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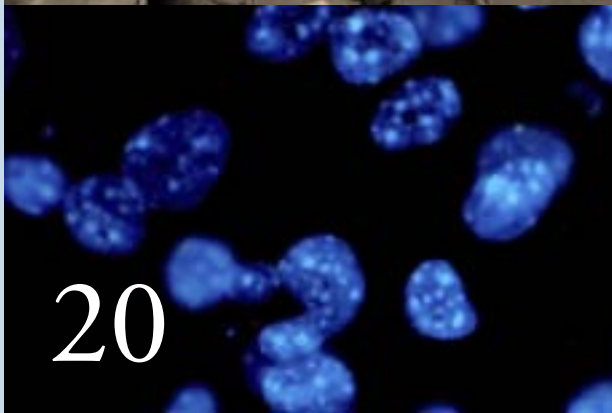
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## Dean Delivers Fiery State of the School Address

President and Dean Thomas F. Guernsey delivered his first State of the School Address, capturing the recent achievements that enabled the School to reach its current status and the accomplishments needed to reach the next level. Dean Guernsey also unveiled the School's new logo, new seal after 150 years and new Web site with new Web address ([www.albanylaw.edu](http://www.albanylaw.edu)).

The typically composed Dean delivered a fiery one-hour speech to a standing-room only lecture hall. A gala-celebration followed, attended by alumni, students, faculty and staff.



*Dean Guernsey, left, and J.K. Hage III '78 making a toast at the State of the School celebration.*

## New Home for School's Bookstore

After more than 20 years of calling Room 100B home, the Albany Law School bookstore has moved into the brand new Albany College of Pharmacy's Campus Center, adjacent to the 2000 Building. The 5,000-square-foot store also serves ACP and Sage College of Albany. The bookstore's new Web site is [www.acp.bkstr.com](http://www.acp.bkstr.com).



*Paul Finkelman*

## Albany Law Gains Legal History Scholar for Distinguished Professorship

Paul Finkelman, a specialist in American legal history, constitutional law, race and the law, and first amendment issues, has been named the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor in Law and Public Policy, and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center at Albany Law School.

Prior to accepting his position at Albany Law School, Finkelman was Chapman Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Tulsa College of Law since 1999. He was previously the John F. Seiberling Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Akron's Law School. In addition, he has taught and held chairs at a number of other schools, including Cleveland Marshall College of

Law, Hamline Law School, the University of Miami, Lewis and Clark College of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Virginia Tech, Brooklyn Law School and the University of Texas at Austin.

Finkelman was the chief expert witness in the Alabama Ten Commandments monument case, and his work on religion and legal history is cited in briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court involving this issue. Last year, Justice John Paul Stevens cited his article on this issue in his opinion in *Van Orden v. Perry*. Finkelman was also an expert witness in the lawsuit over the ownership of the 73rd home run ball hit by Barry Bonds in 2001.

Finkelman is the author or editor of over 20 books and has published numerous scholarly articles and book chapters. He was also a Fellow in Law and the Humanities at Harvard Law School and received his Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Chicago. He received his B.A. from Syracuse University and was raised in Watertown, N.Y.





*Gregory Mandel*

## Taking Scholarship to the Next Level

Hearing President and Dean Thomas F. Guernsey talk about faculty scholarship is like listening to a coach brag about the upcoming season. He rattles off faculty names and research projects like he can't believe it himself.

While Guernsey's efforts to raise the School's academic culture since he arrived four years ago have gone a long way toward increasing scholarship quality and quantity, this year he has gone a step further by appointing Professor Gregory Mandel the Associate Dean of Research and Scholarship.

Mandel, a Stanford Law graduate, sees his charge clearly. "I will work with the faculty to help increase the quality and visibility of our scholarship."

"We have a lot of faculty doing a lot of real interesting work. I want to make the process easier for them, to help them explore ideas, pursue opportunities and develop connections. My goal is not for faculty to do more work, but to do it better."

Mandel likes to say that the best scholarship combines novel

insight with practical application. "How can we improve the law and the legal system? How do we produce research that has a positive social function?"

Mandel expects his colleagues' work to cover a wide range of topics. Saying that the School already has giants of New York law, he also looks forward to developing its reputation on national and international issues. "Our scholarship should have great breadth," Mandel said, "including doctrinal, empirical, clinical and policy contributions to the law."

### New Office, New Morale

Both Guernsey and Mandel expect the new office to elevate the intellectual culture for everyone at the School. "Vibrant intellectual activity fuels classroom teaching, which generates

excitement and engagement from the students," Guernsey said.

Mandel's own academic work sets the bar high. He recently briefed the General Counsel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on nanotechnology issues. He is being consulted by the federal government on programs for developing countries concerning the use of science in regulation. He's writing an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on studies he did concerning the "hindsight bias" in patent decisions and litigation.

"I believe in the value of scholarship and its contribution toward improving the law and society," said Mandel. "This fits right into our school-wide push to become a better institution for teaching and learning, and for research and scholarship."

## James Gathii Named Governor George E. Pataki Professor of International Commercial Law

Professor James Thuo Gathii has been named the Governor George E. Pataki Professor of International Commercial Law.

Gathii, who has also been promoted to Professor of Law, is an expert in international economic and trade law and third world approaches to international law. Gathii has published more than 40 articles and book chapters. His research interests in international law and issues of good governance and legal reform as they relate to the third world and sub-Saharan

Africa in particular have brought him international recognition.

Gathii has presented his research at over a dozen law schools, including Harvard, Cornell, University of California, Davis and the University of North Carolina. He has also been invited to lecture around the world in the U.K., Italy, Canada, Kenya, Finland and Holland. His current research focuses on the social and public policy issues relating to developing country participation in the Doha Round

of World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations with a particular interest in the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

Gathii received his LL.B. from the University of Nairobi and his LL.M. and S.J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the International Law Association's Study Committee on the Meaning of War. Before joining Albany



*James Gathii*

Law School in 2001, Gathii taught at the Rutgers Business School. He was also a Crowe and Dunlevy Visiting International Law Professor at the University of Oklahoma's College of Law.

## Professors' Brief Gets 132 Colleague Signatures, Court Rejects Position

Two Albany Law School professors, Alicia Ouellette and Stephen Clark, with the help of the New York City law firm Shapiro Forman Allen Sava & McPherson LLP, drafted an amicus brief supporting same-sex couples seeking the right to marry.

On April 24, 2006, 132 law professors across New York formally filed the brief. More than one-third of the signatures were from Albany Law and New York University School of Law.

"The fact that Professor Clark and I were able to get more than 100 law professors to agree with our arguments and sign on to the brief speaks to the strength of the arguments we presented," said Ouellette.

New York's highest court voted 4-2 against the right to marry, stating that nothing in New York's state constitution requires the state to give marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

"It was judicial activism of a conservative flavor," expressed Clark. "The plurality obviously decided the case based on its personal political preference for leaving the issue to the legislature."

"Writing the brief took a lot of time, but it was absolutely the right thing to do," said Ouellette. "Law professors should be working in the real world on real cases. We have a tremendous amount to add to the development of the law."

## New Faculty Join Law School

Albany Law School has added the following new faculty members: Assistant Professor Christian Sundquist, Visiting Professor Greg Sergienko and Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor Kathleen Whelan.

Professor Sundquist was formerly an associate with Chadbourne & Parke LLP, New York, N.Y., a Trademark Law Clerk with Manelli, Denison & Selter LLC, Washington, D.C., and senior

editor of the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*. He earned a B.A. from Carleton College and a J.D. from Georgetown University.

Professor Sergienko joins Albany Law from Western State University College of Law where he served as Associate Dean of Academics and Professor of Law. He has taught law at Southern Illinois University, Wayne State University, University of Maryland, University of

Richmond, William & Mary Law School and the University of Chicago. Sergienko received a B.A. from Harvard and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Professor Whelan was previously a senior staff attorney with Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc., where she specialized in core poverty law areas. Whelan earned a B.A. from Hofstra University and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

## Albany Law School Appoints Four New Board Members

The Albany Law School Board of Trustees recently elected four new board members. The newest trustees are Rory Radding '75, a partner and head of intellectual property in the New York office of Morrison and Foerster; Eugene Sneeringer Jr. '79, principal and president of Sneeringer, Monahan, Provost, Redgrave Title Agency, Inc., in Albany; Betty Lugo '84, Alumni Trustee, a partner in the firm of Pacheco & Lugo, PLLC, in New York City; and Benjamin Gold '06, Graduate Trustee, an associate with Appellate Advocates in New York City.



Betty Lugo '84



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## Wind Power Experts Examine Siting Issues

More than 150 lawyers and citizens filled the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom on June 16, 2006, for a day-long discussion on wind power in New York.

The Government Law Center of Albany Law School and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) presented the conference — "Siting Wind Power in New York" — to address the legal and policy issues involved with the siting and construction of a wind facility.

The conference followed on the heels of recent Government Law Center publications examining the interplay with local land use planning and zoning and the ability and desirability of siting wind farms in New York.

Speakers included Dr. Bruce Bailey, President of AWS Truewind; James Lyons, the chief engineer for GE Corporate Research and Development; and Albany Law School Professors Joan Matthews and Patricia Salkin.

# First-Year Student Competes in World Cup for U.S.

By Katy Rank

First-year law student Claudia Braymer played on the Women's Rugby World Cup for the United States this fall, where the team took the fifth spot after beating Ireland, Scotland and Australia but losing to England.

Currently on a leave of absence from Albany Law, Braymer played and coached the Albany Law Women's Football Club, The Vixens, last year, as well as played with the local women's club team the Albany Sirens.

Braymer, a left wing who started competing eight years ago as a freshman at Penn State, secured her spot on the women's national rugby team after a national collegiate championship, knee surgery and years of playing on territorial teams.



Tony Harman

Law student and World Cup rugby player Claudia Braymer '08.



Adriana Ramos '08, from left, with Llinet Beltre Rosado '97 and Janette Garcia '07 at the Dominican Bar Association's annual dinner dance in New York last year.

## Students, Mentors Learn Through Relationship

After her first year at Albany Law, Janette Garcia '07 landed her summer job at the Attorney General's office in New York City through networking events her mentor Llinet Beltre Rosado '97 suggested she attend. Garcia won a scholarship this year from the Dominican Bar Association based on her academic achievement and commitment to community service. She credits Rosado for urging her to apply.

"Llinet always encourages me to contact other lawyers and make connections," said Garcia. "And she's very good at following up with me to make sure that I get things done."

Garcia's not alone. Rosado also mentors Adriana Ramos '08, whom she assisted in finding a summer job this year.

"Before I met Llinet, I had not known any lawyers," said Ramos. "Llinet has been great in helping me with career advice and getting through school."

Rosado is currently a law guardian at the Children Law

Center in Bronx County. Prior to that, she was a defense attorney with the Legal Aid Society and then a court attorney to N.Y. Civil Court Judge Manuel J. Mendez.

Rosado arranged for both mentees to volunteer at the Dominican Bar Association's annual dinner dance in New York, thereby securing them a free spot at the big-ticket event. "She spent her time introducing us to judges and lawyers," said Ramos.

Asked why she bothered to mentor, Rosado said, "It is important to me that I support my alma mater. Since I work in a public interest field, I can contribute more time than money."

Rosado, married with two sons, recalls her early days at Albany Law. "You can feel alienated and scared in your first year. If Janette or Adriana call me when they're down, I can relate to that experience and know how to pump up their spirits so that they remain determined."

### Mentoring Matters

There are 87 pairs across the country, explained Lisa M. Penpraze '98, who chairs the Alumni Initiative in Mentoring program. The mentors and students involved in the program represent diverse geographic, ethnic and professional interests.

"Since the program started in 2002, it has become an important part of the first-year experience," Penpraze said.

"While most of the contact takes place on email, relationships vary widely and depend entirely on the needs and desires of the mentor and mentee," said Penpraze. "Our goal is to give first-year students one-on-one contact with an Albany Law graduate to ease the transition into their first year, to be a resource, and hopefully smooth over any rough spots."

*If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Alumni Office: 518-445-3220, alumni@albanylaw.edu.*



## Recruiting or Seeking Jobs, the Search Gets Easier for Alumni

Job-seeking and job-recruiting just got easier for alumni with the Career Center's new free online service.

Like a private Monster.com exclusive to Albany Law students and alumni, some 4,000 employers currently post their jobs on the new Career Services Manager (CSM). Moreover, the system gathers and organizes the postings from dozens of other relevant sites from around the world, such as alllaw.com, patentlawjobs.com, the ABA's site, and the county and state bar postings, to name a few.

"With our average placement rate above the national rate for the past 25 years," said Sandra Mans, Assistant Dean for the Career Center, "I expect our success to continue. The numbers have already gone up."

Currently the British firm Clifford Chance employs numerous alumni in its New York and Washington, D.C., offices. "Now, for example, Clifford Chance can post jobs with us from around the world," explained Mans, who described the same scenario for Jones Day, where seven grads work in the firm's Cleveland headquarters. "It is now so much easier for everyone."

"Our alumni make up a vast majority of our employers," said Mans. "That's why we're so successful. They are very generous to us, often because they appreciate the help they've had here."

The CSM allows you to key in your job interests, locations and salary expectations, leading to automatic emails when an appropriate position is available. Seekers can post and package resumes, writing samples, cover letters and even recommendation letters for interested employers. Visit [www.albanylaw.edu/careers](http://www.albanylaw.edu/careers).



*Sandra Mans, Assistant Dean for the Career Center, helping a student.*

## Students Win Asylum for Domestic Violence Victim



*Adjunct Professor Leech inspired students to work the case from his Asylum and Refugee Law class.*

A group of Albany Law graduates received word in March 2006 that they had won an asylum victory for a Costa Rican woman who had suffered from domestic violence at the hands of her husband.

It started back in January 2004, when Adjunct Professor Seth Leech introduced the case to his Asylum and Refugee Law class. Several students, including alumnae Abena Asante '05, Michelle Carroll '05 and Heena Shaikh '04 jumped on board immediately and

began researching Costa Rica's laws and policies concerning women's rights and domestic violence.

Leech warned his students that the case would be complex because domestic violence as a ground for asylum is a relatively new and gray area. Also, the victim came from a country considered respectful of human rights.

"We were able to win by showing, through our research, that the Costa Rican government was unable to enforce its own laws against domestic violence and fund its own domestic violence programs—thus leaving women with little or no recourse," explained Leech.

Some students said this experience clearly defined the path that they wanted to take in their career.

"I felt first hand how this new career does in fact make a huge impact on someone's life, even a life that others feel isn't one to protect," said Carroll. "Professor Leech's compulsion to help others is quite infectious and I hope to follow his lead."



## Professor Sprow's Portrait Unveiled

Dean Guernsey (from left), Mary Ellen Kiernan, Trustee Emeritus Stephen Kiernan '62, Mildred Sprow, Mary Faith Yanas and Trustee Emeritus John Yanas '42 pose at the unveiling of the late Professor Howard Sprow's portrait outside the Dean's office in the 1928 Building. Professor Sprow was known for mentoring students and bringing into the classroom the grit of his Wall Street know-how.



# School Launches Project to Promote Family Caregiver Rights

## National Expert Returns to Albany Law to Continue His Efforts to Reform Family Law

Albany Law School announced the startup of the Kin Care Support Project, which will promote the rights of grandparents and other relatives to care for children who no longer live with their parents.

The two-year project, in partnership with AARP NY, and funded by New York Life for \$276,000, will provide training for the legal community and for other professionals, publish how-to guides for caregivers and frontline workers, hold conferences across New York State, and offer a forum for innovations in policies and practices.

"More than 2.5 million grandparents are solely responsible for

their grandchildren," according to an Op-Ed in the *Washington Post* by Gerard Wallace, an Albany Law graduate who will direct the new program. "We are seeing more and more extended family members as primary caregivers," he explained recently from his campus office. "After finishing my Sandman Fellowship at the Government Law Center on kinship care, I stepped into a legal void. Relative caregivers, especially grandparents, had no special rights to care for children. Even now, simple decisions about schooling and medical care can lack statutory authority."

As part of the project, students will work with Wallace to research legal issues and to compare the social and fiscal costs of kinship care versus foster care. "Nationally, less than 500,000 children are in foster care, at a cost of over \$12 billion, while more than 10 times that number of children reside with relatives in an informal system that has few benefits, little targeted funding and hardly any legal assistance," he said.

"Most of us know the special patience and love a grandparent has for a grandchild," said Wallace. "When a grandparent wants to care for a grandchild, as millions do today, we need to create policies and funding streams to enable these families to succeed."

"I've been researching these issues for 10 years," said Wallace, who was recently the director of the Grandparent Caregiver Law Center at Hunter College, New York City. "Better laws and policies are even more important today than when I began, because the number of grandparents caring for children is increasing significantly as more and more baby boomers become grandparents. We hope that this program will focus more attention on these issues. I see the Government Law Center at Albany Law playing an important role in changing family and social services law. For New York and other states, we can help to develop policies that fully utilize aging caregivers as guardians for millions of at-risk children." —DS



Director and kinship care expert Gerard Wallace '97.

More than 2.5 million grandparents are solely responsible for their grandchildren.

## Who are they?

The first 10 people to correctly name anyone in either photo win an Albany Law School cap. The first five to correctly name all in either photo, including their graduating year, win a School sweatshirt.

Submit your answers to Christina Sebastian, Director of Alumni Affairs, at 518-445-3361 or cseba@albanylaw.edu.



**Who are they? Answers from the last issue.** Top photo: John J. Cunningham '58, Charles S. Webb III '58, Joseph R. Scully '58 and William J. Gray '58. Bottom photo: Joseph M. Ingarra '73, Madeline Sheila Galvin '73 and Bernard H. Bryan '73.





Professor Lytton, left, receives his award from Dean Guernsey.



Professor Gottlieb, left, accepts his award in Saratoga.

## Three Faculty Recognized for Distinguished Contributions

At Commencement 2006, President and Dean Thomas F. Guernsey awarded three faculty members for their contributions in three separate categories.

Professor Stephen Gottlieb was awarded the Albany Law School 2006 Distinguished Educator for Excellence in Scholarship. Gottlieb's work includes original and influential studies in constitutional law, law and social change, and jurisprudence. His book on the Rehnquist Court has earned him national recognition as a constitutional law scholar.

Associate Lawyering Professor Alicia Ouellette was awarded the Albany Law School 2006 Distinguished Educator for Excellence in Service. Dean Guernsey described her commitment of time, expertise and passion for her work.

Professor Timothy Lytton was awarded the Albany Law School 2006 Distinguished Educator for Excellence in Teaching. In addition to holding significant academic achievements—including a book published by the University of Michigan—Lytton is described by his students as a brilliant, funny and caring professor who generates excitement and curiosity among his students, and is often called one of the best professors they've ever had.

## Albany Law in the News

*Associated Press, 09/04/06*

**"Anyone from any industry who gets a call from Spitzer's office knows he's not going to be afraid to litigate."**

**—Professor Alicia Ouellette in an Associated Press article titled, "Winner of Attorney General's Race Can Shape Office."**

*Boston Globe, 08/27/06*

**"For now, New York City's gun-dealer lawsuit looks like a promising new approach. But its prospects will depend not only on its impact on the streets of New York but also on its reception in the halls of Congress." —Professor Timothy D. Lytton in an op-ed article titled "The Sting: New York has devised an ingenious approach to stopping the flow of guns into the city. Could it work for Boston?"**

*The New York Times, 08/19/06*

**"He's not rigidly law and order. In criminal cases he certainly doesn't have the record that some of Pataki's other choices for the court have. Nor does he seem to be rigidly conservative in the civil realm." —Professor Vincent Bonventre in an article titled "Pataki Appoints Fifth Republican to Highest Court."**

*Chicago Tribune, 08/09/06*

**"Certainly it is not an absolute solution to a major crisis, but it is trying to address one aspect of it." —Clinical Professor Melissa L. Breger in the article "Babies get 2nd chance: Safe-haven laws make it legal for moms who aren't ready to have kids to give them away."**

*New York Law Journal, 03/01/06*

**"The students saw justice in action. They are not only acquiring legal skills—legal research, factual investigation, presenting the case at a hearing, learning about the appellate process—but ultimately got to feel the power of the justice system, to see how it can work to the benefit of people in need. So, they were a part of social justice here." —Associate Clinical Professor Joseph M. Connors and director of the Health Law Clinic, in an article titled "Albany Law Students Win Appeal Over Denial of Benefits."**

Characteristics  
of the Class of  
2009

Size: 249  
LSAT median: 154  
GPA median: 3.21  
Male: 132  
Female: 117  
Different colleges: 119  
Non-N.Y. residents: 48%  
Minorities: 22%  
Total applicants: 2,010



*Last spring 254 graduates received their J.D. in Saratoga.*

## Albany Law celebrates 155th Commencement

Albany Law School faculty, staff, graduates and their families gathered May 19, 2006, at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) for the School's 155th Commencement. Of the 265 graduates, 254 received the Juris Doctor, nine the Master of Law and Letters, and two the Master of Science in Legal Studies.

Graduates were addressed by Michael Garcia—U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York and class of 1989 valedictorian—who offered his personal trade secret for success: “Whichever road you choose, uphold the high standards of the bar, remember where you came from, and, as much as you possibly can, enjoy the adventure.”

Graduates were also briefly addressed by The Honorable George Bundy Smith, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, and this year's recipient of an Albany Law School honorary doctor of law degree.

The awards portion of the ceremony ended with the Friend of the Class of 2006 award, presented to Henry Clay, a cafeteria employee, by class president Teodoro Siguenza. The Class of 2006 chose Clay for his commitment to their nutrition and health during their time on campus for the past three years.

## Albany Law School Announces Faculty Tenure, Promotions

The following faculty were elevated from Associate Professors to Professors with tenure: Stephen Clark, Patrick M. Connors, James Thuo Gathii, Lenese C. Herbert and Gregory N. Mandel.

Faculty members Jenean Taranto and Evelyn Tenenbaum were elevated in rank from Associate Lawyering Professors to Lawyering Professors.

Wendy Davis was promoted to Associate Professor of Law from Visiting Professor of Law.

## Albany Law Welcomes Temple University Women's Rights Scholar

Marina Angel, a professor of law at Temple University, has joined Albany Law School this year as the Kate Stoneman Visiting Professor of Law and Democracy. She will teach a course on Violence Against Women, affiliate with the School's Domestic Violence Clinics and deliver a public lecture.

Angel is an internationally-recognized women's rights scholar. She has been a faculty member at Temple University since 1978, after teaching at Hofstra Law School and working as an associate at Gordon & Schetman, P.C., in New York City, where she represented professional unions and handled race and sex discrimination cases.

Shortly after arriving at Temple, Angel documented the nature and scope of sexual harassment perpetrated by



*Marina Angel*

judges. More recently, she has researched, spoken and written on discrimination against women by law schools, universities and the legal profession.

Angel has taught abroad at Queensland Institute of Technology and Wollongong University in Australia, Tel Aviv University and the University of Puerto Rico.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Barnard College and a J.D. from Columbia Law School, where she graduated magna cum laude. She also received an LL.M. in Criminal Law and Litigation from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



## Professor Helps Thailand to Prosecute Public Corruption

Professor Michael Hutter's three-day event with the Thai Supreme Court to introduce the United States' legal approach toward corruption of public officials inspired new thinking for the Thai judges, even spurring proposals to study the U.S. system further at Albany Law School.

"I explained our laws and focused on some of our experiences," Hutter said of the seminar organized by the American Bar Association's Asia Law Initiative. "I didn't want to appear insulting by pretending we have a flawless system. No one likes being told what to do by other countries, particularly by Americans."

Hutter and three other U.S. attorneys spent their first day learning about the Thai system and providing feedback. They also spent considerable time in Thai's training school for judges. "The ABA is considering using our seminar as a model for other parts of Asia," Hutter said.

Hutter described a country slow to change, but felt optimistic about the intent of their judiciary and lawmakers. "They have a multimillion dollar airport screening system that never worked," Hutter said. "They recognize their problems. Now they need to develop a legal process to prosecute corruption of public officials."

While English-Thai interpreters translated the sessions, Hutter said many judges had J.D.s from U.S. law schools; subsequently, most spoke English. He attempted but failed to connect with an Albany Law graduate Ron Cristal '96 who practices in Bangkok.

Hutter feels good about the experience and believes positive change is imminent for Thailand. "It's a slow process. Meanwhile, the entire Thai Supreme Court now looks forward to their subscription of the *Albany Law Review*, and I got a \$3,000 suit for \$200 fit by a tailor who came to my room."



*Professor Hutter speaking to Thai judges.*

**"Meanwhile, the entire Thai Supreme Court now looks forward to their subscription of the *Albany Law Review*."—Professor Hutter**



*Kathryn E. Basal '07*

## Basal Wins Bar Foundation Scholarship

Kathryn E. Basal '07 won the New York State Bar Foundation's 2006 Judge Bernard S. Meyer Scholarship for her writing, "What's a Legal System to Do? The Problem of Regulating Internet Pharmacies."

Along with a \$2,500 scholarship, the second-year student and Glenmont, N.Y., native was honored with a reception at the Albany law office of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.

Basal's essay examined the attraction and relative ease of buying drugs online without a valid prescription, efforts of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and current federal and state legislative proposals to regulate the activity.

Established in 2004, the award is available to second-year New York state law students who exhibit excellence in legal writing and advocacy skills. Judge Meyer was an associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals from 1979-1986 and practiced with Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., from 1987 until his death last year.



*Graham Bernstein '07*

## Third-Year Student Earns NYSBA Ethics Award

Graham Bernstein of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., a third-year student at Albany Law School, has won the New York State Bar Association's 2006 Legal Ethics Award for his paper, "Metadata and its Threat to Attorney Ethical Obligations."

In his paper, Bernstein dissects the new ethical issues posed by computer documents that carry invisible data and potentially expose client secrets, unbeknownst to the attorney. The electronic versions of written documents, emails and spreadsheets often carry inside its data information on contributing authors, deleted text, as well as other data that may breach what's considered privileged information. "Cleaning" these documents of its metadata might be the equivalent of shredding documents, Bernstein writes, concluding that attorneys need to be aware of these liabilities.

A copy of Bernstein's paper will be published by the New York State Bar Association in a compilation of the 2006 Law Student Legal Ethics Award Winners. All winning papers are reviewed for possible selection in the *New York State Bar Journal*.

# Cancer-Stricken Student Earns Redman Prize for Her Struggles and Triumphs

“The old model of having mom stay at home and take care of the disabled child just isn’t valid anymore. A lot needs to change. I want to work on legal issues that will be part of the solution.”

Marcia Roth '06 was working full time as a budget examiner with the New York State Division of the Budget and caring for a disabled son when she entered Albany Law School at age 55. As she prepared for final exams at the end of her first year, Roth was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer, which caused her to retire from the state after 37 years of service. But she wouldn't let cancer derail her goal of earning a law degree.

“I just rejected the alternative,” said Roth, 61, for whom law school was a six-year struggle with multiple challenges. At graduation, she was awarded the Isabelle Redman Prize, given annually to a student who overcomes major barriers in order to graduate. Roth received a glass sculpture and a check as part of the Redman Prize, named for a former New York City police officer who was severely injured in the line of duty and graduated from Albany Law in 1999 despite physical disabilities. Redman went on to work as an assistant district attorney in New York City.

Roth's determination to continue her studies was inspirational. She'd carry law books to the hospital so that she could study while receiving chemotherapy treatment. “So many people were supportive and helpful throughout,” said Roth, who also underwent a mastectomy, reconstructive surgery and radiation. “When I was really

sick and couldn't make it to class, professors were very considerate and had their lectures taped for me.”

While battling cancer and attending law school, Roth continued to devote herself to her 23-year-old son, Kevin Caffrey, who is blind, autistic and has significant medical issues.

Roth and her husband, Ken Caffrey, a civil engineer for the New York State Health Department, have another son, Kyle Caffrey, 21, who graduated from Manhattanville College this year and is working at Kirkland & Ellis law firm in New York City, with plans to attend law school. The family lives in Delmar, N.Y.

Acting as her son Kevin's caregiver and advocate, Roth spent years negotiating with county and local school district officials to provide the range of services her son needed. It was that advocacy work that set Roth on the path to law school.

“We made sure Kevin would never live in an institution because I had two cousins who received poor care and died in state institutions,” Roth said. “My own experience showed me how difficult it is for parents to get adequate services for their disabled children. I want to make a difference on that issue and having a law degree will help.”

Roth took courses on health law and disability law and found a legal history class especially helpful. “I learned a lot by spending a semester in the Disabilities Law Clinic,” she said. “If it weren't for that clinic,



*Marcia Roth '06*

a lot of parents with disabled children would not get the representation they need.”

Roth's single-mindedness paid off with her own graduation from Albany Law and in helping to shepherd Kevin through Bethlehem High School, where he completed an Individualized Education Program (IEP) diploma.

“Our goal is to find Kevin a job and a place where he can live in a community residence,” Roth said. “He's got some special talents that grew out of his blindness. He can identify birds by their songs and listens to tapes of bird calls over and over. He can memorize and repeat dialogue from plays and movies.”

Roth plans to practice disability law. “The problem is that family situations have changed dramatically and the laws haven't changed with them,” Roth said. “We're mostly two-parent working families or single parents, and the old model of having mom stay at home and take care of the disabled child just isn't valid anymore. A lot needs to change. I want to work on legal issues that will be part of the solution.” —*Paul Grondahl*

# Albany Law Alumni Surpass National Giving Trends



*Helen Adams-Keane*

Albany Law School set records in the last fiscal year for both the level of giving to the school—nearly one million dollars—and the percentage of alumni who participated—23 percent. That figure is more than 50 percent higher than the national average for law schools.

Why are Albany Law alumni topping their cohort and giving more generously every year?

“Fundraising is still more an art than a science,” says Vice President Helen Adams-

Keane, who oversees alumni relationships, development and communications for the school. “Success is not easily quantified but I believe there are two main reasons for it here—recent progress and the quality of personal relationships.

Many new and returning donors to the Albany Law Fund are making a statement that they are proud of the progress the school is making to improve its financial outlook, steward its funds carefully and maintain its attractive facilities and campus, said Adams-Keane. “Dean Guernsey has worked hard to keep alumni in the ‘in the loop’ when it comes to major decisions and the progress that we are making. The more they know, the more they contribute to the school’s strategic vision and operations, as well as specific programs like the Government Law Center, the Library and the Law Clinic & Justice Center.”

Adams-Keane believes that the quality of personal relationships is another significant reason for the success. “The fact that this is a small, close-knit independent school helps establish loyalty early on and we work very hard to foster those good feelings and maintain those connections after they graduate,” she added. “It’s not unlike what many feel for their undergraduate college.”

“Law schools are generally known to be ‘cut-throat,’” maintained Keane. “But you never hear that term used here. Support and collaboration are assets we work hard to protect. It doesn’t happen by accident, and I think alumni recognize it more after they graduate and work alongside lawyers who had the polar-opposite experience at other law schools.”

Such support and collaboration do not come cheap. “If we want to continue offering the same level of attention to our students like a small, independent liberal arts college does, we are going to have to challenge our alumni to contribute at those levels as well,” she said, noting that alumni participation at such schools generally ranges from 35 to 50 percent, a level she aspires to attain one day at Albany Law.

“We are not resting on our laurels by any means,” she added. “We still have very ambitious goals.”

Adams-Keane explained that Albany Law School is still highly-tuition driven and must build its endowment and other long-term funds to continue to improve financial stability, especially since tough decisions, like shrinking class size to improve selectivity and student-faculty ratios, led to reduced revenues and subsequent belt-tightening—at least for the short term.

“We must get the word out that giving at all levels is most appreciated,” she said. “I’ve heard some individuals say they don’t want to give until and unless they can make a significant gift but they may not realize how even a very small contribution can make a big difference, directly and indirectly, to our bottom line.”

Adams-Keane explained that in addition to the gifts themselves, high participation rates also make a positive impact on ranking organizations and foundations that provide major grants and other public and private funding. “They want to know if the alumni and the community—who know the school best—deem it worthy of financial support,” she explained.

Another area that she and her staff would like the alumni to know more about is the wide availability of planned giving strategies that generate income and tax benefits for donors while they are alive and earmark a gift to the school after they are gone. “Every gift—large and small, present and future—makes a difference to someone,” she said.

That someone could be a student in financial need or a professor for whom alumni retain great memories, added Adams-Keane. “I regularly hear stories from our alumni about the professor who played cards or basketball with them, or had them over for dinner, or gave them valuable advice, or helped them get a job, or got them out of a jam.”

Alumni enjoy sharing those memories and networking with each other in areas all across New York state, as well as pockets around the country like Chicago and Washington, D.C. Adams-Keane believes that the ability to network and support each other builds an ongoing sense of community among alumni and helps maintain an enduring connection to the school. Each year, more alumni return to campus for reunions, lectures and other special events.

Beyond educational or professional reasons, Adams-Keane said that some donors simply give to Albany Law because they made lifelong friends or met their spouse while they were here.

“Whatever the reason, contributing to the Albany Law Fund is a great way to say ‘thank you’ and assure that someone coming up behind you will have the same high-quality experiences and opportunities that you had.”



## NEW PROGRAM REWARDS CONSECUTIVE GIVING

**Albany Law School recently started a Consecutive Giving Program that recognizes continuous annual financial support by alumni.**

**Special recognition for consecutive annual donors will be highlighted at years three, five, 10, 15 and 20-plus years, starting July 1, 2006. Those who have given annually for 20-plus years, regardless of the amount of the donations, will receive an invitation to the Barrister Ball that recognizes leadership donors to Albany Law School.**

**Consecutive years of giving will be counted retroactively, and donors will be notified of their number of years on record for consecutive giving.**

'05-'06 23%

'04-'05 19%

'03-'04 14%

*Record high alumni participation.*

'05-'06 \$924,000

'04-'05 \$837,500

'03-'04 \$688,000

*Record high Annual Fund.*

## Early Frat Life at Albany Law

Schenectady's Union College is considered to have the nation's first "general fraternity," back in 1825. Union College would not only become the home to the first three "general fraternities" in the country, but would go on to found more fraternities than any other college at the time, prompting the nickname "the mother of fraternities." ■ Albany Law School started its first frats in 1902, many affiliated with the Union College system. These were no different than college fraternities—organized mainly for social purposes. By 1924 there were seven fraternities at Albany Law, with 128 students participating out of a total student body of 345 students.

■ Such popularity was not to last after legal education transformed from an undergraduate to a graduate level, drawing an older group less interested in social connections. Also, with the outbreak of World War II, there were less students to fill the fraternal ranks, leading to the permanent disappearance of most law school frats—at least the social kind. ■ These frats should be distinguished from the first Greek-letter student society, credited to William and Mary College in 1776, created to discuss topics not covered in the college's curriculum. Indeed, Phi Beta Kappa's main purpose was classical education and most of its members were familiar with Greek, Latin and Hebrew. ■ Today most law fraternities are professional organizations focused on networking and advancing one's legal career, or on legal ethics for example. Gone are the days of pledging at Albany Law.—*By Michael Fortes '07*



## A U.S. President Chats About His Albany Law Days



*U.S. President McKinley*

In the middle of his four years as United States president, William McKinley received a letter from Albany Law classmate Lewis H. O'Connor 1867 congratulating McKinley on his "success in life." O'Connor also warned the

president that it was his "fate to be trained in the Democratic camp," though he supported the Republican ticket for the 1896 elections.

O'Connor wrote: "Subsequent entries in my diary indicate something of a friendship between us and a promise on my part to inform his (sic) of my location in the west with a view I suppose to a mutual correspondence."

McKinley responded two days later on June 6, 1900: "It

was my good fortune to be a student at the Albany Law School at the time you indicate and I am always glad to hear from my old associates there and to learn that they are well and prosperous."

The letters are in the Library of Congress and copies were sent to Albany Law from Prof. Lewis Gould of the University of Texas, who wrote the book *The Presidency of William McKinley* (1980).

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*Photos by Kris Qua*

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*Bottom right photo: Mark F. Glaser '76 (center) and Michael J. Murphy '91 (right) in the Greenberg Traurig Albany office with Oppenheimer discussing legislation they hoped would pass the Assembly that evening.*

# The Long Days of Year 3: Have Times Changed?

There's something curious about Josh Oppenheimer's simultaneous pursuit of politics, law and theater, using law school as a path to reach two, and maybe all three, of his interests.

Since his days at Cardozo High School's Mentor Law Program in Bayside, Queens, Oppenheimer knew law school was in his future, despite his passion for theater. His resume reflects this, listing internships and summer jobs with judges, assembly members, the New York Attorney General's office and the Board of Elections. He has a separate resume that lists some 20-plus theater productions in which he was an actor, stage hand, manager or producer.

Sounds like a lot for a 24-year-old. But a snapshot of a typical day and week—which his peers claim is typical for many law students—offers a sense of the frantic daily pace considered normal for today's career-minded student.

Up at 6:30 a.m. to eat and tackle three daily papers—*The New York Times*, *The New York Post* and *The Times Union*—Oppenheimer said, “On a big day I'll skip over them until the afternoon. But I need to know what's going on.” On Monday he had an 8 a.m. class, Tuesday and Thursday he was on campus by 9 a.m., and Wednesday and Friday he was at the gym by 6 a.m. and then on to Greenberg Traurig by 8 a.m., where he worked all year focused on government affairs.

When not in class, he was studying or at the *Environmental Outlook Journal* office where he served as managing editor for the symposium “Catastrophic Climate Change: The Science, The Social Costs and The Race for Legal Remedies,” an unusually successful event that drew national media and a full house. “I felt like that was a full-time job,” he said. “I put in a few hours every day for that event and sometimes all day on Sunday.”

Oppenheimer said he spent at least three hours a day on schoolwork outside of class, typically reading or writing briefs and outlines. He mostly studied alone, but there were exceptions. “I couldn't succeed without a core group of friends. Without a doubt, the friends I made are lifelong ones.” He recalls spending an hour prior to each Constitutional Law class during his first year with classmates huddling around tables in the cafeteria trying to make sense of the assigned cases.

“Time was always of the essence,” Oppenheimer said. “I preferred it when I was crazy-busy. I liked being productive.” This meant no time to make lunch everyday, though he made the

time to cook dinner most nights at his home in the Downtown Albany-Hudson Park area, about a mile from campus.

## Theater and Politics

“I believe in the system, and because of this, I'm careful about advocating for certain changes,” Oppenheimer said of his government interests. “I really do want the system to work successfully and despite a lot of criticism, I don't think New York State is too far off.” Oppenheimer was initially drawn to Albany because, “In state government, important things are decided on a daily basis, things that impact people's lives on a day-to-day basis, more so than with the federal government.”

Cut to his passion for theater. “I have always enjoyed the fiction and fantasy of entertaining theater,” he said. “But, when you are actually involved in it, there is something fulfilling about having your input included in the end product, getting to feel the energy from the audience, and experiencing the immediate feedback.” However, “Comradery is the most important thing I experienced from theater.

“Someone once told me that a good stage manager has to be the ‘master of time and motion all while being the consummate diplomat.’ I think that advice equally applies to people striving to be a successful law student, lawyer or politician. In order to survive law school, you have to develop time-management skills. From what I have seen of the legal profession, attorneys often have to manage ‘motion’ by running damage control or averting potential crises for clients. And surely anyone that is successful in the political world knows how important it is to be diplomatic and a team player.”

## What's Next?

Oppenheimer graduated Albany Law last May and took the bar this past summer. The international firm Greenberg Traurig hired him full time.

“I plan to end up in politics somehow,” Oppenheimer said. “A lot of things can happen in Albany. The only reason why I had the opportunity to get a job at this great law firm, doing work that I love, is because I chose to go to law school in Albany. I feel fortunate.”—DS



# FINALS WEEK





The exams change. The students change. But the tension, the cramming, the lack of sleep and the comradery don't change over the years for finals week. Good weather this year brought some students outside for study sessions together. Others could be found alone, huddled in corners, sunk deep into a spread of books and papers.

# LAW LIBRARY TURNS 20, SET TO OUTLIVE ITS LIFE EXPECTANCY

**Designed to accommodate 20 years of growth with its 53,000 square feet, the designated day of expansion for Schaffer Law Library arrived in August 2006.**

The collection has grown exponentially since its inception, giving it one of the nation's top rankings. Even so, Associate Dean and Director of Schaffer Law Library Robert Begg sees a long future with the current structure. "We'll never need to expand this building," Begg said recently. "At the time of its opening, no one anticipated the vast expansion of computers, especially the role of the Internet and the use of laptops."

The American Bar Association ranked the library 24th of 189 law schools for volumes and equivalents held, and 25th for volumes and equivalents added from the previous year—despite Albany Law's minor slow-down of hardcopy buying.

"It's necessary to maintain our hardcopy and microform collections," Begg said, "but our growth rate continues to decrease. Someday law







libraries will contain only a basic core of print and archival sources as the shift to online resources continues.”

Begg said portions of the 680,000-volume collection grow at different rates. For example, the Treatise Collection expands faster than any other, and while the State Collection fills a wing, its growth is slow. “It’s a little tricky to house the collection efficiently when the rate of growth and use varies significantly among the collections.”

### **In the Beginning**

From groundbreaking to opening in 1986, the Schaffer Law Library project took a little more than a year. In that time the school raised \$6 million of its \$12 million campaign goal.

Matthew Bender Company boosted the library’s collection in its new home by donating all of its publications that first year. This has happened every year to date, with the value of the gift increasing from \$75,000 in 1986 to more than \$600,000 this year.

The former library now houses the Dean Alexander Moot Courtroom, faculty offices, the Matthew Bender classroom for 80 students and a seminar room.

Five library staff members have been with the library since the new building opened—Martha Doyle, Connie Rohloff, Mary Wood, Robert Emery and Robert Begg. Three others have been there for more than 15 years—Traci Tosh, Nancy Lenahan and Robert Eaton.

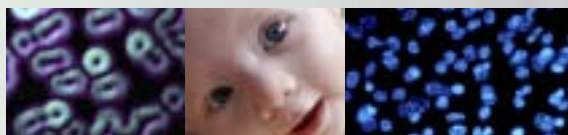
“Don’t start me talking about the staff,” Begg said. “The level of knowledge is astounding.”

### **Today**

“The library is heavily used by the local bench and bar,” Begg said. The library remains open to the public during the day, open to attorneys—some 60 percent of Capital Region’s practicing bar are Albany Law alumni—and the law school community during all its open hours. It also provides professional resource help until 7 p.m. most weeknights.

“In the absence of adequate public law library facilities in the region,” Begg said, noting that the New York State Library is closed at night and weekends, “the Schaffer Law Library serves as the central public law library for Greater Albany.”—DS





# A Vast Region for New Legal Thought

*By David Singer*

Over the past two decades, Albany Law School has built a small arsenal of courses surrounding health law. Largely by design—and partly by a fortunate location—the School now boasts a robust concentration taught by prestigious experts organized around topics like managed care, health policy, bioethics, elder law, malpractice, genetics and intellectual property in biotechnology.

Only a few other schools in the nation offer the three-year J.D./M.S. joint degree in law and bioethics that Albany Law introduced earlier this year in conjunction with Albany Medical College, the Graduate College of Union University and the Alden March Bioethics Institute. Students can also earn an LL.M. in health law.

“How many law schools in this country share campuses with a major teaching hospital and a pharmacy college?” asked President and Dean Thomas F. Guernsey. “It only makes sense to continue building the health law program,” given the obvious access to the Capital’s bounty of state agencies, the legislature, the attorney general’s office, biotech companies, statewide health-related associations and the abutting V.A. Hospital.

The expanse of health law spills beyond health-centered courses into other areas of law, such as antitrust and labor law issues, said Professor Dale Moore. She teaches a class to help students understand the health law landscape by surveying its expansive opportunities.

“Students might be interested in litigation, malpractice, privacy issues around federal regulations, or even licensing issues,” said Moore. “I steer them toward a different package of classes than, say, someone interested in the business end with the tax, antitrust and finance issues.”

Also, not-for-profit health care institutions, which must remain compliant with rules governing charitable organizations while attempting to compete with a growing for-profit sector, regularly require sophisticated legal advice, said Moore.





## HEALTH LAW sample classes

Malpractice in Health Law ■ Guardian Practicship ■ Managed Care Law ■ Health Fraud and Abuse ■ Healthcare Organization and Finance ■ Privacy and Security of Healthcare Information ■ Elder Law ■ Human Reproduction: Legal and Moral Issues ■ AIDS Law Seminar ■ Ethics in Innovative Medicine ■ Bioethics ■ Advising Healthcare Clients ■ Psychiatry and Law ■ Public Health Policy and Litigation ■ Genetics and the Law ■ Public Health Law ■ Disability Law

*Students shadow doctors and nurses at Albany Medical Center to understand the hospital.*

“We’ve been very strong for many years in most of health law,” said Guernsey. “But four years ago we filled a big hole with Beverly Cohen. Cohen rounded out the program with her health law related business strength.” Cohen, who came from private practice specializing in health law, teaches Antitrust in the Health Care Industry, Health Care Organization and Finance, and Privacy and Security of Health Care Information.

Last year Albany Law School launched an ongoing series of workshops where faculty presented their research to their peers. Participants came from Albany Law, the Rockefeller Institute, Union College, Albany Medical School, Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany College of Pharmacy, the School for Public Health, University at Albany Department of Philosophy, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Wadsworth Institute, the Department of Health and the N.Y. State Attorney General’s office. “Topics ranged from human reproductive cloning to newborn screening programs to the EPA’s human subjects review board,” said Albany Law’s Associate Lawyering Professor Alicia Ouellette, who organized the workshops. “They generated great discussions across disciplines and have already triggered grant proposals for interdisciplinary research across the institutions.”

### Hands-On Health Work

Through Professor Nancy Maurer’s course on “Legal Issues in Medicine,” students pair up with an Albany Medical Center resident physician from the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences to explore a specific legal case.

“Working with hospital records, students piece together the medical scenario surrounding accusations of medical malpractice or misconduct,” explained Maurer, who co-teaches the skills course with Albany Medical Center’s professor Dr. Tim Vinciguerra. Then students present their case using the residents as experts.

Students also shadow doctors and nurses through a six-hour stretch as part of the course, where some have witnessed multiple deliveries. “We want our students to understand the hospital—the tension of an emergency, the quick decisions that need to be made, the atmosphere,” said Maurer. “Good health care lawyers need to experience this to represent clients properly, regardless of who the client is.”

### Representing Clients

Each semester eight students in the Health Law Clinic represent clients strapped with legal problems related to their medical conditions, including those living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other chronic illnesses.

An additional eight students in the Civil Rights and Disabilities Law Clinic represent clients in legal rights matters related to developmental disabilities. For example, as a result of Clinic advocacy, children with severe disabilities have accessed appropriate education programs, or have received adaptive equipment such as motorized wheelchairs and assistive technology that fosters their independence.

A cornerstone of the project is medical-legal collaboration between the clinic and several area medical providers, which allows advocates to both conduct intake on-site in out-patient health clinics and to coordinate legal appointments with medical appointments.

“We want to minimize stress for our clients,” said Associate Clinical Professor Joseph Connors. “The coordination and teamwork with medical providers advances this goal.”

Recently a mother called the Health Law Clinic in her late stages of cancer asking for help in setting up a legal emergency plan for her 14-year-old daughter. “We arranged for the woman’s adult daughter to be the legal guardian through coordinated appointments at the hospital,” said Connors. “If students had not intervened, the family would have likely ended up in contested litigation following the mother’s passing a couple of weeks later.”

Clinic Co-director Maurer stressed that while some students pursue careers in the substantive areas they learned as students, many do not end up practicing public interest health law. “Clinical experience is valuable for all students because it helps them hone their skills in universal areas from client interviewing and factual investigation to case planning and counseling a client.”

Co-director Mary Lynch adds, “Students often discover their core values through their clinical experience and carry those with them into their professional legal careers, including their *pro bono* efforts on behalf of the sick and poor.”

“We want our students to understand the hospital—the tension of an emergency, the quick decisions that need to be made, the atmosphere.”

—*Professor Maurer*

### Field Placements

Students also gain off-campus experience during their last two years as part of their clinical experience. Currently the Clinic offers more than 200 off-site legal experiences, all supervised by a practicing attorney. Placements range from the Albany Medical Center legal department to the N.Y. State Brain Injury Association.

Troy Oechsner, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Health Care Bureau for the N.Y. State Attorney General's Office, takes on several Albany Law students every year, supervising them through a wide swath of legal work from health plans misrepresenting benefits to drug manufacturers misrepresenting prices.

“They recently wrote affidavits for consumers to receive refunds on their deposits for plastic surgery, after the surgeon wasn't able to finish the job because he lost his license,” Oechsner said. The students may write legal memos, attend judicial conferences and settlement negotiations, take depositions, and field calls on the 800 hotline.

“Our cases don't fit into a box,” said Oechsner. “A child has pancreatic cancer and needs a specialist, but their health plan has no specialist. That's a call that happened last month, and I expect the student to see it through. . . . I love seeing that light go on for these students. You see in their faces that they realize, ‘this is a real case, this is real.’ That's what gets me energized. I feed off of their enthusiasm.”

### Tomorrow's Promise

“We have graduates all over the health care field in hospital administration, health insurance companies, research institutes, pharmaceutical companies, state agencies and law firms with health law divisions,” said Sandra Mans, Assistant Dean for the Career Center. “The list goes on, creating a great mentor-alumni network for intern and job placements that continue to snowball year after year.”

“Our promise to our students is to help them gain the intellectual foundation and the practical experience needed for career success in the health law field, regardless of which path in the field they choose,” said Dean Guernsey. “We think we're doing that with the opportunities we offer inside and outside the classroom. But you can bet that won't stop us from searching for new ways to expand our Health Law program.”

## Albany Law Receives \$1 Million Gift



*Barry A. Gold*

Sherry Gold has given Albany Law School \$1 million in memory of her late husband, Barry A. Gold, toward the Law Clinic & Justice Center, the most ever given to the Clinic.

“This is a big day for Albany Law School and this gift validates our vision for the Health Law Clinic,” said President and Dean Thomas F. Guernsey. “When a family honors their loved one by responding to a program with this kind of generosity, I know we're pursuing the right path. I think the Golds' gift solidifies the foundation of our health law program so that we can now expand significantly. I expect this kind of gift to generate interest in our program and inspire more giving.”

The gift will establish the Barry Gold '70 Health Law Clinical Program Endowment Fund to help the Clinic expand its educational component while better serving low-income clients. Plans call for hiring a new fellow to oversee students working with Albany Medical Center patients, as well as with medical students, advocates, physicians, and related professionals.

“The legal community and its beneficiaries were cheated when Barry died,” said Sherry. “He was a fierce advocate for equality. He devoted his career to ensuring that everybody, including the poor, had access to healthcare and legal services.” Sherry said that Barry, who hoped to spend his retirement working with legal practitioners and healthcare providers to meet the needs of the underserved, would applaud the interdisciplinary work of the Health Law Clinic.

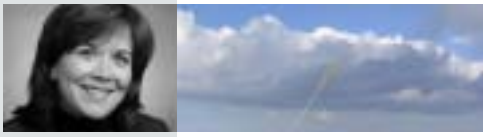
Sherry's son Ben was Albany Law's SBA president last year and is the school's Graduate Trustee this year. He works for Appellate Advocates in New York City. Sherry's daughter Sari lives in Seattle pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

“The kind of work Ben and I do—working with people who never had the opportunities we had—is a lot of our father's influence,” said Sari.

“We all share the same values and think this gift is the right way to honor his life,” agreed Ben.

Barry A. Gold, born in Kingston in 1945, was a partner with Thuillez, Ford, Gold, Johnson and Butler, Albany. He passed away in 2002. His practice concentrated in the area of Health Law. For the N.Y. State Bar Association he was the Founding Chair of the Health Law Section, Chair of the Mental and Physical Disability Committee, and Chair of the Health Law Committee. He was appointed by the Governor in 1997 to the N.Y. State Task Force on “Life and the Law” and advised N.Y. state lawmakers on health care legislation. Barry was on the editorial boards of *The Journal of Legal Medicine* and *The Journal of Forensic Neuropsychology*. He served as Chair of the National Board of Directors of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation.

Barry taught as an adjunct professor at Albany Medical College, the University at Albany, and Albany Law, where he established course work in health law. He received his LL.M. from Case Western Reserve University and was pursuing his M.P.H. from the University at Albany at the time of his death.



Professor Ouellette helped develop the joint J.D./M.S. bioethics degree and looks to lead Albany Law into uncharted legal areas.

## Bioethics Program Confronts the Legal-Moral Issues Facing Health Care

When a hospital patient refuses a blood transfusion, or a mother refuses to let her baby receive a shot, legal issues are raised. Research institutions that perform human gene-therapy experiments face countless legal and ethical issues. States that have invested billions of dollars in stem cell research face new legal and ethical decisions in their bidding, hiring, regulating and auditing processes.

“Lawyers with bioethical training can provide better counsel for these scenarios,” said Associate Lawyering Professor Alicia Ouellette, who led the charge at Albany Law to partner with Albany Medical College and The Graduate College of Union University to develop a unique three-year dual J.D./M.S. bioethics degree. “Albany Law offers students the opportunity for in-depth interdisciplinary study with national leaders in clinical ethics, human reproduction, research ethics and public policy.”

Ouellette can’t say for sure what direction bioethics graduates will take, but she can say that they’ll stand out. “Drug companies need ‘benchside ethics’ help now,” she said. For

example, a company developing a drug for use in children or pregnant women faces ethical and legal challenges in researching the efficacy of the drug to bring it to market. “A lawyer trained in bioethical issues offers more than one who isn’t. Pharmaceutical companies, biotech industries, hospitals and health insurance companies would all be well served by a young lawyer trained in bioethics.”

As the field opens wide, Ouellette has felt its growth by the flurry of activity surrounding her. In just the past few months she has spoken on “Federalism and Bioethics” at a Rockefeller Institute conference on the Role of States in Bioethics, delivered a lecture on “Disability and the End of Life” at a Health Law Teachers Conference in Baltimore, and taught a workshop at Yale University entitled “Life, Death, and the U.S. Supreme Court” to Connecticut’s high school social studies teachers as part of a program called “The Connecticut Urban Consortium for Teaching United States Constitutional History.” She has an article coming out in the *Oregon Law Review* titled

“Disability and the End of Life” and another in the textbook *Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine*.

Several other professors are equally active, such as Professor Kathryn Katz, who recently presented a paper entitled “The Legal Status of the Pre-Embryo” at a conference in Columbus, Ohio.

In July Albany Law partnered with the Alden March Bioethics Institute (AMBI), along with the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University and the University of Virginia, for a “Bioethics and Politics” conference that drew 200 law professors, philosophers, doctors, scientists, advocates and lawmakers.

The conference reflects the School’s growing partnership with AMBI, the nation’s leader in bioethics study and publisher of the leading national journal *The American Journal of Bioethics*.

“Technology has changed the boundaries and possibilities of life and death,” said Ouellette. “The issues are new and large, creating vast potential for innovative legal thought and complex legal challenges. Albany Law’s bioethics initiative will put our students at the forefront of this new legal field.”



## Publications

**Professor Ira Bloom** submitted a manuscript of his revised marital deduction chapter for fall publication in his treatise Klipstein and Bloom, *Drafting New York Wills*.

**Professor Vincent Bonventre's** article, "Judicial Activism, Judges' Speech, and Merit Selection: Conventional Wisdom and Nonsense," was published in 68 *Albany Law Review* (2005).

**Professor Bridget Burke's** article, "The Tao of Professionalism," was published by the United Kingdom Center on Legal Education in January 2006 as part of the Vocational Teachers Forum "Becoming a Competent Professional."

**Professor Patrick Connors** and adjunct professor Thomas F. Gleason '78 authored the New York Practice column in the January 12, 2006, *New York Law Journal* titled "Problems at the Starting Gate." The piece discusses filing problems at the county clerk's office and *Harris v. Niagara Falls Board of Education*, argued before the New York Court of Appeals in January 2006.

**Professor Paul Finkelman** co-edited the book *The History of Michigan Law* (Ohio University Press, 2006). The book features a foreword by Hon. Clifford Taylor, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court, and a chapter by Finkelman called "The Promise

of Equality and the Limits of Law: From the Civil War to World War II." The book received the Historical Society of Michigan's State History Award for the best scholarly book on Michigan history.

Finkelman published an article in 62 *New York University Annual Survey of American Law* 45 (2006) called "Thomas Jefferson, Original Intent, and the Shaping of American Law: Learning Constitutional Law from the Writings of Jefferson."

**Professor James Gathii** published "How American Support for Freedom of Commerce Legitimized King Leopold's Territorial Ambitions in the Congo," in Padideh Alai et al., *Trade as Guarantor of Peace, Liberty, and Security? Critical, Historical and Empirical Perspectives*, 2006.

Gathii published "The High Stakes of WTO Reform," 104 *Michigan Law Review*, 1361 (2006), "Minority Rights in Corporate Law: A reply to Chander," 19 *National Black Law Journal* (Columbia Edition), 57 (2005-6) and "International Justice and the Trading Regime," 19 *Emory International Law Review*, 1407 (2005).

**Professors Stephen E. Gottlieb and Timothy D. Lytton** published a new coursebook, *Jurisprudence, Cases and Materials: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law and its Applications*, Second Edition, by Stephen E. Gottlieb, Robin L.

West (Georgetown Law), Brian Bix (University of Minnesota Law School) and Timothy D. Lytton (Lexis, 2006) together with *Teachers' Manual for Jurisprudence, Cases and Materials: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law and its Applications*, Second Edition, by Stephen E. Gottlieb, Robin L. West, Brian Bix and Timothy D. Lytton (Lexis, 2006).

**Professor Gregory Mandel** published three law review articles: "Promoting Environmental Innovation with Intellectual Property Innovation: A New Basis for Patent Rewards" in the *Temple Journal of Science, Technology, and Environmental Law*, "Toward Rational Regulation of Genetically Modified Food" in the *Santa Clara Journal of International Law* and "New Frontiers: The Future of Biotechnology Litigation and Adjudication" in the *Pace Environmental Law Review*. Mandel also wrote "Limits of Agricultural Economics for Agricultural Biotechnology," in *Focus on Agricultural Economics* (2006).

**Professor Alicia Ouellette** is publishing an article, "Disability and the End of Life," in the *Oregon Law Review*. Written with a group of bioethicists, her article, "Lessons Across the Pond: Artificial Reproductive Technology in Great Britain and the United States," was published by the *American Journal of Law and Medicine*.

**Professor Patricia Salkin** co-authored with Lora Lucero, Esq., and Allyson Phillips '06 a chapter in "Eminent Domain Use and Abuse: Kelo in Context" published by the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law. Salkin also co-authored with Phillips "Eliminating Political Maneuvering: A light in the tunnel for the Government Attorney-Client Privilege," published in 39 *Indiana Law Review*, 561 (2006). Salkin's article "Zoning for Home Occupations: Modernizing Zoning Codes to Accommodate Growth in Home-Based Businesses" appeared in 35 *Real Estate Law Journal*, 181 (Summer 2006) and "Swift Legislative [over]Reaction to Eminent Domain: Be Careful What You Wish For" appeared in the July/August 2006 issue of *Probate & Property*, published by the ABA Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section (p. 44).

## Awards and Achievements

**Professor Melissa Breger** was selected by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye to manage and compile the family law section of the new Web site from Columbia Law School: Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions.

**Professor Laurie Shanks** was presented a New York State Bar Denison Ray Award in the Criminal Defender Category. The Denison Ray awards,

named for a renowned legal services advocate, is to recognize outstanding public service staff attorneys who provide criminal and/or civil representation to low-income and disadvantaged clients.

## Professional Service

**Professor Ira Bloom** was elected and now serves as Treasurer of the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). He will continue as an officer and will be Chair of the Section in 2009. Bloom is the first academic to be elected as an officer of the Section.

**Professors Melissa Breger, Mary Lynch** and **Nancy Maurer** were facilitators at the “Partners in Justice Colloquium II: A Collaboration Among the Bench, the Bar and the Academy,” hosted by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye and the Judicial Institute on June 15. Professor Breger also presented her workshop report for the Afternoon Plenary. The substantive topic, “Collateral Consequences of Criminal Charges,” is based upon a “4cs” Web site launched by Judge Kaye at the State of the Judiciary earlier this year. Breger is the statewide content manager for the Family Law Section of the “4cs” Web site, which is currently hosted by Columbia Law School. **Professor Joseph Connors** is a member of the focus group for this Family Law Section.

**Professor Patrick Connors** moderated a panel of judges and lawyers on “Ethical Issues in Federal and State Court Litigation” presented by the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association at its annual meeting in January.

**Professor Peter Halewood** co-hosted a discussion on the topic of legal education at a Harvard Law School conference in April.

**Professor Michael J. Hutter** participated in judicial education programs for newly elected New York State court judges in December. He gave lectures on New York evidence and medical evidence in no-fault cases. Hutter also signed the amicus curiae brief submitted to the United States Supreme Court in *Holmes v. South Carolina* by 20 law professors. Recently, Hutter was asked by the American Bar Association to review a proposed code of evidence for the Philippines that was prepared by the Philippine Government.

**Professor Gregory Mandel** is a member of an American Bar Association task force that is briefing the Environmental Protection Agency Office of General Counsel on arising nanotechnology issues.

**Professor Alicia Ouellette** taught a workshop entitled “Life, Death, and the U.S. Supreme Court” to high school social studies teachers at Yale University. She also helped organize the “Politics and Bioethics” conference, presented by the Alden March Bioethics

Institute of Albany Medical College on July 13-14. At the conference, she chaired a panel called “Death and Dying in America” and presented a paper entitled “The Disability Lobby and Disability Scholarship, an Uncomfortable Marriage.”

**Professor Patricia Salkin** served as a moderator for the American Planning Association’s national annual audio conference, “Planning Law Review,” on June 28.

**Professor Donna Young** co-hosted a discussion on criminal law at a conference at Harvard Law School in March.

## Presentations

**Professor Ira Bloom** presented a paper, “Planning Considerations for the New York Estate Tax,” at the Third Annual Sophisticated Trusts and Estates Law Institute, NYSBA, which, in the Institute’s own words, featured “nationally prominent faculty.”

**Professor Vincent Bonventre** presented “The Role of State Supreme Courts in Protecting Civil Rights and Liberties” at Cornell Law School in March and a session on “The New York State Court of Appeals” at the Rockefeller Institute in Albany in February. Other recent presentations include lecturing the Criminal Justice Section of the New York State Bar Association on “Criminal Law Voting and Opinions at the Court of Appeals: Focus on Rosenblatt” and presenting “Aristotle, Cicero, and Cardozo: A Perspective on External Law” at the Fall *Albany Law Review* Symposium.

**Professor Patrick Connors** presented a program in December 2005 on ethics at Chaminade High School in Mineola, Long Island, where he graduated in 1981. The program had more than 50 attendees and was co-sponsored by the Albany Law School Institute of Legal Studies and the Chaminade Alumni Lawyers Association.

**Professor Paul Finkelman** spoke on the “Importance of State Legal History for Modern Law” at the annual meeting of the State Bar of Michigan and gave a public lecture at Wayne State Law School on Civil Rights Law in Nineteenth Century Michigan. He also delivered public lectures at Siena College and The College of St. Rose on the issue of “Slavery and the Constitution: Making a Covenant with Death: Understanding the Pro-Slavery Constitution.” He gave lectures on “Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis” at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas and Slavery and the Constitution at Bucknell University. He presented a paper on the Supreme Court and the Use of Foreign Law at the University of San Diego Law School.

**Professor James Gathii** presented the paper “State Responsibility for Breaking Patent Rights on Human Rights Grounds” at the University of North Carolina Conference on Saving Profits, Saving Lives: A Comprehensive Discussion of the Social, Legal and Economic Implications of Reverse Engineering and Parallel Importing on the Pharmaceutical Industry in February.

In March, Gathii presented three papers. The first, “Exporting Culture Wars,” was presented at the University of California-Davis Conference on Family Planning and AIDS Policies in the International Community. The second, “Multinational Corporations and Human Rights: A Transactional Approach,” was presented at the 100th American Society of International Law Conference in Washington, D.C., on the theme, “A Just World Under Law.” The third, “Third World Approaches to International Law,” he presented at a Harvard Law School conference on “Teaching from the Left.”

**Professor Kathryn Katz** presented a paper “The Legal Status of the Pre-Embryo” at a conference on “DeFrosting the Debate: Analyzing the Nexus between Adoption and Frozen Pre-Embryos” at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, in April.

**Professor Timothy Lytton** organized a roundtable discussion at the Annual Law & Society Conference in Baltimore (July 6) on “The Impact of Tort Litigation on Public Policy and Government Regulation” and presented a paper entitled “Tort Claims, Framing, and Agenda Access: The Case of Clergy Sexual Abuse Litigation.”

**Professor Gregory Mandel** presented “Patently Non-Obvious: Empirical Studies on the Hindsight Bias in Patent Law” at the Intellectual Property Scholars Conference at Boalt Hall-Berkeley School of Law in August.

**Professor Joan Matthews and Professor Alicia Ouellette** presented “Advancing Advanced Legal Writing” at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Atlanta.

**Professor Alicia Ouellette** presented a lecture, “Federalism and Bioethics,” at a Rockefeller Institute conference on the role of states in bioethics. She also presented “Disability and the End of Life” at the Health Law Teachers Conference in Baltimore.

**Professor Patricia Salkin** presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools on the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Kelo v. City of New London*, dealing with eminent domain. She participated as a speaker in an audio seminar presented by the ALI-ABA as part of its Land Use Series on “Eminent Domain, Economic Development, and Redevelopment: A National Retrospective and Prospective on the First Anniversary of *Kelo v. City of New London*” in June. Salkin also spoke at the University of New Mexico School of Law on the intersection of environmental justice and local land use planning on July 18.

**Professor Evelyn Tenenbaum** presented “Building Formal Writing Training into the Clinical Experience” at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in New York City in May. She also presented “Blurring the Lines Between Clinical and Legal Writing Courses” at the Twelfth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Atlanta in June.

## Super Lawyer Kaplan Doesn't Want the Cape

Richard Kaplan prefers to shrug off the “Super Lawyer” title, though he was chosen two years in a row by his Illinois peers in the annual poll by *Law and Politics* magazine.

“There’s so many great lawyers in my firm alone,” he says. Maybe so, but it still means his peers see him in the top 5 percent of Illinois IP litigators.

And while he didn’t care to talk much about his accolades—with the list starting in ’81 when he was executive editor of the *Albany Law Review*—he did talk at length about his work at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione in Chicago, where he’s been since he left Albany 25 years ago.

“There were 25 lawyers here when I started as a law clerk during my second year in law school,” Kaplan remembers. “Now there’s 150. We’re one of the largest IP firms in the country.”

Kaplan does only litigation, focused on patents and trade secrets. Currently, he’s the lead lawyer in a patent dispute defending R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company against a damage claim that exceeds \$1 billion. In the late ’90s, after seven years of litigation and three separate trials, he and his colleagues won a \$40 million jury verdict that the *National Law Journal* called one of the three largest for the year. That case involved a major supplier of automobile parts that infringed patents covering fan assemblies used with radiators and condensers in automobiles.

Kaplan concentrates on complex, high stakes cases, often involving substantial amounts—tens of millions, if not hundreds of millions of dollars—and teams of as many as 10 lawyers or more. He takes pride in his firm’s team approach. Last year, he led a team that won a preliminary injunction for a major power tools company in a patent case to stop a competitor from importing infringing products from China. The case involved an invention for a laser level product that sticks to walls without pins because of a motor-powered suction base.

In Chicago, Kaplan married his Albany Law girlfriend and classmate Sharon ’82. An avid golfer, he and his wife live with their 16- and 17-year-old sons.—DS



Richard Kaplan

He and his colleagues won a \$40 million jury verdict that the *National Law Journal* called one of the three largest for the year.



# CLASSNOTES

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## 1966

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**Thomas Forrest**

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**Hon. Stephen A. Ferradino** was honored by the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association as recipient of the Hon. Edward S. Conway Judicial Excellence Award—an annual award given to a judge who demonstrates Conway's abilities and character, and to commemorate his many years of service to the judicial system.

**E. Stewart Jones Jr.** was honored by the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association as recipient of the Daniel Mahoney Award, given in memory of the founder to a working attorney who demonstrates a tenacious representation of his client's interest in the courts of the Capital District.

## 1968

**Hon. Robert Francello** in June was appointed town justice of Saugerties, N.Y. He previously served from 1987 to 1993.

## 1970

**James Gerard Villa** was promoted to manager, Environmental, American International Group's (AIG) Technical Services Group, Jersey City, N.J.

## 1971

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**John F. Speranza**, Pittsford, N.Y., was appointed chair of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Seventh Judicial District of New York State.

## 1972

**Wendell J. Van Lare** was promoted to Senior Vice President of Labor Relations at Gannett Co., Inc., McLean, Va. He was previously vice president and senior labor counsel.

## 1973

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**Larry N. Volk** returned to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York as director of Portfolio Management. He had worked for the Authority a number of years ago in Public Finance and had more recently worked in the mortgage banking industry on Long Island, N.Y.

## 1974

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**Stuart L. Newman** joined Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Atlanta, Ga., as partner in the Labor and Employment Practice Group.

## 1976

**Sally A. Smith** joined the firm of Olver, Korts, Korona, Russell & Pericak LLP, Pittsford, N.Y., concentrating in matrimonial and family law, and business litigation.

## 1977

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**Feller** was included in

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Environmental

Law Category. He is senior counsel of the Albany law firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, and concentrates his practice in environmental, land use and municipal law.

**Roger B. Linden**, a partner with Cappello, Linden & Ladouceur, was recognized by SUNY Potsdam for outstanding service. He has been chairman of the SUNY Potsdam College Council and secretary of the Potsdam College Foundation since 1991, a 17-year member and past-president of the SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association, and provides legal assistance to students through the Student Government Association.

## 1978

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**Edward L. Fiandac**, Rochester, N.Y., was published in *The Champion*, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers magazine, in November 2005 with an article entitled "Miranda Revisited." He is currently working on a book by the same title. In addition to





*Alumnus Michael Garabedian '85, seen here with alumna Deon T. Retemeyer '97, hosted alumni and friends at his home in Sagaponack, N.Y., on August 11 for a pool party and barbecue.*



*Jonathan H. Lander '87 won Best Tie contest with his "dictionary of law" tie at Albany Law's Day at the Races.*



## 10th Anniversary Day at the Races

*Alumni, friends, faculty and staff gathered in the At the Rail Pavilion at Saratoga Race Course on August 27 to celebrate 10 years of racing enjoyment. Trainer Todd A. Pletcher and jockey John R. Velazquez join Albany Law in the winner's circle. Velazquez riding Summer Palace won the eighth race of the day, which was considered Albany Law School's race. Top right: (left to right) Todd A. Pletcher, Hon. Bernard J. Malone '72, Charlotte B. Pitt, President & Dean Thomas F. Guernsey, John R. Velazquez, Professor Kathe Klare, Ian G. MacDonald '58, William R. Holzapfel '58, and Director of Alumni Affairs Christina Sebastian.*



*National Alumni Association President Larry P. Schiffer '79 (from left), guest speaker Rushdi A. Siddiqui '91, Global Director, Dow Jones Islamic Index Group, and Dean Guernsey welcomed Metro New York alumni and friends in April in midtown Manhattan.*



*Thomas Callahan '84 and Matthew Barry '03 at The Lenox Hotel in Boston, Mass., during the alumni reception in May.*



*Andrew R. Ferguson '94 and Amy Ferguson pose during the Boston Alumni reception in May.*



*Alumni and friends gathered at Constellation Brands in Rochester, N.Y., in April, thanks to trustee Thomas J. Mullin '76. Pictured from left to right, Brad Salai '74, Irene A. Lippa '06, Professor Paul Finkelman and James T. Townsend '71.*

# From Teacher to Judge, Grad Moved from Bench to Federal Defender



*Katherian Roe*

**“Since I was a kid I always wanted to be a lawyer and practice Indian law.”**

You expect to hear a Midwestern flatness in the voice of Katherian Roe '84, who's spent the past 17 years in Minnesota as a District Court Judge and Federal Public Defender. What you detect, instead, is a lilting, sibilant sound and forceful phrasings that belie her Native American and Chicana roots. From her speech patterns to her philosophy of law, it's clear that Roe, who traces her heritage to the Oklahoma Cherokee tribe, never abandoned a deep commitment to providing quality legal representation to Native Americans and other people marginalized in American society.

“My family didn't want me to become a lawyer because people of color often don't trust the legal system,” Roe said by phone from her office in Minneapolis, where, as the appointed Federal Public Defender for Minnesota, she oversees a staff of 20 and 100 additional lawyers retained

periodically for a conflict panel program. Her office handles about 65 percent of all the federal criminal cases throughout the state of Minnesota. Her caseload each year includes dozens of felonies, including homicides, arsons, serious assaults and other major crimes committed on the state's Indian reservations. She also handles white-collar crime such as securities and tax fraud, as well as major drug conspiracies and serious gun offenses.

Roe chose to practice in Minnesota, in part, because more than 55,000 American Indian and Alaska Natives live there, making it the 13th largest statewide total in the nation. Of those, about 17,000 American Indians live on reservations within the state's boundaries. In addition to the significant Indian population, Minnesota is one of the few states where the federal government exercises criminal jurisdiction over crimes committed on Indian reservations. “Since I was a kid I always wanted to be a lawyer and practice Indian law,” she said. “I became a lawyer to help people, not to make money or be famous or powerful. I found that I can help people by practicing law in Indian country.”

Attending law school seemed to be out-of-reach while Roe was growing up. She moved from Kansas City to the Capital Region and lived in Cohoes and Catskill while her mother, a single parent, struggled to support and raise Roe and her sister through clerical and waitress jobs. “No one had ever graduated from high school in my family,” she said.

“I was lucky to have received wonderful opportunities along the way, beginning with Albany

Law School,” said Roe, who was one of just eight minority students among the roughly 220 students who entered law school with her in 1981. It was a time of change for the law school as it made efforts to ensure that the student body was more representative of the community at large.

At Albany Law, Roe was involved with the fledgling Minority Students Association and played the club sports of rugby and basketball. She graduated in 1984 and was a recipient of the national Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship, which allowed her to practice Indian law on the 11 Indian reservations of Wisconsin for three years. She handled education and employment discrimination lawsuits, hunting and fishing treaty rights and other cases on behalf of Wisconsin Indian tribes. That work led to a fellowship at Georgetown Law School, where she was a teaching fellow and earned a Master of Laws advanced degree in trial advocacy in 1989. She took the job of Assistant Federal Defender of Minnesota in 1989, and was appointed a District Court Judge by Gov. Jesse Ventura in 2001. In 2006 she resigned from the bench to accept the appointment as Federal Defender for the District of Minnesota.

The secret to her accomplishments has been the simple lesson of hard work that she learned as a youngster. “I'm very thorough and well-prepared and I have a passion about the work I do,” she said. In her spare time, Roe, who is open about being a lesbian, raises a 19-year-old son with her longtime female partner. The family enjoys skiing, hiking and canoeing.—*Paul Grondahl*



specializing in the area of alcohol-influenced operating offenses—in which he is a board-certified specialist—he teaches a course on criminal procedure and constitutional principles in the University of Rochester's political science department.

**Hon. Gregory A. Gates**, Binghamton, N.Y., celebrated his 10th year as a town justice.

**James Warren**, CEO of the National Bank of Cossackie, was named to the Board of Directors of Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson, N.Y.

## 1979

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**James Canfield**

joined Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, Syracuse, N.Y., as a member of a nationally-recognized tax, corporate and estate planning group of six lawyers. He focuses on corporate, banking, finance and creditors' rights law, and handles a wide array of transactional matters.

**Alan J. Pope** of Pope, Schrader & Murphy, LLP, Binghamton, N.Y., was elected chair of The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct.



**Larry P. Schiffer**, a partner with LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP, New York, N.Y., appears in *The International Who's Who of Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyers*, an extract from the 2006 edition of *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*. He was previously named in the 2005 edition of *Who's Who*.

**Carol D. Stevens**, Catskill, N.Y., was appointed to the board of directors of the County Attorneys' Association of the State of New York. She is the Greene County attorney.

## 1980

**Ronald G. Dunn** was elected as a College of Labor and Employment Lawyers fellow in Honolulu, Hawaii, concurrent with the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association. The College—established in 1995 through an initiative of the Council of The Section of Labor and Employment Law of The American Bar Association—is represented by more than 880 members in 42 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Canada.

## 1981

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**John J. Puig** is the manager of the new Albany, N.Y., office of RBC Capital Markets, the corporate and investment banking arm of RBC Financial Group of New York, N.Y. He also co-manages RBC's New York State Public Finance operation.

## 1982

**Christine M. Galvin** received the Excellence in Community Service Award from the South American Spanish Association, honoring her for her many contributions toward improving the lives of others by providing pro bono legal services to those in need. She is a partner with The Gordon Siegel Law Firm, Latham, N.Y.

## 1983

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**Jameson P. Wells**  
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**M. Cornelia Cahill** joined Albany-based Hiscock & Barclay as partner and co-chair of the firm's Public Finance Practice Area and is an active member of its Tax Practice Area.



**Timothy J. Fennell**, Oswego, N.Y., was elected to the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association as a member-at-large. He is a managing partner with Amdursky, Pelky, Fennell & Wallen, P.C.



**Robert W. Wilkins'** law firm, Berrocal & Wilkins, PA, merged with Jones, Foster,



Johnston & Stubbs, PA, making him a shareholder of the firm. The firm continues to practice under the name Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, PA, and operates offices in West Palm Beach and Jupiter, Fla.

## 1984

### CLASS AGENTS:

**Barbara D. Cottrell**  
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**Barbara A. Sheehan**  
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[bsheehan@nhcslaw.com](mailto:bsheehan@nhcslaw.com)

**Hon. Katherian Roe** was named to a four-year term as federal public defender of Minnesota. She previously served as Hennepin County District Judge.

## 1986

### CLASS AGENT:

**Gregory V. Serio**  
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**Patrick M. Sheller** was elected assistant secretary of Eastman Kodak Company. Sheller will continue his role as chief compliance officer, responsible for ensuring that Kodak's compliance programs and policies continue to meet the highest legal, regulatory and ethical standards, and monitoring the company's adherence to these standards.

**Jay Williams III**, Clinton, N.Y., is the author of two books on Welsh immigrant history, focusing on church histories. One book deals with immigrants in Central New York; the other features Welsh chapels throughout the world. He runs his own general practice and is a church pastor.

## 1987

### CLASS AGENT:

**Sean M. Doolan**  
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**Andrew Berdon** is a partner with the New York, N.Y., office of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges LLP. His practice focuses on the pharmaceutical industry, including patent litigation, FDA regulatory litigation, white collar criminal matters and commercial disputes.

## 1988

### CLASS AGENT:

**Christopher R. Lyons**  
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**David P. Miranda**, an attorney with Albany, N.Y.-based Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C., has been elected to the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association as a member-at-large.

## 1989

### CLASS AGENTS:

**Mark F. Cianza**  
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**Richard J. Miller Jr.**  
Morris & McVeigh LLP  
Albany, N.Y.

**Hon. Craig J. Doran**, Canandaigua, N.Y., was appointed Supervising Judge of Family Court in the Seventh Judicial District of New York State. He had served as Ontario County Court Judge since 1999, and founded and first presided over the Ontario County Felony Drug Treatment Court. He is also an associate professor at Keuka College, teaching upper level classes in the Adult Studies Criminal Justice Program, and is Legislative Chair for the New York State Association of County Court Judges.

**Paul Harding** was appointed to The Legal Project's honorary Board of Directors. The Legal Project—a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1995 by the Capital District Women's Bar Association—provides free and low-cost legal services to the working poor, domestic violence victims and other underserved individuals in Albany.

**John E. Higgins**, a labor and employment attorney with Nixon Peabody LLP and former adjunct professor at Albany Law, was appointed to the "Re-Capitalize Albany Advisory Committee" by Mayor Jerry Jennings. The Committee, which is comprised of a distinguished group of business, education, economic development and community leaders, is to craft a new vision for education, economic growth and neighborhood revitalization throughout the Capital Region.

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**Susan Hamlin Nasci** is a Family Court Support Magistrate in Onondaga County, N.Y.



**Suzanne Santemma** is the director of guest services at Ten Thousand Waves Japanese Health Spa and Resort, Santa Fe, N.M.

**Eileen M. Stack** was elected president of the Capital District Women's Bar Association for 2006-2007. She is a deputy counsel and bureau chief in the Office of Legal Affairs of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

## 1990

### CLASS AGENT:

**Jon A. Dorf**  
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**Anthony S. Maney**, partner at Maney, McConville & Liccardi, P.C., of East Greenbush, N.Y., was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Union Bank of Kinderhook and to the board of the Kinderhook Bank Corp.



**Heather J. Nowicki** received an M.B.A. from the University at Albany, completing the degree while working at the New York State Comptroller's Office as counsel to the 529 College Savings Program. In addition, she traveled to Argentina to study the country's peso crisis.

**Robert Steenbergh** is co-founder and CEO of MenuVantage, a web based resource for "menu selling" by automotive dealers, in Orlando. In 1997, he became head of Wizard Finance Systems, an automotive software company, which was acquired by Leaslink in 2001. He stayed on as president of Wizard under

an employment contract for an additional two years until founding MenuVantage in 2003. He started his career as a trial attorney in New York City.

## 1991

### CLASS AGENTS:

**Laura Hartman**  
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**William J. McCann Jr.**  
New York State Board  
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**Linda Clark**, a partner with Hiscock & Barclay LLP, Albany, N.Y., was named president-elect of the Capital District Women's Bar Association for 2006-2007.

**Michael Ranalli** was sworn in as Police Chief of Glenville, N.Y., in June. He also teaches constitutional law classes at the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy, Schenectady, and was previously a 22-year veteran of the Colonie Police Department.

## 1992

### CLASS AGENTS:

**Joseph P. Eriole**  
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**David Fernandez**  
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**Marc Album** joined the firm of Olver, Korts, Korona, Russell & Pericak LLP, Pittsford, N.Y., concentrating in residential and commercial real estate, with an emphasis in the representation of lenders, purchasers and sellers of residential properties.

**Christen Bruu** joined Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP, Rochester, N.Y., as an associate attorney in the firm's trusts and estates department. She concentrates in estate planning and administration.

**David Fernandez** joined the firm of Dorsey & Whitney LLP as a partner in its Public Finance, Corporate Trust and Banking, and Commercial Banking practice groups.

**Andrew M. Klein** launched his own firm, Klein Law Group PLLC, in Washington, D.C. The firm



provides clients with governmental affairs advice and representation, covering both telecom and energy issues, at both the state and federal levels.

**Patrick L. Seely Jr.** was recently named partner with the Latham, N.Y.-based firm of Hacker & Murphy LLP.

## 1994

### CLASS AGENT:

**Tracey I. Levy**  
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**Michelle Haskin**, principal with the Albany firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, was elected First Vice President of the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

**Matthew Herman** is a New York-based partner in the corporate group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions and capital markets.

# Three Children, A Multimillion Dollar Company, And Then Law School

Albany Law School was a 90-minute drive, each way, four days a week, from his office in Wappinger Falls, N.Y. The commute and law school were just a part of Michael S. Pascazi's '05 day. The balance of his time was spent at his lucrative fiber optic business, and with his wife Kathleen and three children, Marykate, Michael Jr. and Matthew, then ages 13 to 3.

It shaped his other interests as well: promoting his start-up company Legacy Biogenetics Group, which sells a consumer kit to collect and preserve human DNA for future health reasons; and seeking reparations for Romanian Holocaust victims.

But it didn't stop him from winding down his fiber optic business, or filing a \$20 billion class action suit against Verizon for allegedly wiretapping Americans without first obtaining search warrants.

With so much going on for Pascazi, why start law school at age 42? "I'm interested in Constitutional issues and human rights," Pascazi said. "I want to play a role in stopping violations of the laws of humanity."

That's the grand scheme. On the ground level, Pascazi said, "I'm a telecom expert. I'm an electrical engineer. My work as CEO of the fiber optic company typically required lawyers; I was always going back and forth with them. Now I handle my own legal work. Now the legal strategy is my decision to make. ..."

"Wouldn't it be great if I could help Holocaust victims get their 'stuff' back? Everything was taken from them or their families on their way to the camps. We have all seen the pictures. There are still countries that haven't yet paid reparations. I couldn't help before my training in the law. Now I can."

Calling himself a telecom expert who knows well the 750-page Telecom Act, Pascazi says the Verizon suit addresses the larger issues. "Can the U.S. President, by invoking the words 'national security,' effectively wipe out the other two branches of government?" He added his concern that "half the time members of Congress don't have the necessary security clearances to fully understand the issues they vote on."

## Riding the Fiber Optic Current

Pascazi speaks fondly of the "crazy" bull days of the telecom industry, when wildly overvalued firms hired his company to lay cables in Manhattan. "Many of these firms never wanted to enter Manhattan, like it was a foreign world with foreign rules. So they paid us handsomely to do the work. In some cases we were paid only a few months before they went bankrupt, when the bubble burst."

## Stem Cell Insurance

For a family law class with Professor Katheryn Katz, Pascazi wrote a paper on the laws around the world that address human cloning. "This led me



*Michael S. Pascazi*

to a simple premise. It's highly likely we'll have cures tomorrow for things currently incurable. If you don't have healthy DNA preserved before you get sick, you won't be able to help yourself or your family, regardless of the stem cell technology in the future."

Pascazi's DNA-preservation product is ready for sale. Now he's poised to begin a self-funded marketing campaign to a highly targeted market.

## More Pascazis at Albany Law?

Pascazi's 17-year-old college-bound daughter has an eye on attending law school. "I told her she has to look at Albany Law when it is time. It's small, collegial, everyone knows everyone. ... When you're there you feel that it's a unique atmosphere. One time I had a nasty toothache and needed to miss an exam. The Registrar's Office listened and we worked something out. Imagine that at another law school? I don't think so."—DS



**Steven D. Hurd** joined Proskauer Rose LLP, New York, N.Y., as senior counsel in its Labor and Employment Department.

**Paul J. Vallone** was a featured speaker at a United Way Emerging Leaders Society seminar. He is a partner with Hodgson Russ LLP, Buffalo, N.Y.



## 1995

### CLASS AGENTS:

**Erin L. Herbst**  
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**Jennifer P. Hughes**  
Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker  
Washington, D.C.  
jen389@hotmail.com

**John F. Harwick** was recently named partner with the Latham, N.Y.-based firm of Hacker & Murphy LLP.

**David E. Reid** joined EDFUND, a provider of student loan guaranty services, as general counsel and vice president of government relations. He was previously the deputy general counsel and director of government relations for the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation.

**Scott Reynolds** was recently named a partner at Lovells. Based in the firm's New York office, his practice focuses on international commercial litigation and securities litigation.

**James S. Rizzo** left his post as corporation counsel for the City of Rome, N.Y., to join the Utica, N.Y., law firm of Saunders, Kahler, Amoroso & Locke LLP.

**Julie Stein** is an advertising attorney for Avis and Budget car rental companies in Parsippany, N.J.

## 1996

**John M. Bagyi**, SPHR, member (partner) of the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, has been included in the latest edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*,<sup>®</sup> in the Management Labor and Employment Law Category. He is the youngest lawyer in New York State to receive this honor.



**Jennifer J. Corcoran** joined The Gordon, Siegel Law Firm, Latham, N.Y., as an of counsel attorney. She is the former deputy chief clerk of the Albany County Surrogate Court and most recently served as a member of O'Connell and Aronowitz.

**Elizabeth Dailey McManus** of Valatie, N.Y., joined The West Firm PLLC, in Albany.

**John T. Sly** is a partner at Waranch & Brown LLC, in Lutherville, Md., where he concentrates on medical malpractice defense for the University of Maryland Hospital System and Johns Hopkins. He also serves on the board of the Maryland Defense Counsel.

**Michael J. Tobin** of East Greenbush, N.Y., has been appointed as deputy general counsel to the state Insurance Department. He previously served the department as legislative counsel and drafted all department legislative initiatives.

**James S. Wolford** of Webster, N.Y., was named partner of the law firm Wolford & Leclair LLP. Prior to joining the firm in 2001, Wolford served as an assistant district attorney for Monroe County, N.Y.

## 1997

### CLASS AGENT:

**Darius Shahinfar**  
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**Alexander T. Leventhal** was appointed chief executive officer of New York, N.Y.-based Broadgate Consultants LLC, a leading strategic communications advisor and independent operating unit of D.F. King.

**John Vagianelis** was recently named partner with the firm of Segel Goldman Mazzotta & Siegel PC Albany. He specializes in real estate finance and development, municipal finance and general business law, with an emphasis on mortgage financing and affordable housing transactions.



**Courtney A. Wellar** joined Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, Syracuse, N.Y., as a business and tax attorney, representing clients in a variety of transactional matters.

## 1998

### CLASS AGENT:

**Yiselle Rodriguez Ruoso**  
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**David C. Hepp** was recently named partner by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Based in New York, N.Y., he focuses on investment management.

## 1999

### CLASS AGENT:

**Jason N. Cooper**  
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**Krishna N. O'Neal** is an agency attorney with the New York City Police Department where she prosecutes disciplinary cases brought against officers. She was previously a prosecutor in the Queens County District Attorney's Office and a law guardian for children in the Bronx Family Court.

## 2000

### CLASS AGENT:

**Kevin Harp**  
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**Justina Cintron Perino**, a senior staff attorney at Albany Law's Government Law Center, has been named chair of the New York State Bar Association's 4,300-member Young Lawyers Section. She also recently served as editor of a new book published by the American Bar Association entitled *Citizen Oversight of Law Enforcement*—the first book in this field to explore legal issues involved in police oversight.



## Living and Lawyering in Paris

On July 14—Bastille Day, a national holiday in France—Dana Anagnostou '94 was in her Paris law office catching up on email. Her French colleagues think she's a bit nuts to put in that sort of extra time, on a holiday no less, but her American work habits die hard—even after eight years spent living and working as a Parisian.

Anagnostou has brought her 6-year-old twins to the deserted law office two blocks from the Champs d'Élysees, and two more of her five kids, a 3-year-old and a 5-month-old. Her 9-year-old has gone on ahead with her husband by ferry across the Strait of Gibraltar in advance of their two-week summer vacation in Africa. Anagnostou will fly with the other four kids and rendezvous two days in Morocco, her husband's homeland.

"My life gets pretty hectic, but it's so rich and full I don't ever see myself living anywhere else," said Anagnostou, who grew up in Schenectady, N.Y., and met her husband in Paris in 1989. She was an undergraduate student at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, majoring in French; he was a student at a French engineering school. They married in 1990 and relocated to the Capital Region as she entered Albany Law School and he enrolled at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. They promised themselves that one day they'd return to live in Paris and raise their family.

Anagnostou credits Professor James Redwood with helping to clear the first hurdle en route to Paris by polishing her interviewing

skills through mock interviews, videotaping and critiques.

Anagnostou landed a job in the New York office of Rogers & Wells, an international law firm with a large Paris office. Within four years, she made it to Paris, but a year later, in 1999, Rogers & Wells merged with Clifford Chance. The Paris partners decided to split off and join Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, a New York firm which Anagnostou joined. She works there as counsel and enjoys the feel of a small firm with a sophisticated corporate practice.

Her workload includes international corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, securities, structured finance and technology law. She was admitted to the French bar in 2004. "I practice more general law than if I had stayed in New York," she said. "I'm happy to be in that middle stage where I'm not traveling a lot doing due diligence trips, but I'm also not a big rainmaker rushing around the world getting new clients, either. I'll hopefully make partner one day, but counsel's good for now."

As a mother of five young children, Anagnostou said her law firm supports her efforts to balance work and home. "I made a decision when we came to Paris that my career was going to serve my life and not the other way around," said Anagnostou, who works four days a week so she can stay home with her kids one day. Anagnostou and her husband live in a small house with a garden plot in a Paris suburb, just 20 minutes from her office. "I've learned not to be a space hog living here," she said.

Each day, she falls in love with Paris all over again. "I look at the Eiffel Tower on my way to the office and when I come out of the



*Dana Anagnostou and four of her five children.*

Metro, I see the Arc de Triomphe. It's so beautiful, and the French know how to create a life that's more integrated and balanced than the American way," she said.

Still, she relishes trips back to the States every year or two to see her parents in Florida. "I'm very happy with my work and life here, and we're in Paris for the long haul," she said.

Getting used to the French way of litigation was easier than she anticipated. "It's much quicker, more efficient and more streamlined than cases you'd see in New York," she said. Anagnostou hasn't entirely broken free of her New York state of mind, though. "I'll leave my number at the office before I go on vacation, call Japan at two in the morning, or check my email late at night," she said. "I think it's perfectly normal for a New York attorney, but my French colleagues look at me like I've got three heads."

—Paul Grondahl

**"I think it's perfectly normal for a New York attorney, but my French colleagues look at me like I've got three heads."**

## From Gannett Paperboy to Labor Relations Chief, Van Lare Manages 88 Union Contracts



Wendell Van Lare

Appointed Senior Vice President of labor relations this summer for the nation's largest newspaper publisher, Gannett Co., Wendell Van Lare '72 oversees 78 union contracts for newspapers and 10 for television stations. Gannett owns 90 daily newspapers and nearly 1,000 non-daily publications in the U.S., as well as 22 television stations.

With 13 percent of the 50,000 Gannett employees organized, Van Lare's small office of three lawyers—separate from the company's law department—

could be at any one time negotiating eight different contracts, handling several grievance arbitrations and litigating matters before the National Labor Relations Board.

"I love newspapers," Van Lare said, joking that he's the only senior executive who worked for the late Frank Gannett. "In 1957 I was a 12-year-old kid delivering the afternoon paper in Rochester, N.Y."

Van Lare helped ring the New York Stock Exchange opening bell on June 6, 2006, to celebrate Gannett's 100th anniversary, where he's worked for the past 29 years.

The New York State native started law school in 1967, describing the time as unsettled. "The war was at full tilt and we were all red meat for the draft," he said. Opting for Navy OCS, he served as an officer in the Navy for two years before returning to Albany Law to finish years two and three.

After law school he worked for the Rochester, N.Y., law firm of Harter, Secrest and Emery. Van Lare recalls reading a news article in 1977 announcing the departure of Gannett's labor law director. At the time the publisher had not yet moved from Rochester, N.Y., to McLean, Va., where it relocated in 1985 to be closer to its flagship paper *USA Today*.

### The Shift of Union Power

Through his years in the field Van Lare has seen the power shift from labor to management. While many forces contributed to this, Van Lare cites the dramatic changes in newspaper technology. At the same time, Van Lare noted, "the field of employment law has grown tremendously," keeping his in-house "boutique" very busy.

Through most of his time at Gannett, Van Lare worked with fellow Albany Law alumnus Thomas Chapple '73, the corporation's general counsel who retired earlier this year. "We were friends since law school, when we worked on *Law Review* together."

Van Lare recently accepted a two-year term as chair of the Newspaper Association of America Employee Relations Committee.—DS

**Catherine M. Hedgeman** is a lobbyist in the Government Relations group of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP Albany, N.Y.

**John R. Vero** joined the law firm Couch White LLP, Albany, N.Y., after six years at Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP.

### 2001

#### CLASS AGENT:

**Ryan T. Donovan**  
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& Maguire, PC  
Menands, N.Y.  
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**Ryan T. Donovan** was appointed as a town justice for Bethlehem, N.Y. He also serves on Albany Law's National Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**Jill Novak Smith** joined the Albany office of Hiscock & Barclay LLP as an associate attorney concentrating in the areas of commercial litigation, torts, insurance and products liability defense, and creditors' rights.



**Hon. Christopher Wilcox** was appointed town justice for Clarkson, N.Y., and is a practicing attorney with Klafehn & Heise, Brockport, N.Y.

### 2002

#### CLASS AGENT:

**Amy Kellogg**  
Harter Secrest & Emery  
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**Meghan M. Mahaney** is an associate at Hiscock & Barclay LLP, Syracuse, N.Y., and is a mem-



ber of a nationally-recognized tax, corporate and estate planning group of six lawyers now working for the firm. She is in the process of earning her LL.M. in taxation from the University of Florida, and focuses on the areas of tax-driven business transactions, partnership tax issues, and individual wealth and tax estate planning.

### 2003

**Carin M. Cardinale** joined the law firm of Tuczinski, Cavalier, Burstein & Collura, P.C., Albany, N.Y., as an associate attorney.

### 2004

#### CLASS AGENT:

**Crystal Doolity**  
Cioffi, Slezak, Wildgrube, P.C.  
Niskayuna, N.Y.  
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**Eric A. Stewart** has become an associate in the Albany, N.Y., law firm of Pierro & Associates, LLC. Stewart will focus his practice in the areas of trusts and estates, elder law and estate litigation.

**Corinne Wainwright**, Hoboken, N.J., is an associate with Rivkin Radler LLP.



## 2005

**Monica M. Agosto**, Catskill, N.Y., is an associate in the law office of Sean Doolan, Greene County.

**Gina L. Demuria** is the Domestic Violence court prosecutor in the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

**Colin J. Donnaruma**, associate attorney with the firm of O'Connel and Aronowitz, Albany, N.Y., was elected to the board of directors for the Capital Region chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

**Erika L. Sellar** joined Hancock & Estabrook LLP, Syracuse, N.Y.



**Allen Zoracki** reports that his article, "When is an Algorithm Invented? The Need for a New Paradigm for Evaluating an Algorithm for Intellectual Property Protection"—published in the *Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology*—was cited in the Federal Circuit Bar Association's amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings v. Metabolite Laboratories, Inc.*, and *Competitive Technologies, Inc.*

## MARRIAGES &amp; BIRTHS

## 1989

**Hon. Julie Breslow** and husband Larry Hanauer welcomed a son, Carter Jackson, on Jan. 13, 2006.

**Susan Hamlin Nasci** and John Nasci had a son, Gaetano, on June 21, 2006.

## 1996

**Julie Stein** married Brett Beauchamp on Oct. 1, 2005, in Rochester, N.Y.

## 1998

**Mary (Nickerson) Christofferson** and Scott Christofferson welcomed their second son, Nicolas, on May 4, 2006.

## 2000

**Jessica Brenes** married James M. McClory on April 28, 2006, in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

## 2001

**Alissa Yohey** and husband Christopher Templeton had a son, Aidan James, on Nov. 18, 2005.

## 2002

**Lauri Ontiveros-Bermudez** and Hector Bermudez welcomed a daughter, Isabella Grace, on April 30, 2005.

# Madigan '78 to Take NYSBA Reins Next Summer

Kathryn Grant Madigan '78 is adding the title of president-elect of the 72,000-member New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) to her long list of career accomplishments.

But her real claim to fame: She captained and founded the women's rugby team in 1976. She also played in the men's basketball league. "Women represented less than a quarter of the class, unlike today," Madigan recalls, noting that she had to recruit additional women ruggers from RPI, SUNY Albany and Russell Sage to field a full team. She is delighted that the team is still active.



*Kathryn Grant Madigan*

A partner in the Binghamton law firm Levene Gouldin & Thompson, Madigan will take the office as bar president on June 1, 2007. As the current president-elect, she chairs the House of Delegates and co-chairs the President's Committee on Access to Justice, formed to help ensure civil legal representation is available to the poor.

"I encounter fellow alumni on a regular basis in my travels," said Madigan. "I am very proud to be part of the Albany Law tradition. We have an outstanding faculty and a collegial culture that is unique. Our alumni in the Southern Tier include some of the finest jurists on the federal and state bench as well as practitioners who have truly distinguished themselves in their areas of practice."

Early in Madigan's career she won the 1987 NYSBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. In 2000 she received Albany Law's Kate Stoneman Award and is currently listed in *America's Best Lawyers*.

Her affinity for the law school extends to its dean and president Thomas Guernsey. "I have tremendous admiration for Dean Guernsey and his vision for the future of Albany Law School. We are in good hands."

Madigan has been a member of the House of Delegates for 20 years, is a Life Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation and chair of the Sixth District Fellows, and served 13 years on the Executive Committee. She was also the first woman and the youngest person to serve as president of the Broome County Bar Association.

She's chaired the NYSBA Membership Committee and the Elder Law Section, and led the section's Litigation Task Force, which recommended the historic NYSBA v. Reno lawsuit.

Outside of the law, Madigan is active in many community and civic organizations, including serving as a trustee of the Binghamton University Foundation and former Chair of the Harpur Forum. She is also trustee and past chair of the United Health Services Foundation.

Madigan has two sons, R. James (Jeb), a first year at Cornell Law School and Grant, a fourth year student at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto.—*Kris Ross*



Rev. Dorothy Burton Pearman

## A Calling Above the Law

Growing up in Canastota, a village of 4,000 in New York's Madison County, Rev. Dorothy Burton Pearman '85 felt a call to ministry in the Presbyterian Church. But she ignored the spiritual stirring throughout her high school years and beyond. "This was the early 1970s, I'd never met a woman minister, and since it wasn't a particularly cool thing to do, I chose a different path," she recalled.

That road led to Albany Law School, where she focused on her courses instead of her calling. "I think it would surprise my friends at Albany Law School that I went into ministry," she said.

For the past two years, Pearman has been pastor at Maryvale Drive Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, where she leads a congregation of 180 members. She also continues to do legal work on ecclesiastical matters for the Presbytery of Western New York, where she is a member of the board of trustees. Typical cases involve disciplinary issues, status of pastors, as well as various aspects concerning congregations and governance. Occasionally, she has been called upon to argue legal issues before the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Northeast, which is akin to the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division.

"It's like I have a toggle switch in my brain and I can switch over from how I do my work as a pastor to attacking a legal matter before the

**"It's like I have a toggle switch in my brain and I can switch over from how I do my work as a pastor to attacking a legal matter before the Presbytery like a lawyer. . . . The training I received in law school doesn't go away."**

Presbytery like a lawyer," she said. "The training I received in law school doesn't go away."

Pearman remembered she particularly enjoyed her Tax and Labor Law courses, but considered Uniform Commercial Code one of her most difficult. "I had a business degree when I went into law school and thought I was going to be a labor lawyer," Pearman said. She completed an internship with the Communication Workers of America in New York City and upon graduation went to work at the Legal Aid Society of Westchester County doing criminal defense work.

After three years with Legal Aid, she established a private practice in New Rochelle and later moved to Buffalo, where she also started her own law practice. At the same time, she became executive director of Attorney Access, Inc., a not-for-profit Bar Association sponsored program to increase the number of minority attorneys in private law firms of Erie County. The spiritual stirring grew stronger.

"Instead of ignoring my call to ministry again, I explored the call, did a lot of soul-searching, prayed and met with my pastor before deciding to join,"

Pearman said. Nine years after finishing law school, she enrolled at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and earned a master of divinity degree. She decided she couldn't do both ministry and law and stepped down from her Buffalo law firm.

"I find that there are some similarities between the law and the ministry," Pearman said. "As a Legal Aid lawyer, a big part of my job was social work and as a pastor, I do a lot of counseling. The oratorical skills, writing skills and social skills I developed as a lawyer all carry over into ministry, as well."

Pearman, who is divorced, juggles pastoral duties with raising her two children, Robert, 18, a high school senior, and Laura, 14, a freshman. As she prepares a sermon for Sunday services, aspects of her law school training filter in. "Delivering a sermon is a storytelling exercise as opposed to laying out an argument in court, but there are similarities," she said. "I miss some things about working as a lawyer. I used to love picking a jury because I could weed out their prejudices easily. I do miss it, but I've chosen a life that's far more rewarding." —Paul Grondahl

# IN MEMORIAM

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## 1931

**William H. Mountain Jr.** of Olean, N.Y., and Naples, Fla., passed away May 26, 2005. He is survived by his son, Hon. William H. Mountain III '72.

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## 1936

**Ernest Abdella**, 90, of Gloversville, N.Y., passed away on Jan. 25, 2006. He is survived by three children and seven grandchildren, including son George Abdella '69 and grandson Robert Abdella '00. The three alumni practiced together in Gloversville.

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## 1937

**Rev. Hon. Morton M.Z. Lynn**, 90, of Albany, N.Y., died on April 20, 2006. He had practiced law in Albany for many years, specializing in business law, and then served as a justice of Albany City Court, a judicial hearing officer in the State Supreme Court, and a hearing officer for the state comptroller. He had long been an ordained minister and, on retirement from his judicial positions, became the full-time associate pastor of Reach Out Fellowship in Colonie. He was active in various legal associations, including the American, New York State, Albany County and Rensselaer County Bar Associations, as well as many fraternal, social and civic organizations. An Albany resident for 70 years, he is survived by his wife of 56 years, Verna.

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## 1938

**Hon. Raymond J. Zierak**, 92, of Amsterdam, N.Y., passed away April 3, 2006. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and Veteran of World War II, where he served in the Pacific Theatre with the 3rd Marine Air Wing. After the war, he began a private law practice, which he continued until a few years before his death. He also served as city court judge in Amsterdam for 24 years, an assistant attorney general for the State of New York, and counsel to the Polish Consulate for several years. He was active in community affairs and was a member and past president of the Montgomery County Bar Association, Galway Lake Association, the American Legion and the Montgomery County Republican Club.

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## 1946

**Carl S. Salmon**, 84, of Manzanita, Ore., passed away July 2, 2005. He started practicing law with his father Carl Sr. under the name Salmon & Salmon LLP. The practice continues today and is run by sons Del and James F. Salmon '75. He served as chairman of the former Civil Service Commission and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Former Farmers National Bank. He also served for several years as the village attorney for Broadalbin and on the ARC Board of Liberty Enterprises.

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## 1947

**Dan W. Bannister**, 84, of Springfield, Ill., passed away March 27, 2006. He graduated from Indiana University before serving as a cryptographer with the U.S. Army in World War II. After graduating from Albany Law he worked in insurance management for 35 years, including 13 years at Horace Mann Educators Corp. Other positions held include vice president of Commercial Credit Corp. in Baltimore, Md., and president and chief executive officer of Gulf Insurance in Dallas, Texas. He was involved with the Lincoln Legal Papers Project and, as a volunteer legal researcher, briefed Lincoln's cases before the Illinois Supreme Court. He also authored two books: *Lincoln and the Illinois Supreme Court* and *Lincoln and the Common Law*.

**Francis J. (Bud) Keehan**, 87, of Brookline, N.H., died on March 10, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II and practiced law at the firm of Leary, Fullerton, and Sweeney in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., for 10 years. He went on to work for the New York State Department of Law for 35 years, retiring as an Assistant Attorney General with the Environmental Protection Bureau. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Beverly McNeary Keehan.

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## 1949

**Hon. John B. Leonard**, 83, of Morristown, N.Y., and Ormond Beach, Fla., passed away March 4, 2006. He served in the U.S. Army for three years during World War II before attending Albany Law School. He was appointed special city judge for Ogdensburg, N.Y., in 1954, began his own practice in 1962, and was appointed city judge of Ogdensburg in 1968. In 1970 he was appointed to the Departmental Committee for Court Administration of the New York State Appellate Division of the Supreme Court and in 1975 was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers by invitation of the college's Board of Regents. He was also a former president of the St. Lawrence County Bar Association and served on the board of directors of Ogdensburg Trust Co. and A. Barton Hepburn Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Elizabeth Elliott Leonard.

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## 1950

**William J. Murphy**, 79, of Loudonville, N.Y., died Feb. 28, 2006. He practiced law for 55 years, acting as senior counsel with the firm Murphy, Burns, Barber and Murphy LLP for the past 10 years. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was honorably discharged in 1946, and thereafter attended Albany Law School. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dorris, and his eight children—including Norah M. Murphy '87.



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**1951**

**Robert E. Heath**, 79, of Holley, N.Y., died Jan. 17, 2006. He had practiced law for 50 years, joining his grandfather and father in Heath and Heath after receiving his law degree, and continued to practice law with his son, Jeffrey R. Martin '81. He served as a county, school and town attorney; was a member of the American Bar Association, New York Bar Association, House of Delegates, Trust and Real Estate Division and a past president of the Orleans County Bar Association. He also served on the boards of directors for the American Red Cross and Lakeside Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife Helen.

**1954**

**Harry T. Shamlian**, 76, of Niskayuna, N.Y., died June 28, 2006. He operated a private law practice in Troy for most of his professional career. He also served as legal consultant for the New York State Department of Municipal Affairs, administrative hearing officer for the New York State Department of Health, deputy corporation counsel for the city of Troy, and

for 11 years preceding his retirement as Rensselaer County Family Court 1st Support Magistrate. He was a member of the Rensselaer County and New York State Bar Associations and a member of the Rensselaer County Bar Grievance Committee. He is survived by his wife Lucille (Dolly) Chichakian.

**1955**

**Hon. Edward D. Hayes**, of Canandaigua, N.Y., passed away May 18, 2006. He was retired from the U.S. Court of International Trade, New York, United States Bankruptcy Court. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth.

**1956**

**Glen N. Armitage**, 75, of Ballston Spa, N.Y., passed away March 16, 2006. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and Reserves for 21 years, retiring in 1990. He was an assistant attorney general for the State of New York in Albany for 11 years before opening his own practice in Clifton Park.

**1957**

**Laurence F. DeLucia**, 73, of Clifton Park, N.Y., died on June 8, 2006. He was in the U.S. Army, serving in the Judge Advocate General Corps and was appointed a state assistant attorney general in November 1959 in the Law Department. He resigned to become law clerk in the Saratoga County Surrogate Court and later law

clerk to Saratoga County State Supreme Court Justice Robert Doran, retiring in 1994. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Elizabeth Gail Horan DeLucia.

**1960**

**George F. Roesch III**, 72, of Middletown, N.Y., passed away on April 29, 2006. While at Albany Law School, he was a member of the Justinian Society and the Order of the Coif. Professionally, he was a member of the New York Bar Association and the Orange County Bar Association from which he received the John McBride Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004. An active leader in community service and volunteerism, he is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sheila.

**1961**

**Jeremy V. Cohen**, 70, of Scottsdale, Ariz., passed away July 8, 2006. He retired in 2001 after 40 years of practicing labor relations and employment law in the Buffalo, N.Y., area. Among his career highlights was the opportunity to argue the Buffalo Forge "sympathy strike" case before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976. He was also a recipient of the American Arbitration Association's Whitney North Seymour Award for the "responsible use of arbitration" and the Citizen of the Year award from the Industrial Relations Research Association of Western New York.

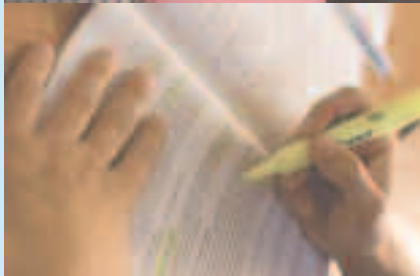
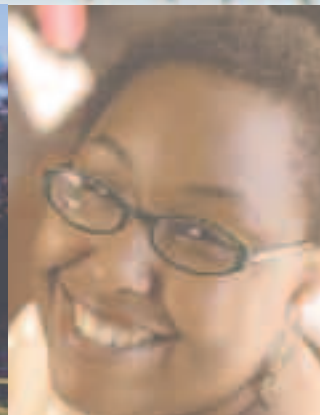
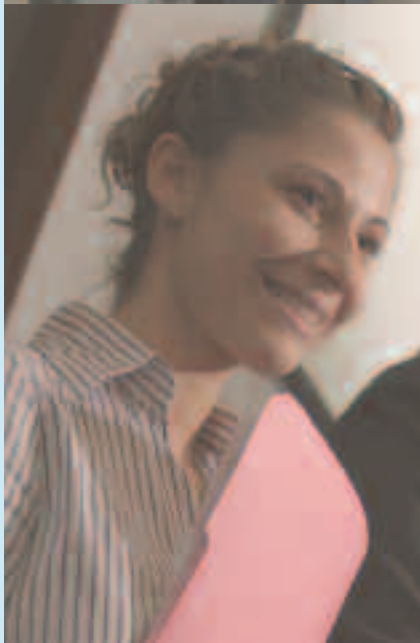
**1978**

**Martin C. Prinner**, 52, LaGrange, N.Y., died Dec. 12, 2005. He was an attorney in Poughkeepsie N.Y., for 26 years.



**1984**

**Christine Kirwin Krackeler**, 61, of Menands, N.Y., passed away on May 14, 2006. She clerked in the Appellate Division's Third Department before going into private law practice, where she specialized in research, writing and appeals, most recently as a founding partner of D'Agostino, Krackeler, Baynes and Maguire. She was admitted to the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, argued in front of the New York State Court of Appeals, the Federal Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. She was selected a Best Lawyer in America in 2006. She also served on the North Colonie School Board as President, and was on the Board of Trustees of Maria College in Albany and the Board of Capital Repertory Theater in Albany. She is survived by her husband Robert J. Krackeler.



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As Dean Guernsey reported in his June letter, Albany Law School has succeeded in achieving great accomplishments over the past few years, enabling Albany Law to progress ever closer toward the goals the Dean, the Board of Trustees and the faculty have set. Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of our many volunteers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Barrister and National Alumni Association volunteer; Reunion Giving Chairs; Associate Dean and Faculty Chair Connie Mayer; and Staff Chair Connie Rohloff and her staff annual fund committee for their leadership in helping the Albany Law School Fund achieve such success.

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Amasa Parker was a graduate of Union College and founding father of Albany Law School. He had a distinguished career in the New York State Assembly, United States Congress and Justice of the New York State Supreme Court.

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### Jane and Theodore Norman Scholarship

Gregory Mandel, Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship at Albany Law, established the Jane and Theodore Norman Scholarship in honor of his grandparents. Realizing the growing need our students have to be able to afford law school, Dean Mandel restricted scholarship recipients to minority students with financial need.

### Dawn M. Chamberlaine Scholarship

A long-time administrator at Albany Law School, Dawn Chamberlaine was Associate Dean of Admissions, overseeing admissions and financial aid. Dean Chamberlaine enjoyed a wonderful relationship with many students whom she got to know and helped at the Law School. Realizing first hand the impact scholarships had on the ability for students to attend Albany Law, Dean Chamberlaine established her scholarship. Recipients of the Chamberlaine Scholarship must demonstrate significant financial need and be in good academic standing.

### Fred L. Emerson Scholarship

Albany Law School received a \$50,000 grant from the Fred L. Emerson Foundation, Inc. The Scholarship will permanently provide annual scholarships to Albany Law students from Cayuga County. Preference will also be given to students from Onondaga County if there are no eligible students from Cayuga County.

### John M. Finnerty '65 Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of John Finnerty '65 by his family, in tribute for his service as a Steuben County Judge for almost 12 years and for being widely respected for his innovation, his integrity and his insight into legal principles. It is preferred that recipients of the John M. Finnerty '65 Memorial Scholarship be students from the Steuben and Chemung counties in New York state.

### David Greenberg Memorial Scholarship

The David Greenberg Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of David Greenberg, Esq., by Patricia Salkin '88, Associate Dean and Director of the Government Law Center at Albany Law, and Howard Salkin. Scholarship recipients will demonstrate potential to succeed at Albany Law with preference given to students who reside or have resided in Rockland County, New York.





# Scholarships & Fellowships

Each year Albany Law School awards more than \$4 million in scholarships funded by alumni, friends and other sources. Fellowships and assistantships are also awarded. Deans' and Founders' scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic promise as demonstrated by the candidate's undergraduate grade-point average and LSAT score. Diversity scholarships are awarded to students with unusual backgrounds including those who historically have been underrepresented in the legal profession. These three-year scholarships—established by the Board of Trustees for entering students—honor Justice Kenneth S. MacAffer, former chairman of the Board of Trustees; former deans Andrew V. Clements, Harold D. Alexander, J. Newton Fiero and Samuel M. Hesson; and Justice Isadore Bookstein, lecturer and former trustee.

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### *The Dewar Scholarship*

Created with a grant from the Dewar Foundation, Inc., this scholarship is awarded to deserving students based on their financial need and/or academic merit. Recipients must be graduates of Oneonta, N.Y., Senior High School.

### *Elizabeth F. & Russell A. Freeman '57 Scholarship*

Established by Elizabeth and Russell Freeman in 1997, this scholarship is designed to assist students with financial need.

### *Judge R. Waldron Herzberg '33 and Ruth Miller Herzberg Memorial Scholarship*

Established by the bequest of Ruth Miller Herzberg, this scholarship is awarded to a student demonstrating financial need.

### *Constance M. Jones Memorial Scholarship*

Constance Jones was a woman of boundless energy who was devoted to many worthwhile community causes. Upon her passing, her husband, E. Stewart Jones Jr. '66, established this medallion scholarship in her memory. The Constance Jones Scholarship will provide perpetual support to Albany Law School students, preferably women, who live in the general Capital Region area.

### *E. Stewart Jones Sr. '35 Memorial Scholarship*

This medallion scholarship at Albany Law School was established by the family and friends of E. Stewart Jones Sr. '35, a distinguished, nationally renowned lawyer whose career spanned 60 years. Jones Scholars will be chosen on the basis of merit with preference given to applicants from Rensselaer, Albany or Saratoga Counties.

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Established by bequest of Eleanor Lieberman in 1995, in memory of her husband, Percy Lieberman, Class of 1925. This fellowship benefits students pursuing public and municipal law.

### *Arthur F. Mathews '62 Memorial Scholarship*

This medallion scholarship honors Arthur F. Mathews, Class of 1962, former trustee and preeminent securities law practitioner. It was established by family and friends, with special support from his colleagues at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. It is awarded based on merit.

### *The Singleton Scholarships*

Established in September 1996 by bequest of Stephanie Singleton Husted, in memory of her husband, Harry H. Singleton, Class of 1927. These scholarships provide assistance to Albany Law School students based on financial need and academic merit.

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