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Earlier this year, we celebrated an historic moment in our Law School’s history – the kick-off of the $30 Million Campaign for SUNY Buffalo Law School. It was a celebration like no other and I want to thank all who have supported our Campaign so far. With over $18 Million raised to date, it is you – our loyal alumni and friends – who have made it possible for us to reach this moment and we are deeply grateful.

A special thanks as well to our Campaign Steering Committee: our Campaign co-chairs, Thomas J. Black, Jr. ’79, Kenneth B. Forrest ’76, Francis M. Letro ’79, and Margaret W. Wong ’76, and Committee members Brian D. Baird ’83, Paul R. Comeau ’73, Pamela D. Heilman ’75, Judith B. Ittig ’71, Harvey L. Kaminski ’77, Barbara D. Klippert ’75, Robert M. Kornreich ’67, William E. Mathias II ’71, Carol M. Matorin ’76, Christopher J. O’Brien, Jean C. Powers ’79, Vikki L. Pryor ’78, Robert C. Schwenkel ’82, David E. Smith ’78, Mark K. Suzumoto ’8 and Brent L. Wilson ’76. They have done remarkable work to make this Campaign a reality and have been extraordinarily generous with their time, talent and treasure – I cannot thank them enough.

As we head into the public phase of the Campaign, I have been reflecting on where we are and what we have accomplished so far. The impact has simply been tremendous. Our vision for this Campaign has and always will begin and end with our students – making a difference for them – both in terms of their law school experience and their careers afterward – and, producing lawyers who are prepared to make a difference in the world. Scholarships, faculty chairs and professorships, programs, upgraded technology and facilities – these are all the things that move us forward in realizing our vision – and on which we have been laser-focused with our Campaign.

We can see and feel the changes that the Campaign has made possible so far. Three new professorships, to which talented and worthy professors have now been appointed. Improvements to our hugely important LAWR Program, and expanding our signature NYC Program, thanks to increased funding from Campaign gifts. Increased scholarship funding so that our students can obtain not just a great legal education but also keep their debt low – and so that we can compete against other law schools with greater resources. And a more intangible impact – our improved visibility as New York State’s Law School – as you can tell by a simple count of the times Governor Cuomo has visited, and others, such as New York State Court of Appeals Chief Judge Lippman, who was here recently, chairing a hearing on civil legal services in New York State. All of these things, and many more, are propelling us forward, and keep us motivated and energetic.

Maintaining that momentum is key to our success. We know there are many challenges facing our profession these days and, thanks to the Campaign, we are holding our own. However, we cannot sit back and rest on our accomplishments – we must not let up on the gas! We must and will continue to move forward to advance our goals, and will continue to seek your support.

Now that we are in the public phase, we are at a pivot point. Our closest supporters and friends have stepped up to help us get where we are. Now, our focus is to broaden our base of supporters, to reach more people and bring them closer to us. As we move forward, we hope that you will join us, and help bring others in to the family of SUNY Buffalo Law supporters.

Again, my eternal thanks to all of you for your involvement in this Campaign and your continued investment in the future of our Law School – it is making a difference and is the reason why our Campaign will succeed!
In thinking about Hodgson Russ’ donation to SUNY Buffalo Law School in support of faculty excellence, it helps to think in superlatives:

The oldest law firm in Buffalo . . . . . Making the biggest philanthropic gift in its 196-year history.

From its leaders’ perspective, the firm’s philanthropy is just the latest chapter in a historic relationship with New York State’s public law school.

“This goes back a long way,” says Dan Oliverio ’82, chairman of the firm (and also a member of the Law School’s Dean’s Advisory Council). “Western New York is important to us, and we have always felt we have a role we have to play in communities where we live and do business.”

The firm has pledged a corporate contribution of $250,000, to be paid over five years, to endow a faculty scholar position. It also has challenged its 90 or so equity partners to match that amount in their personal giving.

“Our partners were giving individually anyway,” Oliverio said. “We’ve set it up so we could aggregate our contributions. . . . One of the issues that Dean Mutua emphasizes is that, in order to advance the Law School, we need star faculty. We thought our gift could be used in part to satisfy that critical need for attracting faculty. We saw it as a unique opportunity.”

Interviewed in the historic Guaranty Building in downtown Buffalo, which Hodgson Russ purchased in 1998 and has restored to its Louis Sullivan-designed splendor, Oliverio and CEO John Amershadian said they expect the Law School gift to be a win-win-win — good for the school, good for the community and good for the firm itself.

Partly, they say, a culture of philanthropy makes for a good place to work.

“We are a business,” Amershadian says, “and one of the things we want to do is support causes that are important to our clients.” As well, he says, potential employees have asked in job interviews about the firm’s commitment to the community, indicating that that’s an important factor in their own decisions about where to practice law.

“No one has to be underground here about supporting causes,” Oliverio says. “That’s important to us.” He’s also proud that Hodgson Russ lawyers serve on 146 not-for-profit boards — giving with their time and expertise as well as their checkbook.

And on a practical level, as is the case with most firms in Western New York, a disproportionate share of the next generation of attorneys they hire will take their legal training in O’Brian Hall. “If we are going to thrive, the health and success of SUNY Buffalo Law School is important to us,” Amershadian says.

In addition to serving on the Law School’s Dean’s Advisory Council, Oliverio also is a member of the comparable body in the Department of Systems Engineering in UB’s School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. From his perspective, education is in flux.

“The legal industry is changing, and legal education has to change with it,” he says. “But I see this as an opportunity. It ensures that the Law School is aggressively trying to get better.

“As the legal industry changes, it’s very important, if you’re going to have a law school, to have a great one, because you’ll be less susceptible to these changes. Now is the time you have to step on the gas. If you don’t run faster when someone is chasing you, you’re going to get caught.”

O liverio also points to the Law School’s position among UB’s other professional schools, including the School of Medicine and Biological Sciences. “If a university’s professional schools are all excellent, it’s good for all of them,” he says.

“The core of excellence in professional schools lifts all boats. For UB to be one of the top 50 research universities in the United States, I can’t tell you how important that is.”

“We think UB has made a huge difference in Western New York, and we want to be a part of that,” Amershadian adds. “The role of the University is unique, and our ties with the Law School are unique. As students are increasingly asking what they get for their money, the state schools still have an edge. We think there’s a future for UB.”
Keeping up with the technology revolution

Harvey Kaminski helps to upgrade classrooms

When Harvey L. Kaminski ’77 was at SUNY Buffalo Law School, the height of educational technology was an overhead projector.

Few could have imagined how legal education—and the practice of law—would change so dramatically with the advent of digital projection, legal research using electronic databases, Web conferencing, even the smartphone.

That revolution was tailor-made for Kaminski. “I strongly advocate the concept of economy of time,” Kaminski says. “Efficiency guarantees proper utilization of time which is critical to success. Technology facilitates that goal.”

That lesson, and the means to achieve it, is taking shape at SUNY Buffalo Law School thanks to the most recent major gift by Kaminski, president and CEO of Prestige Capital Corp. in Fort Lee, N.J. The Law School will use his gift—$100,000 in cash and a $100,000 bequest commitment—for technology upgrades to classrooms in O’Brian Hall.

“In my day legal research was extremely laborious,” Kaminski says. “You ended up in the law library late at night. Now, with technology, it’s so much easier. And for law schools in general, the competition is fierce. It’s critical to maintain our edge and keep up with these advances.”

Kaminski’s gift is already bearing fruit. Over the summer, Room 406, a seminar room, was equipped with a document camera and desktop computer, with full-projection video and DVD capability. The school plans to continue to add technological capability, especially in the first-floor lecture-hall classrooms. The recently renovated basement classrooms also are fully tech-enabled.

“Harvey very kindly gave us an undesignated gift with the discretion to fund one of our highest priorities,” says Dean Makau W. Mutua. “For us, installing more technology in our classrooms is vital so that our faculty can better train our students for the complexities of practicing today.”

Harvey L. Kaminski ’77 with his wife, Dr. Helene Kaminski

Kaminski has been exceptionally active with his alma mater. A longtime member of the Dean’s Advisory Council and a member of the Capital Campaign steering committee, he also teaches in the Law School’s New York City Program in Finance and Law and supports that signature program financially. With this most recent gift, his total philanthropic commitment to the Law School exceeds $400,000.

“I’ve been fortunate in my career, and we believe in giving back,” he says of himself and his wife, Dr. Helene Kaminski. “SUNY Buffalo Law School has always been on top of my list, because the years I spent at the Law School and working in Buffalo afterwards were some of the best years of my life, both in terms of education and in the nurturing and warmth of my friends there. I always have pleasant memories when I think of it, and my education was first-rate.

“Most importantly,” he says, “my education was inspiring. It motivated me. I had professors in my time at UB who were unbelievably enthusiastic and inspiring. They were so good, you sat in awe.”

Now he tries to carry on that tradition in his own teaching, which deals with secured transactions and commercial finance. “I like teaching,” Kaminski says. “I’m a high-energy guy, and I like the feedback and interacting with the students. By teaching, I can gauge the quality of the students and make sure that the Law School is maintaining high standards.” He also has served as a mentor for SUNY Buffalo Law students and fielded plenty of calls from students seeking career advice.

“We all benefited from our wonderful experiences at the Law School,” he says. “It is important that I remind my classmates of these memories as an impetus for them to give at a higher level.”
Henry Rose ’51 remembers well the financial stress that he and his Buffalo Law classmates faced: Law books were so darned expensive. He had been elected to what was then the Student Council, and he saw a problem that needed a solution.

He had two: He arranged a way for students to buy and sell their used law books, and he created the Law School bookstore, cutting out the middleman by obtaining casebooks on consignment from the publishers. Problem solved: Books became more affordable, and the Student Council even took a small cut from the sales proceeds to help fund social activities.

Now Rose is making that crusade a permanent legacy, with a $60,000 gift to the Law School to support the purchase of books and other materials by second- and third-year students. “I’ve been making some gifts all along,” he says, “but I was moved to make a more specific gift.” The recipients are to be students who have done well in their studies and can demonstrate financial need.

Rose certainly did well with his Buffalo Law degree. From a working-class background in Buffalo, he enlisted in the Navy, then earned his bachelor’s and law degrees, both cum laude, at UB. He went on to teach at Northwestern Law School; worked in Washington at the National Labor Relations Board; practiced in Buffalo (and taught as an adjunct at the Law School) for three years; did graduate work at Yale; and then, after a series of teaching and research appointments, went on to spend most of his career with the Department of Labor. Among other achievements he helped draft the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and served for 10 years as general counsel of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., which was created by ERISA.

At UB, Rose bucked the nominating system to win election to the student government, the Board of Managers, as a write-in candidate. He also helped start a new student newspaper, the Argus—and in Law School became one of the founding editors of the Buffalo Law Review, whose first issue was published in his senior year.

“I really enjoyed it—not only the extracurricular activities, but I enjoyed the academics as well,” Rose says. “The Law School and the University have made a big difference in my life.”
Strategies for reaching our goal

Richard Gottlieb points the way

Richard E. Gottlieb ’85 has risen to become a nationally recognized leader in financial services litigation and enforcement, most recently as a partner in the Los Angeles office of Washington, D.C.-based BuckleySandler LLP. Like every skilled attorney, he achieved that, at least in part, by thinking strategically—knowing where he wanted to go, then figuring out how to get there.

It is that kind of thinking, he says, that is creating great possibilities for SUNY Buffalo Law School.

“All law schools are at a crossroads,” Gottlieb says. “There is a tremendous loss of confidence among undergraduates about the availability of jobs in the law. I want to make sure we are incentivizing the best students to come to what is a great law school.”

Toward that end, Gottlieb is making a major gift of $120,000 in support of SUNY Buffalo Law financially attractive for the top level of potential students.

Gottlieb says his work with the Dean’s Advisory Council has shown that the Law School can succeed by playing to its strengths. “This is the time for specialization,” he says, “and if we can focus on building a national reputation in a specific area, that is a very good thing. The Law School must build and be known for a particular strength. And we need to make sure that students who are receiving the good admission news likewise have incentives to matriculate into the school. A few extra dollars can make all the difference.”

His philanthropic decision-making, Gottlieb says, has been “very much influenced by others on the DAC, seeing what they have done and the incredible gifts they have given. This is just the beginning for me. If my wife and I can find more ways to give, we will certainly do that.”

During his years as a law student, Gottlieb found success in moot court competitions, winning the Desmond and being a finalist at a national constitutional law competition in North Carolina. He also served as president of the Student Bar Association.

And, he says, his experiences particularly with the Prison Task Force and the Buffalo Public Interest Law Pro-
There was a job waiting for Richard Lipsitz as soon as his Law School education was complete. In fact, the school allowed him (and others) to finish in 2½ years — taking classes over the summer — so he could graduate in December 1942 and get on with it.

But he was destined for no law firm. A member of the U.S. Army Signal Corps Reserve, he was headed for combat as World War II shifted to the Pacific Theater. When the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Lipsitz was training with his fellow soldiers in California, getting ready to ship out to the Philippines as part of an expected invasion of Japan.

Instead, he served in Japan as part of the occupation Army. Military service delayed his entry into the legal profession by more than three years.

He made up for the late start with a long and storied career — more than half a century primarily spent representing labor unions. He remains of counsel with the Buffalo firm that bears his name, Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria.

During that time he defended individuals accused of being Communists by the House Un-American Activities Committee (a “traveling circus,” he says), represented Vietnam War protesters and draft dodgers, and advocated for civil rights with the American Civil Liberties Union and the Coalition for Economic Justice. He took two cases to the U.S. Supreme Court; in one, he prevailed when a sharply divided court struck down a New York State law that required teachers in public institutions to swear their loyalty to the United States.

Now, in recognition of the foundations laid for his career by what’s now SUNY Buffalo Law School, Lipsitz has pledged a bequest of $50,000 in support of the Legal Analysis, Research and Writing program, in which his daughter, Nan Haynes, teaches. (Lipsitz and his wife, Rita, a retired UB staff member, have three grown children; two of them have SUNY Buffalo Law degrees, as does one grandchild.)

“The Buffalo Law School of the 1940s was a different place, Lipsitz notes. He remembers walking from the Eagle Street classroom building to the downtown courts to watch lawyers argue their cases — sometimes, he admits, even skipping a class or two to do so. Moot court and mock trial opportunities were rare then, he says, so the working courts were an education in themselves. And his class was decimated by the wartime draft and those who left school to volunteer for military service.

But he also remembers with satisfaction the rigor of his Law School courses, taught mostly by the Socratic method. “It was a very interesting method of teaching,” Lipsitz says. “It made me prepare, that’s for sure.”

“The faculty that taught me and my class was mostly sent from Harvard to be trained as law professors and eventually returned to Harvard Law School,” he says. “It was an exceptional faculty, and I got a great education. I have that to thank the Law School for.” He also took courses in labor law and workers’ compensation law, feeding his long-held interest in the labor movement.

Looking back on his career, Lipsitz says, “I finally came to the point where I realized that I owe a lot of my success in my life and my career to the Law School, and it was a sensible thing to leave some money to it.”

When Hon. Frank A. Borowiec ’49 wrote a memoir about his years as a Social Security administrative judge, he opened the book with a quote from Albert Einstein. In part: “Everything is determined, the beginning as well as the end, by forces over which we have no control.”

He still considers it “miraculous” that Buffalo Law allowed him to enroll without an undergraduate degree. His undergraduate work at Hamilton College had been interrupted by World War II, in which he served in the Pacific as an Army meteorologist.

“Today if you don’t have an undergraduate degree, you can’t get close to being a judge, or an attorney for the steelworkers.”

— Hon. Frank A. Borowiec ’49
An example to build upon

Award fund pays tribute to Larry Wagner ’49

At 6 o’clock at night, says Jean C. Powers ’79, there would be a line of lawyers outside the office of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel stalwart Lawrence H. Wagner ’49, “waiting to get in and ask him how to do something. He was wonderful about it, so generous with his time.”

That was Larry Wagner – the conscience of the firm, and a practitioner always willing to share his hard-won advice with the next generation of lawyers.

So when Powers, a partner at Jaeckle Fleischmann, an emeritus member of the Dean’s Advisory Council and a longtime generous supporter of the Law School, started filling out a form to create an endowed scholarship fund at the school, she realized, “I’d really rather have it named in honor of Larry, who was a mentor to me and somebody who influenced so many lawyers in our firm. He was just an extraordinary man.”

Now her gift – and those of others who wish to pay tribute to Wagner’s memory – will endow the Lawrence H. Wagner ’49 Award Fund, whose proceeds will help fund the education of Law School students who excel in the classroom and have financial need.

Wagner, known locally as the “dean of civil trial lawyers,” worked first for the New York State attorney general’s office in Albany before joining Jaeckle Fleischmann. As a young lawyer Powers worked with him for a year on the Love Canal insurance litigation “before anybody knew what it was turning into.”

“I used to say that Larry was my father in the law,” Powers says. “He was just a prince of a person. He was a prime example of that generation of lawyers – courtly, courteous, never cutthroat, would be kind to an opponent. He always did a remarkable job for his client but never got nasty about it.”

Of her gift Powers says, “The Law School is responsible for my ability to have this legal career, so any chance I have to help it out, if I can do it, I do it. And if it can help honor Larry Wagner, so much the better. He was somebody you would want to know and certainly somebody you would want to practice law with. And if he can be an inspiration for somebody who gets this award, so much the better. We need more Larrys.”

His book, Upholding the Rule of Law: In the Social Security Administration, an Agency at War With Itself, takes the agency to task for denying such a large proportion of applications for disability benefits. He’s proud that his decisions to reverse the denial of benefits, though challenged by the agency, were upheld by appeals courts. Finally the Social Security Administrative Law Judge Corps sued the Social Security Administration, arguing that the agency was “interfering with our right to be fair and impartial.”

The lawsuit succeeded, and the American Bar Association recognized the achievement with a commendation citing the judges’ efforts “to protect the integrity of administrative adjudication within their agency, to preserve the public’s confidence in the fairness of governmental institutions, and to uphold the rule of law.”

The commendation now hangs on the wall of Borowiec’s study. “These agencies are so big and so powerful, they tend to override the little people,” the judge says. “I tried to point out a basic unfairness.”
Eugene Salisbury’s family creates named scholarship fund

Eugene W. Salisbury ’60 never did things halfway. As a paratrooper in the Korean War, he received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. As a UB student, he earned his bachelor’s and law degrees in six years – while also working full time as a police officer. And as a key member of the firm now known as Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria for more than 50 years, he set an unmatched standard for integrity and professional collegiality.

“Whatever he did, he loved,” says his wife, Joanne. “He put his all into everything he did. He was always thinking, always doing. And he meant so much to so many people.”

Salisbury also was proud of his roots at SUNY Buffalo Law School. “He truly loved being a lawyer and being from Buffalo, being involved in the community where he went to school and grew up,” says his granddaughter Rebecca Brawn ’10. “And you could just tell he was so proud that some of his family went to his alma mater.” (The couple’s son Scott Salisbury ’01 is also a Law School graduate.)

So when Eugene Salisbury passed away in March of this year, it seemed only fitting to create a permanent legacy at SUNY Buffalo Law. The family’s $50,000 gift will endow a named scholarship fund to benefit future generations of law students; additional contributions from those inspired by Salisbury’s example are welcomed.

Salisbury held dual roles over the course of his career: In addition to his law practice, he served for four decades as the Blasdell village justice. Brawn says that, growing up, she would sometimes tag along on “court night” to watch him in action. “He exemplified a man of integrity and honesty and tried to express that in his career,” she says. “Between being an attorney and being a judge, he tried to influence his colleagues with his sense of morality.”

That judicial work extended to Salisbury’s service with the New York State Magistrates Association, which supports town and village justices statewide. He taught and mentored justices for many years and wrote the book on the job: The Manual of Procedure for New York Courts and its complement, Forms for New York Courts. When he retired from the bench in 2001, the magistrates association named its annual “Magistrate of the Year” award for him, and the Village of Blasdell this year named its courtroom in Salisbury’s honor. “He did a very good job of creating a legacy for himself and creating the persona of a well-respected member of the legal community,” Brawn says.

And he never forgot the school that made it possible. “He thought so much of the University at Buffalo and the Law School,” Mrs. Salisbury says of her husband, a longtime generous donor to the school. “This scholarship fund – he would have loved that.”
Long-term private support is key to securing our place as a world-class law school. This giving society is composed of alumni and friends who have made a multi-year pledge at a leadership level (minimum $1,000 per year for three consecutive years). Be a leader by making an investment now in the future of SUNY Buffalo Law School.

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Our time is now

The Law School’s 125th anniversary year was special in many ways, beginning with a show-stopping party at the Lafayette Hotel in the fall, kicking off our largest-ever campaign in the spring, and ending in June with our most successful Annual Fund ever—a record-breaking $1.29 million. We celebrate these results with you—our alumni, friends and supporters—because it is you who have made these successes possible, when you make the choice to give back to our Law School.

The largest fundraising campaign in our history is now officially under way—the Campaign for SUNY Buffalo Law School: Our Time Is Now. With over $18 million raised to date, we are 60 percent toward our $30 million goal, and have raised more in a shorter time than in our last campaign a decade ago, thanks to so many of you! Our focus is transformational funding, founded on the following four pillars:

**EDUCATE: Star Faculty**

Hiring and retaining faculty who are stars, or have star potential, is critical, and key to doing so are fully funded endowed Chairs and Professorships, providing research support and enhancing our reputation and national prominence. Great law schools have numerous endowed Chairs and Professorships; however, we fall behind in this area. Investing in endowed Chairs and Professorships will ensure that we continue to compete successfully for and retain world-class faculty.

**ELEVATE: The Best Students**

Support for our students is one of the highest priorities of our Campaign. We must attract and support talented students while ensuring access to deserving, but financially challenged students. We must build a law school that looks like America. Diversity in all its forms must be a key ethos of SUNY Buffalo Law. It is essential that we grow our endowment and provide permanent support for scholarships and fellowships.

**ADVOCATE: Outstanding Programs**

Curricular programs at SUNY Buffalo Law School are what define the educational experience. Students learn hands-on, real-world skills in our clinical programs, our New York City Program, and our Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) program among others. Each of these shapes our students to be the most effective, well-rounded lawyers entering the legal job market. Additional endowed support for programs such as these at the Law School will strengthen our students’ educational experience and better prepare our graduates for successful careers.

**INNOVATE: Building on Success**

The ability to attract the best students and faculty is dependent upon the quality of our physical plant. John Lord O’Brien Hall is the place students call home for their law school experience. It must be an inviting, comfortable and professional space, and we’re working on creating just that. Updates to the building include renovations to the first-floor lobby and reception area, the circulation desk of the Law Library, and technology upgrades to enhance both the learning and teaching experiences in many of our classrooms.

There is much work still to be done, and additional funding is required to complete the transformation to a world-class learning center.

We’re now taking our Campaign on the road, meeting with more of our alumni, making new friends and seeking your feedback, involvement and support. Our Campaign priorities include endowed Chairs and Professorships, student scholarships, program and infrastructure funding, and unrestricted support, with a number of key initiatives in the works, such as our Advocacy Institute. Each and every gift—no matter the size—counts in the Campaign, and your support is more important than ever in helping us reach this record-breaking goal.

As always, we know that none of our success would be possible without the loyalty, dedication and generosity of so many of you. We deeply appreciate your investment in the future of the Law School and the future of our students, and we could not do it without you. “Our Time Is Now”—for the Campaign, for the Law School and for the future, and we hope all of you will join us in continuing to pave the way for the next generation of students. THANK YOU!

Karen R. Kaczmarski ’89
Associate Dean for Development/ Director of Development

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Law Alumni Association steps up giving for students

The SUNY Buffalo Law Alumni Association has taken its scholarship support for current law students to the next level. The association’s board of directors, who represent more than 1,200 dues-paying members, voted to increase their allocation for scholarships so that each recipient will receive a $5,000 stipend for each of his or her three years at the Law School. The move was a priority for Brian M. Melber ’96, immediate past president of the association, and the board voted unanimously for the change.

LAA members pay yearly dues of $60, or $35 for those who have graduated within the last five years. Scholarship support is a significant segment of the association’s overall budget.

As with all giving for scholarships, the effect is to make SUNY Buffalo Law an attractive financial choice for the best students—like Kelsey Marie Till, who matriculated this year as the recipient of the LAA Scholarship.

Till, a Western New York native, studied secondary English education at Buffalo State College, then earned a master’s degree in English at the University at Buffalo. It was while writing her master’s thesis that she came across some law-related issues having to do with animal rights, and, she says, “I started to think about the legal reality of certain issues.”

Till says she considered other law schools, but was attracted by SUNY Buffalo’s focus on public-interest law, particularly the human rights work that attracts her.

Now, along with her classmates, she is learning to navigate legal language, and analyze and synthesize material like a lawyer. “Everyone is going through this transition period, training ourselves to think that way,” she says. “It is definitely a lot of work and requires a lot of time to digest the material and read it carefully and critically.”

That’s one reason, she says, that the Law Alumni Association Scholarship is so helpful.

She continues to hold a part-time job as a writing tutor at Buffalo State’s Writing Help Center, working with undergraduates and graduate students on their writing. She is there once a week, but says, “If I weren’t receiving the scholarship, I would be working more. Law school is so time-consuming if you’re doing it the right way. The scholarship allows more time for class work and getting involved with organizations. “It really helps.”

Two new named scholarships

Daniel R. Carosa ’16, recipient of the Korniczky Intellectual Property Law Scholarship, has a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from UB and has worked for Northrop Grumman. In 2008 he co-founded Sugar City Arts Collaborative, a volunteer-run venue for performing and creative artists in Buffalo.

“The scholarship was a big incentive for me. I wanted to stay in Buffalo for law school, and this just made it so much more of a clear choice. For all the schools I applied to, I had a spreadsheet with their aid packages, tuition and cost of living, and I made a very calculated decision.”

— Daniel R. Carosa ’16

Joshua D. Jansch ’16 was awarded the Joseph G. Mari Scholarship. Jansch, who is from Glendale, Ariz., studied criminal justice and criminology, with a minor in political science, at Arizona State University. Before coming to SUNY Buffalo Law, he was an intern in the Financial Remedies Section of the Arizona attorney general’s office, in Phoenix.

“Having this scholarship certainly makes it less stressful, not having to worry about how I’m going to come up with tuition. It was definitely a deciding factor in my coming to SUNY Buffalo.”

— Joshua D. Jansch ’16
Scholarships awarded 2012–13

Alden-Baldy Scholarship
Craig W. Anderson ’13
Kinsey A. Davidson ’13
Tyler M. Ellis ’13
Matthew K. Parker ’14
Brett M. Podkanowicz ’13
Tyson R. Prince ’13
Richard M. Rowley ’13

Henry W. Box Scholarship
Artur G. Jagielski ’15
Alison L. Williams ’15

Carol E. Brevorka Scholarship
Emily A. Dinsmore ’14

Ross M. and Jeanette E. Cellino Scholarship
Talia E. Rodriguez ’15

Honorable Frank J. Clark Scholarship
Eric T. Glynn ’13

Charlotte Cunneen-Hackett Scholarship
Debra Tredo ’14

Harold A. Dautch Memorial Scholarship
Shelley M. Fasso ’13
Logan C. Geen ’14
Caitlin M. Higgins ’13
Nicholas J. Ingrassia ’13

Dean’s Advisory Council Scholarship
Benjamin Nelson ’15

Douglas W. Dimitroff Scholarship
Dainia J. Babaji ’13

Frederick C. Ebert Scholarship
Rebecca A. Indralingam ’14

Hon. John T. Elvin Scholarship
Stewart E. Forbes ’13

Richard J. Evans Scholarship in Memory of Morris and Adeline Evans
Brent L. Wilson Scholarship
Paul T. Iya ’13
Christopher A. Gibson ’15
Margaret W. Wong Scholarship
Michelle Yeung ’15

Martin A. Feinrider Scholarship
Gregory B. Haynes ’14

Ellen and Kenneth Forrest Scholarship
Caitlin E. O’Neil ’15

Richard E. Gottlieb Scholarship
Caitlin M. Higgins ’13

Garry Graber Scholarship
Tricia M. DeFilipps ’14

Graduating Class Gift Scholarship
Erin A. Kuleses ’13
Matthew R. Scherer ’14
Benjamin R. Wolf ’13

Professor William R. Greiner Scholarship
Moira H. Cooper ’14

Stanley Grossman Scholarship
Nadeen Bawab ’15

Charlotte Cunneen Hackett Scholarship
Debra A. Tredo ’14

Pamela and Robert Heilman Scholarship
Margaret H. Wydysh ’15

Jacob D. Hyman Scholarship
Sarah E. Fenster ’14
Alissa M. Fortuna ’13
Grace E. Golder ’14
Bradley S. Lohiger ’13
Karalyn M. Ross ’13

Harvey L. Kaminski Scholarship
Paul J. Bartlett ’15
Matthew A. Eldred ’15

Barbara D. Klippert Scholarship
Marcus R. Catlin ’15

John F. Mary A. and Robert J. Lane Scholarship
Nicole K. Intscher ’13

Norman B. Lewis Scholarship
Elliot S. Raimondo ’15
Tara M. Ward ’15

Lipsitz Green Scime & Cambria Scholarship
Elizabeth A. Haungs ’13

Ira S. Meiselman Scholarship
Nicholas A. Pusateri ’15

Adelbert Moot Scholarship
Kaitlin M. Barrett ’13
Shane M. Costa ’13
Galena D. Duba ’13
Daniel J. Fabian ’13
Kimberly A. Rowles ’13
Jordan L. Zeranti ’13

Albert Eli Moss Scholarship
Brian B. Braun ’14

Marie Nesbitt Promise Prize
Vanessa A. Glushefski ’14

Judge Henry and Dr. Nancy Newlin Scholarship
Jonathan W. Pierowicz ’15

William M. North and Carolyn B. North Scholarship
Emily A. Dinsmore ’14

Gerard J. O’Brien ’52 Trial Excellence Scholarship
Cathleen M. Roemer ’13

Joseph P. Peperone Memorial Scholarship
Aaron M. Saykin ’13

Phillips Lytle Diversity Scholarship
Margaret H. Wydysh ’15

Phillips Lytle Lydusse Scholarship
Amat Fatimah ’15
Kerisha H. Hawthorne ’14
Franz M. Wright ’14
Kevin Yum ’14

Phillips Lytle Scholarship
Margaret H. Wydysh ’15
Jeffrey M. Lewis ’15

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Matthew J. Schnirel Scholarship
Nicholas A. Roman ’13

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Kerisha H. Hawthorne ’14
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Phyllis G. Smith Scholarship
Alexandra E. Lugo ’14
Matthew J. McCabe ’15

Carmen P. Tarantino Memorial Scholarship
Carrie A. Zimbardi ’14

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Thank you to our fundraising volunteers

William F. Savino ’75, left, and Kenneth W. Africano ’85

You make a difference!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! We cannot say it enough. All of us at SUNY Buffalo Law School would like to extend thanks and appreciation to our many friends and alumni who dedicate their time and resources to help us achieve our goals. The volunteers listed below helped and supported the Law School this year in many different capacities and will affect generations of future law students. We are so thankful for their hard work and loyalty to our Law School.

The 2012-2013 Annual Fund, co-chaired by Thomas F. Ferris ’96 (Western New York), Vikki L. Pryor ’78 (New York City) and David K. (Washington, D.C.), surpassed its goal and brought in $1,296,516. This is the highest amount ever raised by the Law School Annual Fund in history! Thank you Tom, Vikki, David and Kristin for your leadership in setting a new Annual Fund record.

This year, the 2013-2014 Annual Fund will be led by Anne Joynt ’05 (Western New York), Celeste Murphy ’97 and Jeremy Schulman ’97 (Washington, D.C.) and Jason Lee ’07 (New York City). We thank them for taking on this leadership role and being a true inspiration to all of our alumni to give back to the institution that gave them experience and opportunity.

The 2012-2013 Leadership Letter Signing and the GOLD group signing were huge successes and we are very grateful for our volunteers’ time and the notes they signed. Our Campaign Kick-Off was a spectacular event with much alumni participation and support. We thank our Campaign Steering Committee and fundraising boards for brainstorming and sharing ideas to help make the ideas come to fruition and get results.

There are so many that help in so many ways. We appreciate the efforts of everyone involved at the Law School and are certain that SUNY Buffalo Law School is going to be better than it has ever been thanks to the leadership and dedication of our loyal alumni and friends who support the future of the Law School.

A special thanks to the volunteers listed below. The gifts of your time, talent and resources positively impact SUNY Buffalo Law School and the students of today and the future.

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When was the last time you got a handwritten note? If you’re a friend, a classmate or a colleague of the Law School alumni who got together for the Law School’s leadership letter signing event, your letter carrier might have brought you more than bills and catalogs.

More than 30 Law School supporters gathered Sept. 11 at the Buffalo Club for the letter signing, hosted by Anne E. Joynt ’05, one of four co-chairs of this year’s Annual Fund. There they plucked Annual Fund appeal letters from bins full of them and added a personal touch in their own handwriting.

“Writing to people you know and who shared your Law School experience helps remind everybody how great Buffalo Law is,” says Joynt, who represents clients with asbestos claims for the Buffalo law firm Lipsitz & Ponterio. “It’s the act of writing a personal message which is so lost in this age of electronic communication. When I get a handwritten note on a piece of mail, I know I’m more likely to open it, especially if it’s from someone I know and respect.”

That’s the goal of the event, says Lucy Dadd ’04, assistant director of development, who provided staff support along with Patricia Warrington, assistant director of alumni and annual programs. “The hope is that seeing a personal note will encourage people to give back to the Law School and be part of something their friends are part of,” Dadd says. “And we’ve seen great success with it.” Typically more than half of those who receive a handwritten note respond with an Annual Fund donation, she says.

This year’s event included the leaders of the GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Group as well as a number of local alumni who have themselves given at a significant level. They took time out to network, have some food and drink, and visit with Dean Makau W. Mutua. New this year, the correspondents had the opportunity to revive another lost art: They sent postcards.

“Every dollar makes a difference,” Dadd stresses. “We are going for our seventh consecutive year of raising over $1 million in the Annual Fund, and every dollar we raise goes to the capital campaign. It’s more important than ever that we keep our school on the road to success.”
Paying a debt of gratitude

Alumni endow awards to honor Tomkins and Cerulli

Alumni who worked in the Law School’s Women, Children, and Social Justice Clinic as students tend to be fiercely loyal to the clinic and its faculty. Now, with an ambitious fundraising goal to endow student awards in honor of two beloved clinical professors, organizers are hoping that their enthusiasm is catching.

A goal of $100,000 was announced when the two awards were established late last year. That amount will endow an annual award of $3,000 as the Suzanne E. Tomkins Women, Children and Social Justice Fellowship, and $1,000 annually for a student receiving the Catherine Cerulli Women, Children and Social Justice Research Award.

The awards recognize the work of Tomkins, who co-directs the Program for Excellence in Family Law and co-founded the clinic in 1992; and Cerulli, who now directs the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women’s Leadership at the University of Rochester.

The Tomkins fellowship will fund a law student to work on a specialized project that will promote the mission of the clinic, provide education and training to the student and provide a service to people in need. The Cerulli award will assist a student in conducting research on family violence issues.

Paige Rizzo Mecca ’99, co-chair of the fund-raising committee with her classmate Mia McFarlane Markello ’99, says she was moved by the testimony of Jasmine Liverpool, the first recipient of the Tomkins fellowship, who worked this summer in the domestic violence bureau of the King’s County district attorney’s office. “What Jasmine said struck a chord with me,” Mecca says. “She never knew if she could do this kind of work until she had this placement.

Then, she said, ‘I realized I am a lot stronger than I thought I was. I think it has a lifelong impact that Sue has been able to create such passion in her students for this kind of work.”

“The clinic affects so many people,” Markello adds, “whether you’re learning to become an attorney who’s representing victims, or work in an agency, or go on to become a judge. This work changes your perception of domestic violence and the issues of power and control that it involves.”

The fund-raising committee also includes Erin Barclay ’98, Jen DeCarli ’98, Sheila Sullivan Dickinson ’00, Tara M. Flynn ’92 and Bridget O’Connell ’98.

Donors may find further inspiration in an upcoming transition: Tomkins has announced her retirement from the Law School at the end of this academic year.

For information about how to donate to support these awards, please contact Lucy Dadd at (716) 645-2113 or ladadd@buffalo.edu.
Continuing a tradition of generosity at a critical juncture in their lives, members of the Law School’s Class of 2013 left something behind at Commencement: a collective gift that will ease the financial burden for a law student who follows them.

Throughout their final semester, the 3L class pitched in to fund a scholarship that will go to a second- or third-year student next year. Including a matching contribution that Michael M. Mohun ’80 offered as a challenge grant, the effort raised $4,264.

Though their immediate predecessors had a higher participation rate, says David Burress ’13, who chaired the 3L gift campaign, the new graduates raised more money, reflecting a higher average gift.

“We asked people to give $20.13 to represent our class year,” says Burress, who worked on the project with a nine-member committee throughout the spring semester. “We had about 40 percent participation, but the gifts we did receive were substantial. The people who donated were really committed.”

Burress, a Michigan native who had substantial fund-raising experience as a Cornell University undergraduate, had taken part in SUNY Buffalo Law School’s annual phonathon during all three of his years on campus. As chairman of the 3L gift effort, he assembled a student committee that reflected the diversity of his class.

“I looked for class leaders or people who were committed to activities at the Law School, who were involved and engaged in a lot of different groups,” he says. “What I learned is, you have to have committed people who are driving the campaign and the interest. The students we had on the committee were some of the most involved students in the school, and they’re really the ones who are dedicated to the school. It was their dedication that allowed us to be successful.”

The campaign began with a kickoff gathering in the Law Library reading room—an event that convened at the closing bell of adjunct instructor Heidi L. Forman’s huge Gratuitous Transfers class, popular with third-year students. “We received one-third of our overall gifts at that kickoff event,” Burress says. “And with that momentum, committee members individually solicited people they knew or could reach out to” by email or Facebook, staffing tables or simply making a pitch in person. “When you get a chance to meet face to face with somebody and discuss the importance of giving with them, they’re much more likely to give,” Burress says. “Everyone recognizes that the rising cost of tuition is an obstacle for students, and each of us making a small contribution adds up to a really significant impact for a student.”

Burress says the committee purposely made the criteria for awarding the scholarship aid very broad. “We wanted to put very little restriction on the use of the money and give it to a student who just really had a need for it,” he says. “A lot of students are already being recognized for the good things they’re doing, and we wanted to make sure the money was there for somebody who needed it regardless of their accomplishments in law school.” They also specified that the scholarship would go to a second- or third-year student, to minimize the possibility that the recipient would be transferring to another law school.

The fund-raising effort closed off with a wrap-up event at which the committee presented a symbolic check to Dean Makau W. Mutua.
The classes of 1973, 1983, 1988, 1993 and 2003 celebrated their reunions Oct. 4 at an all-class cocktail party at The Mansion on Delaware Avenue followed by class dinners on Oct. 5. The class of 1953 celebrated over Commencement Weekend May 17 and 18; the class of 1963 celebrated July 17, and the 50+ Lunch was held at the Law School on Aug. 7. Here are a few photos from the events.

For more class pictures visit: www.law.buffalo.edu/ClassReunions
Network the Nation

As part of Reunion Weekend, the career development alumni program Network the Nation provided our students with insights from SUNY Buffalo Law graduates on career choices and opportunities. This year more than 40 students "speed dated" with alumni from Buffalo and across the country who were in town to celebrate their reunions.
Please join us to honor Hon. Eugene F. Pigott Jr. ’73 with the 2014 Edwin F. Jaeckle Award, the highest honor the SUNY Buffalo Law School and the Law Alumni Association can bestow. 
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