. Cordon is a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

**Joseph M. Hanna '05** was named Defense Research Institute Outstanding Service Young Lawyer of the Year. Hanna is an associate in Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo and resides in Amherst, N.Y.

**Katy Hedges '05** has joined the Buffalo firm Chelus, Herdzik, Speyer & Monte as an associate. She will handle litigation and general practice matters. Hedges lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Kenneth R. Kraus '05** has become associated with the firm Evans & Fox in Rochester, N.Y. He focuses his practice in estates and elder law. Kraus resides in Rochester.

**Meredith A. Conner '06** is as an associate in the Buffalo office of Damon & Morey. She practices in the real estate and banking department. Conner is a Buffalo resident.

**Molly Donnelly '06** has accepted a position with the Office of Chief Counsel at the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C., where she resides.

**Jennifer G. Flannery '06** practices as an associate in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey. Flannery concentrates her practice in trusts and estates and business and corporate law. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Jessica M. Keltz '06** has become associated with the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office. She practices in the real estate and banking department. Keltz was previously the downtown living coordinator for Buffalo Place Inc., where she served as the neighborhood liaison for downtown Buffalo in city housing court. She is a Buffalo resident.



Jessica M. Keltz '06



James M. O'Keefe '07

**Patrick J. Kennedy '06** was hired as an associate in the firm Schottenstein Zox & Dunn in the Columbus, Ohio, office. Kennedy practices in the corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions practice areas, focusing on private equity funds, subordinated debt funds, and mergers and acquisitions. He is a Columbus resident.

**Alexandra Maloney '06** has become associated with the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Albany, N.Y., office. Maloney deals with torts and professional liability litigation, including medical malpractice. She is a resident of Saratoga, N.Y.

**Carla J. Miller Montroy '06** has been elected to the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD Group. She is a Buffalo solo practitioner and lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Crystal J. Rodriguez '06** has been appointed executive director of the City of Buffalo Commission on Citizens' Rights and Community Relations. She previously served as commissioner of the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. Rodriguez is a Buffalo resident.

**Andrew J. Wells '06** has joined Phillips Lytle as an associate in the Buffalo office. He will handle cases involving commercial litigation, including contract and business-related disputes. In addition, Wells is a U.S. Army Reserve Civil Affairs sergeant. He lives in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

**Colleen M. Allen '07** of Buffalo has accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo office of Harter Secrest & Emery. She practices in the employee benefits group, helping clients with plan documents, summary descrip-

tions and administration of medical flexible spending accounts, dependent care assistance programs and health savings accounts. She lives in Buffalo.

**Brian S. Bennett '07** practices in the Rochester, N.Y., office of Harter Secrest & Emery. He concentrates his practice in business and commercial litigation and creditors' rights. Bennett is a Rochester resident.

**Caroline Bala Brancatella '07** is practicing in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel as an associate. She focuses her practice in environmental law. She lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Beverley S. Braun '07** has become an associate in the Buffalo office of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel. A litigator, she received the 2007 UB Law School Faculty Award. She lives in Amherst, N.Y.

**Candace M. Curran '07** practices as an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office of Harter Secrest & Emery. She advises clients regarding business and commercial litigation matters, landlord/tenant disputes, breach of contract issues, civil litigation and intellectual property prosecution. Curran lives in Rochester.

**Kathryn A. Daly '07** has joined Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola in the Buffalo office. Daly is an associate practicing insurance defense, including New York State Labor Law, automobile, premises liability and products liability claims. She is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

**Ryan A. Lown '07** has become an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office of Phillips Lytle. He concentrates his practice in real estate, including commercial real estate lending and development, se-



**Douglas Coppola '75**, a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association, is celebrating an Olympic medal in the family. His son Steven Coppola, a member of the men's eight of the U.S. Olympic rowing team, returned from the Summer Games in Beijing with a bronze medal.

"To have contemplated that my son would be an actual Olympic medal winner seemed like a far-off dream," said Douglas Coppola, who maintains a solo law practice in downtown Buffalo. "But as he started competing on the national team and making the men's eight, the reality of it was that we thought he might be in it. And then when he actually medaled, and when we found out he was the first ever from

Western New York to get a rowing medal, that is when it hits you that this is really special. We could not be prouder."

## In Memoriam

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

- Albert J. Fitzgibbons Jr. '42, Trumbull, Connecticut
- Marie S. Good '50, Tonawanda, New York
- Hon. David J. Mahoney '52, Buffalo
- Donald L. Miller '52, Buffalo
- William A. Brownjohn '59, Hamilton, New York
- Hon. Betsy G. Hurley '61, Lockport, New York
- John T. O'Mara '66, Live Oak, Florida
- Robert B. Moriarty '68, Buffalo
- James S. Keysa '70, Lancaster, New York
- Murray J. Grashow '71, Williamsville, New York
- J. Gregory Hoelscher '86, East Aurora, New York
- Nicholas S. Priore '86, Utica, New York
- Monique E. Emdin '07, Buffalo

Paul Ivan Birzon passed away Aug. 30 in Rochester, New York. A nationally known specialist in matrimonial and family law, Birzon was a founding member of the U.S. Chapter of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the Western New York Association of Matrimonial Lawyers. Birzon taught Evidence and Family Law as an adjunct for over 20 years; he retired from our faculty in 2006.

cured financing and workouts, condominium and planned unit development matters, and project development. Lown is a Rochester resident.

**Matthew J. Makowski '07** has been named to UB Law School's GOLD Group board of directors. He is an associate in the firm Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman in Buffalo, where he resides.

**Michael L. Nisengard '07** practices in the Amherst, N.Y., office of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, focusing in real estate law. In addition, he is a member of the board of directors of the Bethesda Community Development Corp. in Buffalo, where he resides.

**James M. O'Keefe '07** is an associate in the Buffalo firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola. He specializes in insurance defense, focusing on

premises liability, automobile accidents and New York Labor Law. He lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**David P. Shaffer '07** practices as an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office of Woods Oviatt Gilman. He focuses his practice in estate planning and estate administration and lives in Leicester, N.Y.

**Patrick Slade '07** has become associated with the firm Chelus Herdzik Speyer & Monte in Buffalo. He concentrates his practice in litigation and general practice matters. Slade resides in Amherst, N.Y.

**Ellen Grimm Spencer '07** was named an associate in the Buffalo firm Magavern Magavern Grimm, counseling clients regarding estates and trust matters. Spencer previously worked as a law clerk in the Town of Tonawanda legal

department in Tonawanda, N.Y., where she resides.

**Elizabeth A. Steger '07** has accepted a position as an associate in the Law Office of Edward A. Pace in Orchard Park, N.Y. She concentrates her practice in real property, matrimonial and family law, bankruptcies, business, wills, trusts and estates. Steger is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

**Trevor M. Torcello '07** has joined the Buffalo firm Gross Shuman Brizdle & Gilfillan as an associate. He practices in corporate law and personal injury litigation. Torcello lives in Buffalo.

**Jason G. Ulatowski '07** is practicing as an associate in the Buffalo office of Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola. Ulatowski concentrates his practice on commercial litigation and corporate matters. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Raymond W. Walter '07** has accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo office of Magavern Magavern Grimm. He advises clients on estates, trusts and elder law. Walter lives in East Amherst, N.Y.

**Mark J. Williams '07** of Orchard Park, N.Y., practices with Lewis & Lewis in Buffalo. He is an associate in the litigation department, specializing in personal injury.

**Donald A. Young '07** has joined Boylan Brown Code Vigdor & Wilson in Rochester, N.Y. He practices in the litigation group, focusing on commercial litigation, creditor's rights and taxation and lives in Rochester.

**Tara S. Evans '08** has joined the firm Chelus Herdzik Speyer & Monte as an associate. She practices litigation and general practice matters in the firm's Buffalo and Cheektowaga, N.Y., offices. Evans is a Buffalo resident.

**Stephanie A. Mack '08** has become an associate in the Buffalo firm Bouvier Partnership. She focuses her practice in personal injury involving motor vehicle accidents, slip and falls, animal bites and toxic exposures. She also handles research and writing on legal issues including motions and appeals. Mack lives in Eggertsville, N.Y.