

# Alumni Briefs



## 50+ Luncheon

1st Row – Richard M. English '53, Herbert Shafer '50, Hon. James Kane '53, David A. Doll '50, Hon. Joseph J. Sedita '50

2nd Row – Hon. John P. Lane '53, Harry D. Maynor '57, Richard Lipsitz '43, John J. Barone '57, Hon. Charles R. Newman '50, Wells E. Knibloe '50, George M. Zimmermann '49

3rd Row – Philip H. Magner Jr. '49, John W. Rickers Jr. '52, Andrew Diakun '52, Alexander J. Russ '52, Frank R. Papa '52, Robert J. Plache '57

Richard Lipsitz '43, Robert J. Plache '57, and Frank R. Papa '52

The Law School hosted its fourth annual 50+ Reunion Luncheon

The Law School hosted its fourth annual 50+ Reunion Luncheon, an event that welcomes alumni who have graduated 50 or more years ago. Alumni and guests joined Vice Dean Alan S. Carrel '67 as this wonderful tradition continued on Aug. 8. In attendance were alumni ranging from the classes of 1943 to 1957. The event took place in the newly renovated Law School Conference Center in O'Brien Hall. In addition to the lively conversations between alums, May 2007 graduates Renee M. Rozier and Jacia T. Smith joined the group and briefed attendees on new developments at the Law School from the perspective of recent students.



Andrew Diakun '52, Harry D. Maynor '57, Robert J. Plache '57, and John W. Rickers Jr. '52



Wells E. Knibloe '50, John W. Rickers Jr. '52, and Alexander J. Russ '52



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## '40s

Richard Lipsitz '43 received the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was honored for his many contributions to the betterment of the community at the association's 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and dinner on May 3 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Lipsitz is of counsel in the Buffalo firm Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria.

John Canale '47 has been included in *Best Lawyers in New York State*. Canale is special counsel at Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo. He practices in bodily injury litigation.

Joseph C. Vispi '49 was awarded the Charles H. Dougherty Civility Award from the Bar Association of Erie County at its 120<sup>th</sup> annual

dinner at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Vispi is in private practice in Buffalo.

## '50s

Hon. Mary Ann Killeen '52 received the Women in Law Award from the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Gender & Racial Fairness Committee on May 23 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Killeen is a retired Erie County Family Court judge.

Robert J. Plache '57 has been named one of the best lawyers in America in the Woodward White 2008 listing. He is a partner in the firm Damon & Morey, specializing in probate, trust and estate law in the Buffalo office. Plache is a former assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of New York

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and a former lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

**Ronald D. Anton '58** has published his second book, *God's Seven Ways to Ease Suffering*. The book is dedicated to late UB Law Dean Jacob Hyman. Anton served on the UB Law faculty from 1960 to 1962. He is an attorney in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

**Maryann Saccomando Freedman '58** was named president of the Buffalo Geological Society and was elected to the board of directors of Western New York Heritage Press for a three-year term. She is of counsel in the Buffalo firm Cohen & Lombardo.

## '60s

**Hon. Charles F. Graney '61** was honored by the Appellate Division, 4<sup>th</sup> Department, in Rochester, N.Y. He received a special award for his more than 20 years of service to the Law Guardian Advisory Committee. Graney is a retired Genesee County Family Court judge.

**William A. Niese '61** of Bonsall, Calif., has been named to the board of the University at Buffalo Foundation for a three-year term. Niese is retired from the Times Mirror Co. of Los Angeles.

**Robert D. Kolken '65** has formed the Buffalo firm Kolken & Kolken with his son, Matthew Kolken. The firm specializes in immigration and nationality law. Kolken is a Buffalo resident.

**John A. Cirando '66** was named to the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Department judicial screening committee. He practices in the Syracuse, N.Y., firm D.J. & J.A. Cirando.

**Alan S. Carrel '67**, vice dean at UB Law School, received the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Carrel was honored for his commitment to public service at the association's 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and dinner at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo on May 3.

# SAVE THE DATE for YOUR REUNION:

1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988 and 1998

With gratitude, the Law School recognizes those alumni and friends that have given their time and energy to help organize, plan and attend their reunion event. Although every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the reunion pages, we apologize for any inadvertent errors or mistakes. If you have any questions or wish to report an inaccuracy, please contact: Amy Hayes Atkinson, Assistant Director of Reunion and Special Programs, 315 O'Brien Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260-1100 at (716) 645-6224 or e-mail [aatkins@buffalo.edu](mailto:aatkins@buffalo.edu)

Thank you! And we hope to see everyone at their next reunion.

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50+ Reunion Luncheon	Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008
Class 1953	55th Reunion June 26, 2008
Class 1958	50th Reunion May 16 & 17, 2008
Class 1963	45th Reunion June 28, 2008
Class 1968	40th Reunion June 6 & 7, 2008
Class 1973	35th Reunion June 6 & 7, 2008
Class 1978	30th Reunion June 6 & 7, 2008
Class 1983	25th Reunion May 2 & 3, 2008
Class 1988	20th Reunion May 2 & 3, 2008
Class 1998	10th Reunion May 2 & 3, 2008



Above: Robert E. Walter '67, Sheldon B. Benatovich '67, and Alan S. Biernbaum '67



Above: Denise E. O'Donnell '82, Prof. Dianne Avery '82



Below: Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72, Arthur E. Jackson Jr. '72, June Bates, and Larry D. Bates '72



# Class of '52

1st Row – Hon. John J. Gruber, David H. Lund, Hon. Mary Ann Killeen, Phyllis H. Wilkinson, Anthony J. Spann

2nd Row – Hon. David J. Mahoney Jr., Thomas J. Kelly, Morton H. Abramowitz, John A. Krull, Patrick T. Hurley, Alexander J. Russ

3rd Row – Hon. Mary K. Carr, Harry P. Weinrib, Andrew Diakun, Nicholas A. Pierino, Dominic J. Terranova

Continuing with their reunion tradition, the Class of 1952 gathered on June 21 to honor their 55-year reunion from UB Law School. The dinner was held at the historical Mansion on Delaware Avenue. Folks from Florida and Pennsylvania made the trip to visit with friends and classmates honoring this milestone.



Above, Dominic J. Terranova and Andrew Diakun

Hon. David J. Mahoney Jr. and Hon. John J. Gruber

Alexander J. Russ and Andrew Diakun



Patrick T. Hurley, Hon. John J. Gruber, and Phyllis H. Wilkinson

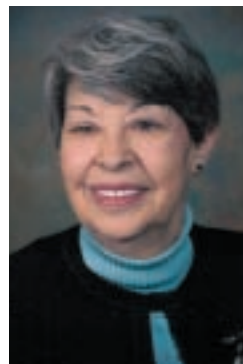
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**Frederick A. Wolf '67**, special counsel in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, was included in the land use and zoning law category in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Wolf also concentrates his practice in municipal, banking and business law.

**Robert P. Fine '68**, managing partner in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo, was named to the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Department judicial screening committee. He was also named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2007. Fine is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award and is an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School.

**Giles P. Manias '68**, a Buffalo attorney, was appointed vice president of the Bar Association of Erie County. He chairs the association's senior lawyers' committee and the international sister cities committee.

**Vincent J. Moore '69** was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2008. Moore is a senior partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey and is chair of the firm's real estate department.



Maryann Saccomando  
Freedman '58



Robert P. Fine '68

## '70s

**William E. Mathias II '71** was recognized for his exemplary performance in business by the UB Law Alumni Association. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the association's 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and dinner on May 3 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Mathias is managing partner in the firm Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman in Buffalo and a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council.

**Joseph B. Mistrett '71** has retired as chief federal public defender in Buffalo. He held this position since 2004 and previously served as a federal public defender for 15 years. Mistrett will move to Washington, D.C., to be near his family.

**Anthony M. Nosek '71** was named village attorney in Depew, N.Y. He is of counsel in the Buffalo firm

Cohen & Lombardo and concentrates his practice in civil litigation, corporate, environmental, estates and trusts, and municipal law. Nosek lives in Lancaster, N.Y.

**Paul A. Battaglia '72** is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2008. He is a partner in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Amherst, N.Y., office. In addition, he is an adjunct instructor at UB Law School.

**Peter J. Battaglia '72** was elected treasurer of the Bar Association of Erie County. He is underwriting counsel at Tigor Title Insurance Co. in Buffalo.

**David G. Brock '72** was named vice chair of Planned Parenthood of Western New York. He is also included in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and is listed in "Who's Who in Law" 2007

by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Brock is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel and former vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72** was appointed to the Special Commission on the Future of the New York State Courts. He also was installed as president of the New York State Magistrates Association for 2007-08. Farrell is Amherst, N.Y., town justice and president-elect of the New York State Magistrates Association. He is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award and a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Samuel Fried '72** has retired from the practice of law and founded Flights of Fancy Adventures, a birding and golf travel company. He runs the company with his wife, Donna Mages, also a retired attorney. Fried has run tours to 10 states, seven Canadian provinces and territories, eight Latin American countries and Australia. He has published 35 feature articles in magazines, including the United States Golf Association environmental section, and over 1,000 of his photographs have been published worldwide. Fried is a resident of Bloomfield, Conn.

**Anthony J. Latona '72** spoke at the National Business Institute program "The Art of Settlement" in Buffalo. Latona is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the litigation practice group.

**Thomas F. Segalla '72** and **Susan E. Van Gelder '97** co-authored a chapter, "Causation in Mold Cases: Practice Pointers for Defending Exposure Claims," for the Defense Research Institute Library Series 2007 on *Exploring Toxic Tort and Environmental Liability Claims*. Segalla also was appointed chair of USLAW NETWORK's insurance committee. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Goldberg Segalla and a member of the Defense Research Institute's Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee.

**John C. Spitzmiller '72** was named program coordinator of Estate

Analysts of Western New York. He is a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office.

**Hon. Lawrence Brenner '73** was named to the board of the Public Service Commission. Brenner is deputy chief administrative law judge for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C.

**James W. Gresens '73** has become a partner in the Buffalo firm Duke Holzman Photiadis & Gresens. He was a former member of the firm Gresens & Gresens in Buffalo.

**Hon. Thomas M. Van Strydonck '73** received the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award on May 3 at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and dinner at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. He was honored for his conscientious and diligent performance in the judiciary. Van Strydonck is a New York State Supreme Court justice for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in Rochester, N.Y. He is a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council and a trial technique instructor.

**Frank J. Buffomante '74** was named Practitioner of the Year at the annual Attorney Recognition Reception of the Bar Association of Erie County's Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society. Buffomante is a partner in the firm Labin & Buffomante in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Christopher T. Greene '74**, senior partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, has been included in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Greene is a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council and a former recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Michele O. Heffernan '74**, a Buffalo resident, is listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the employee benefits category. Heffernan is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel.

**Helen Osgood '74** has become a partner in the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office. She is a member of the firm's real estate and banking department. Osgood handles matters involving



# Class of '57

The weekend of May 18-19 brought the Class of 1957 together for their milestone 50-year reunion. The weekend was met with beautiful weather, which further enhanced the momentous weekend.

On Friday, the acclaimed Rue Franklin restaurant was the setting for the Class of 1957's reunion dinner. Classmates became reacquainted with each other over cocktails and a sit-down dinner in the Rue's beautiful atrium.

Saturday afternoon, several classmates gathered at the Law School with the dean for lunch in the recently rehabbed Law School Conference Center on the fifth floor. After the lunch, the class was seated on stage with faculty, VIPs and other dignitaries for the Class of 2007 commencement exercises at the Center for the Arts. As part of the ceremony, the Class of 1957 was honored for their accomplishments.

Left to right: William F. Keenan, Richard A. Grimm, Jr., Dr. Charles S. V. Telly, Harry D. Maynor, Thomas J. Shanahan, Mark Klafehn, Grace Marie Ange, Weston B. Wardell Jr., Robert J. Plache, Sanford M. Silverberg, Richard F. Griffin, F.B. Hamsher, Paul Shatkin



Kate Wardell, Weston B. Wardell Jr., and Harry D. Maynor



Harry D. Maynor and Sanford M. Silverberg

Richard A. Grimm Jr., William F. Keenan, and Thomas J. Shanahan



Robert J. Plache, Richard F. Griffin, and Dr. Charles S. V. Telly



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commercial lending and credit restructuring.

**Gregory C. Yungbluth '74**, a senior partner in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008*. Yungbluth is co-chair of the firm's corporate department.

**Dianne Bennett '75** was appointed chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Department judicial screening committee by New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer. Bennett is of counsel in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ. She is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna Award.

**Dale A. Ehman '75** was named "Who's Who in Law" 2007 by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Ehman practices in the Buffalo firm Bouvier Partnership in personal injury litigation. He is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Pamela Davis Heilman '75** has been elected to the board of governors of the Shaw Festival, one of the largest repertory companies in North America. Heilman is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ in the corporate & securities and nonprofit law practice groups. She is also a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council and is a Buffalo resident.

**Charles G. Humphrey '75** has become a partner in The Wagner Law Group in Boston. The firm specializes in ERISA/employee benefits, and Humphrey will serve clients in Boston and Buffalo.

**Edward D. Manzo '75** is the lead author and editor in chief of *Claim Construction in the Federal Circuit* (Thomson West, March 2007). Manzo writes this annually in conjunction with members of the litigation committee of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago. He also appeared on the television program *First Business Morning News* on WCIU and MeTV in Chicago. He discussed the music industry's winning a major digital piracy copyright case. Manzo is a founding partner in the firm Cook Alex in Chicago, concentrating his practice in intellectual property litigation and counseling. He is a resident of Lake Forest, Ill.



Anthony M. Nosek '71



Hon. Mark G. Farrell '72



Harry F. Mooney '75

Harry F. Mooney '75 received the 2007 Robert Kiebala Memorial Award from the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York. He is also listed in "Who's Who in Law" 2007 by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*, and was selected for

inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007*. Mooney is a member of the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo, practicing product liability, professional liability, and large loss and catastrophic injury litigation.

**Thomas A. Palmer '75**, a partner in the Amherst, N.Y., office of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, is named in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008*. Palmer practices business and corporate law.

**Hon. Janice M. Rosa '75** was re-elected to the board of trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Rosa is a New York State Supreme Court justice, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, in Buffalo, and is supervising judge for matrimonial matters.

**William F. Savino '75** was recognized in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is a senior partner and chairman in the business litigation and insolvency department in the Buffalo office of Damon & Morey. Savino is also a bridge course lecturer at UB Law School and a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Diane F. Bosse '76** was named to a two-year term on the law school accreditation committee of the ABA section of legal education and admissions to the bar. Bosse is chair of the New York Board of Law Examiners and is of counsel in the firm Bender, Crawford & Bender in Buffalo.

**Patrick J. Brown '76** was selected by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit to serve a three-year term on the attorney advisory group to the Second Circuit criminal justice act committee. Brown is a partner in the firm LoTempio & Brown in Buffalo.

**Richard F. DiGiacomo '76** was named assistant secretary of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a partner in the firm Nesper Ferber & DiGiacomo in Amherst, N.Y.

**Louis P. DiLorenzo '76** was inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America. DiLorenzo is managing partner in the firm bond Schoeneck & King in the firm's New York City and Garden City offices. He is co-chair of the firm's labor and employment law department.

**Cheryl Smith Fisher '76**, a partner in the firm Magavern Magavern Grimm in Buffalo, has been selected for the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. She was honored in the area of ethics and professional responsibility law, the first time the publication recognized this specialty. Fisher is president of the Bar Association of Erie County.

**Edward J. Kelly '76** of Jonesborough, Tenn., was named a Senior Fulbright Specialist and spent the summer teaching alternative dispute resolution in Baku, Azerbaijan. Kelly is university counsel at East Tennessee State University and Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City, Tenn. He also teaches law at Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Va.

**Richard M. Miller '76** is a partner in the firm Fox Rothschild in Princeton, N.J., where he has been named co-chair of the international business practice group. He previously practiced in the firm Miller Mitchell, which merged with Fox Rothschild.

**Rodney O. Personius '76** was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers at its annual meeting in Chicago. Personius is a partner in the firm Personius Melber in Buffalo.

**John Stuart '76** was reappointed to a four-year term as state public defender in Minneapolis, where he resides. Stuart has held the position since 1990.

**John M. Thomas '76** is resigning as dean of the University at Buffalo School of Management. He will continue to work with the school's global business programs as a faculty member. Thomas has helped to establish the school as a leader in international business education. The school was named by *BusinessWeek* as one of the country's top five business schools for the fastest return on MBA investment. Thomas is a Buffalo resident.

**Margaret W. Wong '76** was honored with the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna Award on May 3 at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and dinner at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Wong was recognized for her leadership



Melvyn L. Hurwitz and Phillip Brothman



James R. Walsh and Robert A. Moeller

## Class of '62



1st Row – Phillip Brothman, Angelo F. LaDuca, Marvin T. Dubin, Robert D. Gunderman, Waldron S. Hayes Jr., Francis P. McGarry

2nd Row – Melvyn L. Hurwitz, Gerald J. Greenan Jr., Robert A. Moeller

3rd Row – James R. Walsh, William D. Schulz, Peter D. Cook, Roger T. Davison

Above: Angelo F. LaDuca, Roger T. Davison, and William D. Schulz



Above: Francis P. McGarry, James R. Walsh, and Phillip Brothman

The class of 1962 marked their 45th year reunion on June 8-9. The weekend brought old friends together for an opportunity to reminisce and catch up on current happenings. As in past reunion traditions, a classmates-only dinner was held on Friday evening. More than half the class gathered at the Rue Franklin restaurant for an evening of conversation and fine dining.

On Saturday morning, classmates and guests were invited by Dean Nils Olsen to the Law School on UB's North Campus. The class was treated to the unveiling of their class composite feature their senior pictures created from their yearbook – *The Advocate* – which now hangs on the third floor on the administrative wing with other class composites.

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by example as a private practitioner. She is managing partner of Margaret W. Wong and Associates in Cleveland and is also a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council.

**Cynthia A. Falk '77** was honored by the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Gender & Racial Fairness Committee at the Women in Law Awards luncheon May 23 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Falk is a solo practitioner in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

**Barry R. Fertel '77** was re-elected to a four-year term on the city council in New Rochelle, N.Y. In addition, Fertel opened his own practice in New Rochelle specializing in education law and litigation.

**Margaret P. Gryko '77** has been inducted as a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She also was elected vice president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. Gryko is assistant general counsel at Delaware North Cos. in Buffalo and is president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**R. Michael Tantillo '77** was named Prosecutor of the Year by the New York Prosecutors Training Institute and the New York State District Attorneys Association. Tantillo is Ontario County district attorney in Canandaigua, N.Y., where he resides.

**Garry M. Graber '78** served as a moderator for the New York State Bar Association's CLE program "Working Out and Litigating the Problem Loan" in Syracuse, N.Y. Graber is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ, in charge of the firm's restructuring, bankruptcy and commercial litigation practice group. He is a past president of the Bar Association of Erie County and the UB Law Alumni Association, and a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

**Thomas Maligno '78** has been named executive director of the public advocacy center at the Touro Law Center in Central Islip, N.Y. He previously was executive director of Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

**Mark J. Moretti '78** was chosen to



Garry M. Graber '78



Ann E. Evanko '79

serve on the Monroe County Bar Association board of trustees in Rochester, N.Y. He is a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Rochester office.

**Hon. Marilyn L. O'Connor '78** has retired as a Monroe County family court judge in Rochester, N.Y. She was honored at a retirement dinner at the Shadow Lake Golf & Racquet Club in Penfield, N.Y., where she resides.

**Mark G. Pearce '78** was appointed by New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer to the Commission on Increasing Diversity in the State Government Workforce. Pearce is a partner in the Buffalo firm Creighton Pearce Johnsen & Giroux and a past president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York.

**Vikki L. Pryor '78** received the Education Award from the Minority Bar Association of

Western New York. Pryor is president of SBLI USA Mutual Life Insurance in New York City. She is a past recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna award and is a member of the UB Law School Dean's Advisory Council.

**David F. Smith '78** has been named to the board of directors of National Fuel Gas Co. in Williamsville, N.Y. Smith is president and chief operating officer of National Fuel and president of National Fuel Gas Supply Corp. and Empire State Pipeline. Smith joined the company in 1978. He is a member of UB Law School's Dean's Advisory Council and a former recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

**Peter F. Brady '79** was appointed treasurer of the Bar Association of Erie County. He is a partner in the firm Brady & Schaefer in Amherst, N.Y.

**Richard W. Cole '79** has joined the Hamburg, N.Y., firm Shaw & Shaw as an associate. He concentrates in matrimonial and family law.

**Ann E. Evanko '79** was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2007. She is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine, is a member of the management committee and serves as vice president of the firm.

**Terrie Benson Murray '79** was elected for a two-year term to the Philanthropic Education Organization as guard for the CM Chapter based in Orchard Park, N.Y. She is one of the founding members of the chapter and is the project chairperson for Educational Loan Fund. Murray is an associate in the firm Cohen & Lombardo in Buffalo.

**Jean C. Powers '79** was appointed president of the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. She also was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2008 and is listed in "Who's Who in Law" 2007 by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Powers is a partner in the Amherst, N.Y., office of the firm Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel, practicing in the real estate group. She is a member of UB Law

School's Dean's Advisory Council, a former recipient of the UB Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna Award, and a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Raymond P. Reichert '79** has been re-elected president of the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, appears in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2008 and is listed in "Who's Who in Law" 2007 by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Reichert is a partner in the firm Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel, practicing in the tax and economic land development practice group in the Buffalo office.

**Michael B. Risman '79** was appointed to the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo. Risman is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ and is a bridge course lecturer at UB Law School.

**Joseph M. Schnitter '79** has become a member of the board of directors of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. He is a partner in the firm Brown & Kelly in Buffalo.

**Hon. C. Randall Hinrichs '81** was named Suffolk County Criminal Bar Association Judge of the Year. Hinrichs is a Suffolk county court judge in Riverhead, N.Y.

## '80s

**Jean T. Walsh '81** has been appointed chair of the New York State Bar Association's criminal justice section. Walsh is principal rule counsel for the New York Stock Exchange.

**Karla D. Wilsey '81** received the President's Award for Contribution from the Monroe County Bar Association in Rochester, N.Y. Wilsey is senior vice president and general counsel at Public Abstract Corp., in Rochester.

**Maureen T. Alston '82** of Rochester, N.Y., received the Champion of Diversity Award from the Rochester Black Bar Association. Alston is managing partner in the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She is the first woman to serve as the firm's managing partner. **Richard S. Binko '82** has been elected second vice president of the

is an adjunct faculty member at UB Law School.

**Michael J. Lombardo '80** was recognized with the Special Service Award from the Bar Association of Erie County. Lombardo is a member of the association's real property law subcommittee. He is a partner in the firm Duke Holzman Yaeger & Photiadis in Buffalo.

**Michael A. Piette '80** has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2008 and is listed in "Who's Who in Law" 2007 by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. He is a partner in the real estate practice group of the firm Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Amherst, N.Y., office.

**Steven Schwartz '80** is chief of the District Court trial bureau and director of training for the Nassau County district attorney's office in Mineola, N.Y. He lectures nationally on trial advocacy, is on the faculty of the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, S.C., and recently spoke to the National District Attorneys Association executive conference in Park City, Utah. Schwartz resides in Bronx, N.Y.

**Paul J. D'Amato '82** was named Region 8 director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in Avon, N.Y. He has been acting director since June.

**Richard A. Denmon '82** was appointed chair of the disclosure and continuous reporting subcommittee of the Federal Regulation of Securities committee of the business section of the American Bar Association. He has also been listed in *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers* 2007-08 edition, *The Legal 500* and *The Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers*. He was also selected for *Florida Super Lawyers* 2007. In addition, he was a panelist at the 2007 fall meeting of the New York State Bar Association business law section in Palm Beach, Fla.

**Vincent O. Hanley '82** has been elected chairman of the Hilbert College board of trustees in Hamburg, N.Y. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2008 and in "Who's Who in Law" 2007 by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Hanley is a partner in the firm Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office. He practices in the firm's real estate,

economic and land development, business and corporate, and financial services practice groups.

## Births

To **Steven Schwartz '80** and Jane Manning, a son, William, on Feb. 17, 2007, in New York City.

To **Evan Shapiro '87** and Steven P. Count, a daughter, Lila, on Aug. 15, 2007, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

To **Hilary C. Banker '96** and Jeffrey Leichtnam, a son, William Stephen, on May 22, 2007, in Buffalo.

To **Lourdes M. Ventura '98** and Rene F. Solorzano, a son, Mateo Rene, on Sept. 26, 2007, in New York City.

To **Tara Johnson '02** and Michael Johnson, a daughter, Sydney, on Nov. 13, 2006, in Webster, N.Y.

To **Michael A. Chiantella '03** and Karen Chiantella, a son, Dylan John-Noel, on November 27, 2007

To **Andrea M. Rigdon '03** and Jay A. Rigdon, a son, Daniel Alexander, on June 5, 2006, in Snyder, N.Y.

New York State Trial Lawyers Association. Binko practices personal injury law in his firm in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

**Hon. Christopher E. Cahill '82** has been nominated by New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer to serve as a Supreme Court justice in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District in Kingston. Cahill served as law clerk to the late Hon. Vincent Bradley, who previously held the position.

**Paul J. D'Amato '82** was named Region 8 director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in Avon, N.Y. He has been acting director since June.

**Richard A. Denmon '82** was appointed chair of the disclosure and continuous reporting subcommittee of the Federal Regulation of Securities committee of the business section of the American Bar Association. He has also been listed in *Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers* 2007-08 edition, *The Legal 500* and *The Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers*. He was also selected for *Florida Super Lawyers* 2007. In addition, he was a panelist at the 2007 fall meeting of the New York State Bar Association business law section in Palm Beach, Fla.

Denmon is a shareholder in the firm Carlton Fields in Tampa, Fla. He has a transactional practice concentrated in securities regulation, corporation finance, and mergers and acquisitions.

**John P. Feroletto '82** was named to the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association board of directors. Feroletto is a Buffalo solo practitioner.

**John Giardino '82** has recently completed a \$22 million redevelopment project in Buffalo to beautify dilapidated property. He is also working to redevelop a continuing care retirement community in Buffalo with the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. Giardino is CEO of Centerstone Development in Buffalo and a partner in the Buffalo firm Lippes Mathias Wexler & Friedman.

**Vincent O. Hanley '82** has been elected chairman of the Hilbert College board of trustees in Hamburg, N.Y. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2008 and in "Who's Who in Law" 2007 by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Hanley is a partner in the firm Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office. He practices in the firm's real estate,

economic and land development, business and corporate, and financial services practice groups.

**Kenneth R. Kirby '82** has accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo firm Mattar D'Agostino & Gottlieb. He counsels clients regarding civil litigation, appeals, professional liability and insurance coverage.

**Brenda Levinson '82** was elected president of the Court Attorneys Association of New York City. The association is a labor union that represents court attorneys employed by the Unified Court System in New York City. Levinson is a special referee on matrimonial and election matters in Bronx Supreme Court.

**Denise E. O'Donnell '82** has been appointed commissioner of New York State's division of criminal justice services. 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 is a Buffalo resident and a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Mark W. Pedersen '82** has been appointed to a four-year term as a military judge to the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps. Pedersen is law clerk to Hon. Charles J. Siragusa, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, in Rochester, N.Y.

**Catharine M. Venzon '82**, a Williamsville, N.Y., resident, was honored at the Women of Distinction Awards dinner sponsored by the Girl Scout Council of Buffalo and Erie County. She was recognized for her leadership and work with several troops in Williamsville. Venzon practices in the Venzon Law Firm in Buffalo.

**Laurie S. Bloom '83** was elected vice president of the UB Law Alumni Association. Bloom is counsel in the firm Nixon Peabody in Buffalo.

**James W. Everett '83** had his article "Are Promissory Notes Securities?" published in the *U.C.C. Law Journal*, Vol. 40, No. 2. The article critiqued the application of

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Uniform Commercial Code Article 8 to promissory notes. Everett works for the New York State Insurance Department in Albany, N.Y., where he resides.

**Diane M. LaVallee '83**, of Buffalo, was elected to the nominating committee of the Bar Association of Erie County. LaVallee is a trial advocacy and bridge course instructor at UB Law School.

**Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden '83** was named president-elect of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is a Buffalo City Court judge and a bridge course instructor at UB Law School. Ogden is also a past president of the Minority Bar Association in Buffalo.

**Robert W. Patterson '83** is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008*. Patterson is a partner in Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the employee benefits practice group. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Hon. Sara Sperrazza '83** was honored at the fifth annual Women in the Law Awards luncheon May 23 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. She was recognized by the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Gender & Racial Fairness Committee for her contributions to the bench, bar and community. Sperrazza is acting Supreme Court justice and Niagara County Surrogate Court judge in Lockport, N.Y.

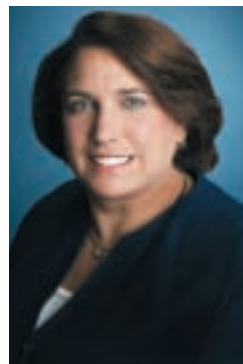
**Amy Ruth Tobol '83** has been named associate dean of the Hudson Valley Center of Empire State College in Hartsdale, N.Y. She is also a tenured associate professor.

**Perry Binder '84** co-organized and spoke at the Corporate Intellectual Property Institute at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga., where he is a Legal Studies professor in the Robinson College of Business. In addition, Binder nominated and introduced Mr. Truett Cathy, founder and chairman of Chick-fil-A restaurants, for the university's annual IP Legends Award, which honors attorneys and business people who have made significant contributions in the field of intellectual property.

**George W. Collins '84** of Amherst, N.Y., was re-elected for a second term as vice president of the board



Hon. Michael L. Hanuszcak '84



Donna L. Burden '87

of directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo. He also was named to the 2007 listing of "Who's Who in Law" by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Collins is chairman of the litigation group in the firm Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo.

**John P. Freedenberg '84** of Amherst, N.Y., was selected as the national chair of the Defense Research Institute's product liability committee. Freedenberg is a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo, practicing in product liability, catastrophic personal injury and intellectual property litigation.

**Hon. Michael L. Hanuszcak '84** co-authored the article "Family Law" which appears in the 2005-06 *Survey of New York Law*, published in 2007 by the *Syracuse University Law Review*. Hanuszcak is an Onondaga County family court judge in Syracuse, N.Y.

**Patrick J. Higgins '84** has been named president of the Albany County Bar Association in Albany, N.Y. Higgins is a partner in the firm Powers & Santola in Albany, where he resides.

**Jennifer J. Parker '84** received the Business Person of the Year Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. Parker is president and CEO of Black Capital Network in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Nancy W. Saia '84** received the Special Service Award from the Bar Association of Erie County. She is a member of the association's real property law subcommittee and was recognized for her efforts in creating the association's new real estate contract. Saia is a Buffalo solo practitioner and a member of the board of directors of the bar association.

**George F. Bellows '85** of Buffalo is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008*. Bellows is a partner in the business and corporate and financial services practice groups in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office.

**Sandra Cassidy '85** has become corporate counsel and vice president of legal affairs for Plaintiff Support Services in Amherst, N.Y.

**Paula M. Ciprich '85** was selected as assistant treasurer of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is general counsel at National Fuel Gas Co. in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Victor J. D'Angelo '85** has joined the staff of the New York Liquidation Bureau as deputy chief of staff in the Manhattan office. D'Angelo was previously assistant attorney general in the claims bureau of the Office of the New York State attorney general, in Manhattan.

**Gayle L. Eagan '85** was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2008* in the trusts and estates category. She was also named to the 2007 listing of "Who's Who in Law" by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. Eagan is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel. She is treasurer of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past recipient of

the UB Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna Award.

**Virginia C. McEldowney '85** was named vice president of the Healthcare Executive Forum of Western New York. McEldowney is special counsel in the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office. She is a member of the firm's business and corporate department and the firm's health care group.

**Lisa Bloch Rodwin '85** was honored at the fifth annual It Happened to Alexa Foundation dinner on June 8, and also received the Susan Still Profile in Courage Award from the Erie County Family Justice Center. Rodwin is chief of the Erie County district attorney's office domestic violence bureau in Buffalo.

**Alberto Benitez '86** is listed as one of the top faculty members, based on student evaluations of courses, at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. Benitez is a professor of clinical law and director of the immigration clinic.

**Deborah A. Kirby '86** was named special counsel in the firm Colucci & Gallaher in Buffalo. She concentrates her practice in health and business law.

**Kathleen A. Lynch '86** received the 2007 Liberty Bell Award from the Bar Association of Erie County. She is an attorney for the Western New York Law Center in Buffalo and coordinator of the Mayor's Anti-Flipping Task Force.

**Lisa McDougall '86** co-authored *The New York State Physician's HIPAA Privacy Manual*. McDougall is a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office and is coordinator of the firm's health care practice group. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Gregory Rabb '86** was elected city council president in Jamestown, N.Y. He is the first openly gay person to hold that position. Rabb is a Jamestown resident.

**Victor R. Siclari '86** became assistant general counsel for Mellon Financial Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa., supporting the asset management business. Siclari was previously a



Above, Harold J. Brand Jr. and Hon. Samuel L. Green



David F. Lawlor, Robert E. Walter, Paul E. Rudnicki, Hon. Samuel L. Green, and Arthur A. Russ Jr.



Ralph Morabito, Alan S. Carrel, and Hon. Frank J. Clark

The 40-year reunion of the Class of 1967 was celebrated on June 9. This momentous occasion brought together old friends and spouses in celebration of the accomplishments of the class.

The reunion was kicked off on Saturday morning at the Law School for a brunch hosted by Dean Nils Olsen. Dean Olsen welcomed the class to the Law School and treated them to a tour of the school's facilities. The Country Club of Buffalo played as the backdrop and location for the reunion dinner that evening. Harold Brand and Frank Clark acted as emcee for the evening with tales of Law School days and their escapades, which brought rave reviews from classmates and friends.

1st Row (seated) – Hon. Timothy J. Drury

2nd Row – Sheldon B. Benatovich, Hon. Samuel L. Green, Robert S. Pacholski, Carol J. Alaimo, Harold J. Brand Jr.

3rd Row – Hon. David A. Gerard, Alan S. Carrel, Ralph Morabito, Roger A. Pies

Stairs (top to bottom) – David F. Lawlor, Timothy M. O'Mara, Walter L. Rooth, Paul E. Rudnicki, Hon. Frank J. Clark, Frederick A. Wolf, Alan S. Biernbaum, Robert E. Walter, Michael A. Connors, Arthur A. Russ, Robert M. Kornreich

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partner in the investment management group of Reed Smith in Pittsburgh.

**Candace Vogel-Yood '86** was awarded the International Association of Financial Crime Investigators Prosecutor of the Year Award for New York State. Vogel-Yood is an Erie County assistant district attorney in Buffalo. She is a member of the board of directors of the Erie County Bar Association and a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.



**Karen R. Kaczmarek '89**

**H. Todd Bullard '87** has joined Harris Beach as an equity member in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He specializes in public finance and economic development and business and commercial litigation. Bullard also received the Trailblazer Award from the Rochester Black Bar Association.



**H. Todd Bullard '87**

**Donna L. Burden '87** has partnered with **Jonathan S. Hickey '01** to form the firm Burden Gulisano & Hickey in Buffalo. The firm will handle cases involving catastrophic personal injury, particularly in trucking/transportation negligence, as well as product liability, premises liability, labor law and municipal law. Burden has 20 years of experience as a trucking law trial attorney. She also addressed the ABA section of litigation products liability committee at its Women in Products Liability conference in New Orleans, and was reappointed chair of the Defense Research Institute's trucking law committee.

**David P. Flynn '87** was selected to the executive committee of the National Brownfield Association's New York chapter for a two-year term and is also event committee chair. He also was named vice chair of the ABA section of environment, energy and resources site remediation committee for a one-year term. Flynn is a partner in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office and a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Brian C. Mahoney '87** was elected to the board of directors of the Bar Association of Erie County. He is also treasurer of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Mahoney is a member of the firm

Smith Keller Miner & O'Shea in Buffalo.

**Michael W. Reville '87** of Buffalo has been promoted to assistant vice president of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. in Williamsville, N.Y. He is responsible for the utility's rate matters and compliance with state and federal rate-related regulations. Reville joined the company in 1991 as an attorney in the legal department.

**Evan Shapiro '87** is a principal in the firm Boundas Skarzynski Walsh & Black in New York City. She focuses her practice in commercial D&O and E&O insurance. She was also named in the *New York Times* "Super Lawyers" section for the second year in a row. Shapiro is a Brooklyn, N.Y., resident.

**David M. Stillwell '87** was re-elected to the board of directors of the Western New York Trial

Lawyers Association. He is a partner in the firm Anspach Meeks Ellenberger in Buffalo.

**D. Andrew Winston '87** has accepted a position as a trial attorney with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Denver. He writes: "Even after 20 years in the blood pits of the American legal system, I am yet to be disabused of the notion that government can be a force for good."

**Mark E. Brand '88** has been named to the Community Impact Council, a subcommittee of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. Brand is a partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle. He is a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past president of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

**Terrence M. Gilbride '88** was elected to the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ.

**William E. Grieshaber Jr. '88** has been named managing director, new ventures division, at Rich Products Corp. in Buffalo. He was previously deputy general counsel in the corporation.

**Paul F. Hammond '88** was named "Who's Who in Law" 2007 by *Business First* and the *Buffalo Law Journal*. He is a litigation partner practicing in personal injury in the Buffalo firm Bouvier Partnership. Hammond is a Buffalo resident.

**Brian M. Martin '88** has become senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of KLA-Tencor in San Jose, Calif. He previously served as vice president, corporate law group, at Sun Microsystems in Menlo Park, Calif. Martin is also an adjunct professor at UB Law School.

**Hon. Forrest Strauss '88** has been appointed village justice in Monroe, N.Y. He is in charge of establishing one of the first justice courts in New York State in over 20 years. In addition, he serves as acting justice in the Village of Harriman. He continues as a staff attorney for the New York State Grievance Committee, 9<sup>th</sup> District, in White Plains.

**Gillian D. Brown '89** was named special counsel in the firm Colucci & Callahan in Buffalo. He will focus his practice in housing and development law, municipal law, landlord-tenant law, estate law and criminal defense work. Brown previously served as general counsel to the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. He is a Buffalo resident.

**Douglas W. Dimitroff '89** was elected president of the New York State Wireless Association, which he founded. Dimitroff is a partner in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle. He practices commercial real estate and telecommunications law.

**Vincent E. Doyle III '89** was appointed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Department judicial screening committee. Doyle is a partner in the Buffalo firm Connors & Vilardo and a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Karen R. Kaczmarek '89** has accepted a position as assistant dean for development at UB Law School. She formerly practiced in the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in Buffalo. In addition, she also has been named to the social services transition panel formed by Erie County Executive Chris Collins. Kaczmarek is a Hamburg, N.Y., resident.

**Dean P. Smith '89** and **Joseph R. Bergen '91** have opened the personal injury firm Smith Bergen & Schiffmacher in Buffalo. Smith previously practiced in the Law Offices of William Mattar in Williamsville, N.Y.

## '90s

**Stuart P. Gelberg '90** taped a two-part radio program for *The Law You Should Know* on radio station WHPC in Garden City, N.Y. He was invited to speak on "The Effect of the 2005 BAPCPA Amendments to the Bankruptcy Code." The show is hosted by **Kenneth J. Landau '80**. Gelberg is a solo practitioner in Garden City.

**Paula M. Eade Newcomb '90** was named to the board of directors of



# Class of '72

To mark their 35th reunion from UB Law School, the Class of 1972 gathered on the weekend of June 8-9.

The weekend commenced on Friday evening with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the old Law School at 77 W. Eagle St. Alumni came to see how their old law school was recently transformed into a marvelous library facility while having an opportunity to catch up with friends. The festivities continued as classmates made their way over to Dubois on Niagara Street – a familiar and favorite hangout from their law school days.

On Saturday morning, Dean Nils Olsen welcomed the class to the "new" Law School on the UB North Campus. As a special gift, the Class of 1972's senior yearbook pictures were compiled

into a class composite, framed and hung on the third floor of O'Brian Hall with other class composites. All class members also received their own copy at the reunion dinner as a reminder of their days in Law School.

Classmates continued their reunion weekend with a stations dinner at Marinaccio's Restaurant in Amherst, with dance music provided by the Sid Winkler Band. It was a great opportunity for all to rekindle their Law School relationships and continue the class' reunion tradition.

1st Row – Angelo A. Buffomante, Hon. Eric L. Glazer, A. Sheldon Gould, Bernard M. Brodsky, Isaac Fromm, William Z. Reich, Jeffery A. Spencer, Timothy J. Kane, Larry D. Bates, Warren B. Rosenbaum

2nd Row – Michael L. Calvete, Samuel L. Newman, Hon. Mark G. Farrell, Ralph Cessario, Gerald B. Cohen, Hon. Margaret Anderson Montondo, Thomas F. Segalla, George E. Riedel Jr., Arthur E. Jackson Jr., Thomas G. Sellers

3rd Row – John J. Quackenbush Jr., Raymond H. Barr, David Brock, Charles J. Genese, John M. Anderson, Joseph W. Carosella, William C. Lobbins Jr.

Left: Seated, Helene Cohen and Gerald B. Cohen. Standing, Isaac Fromm and Jessica Fromm



**William C. Lobbins Jr., Helen Newman, and Samuel L. Newman**



**Right: Arthur E. Jackson Jr., Lisa Dorato, and Joseph W. Carosella**



**Above: Jack Montondo, Hon. Margaret R. Anderson Montondo, Diane Quackenbush, and John J. Quackenbush Jr.**

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the Erie County Bar Foundation for a three-year term. Newcomb is special counsel in the firm Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo, where she handles matters involving toxic tort and personal injury litigation. She is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

**Hon. Wendy S. Ricks '90** has been elected town justice in Saugerties, N.Y., for a four-year term. Ricks previously practiced in the firm Rusk Wadlin Heppner & Martuscello in Kingston, N.Y., but recently opened her own practice in Saugerties.

**Tina Marie Stanford '90** has been nominated by New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer to serve as chairwoman of the New York State Crime Victims Board. Stanford is an Erie County assistant district attorney in Buffalo.

**Sean P. Beiter '91** of Amherst, N.Y., was named president of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America. He also is named in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Beiter, an Eagle Scout, is a partner in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in Buffalo.

**Joseph R. Bergen '91** is a partner in the newly formed personal injury firm Smith Bergen & Schiffmacher in Buffalo, where he resides. Bergen and **Dean P. Smith '89** opened the firm in October 2007. Bergen previously practiced in the Law Offices of William Mattar in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Laurice A. Ghougasian '91** was a panelist for the American Bar Association Section on Business Law Spring Meeting program in Washington, D.C., called "First, Do No Harm: What Business Lawyers Need to Know to Represent a Nonprofit Organization." Ghougasian is a tax law specialist with the Exempt Organizations Division, Rulings and Agreements office of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. The Rulings and Agreements office processes applications for tax exemption and provides direction through private letter rulings and technical guidance. Prior to her current position at the IRS, Ghougasian served for two years as an administrative law clerk for Judge Diane Gilbert Sypolt at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. She resides in Arlington, Va.



Robert P. Heary '91



LaMarr J. Jackson '92

**Robert P. Heary '91** is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a managing partner in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in Buffalo.

**Jane E. Hughes '91** has become associated with the Buffalo firm Watson Bennett Colligan Johnson & Schecter. She focuses her practice in matrimonial and family law.

**Lizabeth A. Martin '91** has been promoted to partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. She is a member of the firm's immigration practice group, concentrating on U.S. immigration and nationality law. Martin lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Steven I. Rubinstein '91** was named to Dopkins & Co.'s 2007 advisory board. Rubinstein is a partner in the firm Damon & Morey, practicing in the business and

corporate department in the Buffalo office. He practices in health care; prior to entering law, Rubinstein maintained a private practice in psychotherapy.

**Scott B. Schwartz '91** spoke at a panel discussion for the Intellectual Property Law Institute hosted by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Schwartz discussed best practices for handling actions before the trademark trial and appeal board. He also co-hosted a discussion on trademark dilution for the International Trademark Association, and gave a lecture on "Anti-Counterfeiting Measures From the Trademark Administrator's Perspective" for the International Trademark Association's trademark administrators workshop series. He is a member of the intellectual property department in the firm Cozen O'Connor in Philadelphia.

**Laurie Ambrose Walsh '91** is a tenured professor and chair of the history and government department at Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y. She resides in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Steven J. Weiss '91** was elected co-chair of the low income and affordable housing subcommittee of the New York State Bar Association real estate committee. Weiss is a partner in the firm Cannon Heyman & Weiss in Buffalo, practicing in affordable housing and community development transactions.

**Thomas P. Cunningham '92** has become a managing partner in the firm Rupp Baase Plalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola in the Buffalo office. He practices in insurance defense, insurance coverage and commercial litigation. Cunningham is a resident of East Amherst, N.Y.

**LaMarr J. Jackson '92** has become a partner in the firm Harris Chesworth O'Brien Johnstone Welch & Leone in Rochester, N.Y. Jackson is the first African-American female partner in the firm. She also received the Pioneer Award from the Rochester Black Bar Association. She practices in matrimonial and family law, labor relations, business law, trusts and estates, and criminal law.

**Russell J. Matuszak '92** was elected president of the Niagara Frontier Corporate Counsel Association. He is legal counsel for HealthNow New York, in Buffalo.

**Gregory V. Pajak '92** has joined the Buffalo firm Cellino & Barnes as a partner, representing victims of personal injury. He previously was a partner in the firm Chelus Herdzik Speyer Monte & Pajak in Buffalo.

**Edward Tirpak '92** has become associate director of technology and commercial development at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo.

**Christopher J. Belter '93** was named national vice chair of the Defense Research Institute's construction law committee. He is a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo and lives on Grand Island, N.Y.

**Thomas J. Cannavo '93** has been named a partner in the firm Kenney Shelton Liptak Nowak in Buffalo. He advises clients on matters regarding self-insured and insurance defense litigation, environmental and toxic tort litigation, and medical malpractice defense.

**Michelle M. Parker '93** has been appointed chair of the Erie County Bar Foundation 2007 campaign. Parker is a partner in the firm Anspach Meeke Ellenberger in Buffalo. She is vice president of the Defense Trial Lawyers of Western New York, treasurer of the Evans Democratic Club and a director of the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce in the Town of Evans, N.Y., where she resides.

**Mary Q. Wydysh '93** has been named president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Wydysh is a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo. She is a past president of the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York and a past member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Sharon Angelino '94** has become a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo. Angelino handles cases involving insurance coverage and health care law. She is a resident of Hamburg, N.Y.

# Class of '77



**A**lumni and friends from the Class of 1977 commemorated their 30th reunion June 8-9. The reunion got under way with a happy hour at Shanghai Red's overlooking Buffalo's picturesque waterfront. Even with an unexpected downpour and thunderstorms, spirits remained high as friends greeted one another and kicked off the reunion weekend.

Saturday morning the class gathered in the lobby of O'Brian Hall for a brunch hosted by Dean Nils Olsen. Following the brunch, classmates toured the Law School's facilities, which provided an opportunity for the alumni to see firsthand the advancements that the school is making.

The renowned Chop House in downtown Buffalo was the site for the Class of 1977's big reunion dinner. They were treated to scrumptious prepared food with plenty of opportunity for conversation about their lives today as well as remembering their days in Law School.

1st Row – Sharyn G. Rogers, Barbara J. Delgross, Leslie Kirschner Rauhala, Christine M. Carty, William D. Maldovan

2nd Row – Rebecca P. Dick, Kandace F. Melillo, Joseph M. Melillo, Flora Miller Sliwa, Gene A. Rauhala, Laurence K. Rubin

3rd Row – Mark C. Rodgers, George A. Rusk, Kenneth A. Manning, Steven J. Pheterson, Michael R. Tantillo, David E. Parker, Barry R. Fertel, John C. Doscher, Ronald B. Eskin

4th Row – David J. Colligan, Charles Chehebar, David J. Clegg, Bruce S. Zefitel, Dennis R. McCoy, Margaret P. Gryko, Donald W. O'Brien Jr., Ronald C. Berger, Michael Cooperman



Leslie Kirschner Rauhala, Flora Miller Sliwa and Laurence K. Rubin



George A. Rusk and David J. Clegg

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**Kevin E. Raphael '94** is joining the Philadelphia firm Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti. Raphael was previously a member of Miller Alfano & Raspanti in Philadelphia, which has merged with Pietragallo Bosick & Gordon. He was a guest speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Health Law Institute in Philadelphia, and was selected as a Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2007. He was honored for his work in white-collar criminal defense. In addition, he spoke at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's "A Day on Health Law" and at the Progressive Audio Conference on the topic "Non-FDA Use and Off-Label Promotion: Criminal and Civil Risks You Need to Know." Raphael practices white-collar criminal defense, criminal and civil health care fraud defense, complex commercial litigation, professional licensing litigation, health care law and liquor licensing litigation. He is a Philadelphia resident.



Ranjana Kadle '96



Anita Coles Costello '97

**Monica P. Wallace '94** was chosen as a local director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York in Buffalo. She is employed by the U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, in Buffalo.

**Luke P. Bellocchi '95** has been appointed assistant commissioner, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, in Washington, D.C. He helps produce legislation and policy to protect the country's borders from dangerous items and persons. Bellocchi previously served as a staff member in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.



David R. Pfalzgraf Jr. '97

**Hon. John J. Flynn '95** was appointed town justice in Tonawanda, N.Y. He is also an attorney in the firm Bouvier Partnership in Buffalo.

**Christine Keller '95** was named head of the health and welfare practice group of Groom Law Group in Washington, D.C. She has been a principal in the firm since 2006.

**Nicole M. Marro '95** has been named counsel in the firm Nixon Peabody in the Rochester, N.Y.,

office. She concentrates in estate planning and administration and is a member of the firm's private clients group.

**Sallie G. Randolph '95** and **Anthony N. Elia '00** were featured guests in a live 70-minute teleseminar on the law for writers. They discussed their book *Author Law A to Z: A Desktop Guide to*

*Writers' Rights and Responsibilities*. Randolph is a Buffalo solo practitioner.

**Eric W. Schultz '95** has joined the Buffalo firm Hiscock & Barclay as counsel. He concentrates in U.S. immigration and nationality law.

**Christopher J. Shea '95** has merged his solo practice and formed the litigation firm Thompson O'Connor & Shea in Meriden, Conn. Shea handles the firm's criminal defense practice.

**Joseph N. Del Vecchio '96** has been promoted to vice president of National Fuel Resources in Williamsville, N.Y. He is responsible for the day-to-day management of the company's energy marketing segment. Previously assistant vice president, he resides in East Aurora, N.Y.

**Daniel W. Gerber '96** has been elected chair of the torts, insurance and compensation law section of the New York State Bar Association. Gerber is a partner in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo, practicing in commercial litigation. He was listed in *Who's Who in Law 2007* and *New York Super Lawyers 2007*.

**Laurie A. Giordano '96** is a founding member of the newly formed firm Leclair Korona Giordano & Cole in Rochester, N.Y. The litigation firm concentrates its practice in commercial, employment, securities, ERISA, insurance and personal injury matters. Giordano was previously a partner in the Rochester firm Wolford & Leclair. She has been named Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year for 2007 by the New York State Bar Association and was selected as one of "The Best Lawyers in America."

**Ranjana Kadle '96** was elected to the board of managers of the Buffalo Museum of Science. Kadle is a partner in the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, practicing in the intellectual property and technology group, and is a bridge course lecturer at UB Law School.

**Jonathan J. Kelly '96** has become a partner in the firm Sidney Austin in the New York City office. He practices in the insurance and financial services group.

**Benjamin D. Pierson '96** is a partner in the firm Cooley Godward Kronish in the New York City office in the business department. He practices corporate law.

**Anita Coles Costello '97** has been named president of the board of directors of Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center. Costello is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office.

**Hon. Lenora B. Foote '97** was named a state director of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter. She also received the Legal Service Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. Foote is Erie County Family court support magistrate in Buffalo. She is a member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association and a past member of UB Law School's GOLD Group. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Daniel M. Killelea '97** is practicing as an associate in the Buffalo firm Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria. He counsels clients regarding criminal defense. Killelea previously served as an assistant district attorney in Erie County.

**Craig A. Leslie '97** was chosen as special counsel in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office. He focuses his practice in products liability, tort litigation, commercial litigation, and real property valuation and tax assessment.

**David R. Pfalzgraf Jr. '97** has been elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a partner in the Buffalo firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola.

**Scott M. Philbin '97** joined the firm Bond Schoeneck & King as senior counsel in the Buffalo office. Philbin specializes in litigation and is an Amherst, N.Y., resident.

**Mary Comeau Raymond '97** has been selected as a 2007 Up & Coming Attorney by *The Daily Record* in Rochester, N.Y. She is special counsel in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey, practicing in the business and corporate department.



# Class of '82



Robert C. Schwenkel, Patrick J. Dooley, Edward M. Flint, Richard S. Binko, and in background, Joseph A. DeMaria



Johannah M. Farugia, Catharine M. Venzon, Karen Stifter Snow and Janet A. Savrin



Andrea Schillaci, Steven B. Getzoff, Thomas A. Catalano and Elizabeth I. Freedman



Robert C. Schwenkel, Janis Cohen, Howard C. Bluver and Guy A. Van Baalen

1st Row – Lynne A. Monaco, Janet A. Savrin, Catharine M. Venzon, Johannah M. Farugia, Janis Cohen, Karen Stifter Snow, Hon. Paula L. Feroletto, Elizabeth I. Freedman, Dianne Avery, Denise E. O'Donnell, Neil E. Botwinoff

2nd Row – Cheryl A. Possenti, Patrick J. Dooley, Andrea Schillaci, Susan A. Eberle, Howard C. Bluver, John P. Feroletto, Keith W. Balis, Vincent O. Hanley, Michael H. Doran, Scott S. Oakley, Edward M. Flint, Julie Rosenblum Solarz, Robert C. Schwenkel

3rd Row – Jonathan S. Malamud, Gary A. Carleton, Michael J. Surgalla Jr., Guy A. Van Baalen, Thomas A. Catalano, William C. Altreuter, John A. Ziegler, Steven B. Getzoff, Joseph A. DeMaria, Louis P. Gigliotti, David H. Nelson, Mark S. Klein, Richard S. Binko

The Class of 1982 reunion tradition continued in grand fashion for their 25th reunion held on May 4-5. 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 with former classmates in a grand setting. On Saturday, the class gathered once again for a daylong celebration of their accomplishments. The day commenced with brunch at the Law School, followed by a tour. Dean Nils Olsen was there to greet the alums and show off the improvements to the school. That evening, the class was treated to dinner back on the waterfront, but this time at the Buffalo Yacht Club. The outdoor deck was popular among classmates and guests due to the gorgeous weather.

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**D. Charles Roberts '97**, corporate counsel for Delaware North Cos. in Buffalo, was appointed to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. He is a past president of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

**Michael P. Stuermer '97** was selected as a 2007 Up & Coming Attorney by *The Daily Record*. Stuermer is a senior partner in the firm Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria in Buffalo.

**Susan E. Van Gelder '97** and **Thomas F. Segalla '72** co-authored a chapter, "Causation in Mold Cases: Practice Pointers for Defending Exposure Claims," for the Defense Research Institute Library Series 2007 on *Exploring Toxic Tort and Environmental Liability Claims*. She is a partner in the Buffalo firm Goldberg Segalla and a member of the Defense Research Institute's Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Committee.

**Kelly V. Zarcone '97** is a local director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. She practices at Zarcone Associates in Amherst, N.Y.

**Erin M. Barclay '98**, former executive director of the Network of East-West Women, was appointed to the position of deputy director of the Office of Africa, Asia and Europe in the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. Barclay resides in D.C. with her husband, **Daniel Ullman '97**.

**Jennifer L. Burke '98** has accepted a position at Shaw & Shaw in Hamburg, N.Y. She is an associate concentrating her practice in real estate and banking law.

**Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres '98** has been appointed a Buffalo City Court judge. She is the first Hispanic female judge in Buffalo's history. Calvo-Torres was most recently of counsel in the Buffalo firm Cantor Lukasik Dolce & Panepinto. She is president of the Hispanic Women's League and immediate past president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York. She also received a Special Recognition Award at the Entre Nosotras 12<sup>th</sup>



Timothy P. Noonan '99



John A. Orlowski '99

annual awards luncheon in Albany, N.Y., and the Trailblazer Award from the Minority Bar Association of Western New York.

**Matthew Clabeaux '98** chose an "alternative career" as a public school teacher. He has written and cartoon illustrated a memoir about his experiences, *My First Year in Purgatory*. The book chronicles Clabeaux's misadventures in a crumbling urban school district. To preview or purchase the book visit [www.lulu.com/content/630141](http://www.lulu.com/content/630141) or [www.myfirstyearinpurgatory.org](http://www.myfirstyearinpurgatory.org).

**Tasha Dandridge '98** was elected recording secretary of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. Dandridge is an associate in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo, where she resides. **Joan M. Fildes '98** has become associated with the Buffalo firm Wilder & Linneball. She practices in insurance defense, commercial litigation and personal injury.

Fildes was formerly a partner in the firm Kavinoky Cook in Buffalo.

**Denise Grey '98** has become an associate in the firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck in the Las Vegas office. She is a member of the firm's employee benefits, executive compensation and ERISA practice.

**Shannon M. Heneghan '98** has become a partner in the Sugarman Law Firm in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. She practices in the firm's litigation department.

**John J. Koepfel '98** was named a partner in the firm Nixon Peabody in the Buffalo office. He handles cases involving fund promotion, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, financial services and general corporate matters.

**Tasha E. Moore '98** has been named president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. She works for the New York State Division of Human Rights in Buffalo and is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

**Catherine E. Nagel '98** was elected to the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association. She is a partner in the firm Nucherenen & Nagel in Buffalo.

**Bridget M. O'Connell '98** was elected secretary of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, in Buffalo. O'Connell practices matrimonial and family law in the firm Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Jennifer Persico '98** was elected deputy treasurer of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. She practices and resides in Buffalo.

**Lisa D. Primerano '98** was appointed treasurer of the Women's Bar Association of New York, Western New York Chapter. Primerano practices in the firm Lippes Mathias Wexler in Buffalo, where she resides. She is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD Group. **Max T. Raterman '98** is assistant special agent in charge for the Transportation Security Administration in Atlantic City, N.J. He is in charge of legal and

investigative training and also recently helped develop the administration's line-level supervision training.

**Stephen A. Sharkey '98** has accepted a position as senior counsel in the Buffalo firm Bond Schoeneck & King. He represents financial institutions and other businesses in complex commercial litigation involving banking law, Uniform Commercial Code and general contract law. Sharkey lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Heath J. Szymczak '98** was selected as a "40 Under 40" award recipient by *Business First* of Buffalo. Szymczak is a partner in the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, handling cases involving business-related torts, complex commercial litigation and civil litigation. He is director of the Canisius College Alumni Association and a member of the Canisius College Pre-Law Advisory Council in Buffalo.

**Carlisle Toppin '98** has become an associate in the firm Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker in the Washington, D.C., office. He is a member of the firm's executive compensation, employee benefits and ERISA practice.

**Peter C. Trimarchi '98** has been named of counsel in the firm Whiteman Osterman & Hanna in Albany, N.Y. He specializes in environmental law and alternative energy development and siting. Trimarchi was previously an associate in the firm White & Case in Manhattan.

**Ayoka Tucker '98** received the Hon. Michael F. Dillon Law Guardian Award from the Appellate Division, 4<sup>th</sup> Department, Law Guardian Program in Rochester, N.Y. She also received a special Certificate of Recognition from the Bar Association of Erie County's Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society. Tucker is a Buffalo solo practitioner.

**Lourdes M. Ventura '98** was honored in March at the fifth annual Queens Women in Business Award Networking Event in Queens, N.Y., and the Latin American Cultural Center of Queens and the Latin American Women's Council Women's History Month Celebration.

Ventura is deputy chief of staff for the New York State Democratic Conference, with offices in Albany and New York City.

**Marc W. Brown '99** has been named by *The Daily Record* as a 2007 Up & Coming Attorney. He 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.

**Jennifer K. Dorrer '99** has joined the Hawaii State Legislative Reference Bureau. She was recently elected secretary of the government lawyers section of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Dorrer lives in Honolulu.

**Damon M. Gruber '99** has joined the firm Goldberg Segalla as an associate in the Buffalo office. He concentrates his practice in workers' compensation claims.

**Amy C. Martoche '99** has been named a partner in the Buffalo firm Connors & Vilardo. She has been with the firm since 2001.

**Timothy P. Noonan '99** is writing a monthly column for *State Tax Notes*. "Noonan's Notes on Tax Practice" discusses practice and procedure issues for the state and local tax practitioner. Noonan is a partner in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo.

**John A. Orlowski '99** recently gave a presentation, "New Environmental Law Affecting Lenders: EPA's All Appropriate Inquiry Standard," at a CLE program in conjunction with the banking law committee of the Bar Association of Erie County. Orlowski practices in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle and advises clients on the impact of environmental laws on real estate and business transactions and property development.

## Marriages Congratulations to the following newlyweds:

**Mahindra Maharaj '93** and **Melinda Joelle Gray**, Nov. 17, 2007  
**Selina A. Regan '93** and **Stephen M. Molineaux**, July 7, 2007  
**Colleen M. Farrell '97** and **Brett Rewakowski** on June 23, 2007  
**James M. Appler III '00** and **Carrie P. Parks '03**, May 12, 2007  
**Shannon S. Fuhrman '01** and **John G. Olivier**, July 21, 2007  
**Brendan Kelleher '01** and **Jennifer Bermel '07**, August 25, 2007  
**Amol K. Pachnanda '03** and **Ellen K. Poch '03**, July 21, 2007  
**Meredith J. Pelton '03** and **Dr. Christopher Clancy**, Aug. 26, 2006  
**Matthew J. Batt '05** and **Jamie L. Jasinski '05**, Dec. 1, 2007  
**John M. Cordon '05** and **Jennifer Rene Tata**, August 10, 2007  
**Julieann Mathis '05** and **Brian M. Swann '05**, October 20, 2007  
**Yadira A. Ramos '05** and **Jeffrey L. Herbert**, March 24, 2007  
**Meghann N. Carroll '06** and **Timothy Roehl**, Sept. 22, 2007  
**Kristen Houseknecht '06** and **Joseph Verciglio '06**, Sept. 2, 2007  
**Jennifer C. Tsai '06** and **Timothy James Nestler**, Sept. 1, 2007  
**Matthew J. Morton '07** and **Melissa M. Piotrowicz '07**, Sept. 1, 2007

**Marc A. Romanowski '99** has joined the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in the Buffalo office. He is an associate practicing in the firm's environmental group. Romanowski is a Buffalo resident.

**Daniel E. Sarzynski '99** was named a partner in the Buffalo firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola. He counsels clients regarding commercial and construction litigation.

**Amy E. Schwartz '99** was listed as a 2007 Up & Coming Attorney by *The Daily Record* in Rochester, N.Y. Schwartz is an attorney in the domestic violence department for the Empire Justice Center in Rochester.

**Kristopher A. Schwarzmueller '99** has joined the Buffalo firm Herschel Gelber. He concentrates his practice in litigation.

**Mark J. Stuhlmiller '99** was named to the UB Law Alumni Association board of directors. He is assistant general counsel at Computer Task Group in Buffalo.

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**James M. Appler '00** has been named a partner in the Buffalo firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola. He concentrates his practice in insurance litigation.

**Wynn L. Bowman '00** has joined Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola in the Rochester, N.Y. office. He is a trial attorney focusing his practice in insurance defense litigation matters and is a Rochester resident.

**Irene Chiu '00** has transferred from the New Jersey office in the firm Morgan Lewis Bockius to the New York City office. She had an article, "What You Need to Know About Doing Business in China," published in *New Jersey TechNews*. Chiu also addressed the China Panel at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's annual convention in Las Vegas and was invited by the Taiwan government

to speak at the Global Forum for Health Leaders 2007 in Taipei. She also had speaking engagements in Chicago, Atlantic City, N.J., New York and China. Her updated article on "Doing Business in China" was published in the second edition of Morgan Lewis' *Life Science Deskbook*.

**Anthony N. Elia '00** and **Sallie G. Randolph '95** co-authored the book *Author Law A to Z: A Desktop Guide to Writers' Rights and Responsibilities*. They discussed their book on a live 70-minute teleseminar on the law for writers. Elia practices in the New York City firm Silverberg Stonehill Goldsmith & Haber.

**Kimberly Girdlestone '00** has entered the social welfare Ph.D. program at the University at Buffalo. She is a Buffalo resident.

**Kelly J. Philips '00** has become president of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, in Buffalo. She is an associate in The Sugarman Law Firm in the Buffalo office.

**David W. Polak '00** has started his own practice in West Seneca, N.Y. Polak focuses his practice in personal injury, labor and employment discrimination claims, and insurance litigation, representing individuals and medical providers regarding no-fault matters to obtain reimbursement for services provided, vehicle and traffic, and minor criminal matters. He is a former member of the board of directors of the UB Law Alumni Association.

**Margot Schoenborn '00** joined the New York State Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, as a special assistant attorney general in the Buffalo office. She is assigned to the Special Projects Unit, which operates throughout New York State with the primary mission of investigating facilities, institutions and cost-based providers and participating in joint state-federal investigations of pharmaceutical pricing practices and Medicaid drug rebate underpayments.

**Jonathan S. Hickey '01** and **Donna L. Burden '87** have formed the firm

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Burden Gulisano & Hickey in Buffalo. The firm will handle cases involving catastrophic personal injury, particularly in trucking/transportation negligence, as well as product liability, premises liability, labor law and municipal law.

**Roseanne McMorrow Lennon '01** has become an assistant attorney general in the Buffalo regional office of the New York State attorney general's office. She was previously an assistant district attorney in Erie County.

**Pietra G. Lettieri '01** was elected president of UB Law School's GOLD Group. She is an associate in the firm Harris Beach in Buffalo.

**Patrick A. Makin '01** has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Getman & Biryła in Buffalo. He handles cases involving commercial and construction litigation, corporate and business transactions as well as commercial and residential real estate transactions and estate planning and administration.

**Nicole B. Palmerton '01** became a partner in the Buffalo firm Brown & Kelly. Palmerton handles cases involving insurance defense litigation and the representation of municipalities and corporations. She lives in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Erin C. Duggan Pemberton '01** of Lincoln, Neb., is an associate in the firm Wolfe Snowden Hurd Luers & Ahl in Lincoln. She focuses her practice in medical malpractice defense, insurance defense and employment law.

**Robert J. Skutnik '01** is serving as academic liaison to the New York State Victim Assistance Academy. Skutnik is senior program coordinator for the Center for Health & Social Science Research Foundation at Buffalo State College.

**Sheldon Smith '01**, an Orchard Park, N.Y., resident, was named to the board of directors of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York, in Buffalo. Smith is an associate in the firm Nixon Peabody in the Buffalo office.



Jonathan S. Hickey '01



Joanna Dickinson '02



Stephanie G. Elliott '03

**Ellen B. Sturm '01** is a business litigation associate in the firm Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom in Wilmington, Del., where she resides.

**Frank V. Balon '02** has become associated with the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Buffalo office. Balon

specializes in torts, products liability, insurance coverage and professional malpractice. He lives in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Nadine C. Bell '02** joined the Syracuse, N.Y., firm Costello Cooney & Fearon. Bell practices municipal law, land use and zoning.

**Tracie L. Covey '02** has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Bond Schoeneck & King in the Buffalo office. She is a member of the firm's labor and employment law department, focusing on cases regarding the National Labor Relations Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

**Joanna Dickinson '02** is practicing as an associate in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle. She specializes in trial matters including motor vehicle accidents, real property valuation and tax assessment, personal injury, workplace accidents and insurance coverage. Dickinson lives in Buffalo.

**Hillary K. Green '02** has accepted a position as an associate in the Buffalo firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola. She practices in commercial and employment litigation and is a Buffalo resident.

**Natalie A. Grigg '02** is a state director of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter, in Buffalo. Grigg is a litigation attorney in the Buffalo firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham Coppola and a member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD Group. She is a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Thomas Haidon '02** was appointed as a senior legal adviser to the United Nations Development Programme in Jakarta, Indonesia, from January to July 2007. Haidon provided legal advice on human rights issues, development assistance and the implementation of U.N. reform at the country level. He returned to New Zealand in July 2007 to an appointment as a senior policy adviser with the New Zealand government's immigration policy division, where he focuses on international legal

aspects of New Zealand's immigration law and policy.

**Scott T. Hanson '02** has joined the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in Buffalo. He practices in the firm's litigation group, specializing in commercial litigation, products liability defense, and intellectual property prosecution and litigation. Hanson is a member of UB Law School's GOLD Group and lives in Clarence Center, N.Y.

**Tara Johnson '02** has become associate counsel for Excellus Health Plan in Rochester, N.Y. Johnson lives in Webster, N.Y.

**Jeffrey L. Kingsley '02** has joined the Buffalo firm Goldberg Segalla as an associate. He specializes in commercial litigation, bankruptcy and restructuring insurance coverage, and extra-contractual liability litigation. Kingsley is treasurer-elect of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

**Kevin J. Kruppa '02** has become associated with the firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola in Buffalo. He concentrates his practice in insurance defense.

**Temi Ofuya '02** has become vice president of the legal-global wealth management group of Morgan Stanley in Purchase, N.Y. Ofuya was previously practicing in the firm Weil Gotshal & Manges in New York City.

**Jessica D. Owens '02** has accepted an attorney position with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Refugee and Asylum Law Division, in Washington, D.C. She will provide legal advice in domestic asylum law and practice, overseas refugee resettlement programs, temporary protected status, T and U visas, special immigrant juvenile petitions and the Convention Against Torture. Owens previously worked for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in San Francisco.

**Kimberly A. Stock '02** has been promoted to senior attorney in the legal division at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in Washington, D.C.



## Class of '87

The 20th reunion for the Class of 1987 was held on May 4-5 in Buffalo. An excellent turnout of more than 90 classmates and friends helped to create an ideal weekend for these alums reconnect.

On Friday things got under way with a traditional Buffalo happy hour at the class' former stomping grounds of the Steer Restaurant in the University District. The night provided plenty of laughs and opportunities to catch up with old friends.

Saturday morning brought the Class of 1987 together at the Law School. Dean Nils Olsen hosted a brunch to welcome many alums back to the Law School for the first time since their days of studying in the library and classes with their professors. After the brunch, the class was given a tour so that they could see firsthand just how much things have changed since their days at the school. A favorite of all classmates was the third floor of O'Brian, where the class' third-year composite hangs on the wall. Extra time was spent checking out all the pictures and seeing just how everyone has changed.

On the evening of May 5, the reunion was capped off at the historic Buffalo Club, where they were treated to a delicious meal with plenty of cocktails, food and great conversation.

1st Row – Kevin S. O'Shaughnessy, Colleen Rogers Losi, Doris A. Carbonell-Medina, Carol A. Fitzsimmons, Nancy Tantillo Holtby, Carol A. Flaherty, Paul W. Kullman, Paul K. Holbrook, Hon. Donna M. Siwek, Joan Casilio Adams, M. Katherine Kremer

2nd Row – Gerald R. Saffioti Jr., Peter H. Abdella, Steven J. Ricca, Mary M. Comerford, Amy J. Murphy, Karen M. Buckley, Carol Giarrizzo Bridge, Jay M. Lippman, Philip S. Chamot

3rd Row – Wilmer A. Rodriguez Nunci, Hon. George R. Villegas, Rosanne M. Gugino, Elaine M. Pers, Michael A. Benson, Jay D. Kenigsberg

4th Row – Lawrence M. Spaccasi, David M. Crosby, Louis Rosado, John J. Weinholtz, Dorothy H. Ferguson, Samuel M. Spiritos, Leslie Shuman Kramer, Judith M. Kubiniec, Hon. John L. Michalski

Stairs (top to bottom) – M. Mark Jacquinet, Eric J. Snyder, Hugh M. Russ III, Celia M. Spiritos, Martin J. Zuffranieri, Rachel A. Roth, Craig R. Watson, Paul J. Karp, Thomas C. Farley Jr., Margot S. Bennett, Robin E. Nackman, John P. Thielman, Mark G. Nackman, G. Steven Pigeon, Sharon J. Schwartz, H. Todd Bullard, Brian D. Bornstein, Tina L. Snee, Martha M. Anderson



Top: Joan Casilio Adams, Hon. Donna M. Siwek, and Amy J. Murphy  
Above: Mark G. Nackman and Robin E. Nackman

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**Tiffany M. Szymanek '02** was named a state director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, in Buffalo. Szymanek is a Buffalo attorney.

**James C. Thoman '02** won the U.S. Masters National Skiing Championship in Big Sky, Mont. Thoman is a member of the business restructuring and bankruptcy practice group and the commercial transactions practice group in the firm Menter Rudin & Trivelpiece in Syracuse, N.Y.

**Christopher G. Todd '02** practices as an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo. He focuses his practice in commercial litigation and product liability. Todd resides in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Jessica M. Baker '03** was elected to the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD Group. She practices as an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in Buffalo.

**Meredith Clancy '03** of Rochester, N.Y., has joined Harter Secrest & Emery in the Rochester office. She practices in the firm's real estate group as an associate. She previously practiced in the firm Sommer Udall Hardwick Ahern & Hyatt in Santa Fe, N.M.

**Aimana El-Bahtity '03** has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Rupp Baase Pflanzgraf Cunningham & Coppola in Buffalo. She practices in insurance defense.

**Stephanie G. Elliott '03** joined the firm Rupp Baase Pflanzgraf Cunningham & Coppola in Buffalo. Elliott concentrates her practice in insurance defense and commercial litigation including automobile liability, premises liability and labor law.

**Melissa Ann Foti '03** was elected a state director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. She is an associate in the firm Kenney Shelton Liptak & Nowak in Buffalo.

**Richard A. Hall '03** has become associated with the firm Goldberg Segalla in the Buffalo office. He counsels clients regarding negligence, premises liability,



Bethany J. Gilbert '04



Lisa Danish '04



Melissa N. Subjeck '06

railroad litigation and general litigation. Hall resides in Buffalo.

**Bernadette M. Hoppe '03** was appointed president of the board of directors of the New York State Perinatal Association. Hoppe has a family law practice in Buffalo.

**Thomas M. Kroll '03** joined the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle as an associate. Kroll specializes in commercial litigation. He is a resident of Lake View, N.Y.

**Langston D. McFadden '03** has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He concentrates his practice in general litigation. He is a Rochester resident.

**Dia H. Nicolatos '03** was named to the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of Erie County. She practices in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle in pharmaceutical litigation.

**Marybeth Priore '03** of East Amherst, N.Y., has been named president-elect 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.

**Jack Quinn '03**, a New York State assemblyman in the 146<sup>th</sup> Assembly District (R.C.1-Hamburg), has joined the Hamburg, N.Y., firm Shaw & Shaw as special counsel handling matters involving personal injury. Quinn is a resident of Hamburg.

**Mark A. Starosielec '03** has become an associate in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo. He practices in litigation, focusing on automobile liability and tort defense.

**Joseph M. Tripi '03** has joined the Buffalo firm Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria as an associate, practicing in plaintiff's personal injury law. He was formerly an assistant district attorney in Nassau County.

**Jaclyn S. Wanemaker '03** has joined the firm HoganWillig in Amherst, N.Y. She practices in personal injury.

**Divitta M. Alexander '04** was appointed to the Buffalo Urban League board of directors. She is an associate in the firm Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman in Buffalo.

**Jesse Baldwin '04** was elected treasurer of UB Law School's

GOLD Group. He is an associate in the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office.

**Lisa Danish '04** has joined the firm McGuireWoods in the Richmond, Va., office. She is an associate in the environmental litigation/toxic tort department and concentrates on complex litigation, with a focus on toxic torts and products liability. Danish also spent six weeks working with barristers in London, Edinburgh and Belfast as a recipient of an American Inns of Court Pegasus Scholarship.

**Bethany J. Gilbert '04** has been elected to an 18-month term on the board of directors of Kevin Guest House in Buffalo, the nation's first hospital hospitality house. Gilbert is an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ in Buffalo and is president-elect of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

**Jason W. Januszkiewicz '04** is an associate in the firm Rupp Baase Pflanzgraf Cunningham & Coppola in the Buffalo office. He focuses his practice in real estate and mortgage lending.

**Christy Canali Lilley '04** accepted a position as assistant division counsel for Corning Cable Systems, a division of Corning Inc., in Hickory, N.C. She was previously an associate in the corporate transactions and securities group of Alston & Bird in Charlotte, N.C., where she resides with her husband, James Lilley '04.

**James J. Lilley '04** has become vice president, financial planner, in the executive financial planning services group of Wachovia Wealth Management of Wachovia Bank in Charlotte, N.C. He was previously a financial analyst for the Ayco Co., a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs, in Pittsburgh. Lilley and his wife, Christy Canali Lilley '04, reside in Charlotte.

**Jennifer M. McCann '04** was appointed to UB Law School's GOLD Group board of directors. She practices in the firm Hurwitz & Fine in Buffalo.

**Stephen J. McCann '04** has joined the Buffalo firm Duke Holzman Photiadis & Gresens as an associate. McCann was a former



## Class of '97

With a great turnout of over 80 alumni and friends, the Class of 1997 created a memorable reunion dinner commemorating their 10th reunion on May 5. Alumni from California to Canada made the trip to visit with friends and family from Law School days. The one-day reunion started on Saturday morning in the lobby of O'Brian Hall for a brunch hosted by Dean Nils Olsen. Following the brunch, classmates toured the Law School's facilities, which provided an opportunity for the alumni to see firsthand the advancements that the school is making. The renowned Chop House in downtown Buffalo was the site for the Class of 1997's big reunion dinner. They were treated to scrumptious prepared food with plenty of opportunity for conversation about their lives today as well as remembering their days in Law School.

1st Row – Katherine Gorham, Catherine Nugent Panepinto, Frank J. Longo, Allison Puglisi Tam, Kathryn K. Lee, Collen M. Farrell, Mark D. Arcara

2nd Row – Charles D. Roberts Jr., Michael E. Plochocki, Jeremy W. Schulman, Linda G. Rouse-Kelly, Thomas Tam, Caroline A. Wojtaszek, Kristina A. Karle, Julie M. Rosenberg, Prudence C. Philbin, Scott M. Philbin, David R. Pflanzgraf Jr.

Stairs (top to bottom) – Steven E. Laprade, Holly A. Beecher, Craig A. Leslie, Lynn Wolfgang Catalano, David J. Luzon, Nancy A. Pappal, Allison Fields Stravino, Jeffrey C. Stravino, Joanna L. Silver, Mary C. Raymond, Karen E. Richardson, Anne M. Peterson, Denise A. Yates, Michael P. Stuermer, Danielle M. Grimm, Jennifer S. McGinty, Robert A. Scalone, Bridget M. O'Connell, Jessica V. Murphy, Jennifer D. Bowen, Valerie Curry Bradley, Melissa Hancock Nickson, Mollybeth Kocialski McAlpine



Top: Prudence C. Philbin, Scott M. Philbin and Julie M. Rosenberg



Left: David R. Pflanzgraf Jr., Debi Plochocki, Michael E. Plochocki and Colleen M. Farrell

# Alumni Briefs

associate in the Buffalo firm Damon & Morey and is a resident of Amherst, N.Y.

**Brian G. Manka '04** has become associated with the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Buffalo office. Manka concentrates his practice in professional malpractice and products liability defense. He is a resident of West Seneca, N.Y.

**Rita Nischal '04** has joined the firm Watson Bennett Colligan Johnson & Schechter in Buffalo as an associate. She concentrates her practice in corporate and commercial law.

**Steven E. Peiper '04** is an associate in the Buffalo firm Hurwitz & Fine. He concentrates his practice in insurance coverage, trucking liability and tort defense.

**Sarah K. Ranni '04** has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office. She practices in the corporate practice group, specializing in employee benefits law. Ranni is a Buffalo resident.

**Cory E. Barry '05** is an associate in the firm Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe in Washington, D.C., specializing in structured finance and derivatives transactions. Barry was previously an associate in the firm Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft in New York City.

**Megan A. Gomez '05** has accepted a position as associate counsel at Univera Healthcare in Buffalo. Gomez previously was an associate in the firm Brown & Kelly in Buffalo, where she resides.

**Melinda L. Grabowski '05** has joined the firm Damon & Morey. She practices in the Buffalo office as an associate in general litigation.

**Joseph M. Hanna '05** was honored by the American Bar Association, which named his article "Beware of Dawg, Beware of Owner, Too: Cleveland Fights for Its Beloved Dawg Pound and Wins" among the best published by the ABA's general practice solo and small firm division magazine. He was also named the Defense Research Institute's Atlantic marketing chairman for its October 2007 annual meeting. He will oversee marketing in New York, New



Carrie A. Christy '06



Julie R. Carvotta '06



Brent J. Nowicki '06

Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. He also was accepted into Leadership Buffalo's 2007 Rising Leaders class. Hanna is an associate in the firm Goldberg Segalla in Buffalo.

**Jamie L. Jasinski '05** practices in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel in the Buffalo office. She is

an associate in the business and corporate practice group.

**Thomas L. Kennedy '05** of Syracuse, N.Y., has joined the firm Bond Schoeneck & King in the Syracuse office. He practices in the firm's business restructuring, creditors' rights and bankruptcy practice group.

**Thad G. McMurray '05** is associate intellectual property manager for the Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach at the University at Buffalo. His primary responsibility is to oversee the preparation and prosecution of patent applications for UB technology.

**Molly L. Mallia '05** has been elected a local director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. Mallia is secretary-elect of UB Law School's GOLD Group and is an associate in the firm Damon & Morey in Buffalo, where she resides.

**John G. Miskey IV '05** joined the firm Bagwell Holt Smith Tillman & Jones in Chapel Hill, N.C. Miskey handles cases involving family law, real estate and civil litigation. He is a resident of Raleigh.

**Christopher R. Poole '05** has become associated with the firm Chelus Herdzik Speyer & Monte in Buffalo. Poole will practice in general litigation and general practice matters.

**Brendan J. Rich '05** was nominated for the American Diabetes Association Leadership Volunteer Development Program. He is an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in the Buffalo office.

**Jennifer R. Scharf '05** was named a state director of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter. Scharf practices as an associate in the firm Connors & Vilardo in Buffalo.

**Lt. Robert C. Whitaker '05** is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is a deputy staff judge advocate at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, where he serves as prosecutor and assistant general counsel to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Logistics Group.

**David T. Archer '06** is practicing as an associate in the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in the Buffalo office. He joined the firm's litigation group and practices commercial litigation.

**Karla Braun-Kolbe '06** has become associated with the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle. She specializes in corporate law.

**Marie Butchello '06** has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Buffalo office. She specializes in real property tax and condemnation.

**Julie R. Carvotta '06** is an associate in the firm Harris Beach in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She is a member of the corporate practice group representing businesses, not-for-profit organizations and health care providers.

**Carrie A. Christy '06** has become an associate in the firm Phillips Lytle in Buffalo. Christy joined the firm's commercial practice group. She is a resident of Williamsville, N.Y.

**Kimberly A. Colaiacovo '06** practices as an associate in the Buffalo office in the firm Harris Beach. Colaiacovo handles cases involving business and commercial litigation, contract disputes, zoning and land use matters and general defense litigation. Furthermore, she represents clients in contested matrimonial actions in regards to equitable distribution and financial evaluation of assets.

**Christofer C. Fattey '06** has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. He specializes in commercial real estate.

**Elizabeth Fox-Solomon '06** practices in the firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel as an associate in the Buffalo office. She concentrates her practice in labor and employment law.

**Paul S. Fusco '06** focuses his practice in tax and employee benefits law. He joined the firm Boylan Brown Code Vigdor & Wilson as an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office.

**Joseph Gawlowicz '06** has accepted a position as an associate in the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He practices in the firm's labor and employment law group.

**Keith J. Gross '06** is assistant general counsel at Local 6 UNITE HERE in Manhattan.

**Minryu Sarah Kim '06** is an associate in the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle. Kim focuses her practice in civil litigation including commercial, corporate and estate law.

**Colleen M. Malchow '06** has joined the firm Lewis & Lewis in Buffalo, specializing in workers' compensation law. Malchow is a former social worker who advocated for the rights of domestic violence victims. She is a resident of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

**Ryan K. Micklus '06** practices as an associate in the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office. He deals with business and corporate law.

**Carla J. Miller Montroy '06** joined the firm Chelus Herdzik Speyer Monte & Pajak in the Cheektowaga, N.Y., office. She is an associate practicing in litigation and is a West Seneca, N.Y., resident.

**Brent J. Nowicki '06** is an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. Nowicki practices in the business litigation practice group, focusing in insurance coverage litigation. He is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

**Patrick A. Quinlan '06** has joined the firm Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds as an associate in the Concord, Mass., office. He practices in intellectual property, focusing on patent preparation and prosecution in electrical and computer technologies.

**Dana L. Rappa '06** has joined the firm Harris Beach in the Pittsford, N.Y., office. Rappa practices as an associate in the public finance and economic development practice group. She is a resident of Batavia, N.Y.

**Crystal J. Rodriguez '06** was recently appointed by Buffalo

## In Memoriam

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

William J. Diamond '31, Getzville, New York  
 William H. Earl '37, Lockport, New York  
 George R. Blair Sr. '38, Elma, New York  
 Crucian S. Messina '38, Amherst, New York  
 Vincent S. White '39, Buffalo  
 Robyn L. Dare '42, Niskayuna, New York  
 Robert W. Grimm '47, Pendleton, New York  
 Francis R. Whitcher '49, Silver Creek, New York  
 Charles D. Wallace '51, Orchard Park, New York  
 Hon. Edward J. Murty Jr. '52, Falls Church, Virginia  
 Hon. John V. Rogowski '52, Amherst, New York  
 Richard C. Kahl '53, Youngstown, New York  
 David M. Coffey '54, West Seneca, New York  
 Thomas M. Donovan '54, Williamsville, New York  
 John T. Frizzell '55, Hamburg, New York  
 Arnold E. Galbo '55, Buffalo  
 Ronald G. Gannon '55, Grand Island, New York  
 Pasquale C. Pace '55, Orchard Park, New York  
 George E. Henfling '58, Midlothian, Virginia  
 Hon. Edgar C. NeMoyer '61, Buffalo  
 Abraham Abramovsky '70, New York, New York  
 Donald H. Lischer '72, Rochester, New York  
 Anthony M. Miranda '73, Hamburg, New York  
 Michael J. Karger '74, Manhattan Beach, California  
 Robert B. Allen '77, Buffalo  
 Bette D. Patterson '78, Amherst, New York  
 Steven Meyer '85, East Amherst, New York  
 Robbie Billingsley '88, Buffalo

**Jacob D. Hyman**, former dean of UB Law School and a longtime faculty member, died April 8, 2007, in his Edgewater, Fla., home after a brief illness. He was 97.

**Milton Kaplan**, a professor who taught at UB Law School for more than two decades, died Feb. 26, 2007. He was 91.

Mayor Byron W. Brown to the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority board of commissioners. She is also one of 15 New York State unified court system legal fellows and is currently assigned to Hon. Sharon S. Townsend, administrative judge, New York State Supreme Court, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, in Buffalo.

**Edward J. Snyder '06** has moved his practice from the Rochester, N.Y., office of Harter Secrest & Emery to the Buffalo office. Snyder is an associate in the firm's corporate group specializing in general business matters including mergers and acquisitions and securities. He lives in East Aurora, N.Y.

**Amber E. Storr '06** has become an associate in the firm Damon & Morey in the Buffalo office. She practices in business litigation and is a member of the board of directors of UB Law School's GOLD Group.

**Melissa N. Subject '06** practices as an associate in the firm Hodgson Russ in the Buffalo office. She concentrates her practice in business litigation.

**Nikki L. Baldwin '07** is practicing as an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Albany, N.Y., office. She counsels clients in torts and products liability defense as well as insurance coverage matters.

Baldwin is a resident of Rotterdam, N.Y.

**Peter H. Brown '07** has accepted a two-year position in the consulate in Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Anne M. Burak '07** is an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Syracuse, N.Y., office. A former resident of Camillus, N.Y., she focuses her practice in commercial litigation.

**Erica M. DiRenzo '07** has become an associate in the firm Hiscock & Barclay in the Rochester, N.Y., office. She concentrates in insurance, professional malpractice, and torts and products liability defense. She is a Rochester resident.

**Monique E. Emdin '07** has joined the firm Hiscock & Barclay as an associate in the Buffalo office. She handles cases involving real property tax and condemnation as well as torts and products liability issues. Emdin, formerly of the Bronx, N.Y., currently resides in Buffalo.

**Anshu Pasricha '07** is moving from the New York City office to the firm Sullivan & Cromwell, to the Melbourne, Australia office. Pasricha will be working with clients in Australia and New Zealand as well as other areas in the Pacific. He will be focusing on issuer side capital markets.

**Richard T. Tucker '07** is practicing in the firm Phillips Lytle as an associate in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He counsels clients regarding litigation matters including business torts, construction, insurance coverage and premises liability. Tucker lives in Honeoye, N.Y.

**Thomas Tuori '07** practices in the environmental practice group in the firm Harter Secrest & Emery in the Rochester, N.Y., office. He joined the firm as an associate and has 16 years previous experience as an environmental consultant. Tuori is a Rochester resident.

