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SUNY NanoCollege and Albany Law Create First-of-its-Kind Program for NanoTech Education

Albany Law School announced a partnership with the SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) that will allow students to work with startup companies, help develop products from idea to commercialization, work in a Tech Transfer Practicum and extern at the CNSE Office of Technology Innovation and Commercialization. The partnership is considered the first of its kind in the country.

“We are excited to embark on this partnership with the prestigious Albany Law School to create a one-of-a-kind program that will further enhance New York’s ecosystem for nanotechnology-based entrepreneurship and set the stage for retaining top talent and attracting business and investment growth that will benefit our region and state,” said Dr. Pradeep Haldar, CNSE Vice President of Entrepreneurship Innovation and Clean Energy Programs and Head of CNSE’s Nanoeconomics Constellation.

Through the program, both CNSE and Albany Law will foster a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that will assemble the experience, knowledge and expertise of each institution’s faculty and staff, as well as practitioners and experts in the Capital Region, to create training opportunities, joint classes and collaborative projects, all intersecting with technology, entrepreneurship, and the law, which will be issued jointly by CNSE and Albany Law.

“We look forward to this collaboration with the globally recognized SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering,” said Penelope (Penny) Andrews, President & Dean, Albany Law School. “These are important partnerships for the school. This kind of program helps us create the educational and professional conditions for our students to develop an entrepreneurial sense of their careers.”

Led by Professor Ray Brescia, director of the Government Law Center, portions of the program will be implemented over the next five years, with more than 200 students expected to be trained in the scientific, commercial and legal aspects of nanoentrepreneurship, simultaneously strengthening the network of alumni, faculty, engineers, entrepreneurs and practicing attorneys involved with the nanoscale industry in the Capital Region and throughout New York State. Additionally, the program aims to attract top engineering, business and law students to the region to enhance enrollment at both institutions.

Kathryn D. Katz Fellowship Program: A Partnership with The Legal Project

A new partnership between the Clinic & Justice Center and The Legal Project will provide a unique opportunity for Albany Law students and recent graduates to receive specialized training and experience to work directly with domestic violence victims seeking help in Family Court or in obtaining a divorce from their abuser. They will also develop capacity in other legal issues that often impact the lives of domestic violence victims such as housing, bankruptcy, immigration and tax burdens.

Named in memory of Professor Kathryn D. Katz, the initiative has a three-part pipeline: law school in-house clinical practice; law student placements; and two-year, paid Post Graduate Fellowships. The next phase will be for the Fellows to staff a new public interest incubator program, providing free and reduced fee representation in matrimonial and family law cases. Lorraine R. Silverman ’05 is managing attorney for the program and Gracja Nowak ’13 is the program’s first Fellow. Kayla Molinaro ’14 will begin her fellowship in the fall.

The program receives funding through a grant by the New York State Office of Court Administration, and, with leadership from Trustee Paul Harding ’89, the funding has been enhanced through the support of private firms and businesses, including the family of Professor Katz. Albany Law and The Legal Project are seeking additional resources to expand the initiative, ultimately establishing an incubator to employ and help develop early career attorneys.

Founding sponsors include the firms of Martin, Harding & Mazzotti, LLP; Deily & Glastetter LLP; O’Connell & Aronowitz, P.C.; LaFave, Wein & Frament, PLLC; McNamee Lochner Titus & Williams, P.C.; Hacker Murphy, LLP; Tabner Ryan & Keniry LLP; and Mack & Associates, PLLC.

MELISSA RENZI/SUNY CNSE

Professor Brescia talking to students in the class this spring at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering.

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Federal Judges Visit the Clinic to Kick-Off Field Placement Program

A new immigration initiative by Albany Law School’s Clinic & Justice Center brought four federal judges onto the campus to meet with students and faculty and discuss the current issues students may face working in immigration law.

The immigrant’s rights initiative offers a field placement for second- or third-year students to directly represent immigrants facing removal proceedings while incarcerated within New York’s Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS). The students will work under the supervision of an attorney from Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York.

Coordinated in part by Professor Nancy Maurer, the judges who attended the event included Robert Katzmann, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; Denny Chin, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; Roger F. Sagerman, Immigration Judge, Ulster County and Downstate; and Robert D. Weisel, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, New York. Judge Victoria Graffeo, N.Y. State Court of Appeals, joined the judges for lunch after the campus sessions hosted by President & Dean Penelope (Penny) Andrews.

Faculty members involved in the initiative with Professor Maurer, co-director of the Clinic & Justice Center, include Mary Lynch, who directs the Domestic Violence Prosecution

From left, Judge Chin, Judge Sagerman, Judge Katzmann and Judge Weisel.

Hybrid Clinic; Sarah Rogerson, who directs the Family Violence Litigation Clinic and Immigration Project; Christian Sundquist, who teaches immigration law; Nancy Ota, who taught the school’s first immigration law course; Rosemary Queenan, associate dean of student affairs; and Laurie Shanks, who directs the Semester in Practice program.

Joanne Macri ’94, Director, Regional Initiatives, Office of Indigent Legal Services, and Karen Murtaugh ’85, Exec. Dir. of Prisoners’ Legal Services, helped with the event and to secure the placement of students.

Government Law Center Administers Milestone Mediation Program for Citizen Complaints Against Police

The Albany Police Department and the Albany Police Officers Union announced a new mediation program this year, which will be administered by the Government Law Center and the Albany Citizens’ Police Review Board.

The program is expected to improve relations between the police and community, as well as save the city money, according to speakers at an October 2013 press conference at the Law School, which included Dean Penelope (Penny) Andrews, GLC Director Ray Brescia, then mayor Gerald Jennings, Chief of Police Steven Krokoff and Reverend Edward Smart, who is chair of the Police Review Board.

“A lot of citizen complaints are prompted by the way they perceive the officer had treated them,” said Sharmaine Moseley, coordinator of the CPRB for the Government Law Center. “A conversation between the two parties with a mediator will go a long way to resolving disputes.”

Along with coordinating the mediation program, the GLC provides for the Review Board: coordination of the Board’s ongoing program of public education, quarterly and annual reports, assistance drafting the Board’s bylaws and procedures, and managing a list of independent investigators for cases alleging excessive use of force.

“We think it’s a great partnership and the only one of its kind in the country,” said David Rozen ’10, a Review Board member and legislative counsel for N.Y. State Senator Michael Gianaris.

Connecting with the Business Community through the Business Review

In an effort to further connect with the business community, Albany Law School hosted a Business Review networking event that attracted more than 225 members of the business community. Right, Dean Andrews, with Business Review publisher Carolyn Jones, addresses the crowd.
James Benedict Receives School’s Highest Alumnus Award, Judge Richard Eaton Earns Dean’s Medal

A humbled James Benedict ’74 told a crowd in New York City that while he has worked with many smart attorneys throughout his career, he never met an attorney who received better law school training than him. Benedict was awarded the Trustees’ Gold Medal at a New York City alumni reception in January. The Honorable Richard K. Eaton ’74, coincidentally Benedict’s housemate during law school, received the inaugural Dean’s Medal at the event.

Benedict, a member of the Board of Trustees, is a partner in the New York office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, chairman of the firm’s Litigation & Arbitration Group and head of its Securities Litigation Practice Group.

Jim Kelly ’83, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, presented the award, recognizing Benedict’s generosity to the school and particularly his affinity for hiring Albany Law grads—more than a dozen over the years. “There is an entire contingency of Albany Law School graduates at Milbank. Jim has instituted a pathway for Albany Law grads to join one of the most prestigious Wall Street firms in the world. This would not be the case were it not for Jim,” Kelly said.

The Trustees’ Gold Medal is the highest accolade given by Albany Law School to an outstanding individual. The award honors longstanding and exceptional commitment to Albany Law School.

President & Dean Penelope Andrews presented the Dean’s Medal to Judge Richard Eaton ’74, U.S. Court of International Trade. Established by Dean Andrews, the award recognizes those who serve the profession with distinction. Judge Eaton also has a commitment to hiring Albany Law graduates for clerks, and currently has two recent graduates—Patrick A. Woods ’12 and Elie Salamon ’13—working as clerks for him. Judge Eaton has hired Albany Law’s Brynne Grady ’14 to start next fall.

Chief Judge Robert Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit also spoke at the event, paying tribute to Judge Eaton.

The event took place at the New York Hilton Midtown and was attended by numerous judges from U.S. Court of International Trade, including Senior Judge Thomas J. Aquilino, Jr., Judge Mark A. Barnett, Judge Leo M. Gordon, Judge Claire R. Kelly, Judge Jane A. Restani and Senior Judge Nicholas Tsoucalas. Other judges included Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; Judge Nicholas G. Garaufis, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York; Justice Leslie E. Stein ’81, N.Y. Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department; Justice Elizabeth Garry ’90, N.Y. Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department; Presiding Justice Karen Peters, N.Y. Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department and Judge Peter Crummey ’81, Senior Justice, Town of Colonie, N.Y.
Albany Law Launches Concentration in Equine, Racing and Gaming Law

In response to a growing demand for qualified attorneys to work in the nation’s $225 billion equine, racing and gaming industries, and with several casinos in development stages across New York State, Albany Law School will offer a concentration in equine, racing and gaming law—the only one of its kind in the nation—starting September 2014 for the incoming class of 2017.

Offered through The Saratoga Institute for Equine, Racing, and Gaming Law—the new institute within Albany Law School’s Government Law Center—the concentration will encompass expanded courses on equine law, racing regulations and gaming industry law, which will be added to a pre-existing business concentration that offers such courses as administrative, insurance, employment and tax law.

“Throughout New York and beyond, there is currently and will be an unmet need for attorneys trained in the legal and regulatory infrastructure of the equine, racing and gaming industries,” said Albany Law School President & Dean Penny Andrews. “Currently, no U.S. law school offers a comprehensive program in law relating to these industries.”

“The program will prepare students for a burgeoning area of law,” added Ray Brescia, Associate Professor and Director of the Government Law Center. “Specialized coursework will allow students to master complex regulatory law and administrative hearing concepts, while internships and field placements will provide hands-on opportunities for skills practice. Students graduating from the program will be poised to become industry leaders in the private sector and government agencies.”

Miranda ‘88 to Take Helm of NYSBA; 3rd Alumnus as President in 7 Years

New York State Bar Association president-elect David Miranda ’88 will begin his one-year term as president starting June 1, 2015, making him the 10th Albany Law alumnus to serve as NYSBA president. Once in office, the past 10 years will have had more Albany Law graduates as NYSBA president than any other 10-year span since the school’s inception.

Miranda is a partner at Heslin Rothenberg Farley and Mesiti in Albany. Along with his firm hiring graduates, Miranda mentors students and speaks at numerous career events on campus through the year.

Past NYSBA Presidents
Stephen Younger ’82 served from 2010 to 2011
Katheryn Madigan ’78 served from 2008 to 2009
John J. Yanas ’53 served from 1989 to 1990
David S. Williams ’49 served from 1981 to 1982
B. William Bray 1914 served December 1, 1950 to January 27, 1951; the 1950 president died while in office.
Tracy C. Becker 1886 served in 1894
Adelbert Moot 1876 served in 1909
Alton B. Parker 1872 served from 1913 to 1914

GLC Anderson Seminars Feature State Leaders on Hot Topics

Women Mayors Bring Fresh Perspective to Old Challenges

Three newly elected women mayors of upstate New York cities, including two Albany Law School alumnae, shared stories about their struggles in breaking through a male-dominated political Old Guard, talked candidly about the fiscal challenges facing their municipalities and concurred that their gender helps them bring a fresh perspective to long-standing problems.

“When you hear all the problems facing our cities, you might wonder why anyone would want these jobs,” joked Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren ’03. “People have high expectations and want you to be everywhere. But you have to be careful about not getting burned out. Learning how to say no respectfully is the best thing you can learn.”

“It helps to develop a thick skin,” added Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan ’94. “I have a great group of women friends who support me. Being a parent keeps you grounded, too. Your kids remind you that you’re not a big deal.”

Warren, Sheehan and Saratoga Springs Mayor Joanne Yepsen participated in a panel discussion on Feb. 19 at Albany Law School titled “Leading a New Era in City Government: Women Mayors of Upstate New York.” All three women began their first terms in 2014. President & Dean Penny Andrews introduced the event as a “celebration of the incredible achievements of these three women, showcasing the unique responsibilities of running a city government.” She said it was important for the law students in the audience “to see how important your degree is and how it can take you to places other than the traditional law practice.”

Moderator Lise Bang-Jensen, director of Media Services & Public Affairs at the New York State Bar Association, asked Warren and Sheehan how their law degrees helped them in their jobs as mayors.

“It taught me to pay attention to the details, to look at the fine print,” said Warren, who worked as a legislative aide while in law school, was hired as chief of staff and lead counsel for a state Assemblyman, practiced real estate law and was elected to the Rochester City Council in 2007. “I go through contracts that cross my desk with a fine-tooth comb to make sure they are doing the best thing possible for the citizens I represent.”

“Law school was just an incredible education I use all the time. The communication skills we learn as lawyers are very beneficial,” said Sheehan, who worked at the Albany firm Bond, Schoeneck & King—sponsor of the panel discussion—where she developed an expertise in labor and employment law. She became vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Intermagnetics General Corp., a medical device manufacturer in Latham, and helped negotiate a $1.3 billion acquisition in 2006 by its largest customer, Philips Medical System. In 2010, she was elected Albany City Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer.

There was consensus among the panelists that women mayors do the job differently than men. “We bring a different perspective,” said Yepsen, who worked for 25 years in development and marketing with its largest customer, Philips Medical System. In 2010, she was elected vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Intermagnetics General Corp., a medical device manufacturer in Latham, and helped negotiate a $1.3 billion acquisition in 2006 by its largest customer, Philips Medical System. In 2010, she was elected Albany City Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer.

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“Women think outside the box and we’re not afraid to try new things,” Warren said. “I’ve worked with men for a long time and I often hear them say we’ve always done it that way. I think women take a step back and ask how we can do it differently so it makes more sense and works better on behalf of our constituents.”

“While campaigning door to door I knocked on a door and a guy said, ‘You’re that lady running for mayor. I’m not voting for a woman. I’m never voting for a woman.’ But he listened to me and ultimately he said if I could get a limb removed from the tree across the street from his house maybe he’d think of voting for me,” Sheehan said. “I joke that I’m one of six kids and I was so relentlessly teased as a child nothing bothers me anymore.”

The three discussed the difficulty of balancing their roles as mothers and mayors. “I have a three-year-old daughter and some people asked how I could be mayor and give my all to the citizens of Rochester while raising a young child,” Warren said. “They don’t ask a male candidate that.”

“I have a 13-year-old son and it is a constant balance, but it’s also an opportunity to let him see what it takes to run a city,” Sheehan said. “It does matter that women are in government. Issues impact us differently. For instance, 60 percent of minimum wage workers in New York state are women. . . . I didn’t go into government so I could play by the same old rules.”

— Mayor Sheehan ’94
Rochester Mayor Hires Cooney ’10 as Chief of Staff

Every law school class has a few students who are visibly cause-oriented with sights on public service. It took only a few seconds of conversation with Jeremy Cooney ’10 for his classmates to recognize an energy and personality destined for the political arena. Today, four years out of law school, the former SBA president is Chief of Staff for Lovely Warren ’03, the City of Rochester’s mayor.

“This job is everything I hoped for from law school,” Cooney said, noting it includes a wide range of public policy, intense community engagement and advocacy, and a first-hand crash course on urban issues. And with it comes the fine-print of the job as well: “living and working in a fish bowl, long days and nights, minimal time to process, always moving, always trying to stay on schedule.”

As her chief advisor, Cooney’s schedule is synched to Mayor Warren’s calendar. He spends his days attending meetings with her—which included a February event at Albany Law School—identifying and following up on action items, keeping the mayor on schedule, briefing her and then debriefing with her for every appointment. He also manages the mayor’s office staff, the city’s intergovernmental relations which includes state and federal policy initiatives, and heads up Recreation and Youth Services and the city’s library system.

The job is a leap from his previous position as a vice president at Greater Rochester’s YMCA; he also served on numerous community boards, chairing two of them before stepping down to focus on his new position.

“Before I received a call from the Mayor, I was volunteering and raising money for several groups I believe do good work for the community,” Cooney said. “While the Mayor and I have been friends for about 10 years, I did not work on her campaign. She called me after winning the election and presented me the opportunity. As you can guess, I was honored to serve my city.”

Before law school Cooney was a staff assistant at U.S. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter’s Rochester office, and worked for two years in the Institutional Advancement office of his alma mater Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Ironically, Cooney, a Rochester native, served as a summer intern for former Rochester mayor Bill Johnson. While in law school he was executive editor for symposia for Albany Law Review.

After law school he worked for the Rochester firm Ward, Greenberg Heller & Reidy, LLP. “I enjoyed working for the firm, but my real passion is public service. I feel like I’m back where I belong.”}

Mark S. Zaid ’92 is a Washington, D.C. attorney with a practice focus on national security law, free speech, constitutional claims and government accountability. He is also the executive director of the James Madison Project, a non-profit organization he founded in 1998 with the primary purpose of educating the public on issues relating to intelligence gathering and operations, secrecy policies, national security and government wrongdoing.

Also joining the Board of Trustees is Thania B. Fernandez ’85. She most recently served as vice president of the executive committee of the National Alumni Association, and will become NAA president July 1, 2014. NAA presidents serve on the Board during their year-long term. She is Assistant Counsel with the Office of the Professors in the New York State Education Department. Before that she was associate counsel in the N.Y. State Legislature and Deputy General Counsel in the N.Y. State Consumer Protection Board. She has worked on several successful local, state and national election campaigns and participated in numerous national conventions. Her daughter Allison Bradley is a 2011 Albany Law graduate.

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Dean Andrews with Gov. Cuomo ’82

Dean Penelope Andrews attended one of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Start-Up NY breakfast meetings this year. Albany Law School continues to work with the Governor’s administration on a variety of initiatives. Many Albany Law students were hired last year as part of the Governor’s Excelsior Fellowship Program (more information on page 40).

Fernandez, Zaid Named Trustees
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Albany Law Ranked Among Top 10 U.S. Public Interest Law Schools

The National Jurist magazine this spring ranked Albany Law School among the top 10 public interest law schools in the nation, based in large part on the volume of experiential opportunities available to the school's students.

To rank law schools, The National Jurist considered curriculum, cost of legal education and post-graduate job placement in public interest and the public sector. More than half of each school’s score was based on experiential opportunities, which could include in-house clinical experience or field placements at external agencies or organizations.

Each year, Albany Law students help hundreds of clients through the on-campus Clinic & Justice Center in areas such as health care, domestic violence, civil rights and taxes. Students also have access to more than 150 field placement opportunities; and the Pro Bono Program provides experiential opportunities for more than 200 students volunteering around 2,000 hours each year of law-related service to low-income communities.

The National Jurist, published by Cypress Magazines in San Diego, Calif., prints and distributes 100,000 issues for students at law schools throughout the United States.

Dean Andrews Voted One of Five Capital Region “Women Who Mean Business”

The Business Review, the Capital Region’s weekly business newspaper, chose Dean Andrews as one of five “2013 Women Who Mean Business” from 200 nominees. Denise Gonick ’91, CEO, MVP Health Care, was also among the five women. At right, the women discuss leadership styles at a luncheon. Pictured, from right, are Dean Andrews; Gonick; Linda Hillman, president, Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce; Nina Tyzik, senior vice president, First Niagara Bank; and Marcia White, president, Saratoga Performing Arts Center. Trudy Hall, head of Emma Willard School, moderated the panel.

Dean’s Summit Launches Initiative to Support Legal Services in Rural N.Y.

An initiative led by President and Dean Penelope Andrews to expand legal services for rural residents kicked off with a day-long summit in June. Joining by district attorneys, judges, legal practitioners, public defenders, county bar association members, non-profit legal advocates, and more, the group closed the day with a series of recommendations to pursue. Dean Andrews will continue the group effort with recommendations for short- and long-term action. Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman addressed the participants during lunch.

Panelists included, from left: John Regan, Assistant Counsel to the Governor; Hon. Judge Joseph Sise ’88; Hon. Kathleen Hogan, District Attorney, Warren County; Susan Patnode, Rural Law Center, Plattsburgh; and J.K. Hage, III ’78, Hage & Hage, Utica. Professor Ray Brescia moderated the panel session.
Event Highlights Four “Illustrious” Judges with Albany Law Roots

Four “illustrious” judges were highlighted in a spring symposium that featured Greene C. Bronson, Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, presented by Professor Vincent M. Bonventre, Albany Law School; David Josiah Brewer, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, class of 1858, presented by Alicia Ouellette ’94, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Intellectual Life, Albany Law School; James Campbell Matthews, class of 1870, first African-American Judge in New York, presented by Hon. Randolph F. Treece ’76, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York; and Robert H. Jackson 1912, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, presented by Professor John Q. Barrett, St. John’s University & Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow, The Robert H. Jackson Center.

The Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt, former member of the Court of Appeals, and the president of The Historical Society of the New York Courts, moderated a discussion among the panelists after their individual remarks.

Stephen P. Younger ’82, Vice Chair, The Historical Society of the New York Courts, offered welcome remarks, and Dean Penelope (Penny) Andrews introduced the panel.

The event was co-sponsored by The Historical Society of New York Courts.

Packed House Listens to Former Lt. Gov. Ravitch Deliver Crawford Lecture on the Fiscal Challenges of Local Governments


The standing-room only crowd included leaders from numerous state agencies, including Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

The GLC established the Lecture to honor the memory of Edwin L. Crawford, former executive director of the N.Y. State Association of Counties. Originally endowed with a grant from Saratoga Associates, this year’s program was also co-sponsored by the New York State Association of Counties, the Association of Towns of the State of New York and the New York State Conference of Mayors.
From Fiction to Theory to Facts, “Dean’s Book Series” Opens Ideas for Writers and Readers

Randall Kennedy Makes the Case “For Discrimination”

Calling himself a “beneficiary of racial affirmative action in a lot of different ways,” Harvard Law School Professor Randall Kennedy didn’t always support the policy. It was the process of writing “For Discrimination” that helped him feel stronger about the “distributive vehicle.”

“It has various downsides, every social policy has downsides,” he told a full room of students, faculty and community members in February. “But there’s not much at the moment to redistribute power and opportunity.”

He noted that while political leaders, including presidents, will speak against affirmative action, they practice it, appointing persons of color and women to their cabinets and high posts. “Ronald Reagan publicly talked about filling the Supreme Court position with a woman,” and he did.

The tipping point for Kennedy during his research was discovering in 1866, just after the Civil War, that any rights considered for the “Negro” were deemed “reverse discrimination” against the white population. That, he said, struck a chord for him.

He likened affirmative action at universities one of numerous criteria to reach a school’s various goals, such as in-state vs. out-of-state and wealth of the student’s family.

In the end, he said unequivocally for racial affirmative action, “We have a better country for it.” | DS
Fall Symposium Titled “Fractured Communities” Examined Fracking Issue

The Albany Law Review organized a fall symposium to look at New York’s hydraulic fracturing issues through a morning panel and an afternoon debate. The panel featured Karen Moreau ’85, Executive Director, N.Y. State Petroleum Council, along with other opposing and supporting voices. The debate, moderated by public radio’s Susan Arbetter, was between Thomas West ’77, Managing Partner, The West Firm and Counsel, Norse Energy Corporation USA, and Deborah Goldberg, Managing Attorney, Earthjustice and Counsel, Town of Dryden, to discuss the legal and policy implications of Norse Energy Corp., USA v. Town of Dryden, the Third Department’s decision upholding municipal bans on natural gas drilling, and the future of natural gas extraction in New York. The Government Law Center co-sponsored the debate.

“The State of State Courts” Features Justices from Around the Country

The Albany Law Review’s Eighth Annual Chief Judge Lawrence H. Cooke State Constitutional Commentary Symposium hosted justices from state supreme courts from around the country and the New York Solicitor General to discuss cases in which their supreme courts interpreted state constitutions to provide greater rights and liberties than their federal counterparts.

The Law Review dedicated the event to Judge Victoria A. Graffeo ’77, Court of Appeals of New York, who moderated the symposium. Panelists included: Justice Jack L. Landau, Oregon Supreme Court; Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor, Ohio Supreme Court; Justice Richard N. Palmer, Connecticut Supreme Court; Chief Justice Stuart Rabner, New Jersey Supreme Court; and Barbara Underwood, New York Solicitor General.

Honoree Judge Graffeo ’77 received a standing ovation.
Facebook Firing: Social Media, Employment and Ethics

The Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology examined social media, its impact on employment issues, and the ethical obligations of attorneys and judges.

Inset, Professor David Pratt moderated the session. Pictured, from right, Albany Law Professor Robert Heverly, Michael E. Lackey, Jr., Partner, Mayer Brown, LLP; and Nicole Black ’05, Director of Business Development, MyCase.com; Of counsel, Fiandach & Fiandach.

Whistleblowing, Security Leaks Topic of Jackson Lecture

This year’s Justice Jackson Lecture explored the impact—positive and negative—of security leaks on the nation. Moderated by Professor Robert Heverly ’92, panelists included Mark Zaid ’92, James Madison Project and Mark Zaid, PC, who often represents former and current federal employees, whistleblowers and others who have grievances against U.S. agencies; and Anthony Shaffer, author of Operation Dark Heart and Commissioner, National Commission on Intelligence and Foreign Wars.

Justice Peters Delivered the Keynote at Students’ Pro Bono Celebration

Hon. Karen Peters, Presiding Justice of the Third Department, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, delivered the keynote address for the fifth annual celebration of the student-led Pro Bono program, which recognized the work of more than 100 students. Special awards were given to students who completed more than 100 hours of pro bono work during the spring semester (the state now requires 50 hours for admission to the New York State Bar). Several community organizations that work with the students were recognized as well.

Inset, President & Dean Penelope (Penny) Andrews introducing the event. With her, from left, are Mark Zaid ’92 and moderator Professor Robert Heverly.

Inset: Gregory Pratt ’14, SBA president, opened the event.
“Game of Drones” Symposium Grabs National Media Attention

The March Government Law Review event explored the uses and potential abuses of unmanned aerial vehicles in the U.S. and abroad, such as targeted killing, domestic drone use and drone journalism.

Nicholas Rostow, Distinguished Research Professor at the National Defense University, delivered the keynote address within the context of the laws of war, as well as the President’s constitutional authorities. The event was covered by national and local media outlets including the Wall Street Journal.

Other speakers included Meg Ambrose, Georgetown University, Judge James Carr, U.S. District Court Northern District of Ohio, Benjamin Davis, University of Toledo Law School and a Visiting Professor at Albany Law this year, Robert Heverly ’92, Albany Law School, Stephen Vladeck, American University Washington College of Law and Mark Zaid ’92, James Madison Project and Mark Zaid, PC.

GLC Holds Event at U.N. on Combatting Slavery

The Government Law Center at Albany Law School presented a conference, “Combatting Slavery in the 21st Century,” at the United Nations in New York, which was simulcast to high schools and colleges throughout the world through the auspices of United Nations Academic Impact. The forum addressed not only the lasting vestiges of traditional forms of slavery and indentured servitude, but also contemporary issues of child labor and sex trafficking.

Albany Law professors Ray Brescia, Melissa Breger, Anthony Farley and Paul Finkelman participated.

The GLC collaborated with the United Nations Academic Impact and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. The program was underwritten by grants from the Ford Foundation and Humanity United.

Kevin Ryan, president and CEO of Covenant House International and co-author of Almost Home: Helping Kids Move from Homelessness to Hope, delivered the keynote address on child trafficking.
Retired Judge Ciparick Unveils Portrait after Delivering Hugh Jones Lecture; Entire Court of Appeals Attends

The Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick, retired senior associate judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, unveiled her new portrait in the Dean Alexander Moot Court Room after her lecture. The portrait now hangs in the Court of Appeals Hall.

Introduced by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, Judge Ciparick spoke on “Judicial Independence: Is it impaired by the election of judges?” The filled room included all members of the Court of Appeals, as well as numerous other appellate and trial judges. Ciparick is the 11th judge to deliver the Jones lecture. Named for former Court of Appeals Associate Judge Hugh R. Jones, the annual lecture is hosted every year by Albany Law School and the Fund for Modern Courts.

From left: Professor Patrick Connors, Professor Vincent Bonventre, Chief Judge Lippman, President and Dean Penelope (Penny) Andrews

Judge Ciparick with her portrait for the Court of Appeals Hall.

Bond Schoeneck & King Host “Lean In” Event

Bond Schoeneck & King hosted an event at the law school titled “‘Leaning in’ in the Real World.” Along with Dean Andrews, the panel included Denise Gonick ’91, President and CEO, MVP Health Care, pictured below, and Bonny Boice, President, BGB Consulting, former Executive Vice President of the Research Foundation.

Albany Law Hosts Portion of UAlbany’s Week-long Conference on the Women of the Middle East

A week-long joint conference held with University at Albany’s Global Institute for Health and Human Rights, titled “The Women of the Middle East,” featured panel discussions, musical performances and film.

Albany Law’s panel featured Dr. Mehrangiz Kar, a prominent lawyer in Iran who was accompanied by a film crew for a documentary on her work. The panel, which included Marwa Elbially ’10, spoke of women targeted by the militants, and a law that allows “guardians” to wed girls at age nine, five years younger than the legal age of 14.

Prominent Iranian lawyer Dr. Kar, the subject of a documentary being filmed during the panel

Marwa Elbially ’10 spoke about her experiences in Cairo

Denise Gonick ’91, President & CEO, MVP Health Care
Hope Lewis Delivers 2014 Stoneman Lecture

Professor Hope Lewis, an internationally recognized legal scholar and commentator on human rights, delivered the 2014 Kate Stoneman Visiting Professor Lecture at Albany Law School in April. Her lecture, “Violence Against Women with Disabilities—A Multidimensional Perspective,” was the culmination of a week of activities that included interacting with students at several events and moderating a student panel. The Northeastern University School of Law professor, who received a 2014 Kate Stoneman Award, is the faculty director of Global Legal Studies and a founder of the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy. She is also the recipient of the 2012 American Bar Association’s Mayre Rasmussen Award for Mentorship of Women in International Law.

Breaking Down Barriers: A Student Symposium for Stoneman’s 20th

As part of a larger celebration for the 20th anniversary of the law school’s Kate Stoneman Day, four students presented their research during a 90-minute symposium that centered on removing barriers for populations that historically faced discrimination.

The students and their papers were:
- Mary Armistead ’14, “The Heightened Vulnerability of Domestic Violence Victims in Migrant Labor Camps”;

The program was moderated by the 2014 Kate Stoneman Visiting Professor Hope Lewis, Faculty Director, Global Legal Studies and Professor of Law at Northeastern School of Law.

You can find the papers on the website www.Katestoneman.org

Join us this fall for 20 years of Kate Stoneman Day celebrations. Details to come.

New Lecture Series Established in Memory of Professor Katz ’70

The Katheryn D. Katz ’70 Lecture Fund has been established to honor the late Professor Emerita Katheryn D. Katz ’70, the first permanent Kate Stoneman Chair in Law and Democracy.

Professor Katz was a pioneer in legal education, teaching the nation’s first domestic violence course. Upon her passing two years ago, donations from family, friends and colleagues in her memory established the fund to underwrite the new lecture series. Professor Katz’s daughter Elizabeth “Betsy” Katz and son Professor Michael Katz, along with his wife Jennifer M. Hobart, worked to establish the fund.

The new lecture series will begin next year and will focus on the family law topics Professor Katz made central to her teaching: domestic violence, gender and the law, children and the law, reproductive rights and inequality. Its establishment marks the 20th anniversary of Kate Stoneman Day at Albany Law School. A recent article in the Albany Law Review by Professors Mary Lynch and Melissa Breger—“Kate Stoneman to the Kate Stoneman Chair: Feminist Waves and the First Domestic Violence Course at a United States Law School”—captures the significance of Katz’s work.

Professor Katz joined the Albany Law School faculty in 1975, when she was one of only two women on the faculty. She taught courses in the areas of constitutional law, domestic violence, family law, children in the law and women in the law. She received a Kate Stoneman Award in 1995. Before joining the Albany Law faculty, she was the founding partner of Powers & Katz, one of the first female law firms in Upstate New York.
Moot Court Competitions Thrive as Students Score Nationally in Client Counseling, Petitioner Briefs and Oral Advocacy

Led by Professor Joseph Connors and Professor Benjie Louis, Brittiny Razzano ’14 and Michael Wetmore ’14 placed seventh of 118 teams in the ABA Client Counseling Nationals at the Oklahoma University College of Law. The team faced off against the 12 regional winners from around the country, and were one point short from advancing to the semi-finals.

The students were among more than 200 students who participated in one of the school’s Anthony V. Cardona ’70 Moot Court Programs competing against classmates and students across the country.

Mary Ellen Nocero ’14, Robert Smith ’14 and Gina Angrisano ’14, led by Professor Donna Young, Coach Kenneth Weafer and coach David Galin ’14, won Fourth-Best Petitioner Brief out of 30 in the John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Competition at Seton Hall School of Law. They reached the quarterfinals as oral advocates among 48 teams.

Kayla Molinaro ’14, Benjamin Novogroski ’15, Nicholas Dorando ’15 and Robert Lawyer ’15 narrowly lost in the early rounds to Yale Law School in the Student Advocacy Trial Competition at the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, Mass. Professor Gerald Rock helped coach the team.

Law students competed in other competitions including the McGovern Senior Prize Trial, Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy, the Donna Jo Morse Client Counseling, Donna Jo Morse Negotiations Competition and The Gabrielli National Family Law Competition, where more than 20 schools came to compete at Albany Law.


David Galin ’14, Moot Court Executive Director

Greg Pratt ’14 and Kat Evers ’14 after their negotiation competition.

Michael Wetmore ’14 and Brittiny Razzano ’14
Veterans’ Law Day Serves Another 62 Veterans

Albany Law School held its fifth Veterans’ Law Day this past March, offering free consultations with 10 volunteer attorneys to more than 60 veterans. Beyond legal help, services included resume support, a community resource fair, financial and debt counseling and workshops on stress and trauma. The student-driven Veterans’ Rights Project, part of the Pro Bono Program, has served more than 400 veterans in the past two years.

200-plus Senior Citizens Seek Legal Help at Student-Led Law Day

Volunteer alumni, non-alumni attorneys, faculty members and students organized dozens of workshops and privately counseled more than 200 senior citizens and family members in the fall as part of the Law School’s Annual Senior Citizen’s Law Day.

The student-led event has become a critical source of legal help for the elderly and their families from Schenectady, Troy and Albany, and from further regions including Massachusetts and Vermont.

“’It’s providing legal services to those who need it most,” Nic Rangel ’12 told the Troy Record. Rangel, a post graduate fellow, organized the event with volunteer students as part of the school’s Pro Bono Program.

Robert Abrams, a nationally recognized health and elder law attorney, delivered the Nancy M. Sills ’76 Memorial Lecture to kick off the day; he spoke about expanding legal services to senior citizens throughout New York.

A Newly-launched Special Needs Law Day Attracts 150

Special Needs Planning Law Day provided a forum for people with developmental disabilities and their families and caregivers to receive reliable and objective information about their most pressing legal, financial and caregiving concerns.

Speakers and participants included, from left: Robert Mascali, NYSBA Elder Law Section Executive Committee, Pierro Law Group; Congressman Paul Tonko; Brad Williams, Executive Director of the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.; Associate Dean Alicia Ouellette; Erica Nicole “Nic” Rangel, Esq., Post-Graduate Pro Bono Fellow.

Veterans’ Law Day Serves Another 62 Veterans
Three Women Juggle Law School and Full-Time Careers

BY DAVID SINGER

Lindsay Zanello ’15 did not have law school in her sights while working as a paralegal for the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Her aunt, Joyce Galante ’65, a family law solo practitioner and Zanello’s mentor, eventually convinced her. “She worked on me for a long time, and two years ago I finally knew I was ready. I’m looking to be done in 2015 so that I graduate 50 years after she did.”

Carrie Terraferma ’15 also needed the right push from the right person, in this case, two people. While working in The Golub Corporation’s legal office as a paralegal for six years, she received routine coaxing from Christine Daniels ’81, Golub’s vice president of legal services and corporate secretary, and William Kenneally, senior vice president and general counsel. “Eventually their encouragement warmed me to the idea,” Terraferma said. “And now they are my mentors.” Working in an in-house legal department at Golub is very exciting to me, compared to the two large firms I previously worked at.”

For Jacqueline Goralczyk ’15, the pressure to attend law school came from within. She owns Network Settlement Services, a title insurance company in Clifton Park, N.Y. With a husband and one-year-old son, she braced herself for the compounded demands of law school, family and running a business. But, she said, she had little choice given her determination to study law.

“I have always planned on going to law school. My business took me off course. Suddenly, with a one-year old, I said, ‘It’s now or never’.”

The three full-time working students found one another quickly. Isolated from the typical law school experience and committed to a fast-paced, regimented schedule that features zero down-time, the three formed an immediate friendship.

“It’s like postponing life for three years,” Terraferma said. “I’m off the grid.”

Goralczyk leaves her house by 6:30 a.m., drives 30 minutes to her office in Clifton Park to work for a few hours, then drives to campus around noon for classes and studying, then back to her office to tend to her business. She is home for family dinner, which is followed by more studying.

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All three arrange their weeks to have dinner with their families, and all three hit the books after dinner until bedtime. Weekends are for studying, although each counts on some recreation: Goralczyk watches football with her husband on Sundays, Zanello tries to get to the movies on weekends, and Terraferma walks her dog—a chocolate lab—several miles throughout the week. Along with support from partners, family and friends, which all three like to mention often, they also noted that the school has been accommodating. “I’ve learned that it never hurts to ask around here,” Terraferma said. “The administration has been great.”

“I’d do it again.”

Along with fulfilling a personal goal, Goralczyk looks forward to bolstering her real estate career with a law degree. “I’ve always wanted to go to law school. And in my business you hit a ceiling without it.”

“I’m so glad I’m going through it,” Terraferma said, capturing the sentiments of her two friends. “I’m always thinking about how to apply the classroom lessons to my job. I talk to Christine [Daniels] all the time about the cases we’re reading. She laughs, because she can remember many of them. It makes it more enjoyable with Bill and Christine as my mentors.”

All three seek refuge in the finite amount of time. “We are all aware that it’s not forever,” said Terraferma. Goralczyk agreed that you can do anything for a few years, but noted, “You also don’t want it to race by, because then it’s over and there’s really nothing else like it.”

“I love it,” said Zanello, emphatically, despite missing her family and friends. “I love being here, I love learning.”
Students in Professor Vincent Bonventre's Court of Appeals Intensive course attended monthly oral arguments of the N.Y. State Court of Appeals, and then met with individual court members after each session. Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman spent more than an hour with the students, where he talked about his career in the New York Court System, his approach as the Chief Administrative Judge of the New York court system, and how he views the current Court of Appeals.

The Chief Judge opened the Court’s session that day by welcoming the class to the Court, and recognizing Albany Law School as the Court’s “home school.”
Associate Judge Eugene F. Pigott posing with the students after his session.

Associate Judge Victoria A. Graffeo ’77, an Albany Law graduate, is often seen at the school attending events or speaking with students.

Judge Lippman took time to chat with students.
U.S. Supreme Court Invites Clinic Students for Oral Arguments

After drafting and successfully filing a brief amicus curiae for the U.S. Supreme Court in United States v. Castleman, the Supreme Court Marshal’s Office invited Mary Armistead ’14 and Jamie Dughi Hogenkamp ’15 to observe the oral arguments.

With the assistance of Professor Sarah Rogerson and Professor Ray Brescia, the two students completed the brief on behalf of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police through their work as student interns in the Family Violence Litigation Clinic and Immigration Project. The Court agreed with the students’ argument. The students presented a public safety argument for restricting abusers’ access to firearms by highlighting the connection between domestic violence, firearms and police officer safety.

The Supreme Court agreed in their ruling several weeks later. At issue in United States v. Castleman is whether or not the respondent’s conviction in Tennessee for misdemeanor domestic assault by intentionally or knowingly causing bodily injury to the mother of his child qualifies as a conviction for a “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.” The case has implications for federal gun restrictions for abusers convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence. It also impacts hiring standards for police chiefs, who currently have the discretion to exclude convicted applicants from the force.

Creedon ’14 and Team Win $100,000 Competition for Glauconix

Colby Creedon ’14 with three students from the SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering won the top prize—$100,000—at the annual New York State Business Plan Competition. Surpassing more than 500 teams with their proposed technology, called Glauconix, the product helps pharmaceutical companies determine if potential drugs effectively treat glaucoma. The team discovered a way to grow actual eye tissue for the testing.

Creedon, a joint-degree MBA student at the University at Albany, serves as the team’s vice president for regulatory affairs. He met his Glauconix partners in an MBA elective, “Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Nanotechnology.” He also interned at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority before graduating this year. Creedon, pictured above second from left, plans to continue working with Glauconix after graduating in December 2014 to bring the product to market.

Valle, Sandman Fellow, Studied Guardianship Issues Around Individuals with Mental Health Disabilities

Sandman Fellow Felicia Valle ’14 spent the past year researching New York state guardianship statutes for individuals with mental health disabilities. Her fellowship culminated in a comprehensive report released to policy makers and advocates.

Valle also organized a roundtable in April for more than a dozen attorneys and other professionals to discuss her work and related issues at the law school.

Valle examined the complexity of regulations—such as Article 17-A of the Surrogate’s Court Procedure Act and Article 81 of the Mental Hygiene Law—and her report proposed ways to streamline guardianship proceedings and improve outcomes for individuals and families.

Valle is a member of the Albany Government Law Review and vice president and treasurer of the Latin American Law Student Association. She has interned with the Litigation Bureau of the New York State Attorney General’s Office, the Hon. Thomas K. Keefe ’82 in Albany City Court, and the Hon. Randolph F. Treece ’76, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of New York.

A Diversity Scholarship recipient at the law school, Valle graduated magna cum laude from Quinnipiac University.

The Sandman Fellowship is administered through the Government Law Center’s Aging Law and Policy Program. Since 1993, 30 Sandman fellows have produced 19 reports, contributing significantly to aging law and policy.
From its very genesis, the domestic violence clinic at Albany Law School has embraced a holistic, dual focus approach to dealing with the scourge of domestic and intimate relationship abuse, with one prong committed to the civil needs of the battered and another dedicated to the criminal justice side.

The clinic born in 1994 still has its two anchors, tethered by a first-in-the-nation seminar that links the civil and sociological angle with the parallel criminal equation. And the way the clinic goes about filling its community and educational goals continues to progress with the endless evolution of familial and intimate partner dynamics and the needs of the community.

What is now the Domestic Violence Prosecution Hybrid Clinic had its early roots in a ground-breaking post-conviction clemency program that primarily assisted women who struck back at their abusers and found themselves behind bars. Its most celebrated success was persuading Gov. George Pataki, a law-and-order Republican swept into office on a tough-on-crime platform, to grant clemency to Charline Brundidge.

“The fact that it was the first clemency granted by Gov. Pataki, and the fact that I was a part of it, well, I still get goose bumps.”

—Judge Llinet Rosado ’97, Bronx Family Court

The DV Clinic Turns 20, Mission Still Critical for Student and Client

BY JOHN CAHER
Brundidge, who was serving a 15-to-life term for murder, endured unspeakable torture and years of physical and psychological battering before pumping five .38-caliber bullets into her sadistic husband. Under Professor Mary Lynch's leadership, the students undertook not only legal advocacy but political analysis, and ultimately got First Lady Libby Pataki on their side. With some prodding from his wife, Pataki made history in 1994: For the first time ever in New York a battered woman who killed her abuser was granted clemency.

But funding for the clemency project evaporated and the clinic, which is still directed by Lynch, reinvented itself. Today, it is more prosecution-oriented and Lynch's students work under her tutelage and the supervision of specialized prosecutors in district attorney offices.

Similarly, the Family Violence Litigation Clinic and Immigration Project has evolved from its origins. For many years, it was grant-driven and its focus was limited to fit its funding streams.

“When I started, we were under six different grant programs,” recalls Professor Melissa Breger, who ran the program from 2002 to 2010 before handing it off to Sarah Rogerson, associate clinical professor of law. “The school made an effort to move away from the grant-driven paradigm to broaden the work of the clinic and to expand the opportunities for students. Once we had more flexibility, we were able to represent litigants who might have been turned away from other organizations because of grant requirements. For example, we could assist the working poor. We could represent clients who had experienced domestic violence in the past, if they still were facing legal issues that emanated from that violence.”

About two years ago, Rogerson brought in the immigration element, assisting a particularly vulnerable population and providing students with the challenge of representing someone whose language, culture and customs may be unfamiliar to decisionmakers in the legal system.

“For immigrant victims of domestic violence there are different overlays of the power-control dynamic that are unique to immigrant victims,” Rogerson said. “For example, for an immigrant victim an additional threat an abuser can use is that they will call immigration and have them deported. The fear of reaching out to police is magnified because the immigrant victim is not sure if the police will report them to immigration authorities.”

Rogerson said the clinic, over its history, has become a valuable community resource, and an essential component of the Albany Law School experience.

“I have tried to make sure that we are serving the needs of the community while also providing the students with a rich and dynamic look at what it is like to practice this kind of law, in the hope that wherever they go and whatever they do in their careers they will remember their clinic experience and consider pro bono a lifelong commitment,” Rogerson said. “It is not simply a training program just for family violence, but a training program on how to be a practicing lawyer, which is so important to the ethic of all our clinical programs.”

The tie that binds the two clinical components was and is a seminar that brings the two elements of the clinic together to close the circle. Katheryn Katz '70, a pioneering professor who passed away in 2012, initiated the seminar in 1986, making Albany the first law school in the nation to provide its students with a domestic violence seminar. A few years later, when the clinic opened, Katz's seminar bridged the gap between the criminal and civil sides. It’s the uncommon synergy and symmetry that makes Albany's program standout.

“The clinic was the most memorable of my law school experiences,” said Donald Hillman '07, who joined the family violence law clinic his second year and now practices commercial litigation with Couch White in Albany. “Representing real clients in a courtroom against attorneys really opened my eyes for practice after graduation. The clinic experience requires you to think on your feet, negotiate difficult client issues, and prepare briefs and affidavits. The courtroom experience really forces you to assess the strengths and weaknesses of your case and to develop oral advocacy skills.”

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—Prof. Lynch
Llinet Rosado '97 isn't sure she'd even be a lawyer today, let alone a Bronx Family Court judge, if she hadn't joined the clinic and worked on the Brundidge case. A native of New York City, Judge Rosado found upstate baffling and law school frustrating, until the clinic and the Brundidge clemency made her see how all the parts fit together.

"I wasn't happy," Judge Rosado said, recalling her first year in law school. "Then I got into the clinic and it changed my entire perspective on law school. The Charline Brundidge case sealed the deal that I would do public interest. After representing Charline, I made a promise to myself that any job I did legally would be geared toward public interest. It was an epiphany. The fact that it was the first clemency granted by Gov. Pataki, and the fact that I was a part of it, well, I still get goose bumps."

Lynch said the clinic developed from the influence of several professors, each of whom brought a different perspective, and all of which were reflected in the final product: Dean John Baker pushed the concept of an order of protection clinic; Clinical Professor Connie Mayer commissioned a community needs survey, which resulted in an expansion beyond orders of protection and into custody, abuse and neglect and family offenses; Clinical Professor Laurie Shanks came up with the idea of adding a clemency project. The program has grown and developed ever since, mirroring society's progression.

"Intimate partner and violence against women really was not considered criminal or even worthy of mention in law," Lynch said. "We just didn't deal with it. That has changed. This is not an extracurricular activity and it is not an add-on to the law. Young men and women today think of this as a major component of their legal education, and they want to be part of the generation that has no tolerance for domestic violence."

Lynch said it is no longer unusual for male students to get involved with the clinic. "I think we have reached the point where the next generation of young people, which includes our law students, don't have the same taboos about keeping family dysfunction secret and are much more egalitarian on gender issues. The feminist activism of the 1970s on the issue of partner violence has become main-streamed in our culture. Now you need lawyers to figure out the details. I think it is going to be really exciting to see what happens next," she said. Lynch also noted that students benefitted from the dedicated involvement of expert Special Victim prosecutors, almost all of whom are alumnae.

Forrest Andrews '05 joined the family violence clinic during his third year because "I learn best by doing" and "I also wanted to empower victims of domestic violence and be their advocate." Shortly after graduating, Andrews landed a job as a prosecutor with the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office.

"Not only did the clinic give me the opportunity to get practical experience of drafting pleadings, conducting discovery and arguing in court, it also reinforced that what lawyers do have real consequences for their clients," said Andrews, who is now an assistant city attorney for the City of Miami. "This understanding helped me to see all aspects of a case early in my career when I was a prosecutor. That assisted me in making appropriate decisions from filing charges, offering plea bargains and trying a case."

Breger said the underlying premise of clinical education—that you can only learn so much in the classroom and from books and cases—is reflected in the domestic violence program.

"The one thing unique about Albany Law School is we have both of the clinics—the prosecution domestic violence clinic and the family court domestic violence clinic,"—Prof. Breger

"The fear of reaching out to police is magnified because the immigrant victim is not sure if the police will report them."—Prof. Rogerson

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Prof. Breger who ran the program from 2002 to 2010

Prof. Lynch who still directs the DV Prosecution Hybrid Clinic

Prof. Rogerson, the current director of the Family Violence Litigation Clinic & Immigration Project

Prof. the late Katz, who implemented the nation's first domestic violence seminar
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A Strong Career Path for Albany Law Alumni

BY PAUL GRONDAHL

It may not be the most obvious career path for law school graduates, but at least two dozen Albany Law School alumni have established legal careers in the United States military. Several are lawyers with the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps and their cases focus on military justice and military law. Others work in the Office of the General Counsel of the Navy or Army, which is similar to a large corporate law firm. Some are assigned to Army headquarters in the Pentagon and one has served as a military judge, presiding over the high-profile case of Army Pvt. Bradley Manning. Manning was convicted of leaking classified documents to WikiLeaks in the largest public breach of secret data in U.S. history.

They are civilians, active-duty military, reservists and former military personnel and they described their legal careers as professionally rewarding and personally gratifying. They find the work challenging and varied. It can include international travel and exposure to a variety of countries and cultures. It offers stable employment with broad opportunities for advancement. These lawyers in military service also expressed a strong sense of mission and deep commitment to their country as they undertake legal work that protects national security and serves to bolster America’s democratic ideals at home and abroad.

Their paths to military service vary widely, although common themes emerge. All recommended that law students consider it as a career. Here are brief profiles of six alumni.
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Her international experience includes two tours of duty in Germany, a deployment with VII Corps to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991, and service as a military judge in Europe, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan from 2004-2006. Courtroom conditions were not always ideal. The courtroom was a tent in Saudi Arabia, despite sandstorms that blew through the flaps. In Iraq, one of the places she held trials was in a room of one of Saddam Hussein’s former palaces.

Her role as a trial and appellate judge is the culmination of a road that began at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., where she earned an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship, and majored in political science. “I started this path early on, but I didn’t know anything about the military when I joined, except that I wanted to see the world,” she said. “And then I didn’t know if I was going to stay longer than my four-year ROTC service obligation.”

At Albany Law, she earned valuable experience through internships at the N.Y. State Commission of Corrections and in the state Legislature. She also clerked with law firms in Albany and Troy. “Being in the state capital and participating in the legislative process is one of the strengths of Albany Law,” she said.

Lind met her husband, Col. (retired) Scott Lind ’85, through the ROTC program while both were students at Albany Law. They were both ROTC scholarship recipients in college, entered active duty together and were married in 1987. The couple managed to coordinate their Army assignments for the most part. Scott Lind retired from the Active Duty Army in the rank of Colonel after serving as a Judge Advocate for 24 years. In retirement, he continues to serve as a senior civilian attorney for the Army practicing government procurement law, which was his specialty while on active duty. The couple has two children, one in high school and the other in college. 

In Lind’s free time, she is a runner, golfer and skier. “My advice to Albany Law students is to seize the opportunities you have,” she said. “I didn’t plan for a career in the military, but it has turned out to be a very rewarding one.”

While serving as a military judge at the trial level, she presided over the Manning WikiLeaks espionage case.
**LT. COMMANDER RYAN SANTICOLA ’05** has lived and worked in five countries during his eight years as a Navy JAG Corps attorney, including in Iraq, Greece, Cuba and his current assignment in Japan. During that time he has served as a legal adviser to Navy commanders as well as an appellate defense counsel. “The Navy JAG Corps is like a very large law firm, with about 700 lawyers,” he said. “The work is similar to being a legal counsel for a corporation. It exposes me to a wide range of cases and situations. It makes JAG officers well-rounded lawyers. It’s hard to imagine a more interesting and dynamic organization in which to work.”

He has an identical twin brother, Lt. Commander Ian Santicola ’05, a classmate at Albany Law who also joined the Navy as a JAG officer. Ian is stationed in Washington, D.C. “I like to think I had the idea first because of my early JAG internship in Germany,” Ryan said, “but my brother is the better officer and lawyer. We stay close. We talk at least once a week by video chat or e-mail and visit each other when we can. It can be a blessing and a curse having two people who look so similar. We were both stationed at the same location in Washington for awhile and it was strange to be mistaken for one another.”

Ryan’s current assignment to the commander of the patrol and reconnaissance task force of the Navy’s 7th Fleet at a base in Atsugi, Japan, means he advises on legal issues that might arise with Navy aircraft patrolling the vast western half of the Pacific Ocean. “I advise on the law of the sea as it applies to international air navigation and rules of engagement, as well as military justice cases, government ethics and rules that govern what commanders can and cannot do with outside entities.”

During the Iraq War, he was assigned to an office with about 15 other lawyers that advised on the legal and policy issues relating to about 25,000 Iraqi detainees. He advised commanders on detainees who should be considered for release because there was insufficient evidence to hold them. He was in Iraq leading up to and during the volatile troop surge and worked for the commander responsible for transferring deposed President Saddam Hussein to the Iraqis prior to his 2006 execution by hanging after he was convicted of crimes against humanity. He also worked closely with a program that released detained juveniles to their families after an investigation revealed there was not enough evidence to continue to hold them. “I went to the gate of the detention center with these kids and there were a lot of tears when they were reunited with their parents,” he said. He also helped set up a review process to consider releasing individual detainees. “We released them after they took a pledge not to engage in any insurgent activity. The Iraqis are a people of their word and they seemed to take that very seriously. Seeing that process up-close was fascinating.”

While he was stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Santicola advised the Navy base’s commanding officer on a range of issues regarding a Navy installation in a foreign country. The issues ranged from disciplining sailors to determining how the base could be used consistent with international agreements and which groups could operate there. He also was involved with the inter-agency program that temporarily houses Cuban migrants on the Navy base prior to resettlement in other countries. Some of these Cuban migrants swam to the base and others were intercepted at sea by the U.S. Coast Guard. “It doesn’t get as much attention as the detainees, but it was a fascinating program,” said Santicola, who collaborated on migrant issues with staff from Homeland Security and the State Department.

He learned the importance of preparation from his professors at Albany Law, particularly Patrick Connors and Timothy Lytton. “I was always amazed at how well-prepared they were for their classes and they offered extraordinary road maps that were very helpful,” he said. “Their courses were a great foundation for my work as a lawyer and JAG officer.”

Santicola and his wife, who is a consultant for community development financial institutions, have a 3 ½ year-old daughter, and they’ve embraced moving to a new assignment every couple of years. “Personally, we’ve had amazing experiences and, professionally, the sense of mission and the people I work with would be hard to replicate in another job,” he said.

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**Future JAG Lauren McCormick ’14**

Lauren McCormick ’14 will be entering the United States Air Force as a Judge Advocate General.

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**New Student-Alumni Veterans Group**

Albany Law School is forming the Student Alumni Veterans Association to build a network for Albany Law veterans and their immediate families. Albany Law will be contacting alumni veterans shortly with details about the group, which will be led by James Faucher ’16 and Joshua Bennett ’14. If interested in joining the group, email the alumni office at alumni@albanylaw.edu.
ANDREW SAUNDERS ‘91 was an active-duty naval officer for four years and he served on a Navy destroyer before deciding to enroll at Albany Law School. His father was an attorney who worked in commercial law at a New York City advertising firm. "Becoming a lawyer was definitely on my radar screen during my time in the Navy," he said. Saunders is a civilian who works in the Navy’s Office of the General Counsel in Washington, D.C. He leads a team of 13 lawyers as head of the systems section in the Naval Sea Systems Command, which has about 50,000 Navy employees and a $30 billion annual budget to develop and build the Navy’s ships, missiles, guns, radar systems and other equipment for its global fleet.

“We really operate like a big corporate law firm,” he said. There are about 500 lawyers, mostly civilians, who work in the Navy’s Office of the General Counsel and they are stationed around the country and overseas. “I love the client. I have a Navy background and know that it’s a great organization. We’re also doing work that involves a greater good. We’re not driven by a profit motive and our goal is the mission and getting the proper product to the fleet.”

Saunders worked for four years at a government contracts law firm in Washington before going to work for the Navy. He finds his work for the military rewarding on many levels. “I like the variety. We do business law, acquisition law, intellectual property, ethics and other practice areas,” he said. “Our younger lawyers get to handle the types of big, complex cases that only a partner would get to do in a private law firm. We don’t get paid the same scale as the private Bar, but our relationship with a great client, the quality of our work and the mission keeps us going.”

In addition to reviewing complex contracts for weapons systems, Saunders and his legal staff defend the federal government in lawsuits over the award of military contracts. These cases are fast-paced and typically are decided in fewer than 100 days. He recently worked on a lawsuit (bid protest) filed by Lockheed Martin Corp. against Raytheon Corp. after Lockheed lost to Raytheon in bidding on the $1.6 billion next-generation Navy Air and Missile Defense Radar (AMDR). The protest was filed in October 2013 before the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and after a number of classified filings by Lockheed and the Navy, Lockheed recognized the fundamental weakness of its case—Lockheed withdrew its protest in January 2014, one day before a scheduled hearing at the GAO. “We were going up against one of the top Washington law firms and it was high-intensity litigation,” Saunders said. “We do all our own litigation and we’re confident of our abilities. We have no problem going toe to toe with the big ‘K street’ law firms.”

Since Saunders spent years at sea as a Navy officer, he sends his younger lawyers on tours of production facilities, to shipyards to see warships being built and to observe field tests of missiles. “I don’t get out as much as I used to,” said Saunders. He and his wife, Mimi, have three teenage boys. “It’s exciting for the younger lawyers to make the trips. I’ve already traveled the world on a Navy destroyer.”

Dean Andrews to Lead Statewide Veterans Effort

This year Dean Andrews will co-chair a new partnership among the 15 New York law schools, with the Governor’s Office and the New York State Division of Veterans’ Affairs, to lead an innovative initiative to assess how New York state’s 15 law schools can best provide legal assistance to the veterans of New York. As the initiative moves forward updates will be provided.

Veterans Take Advantage of the Yellow Ribbon Program’s Tuition Assistance

The Post-9/11 GI Bill may cover tuition up to the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition. Along with that discount, Albany Law School participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, directly matching contributions from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. The V.A. contributes up to $4375 per student per year toward the tuition difference; Albany Law then provides an additional $4375 match for each student for each semester.
CAPT. ZACHARY PHELPS ’12 is the Victim Witness Liaison Officer for the Marine Corps Installations Pacific aboard Camp Foster in Okinawa, Japan, a sensitive assignment in which he ensures that victims and witnesses of rape, domestic violence, assault, burglary, drug possession and minor crimes committed by military personnel or against Marines on the Japanese island are treated fairly, with dignity and in a way that protects their privacy.

“New rights for victims were passed in the National Defense Authorization Act and I ensure that the command implements the changes to keep in contact with the victims and the victims’ legal counsel to make sure they’re being informed of what’s happening on their case and that their rights are being represented,” Phelps said. He has been stationed in Japan for a few months and is part of a large U.S. military presence on Okinawa, with multiple Marine Corps bases, an Air Force base and a Navy base. He lives in base housing and is still learning his way around the sprawling military complex.

Phelps entered officer candidate school at Quantico, Va., two weeks after graduating from The College of Saint Rose in 2009, with a duel major in history and political science. “Law school was always the plan,” he said. He was part of the Individual Ready Reserve while attending Albany Law and completed summer internships arranged by the Marine Corps. He credited the efforts of Professor Deborah Mann at Albany Law with strengthening his legal writing skills.

Phelps hopes that his legal apprenticeship in Japan will lead to a position as a military prosecutor. “Working with the Marines is awesome and I’m learning a lot,” he said. “I’ll go wherever they ask me. It’s about being in the Marines more than anything else.” A long-term goal after the Marines is to return to the small town where he grew up, Homer, Cortland County, and to serve as a district attorney.

He feels that being a lawyer in the Marines is the best of both worlds. “For as long as I can remember, I wanted to be a Marine and also a lawyer, but once I realized I could do both, that’s when I signed on,” he said, adding that he received tuition assistance from the Marines at Albany Law and his loans will be paid off in 10 years through a federal loan forgiveness program.

Phelps is happy to spend the next two years near the ocean and great beaches. “I’m very happy with my decision,” he said. “I’d recommend this to anyone who’s interested in the military and the law.”

Wiley, a Second-Year Student, Called Away for Duty

Michael J. Willey entered Albany Law with the class of 2015. He was called for active duty last year, as a 2L, where he now serves in the Horn of Africa as the Special Security Officer for J2 Intelligence, Combined Joint Task Force, as well as the Gamma Control Officer, the Human Intelligence Control Officer, the Talent Keyhole Control Officer and the Top Secret Control Officer. In this role he controls sensitive compartment information, trains staff on security issues and conducts preliminary investigations into actual and potential compromises of classified material.

“I maintain SCI security clearances and coordinate with the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines on the transmission and dissemination of all sensitive compartment information,” Willey said in March. “I have the privilege to be in a position that is normally considered for officers, but I am an E-6 enlisted.”

The Scottsdale, Ariz., native, who graduated from Arizona State University in 2010, served on three South Pacific tours on an aircraft carrier after high school, including an 11 month tour in Afghanistan. He has interned for the McCain 2008 campaign in Washington, D.C., represented his college and the United States in the NAFTA Triumvirate for North American Free Trade Agreement in Quebec, Canada, writing legislation for NAFTA Chapter 11, and served at the Arizona State Senate for four years. He also serves with Navy Reserves Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii-Phoenix.

After Albany Law he plans to specialize in International Maritime Law as a Judge Advocate General or as a civilian, and simultaneously pursue a career as an Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve.
Valerie Parlave ’90 oversees 1,600 agents and employees as assistant director in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Washington Field Office, keeps tabs on dozens of major criminal investigations, tracks top-secret intelligence reports, participates in high-level policy meetings and juggles the ceaseless demands of her job using core skills she learned as a law student.

“I think back to when I was a first-year law student and we had to read 250 pages in one night. I learned to distill and synthesize all that information into a brief, coherent summary and to use it to solve problems,” said Parlave. She has used those skills during a 23-year FBI career spent poring over a mountain of memos and data that cross her desk and computer screen daily on investigations into violent street gangs, drug dealing networks, murders, kidnappings, bombings and the gamut of major felonies.

Parlave became familiar to national TV audiences as the spokesperson for the FBI following a Sept. 16, 2013, rampage at the Washington Navy Yard that killed 12 people and wounded four others and ended when a 34-year-old government contractor was shot to death by police. The deadly rampage occurred just a few months after Parlave was put in charge of the Washington Field Office. She was the first woman to hold that position, although she downplays her role as a trailblazer. “It is a big honor, but I don’t consider myself a pioneer,” she said. “There were a lot of successful women before me in the FBI who carved out that opportunity for me.”

Parlave grew up in Naples, a village of 1,000 in Ontario County near the Finger Lakes. Her parents were both school teachers and her dad worked a second job as a night manager at Wegmans supermarket to help pay her tuition at Colgate University, where she majored in political science, and later at Albany Law. She worked summers in the pro shop at a golf course from high school through law school and a golfer who was a retired FBI agent pointed her in a career direction she had not considered.

“He described how a law degree was a great background for the FBI and he encouraged me to apply,” Parlave recalled. In the spring of 1991, three months after being admitted to the Bar, she reported to the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

Her first assignment as a special agent was in the FBI’s Las Vegas field office on a violent gang and drug squad. “It was quite a culture shock. I came from Naples, where we didn’t even have a traffic light,” she said. “But I was hungry for some action and being out on the street. I wanted to be where things were happening.” She got her wish, conducting investigations on drug-related gang violence, kidnappings, assaults and other serious crimes along the Las Vegas Strip. She felt she had made the right choice in not accepting a job with the Ontario County Attorney’s Office, where she completed an internship. She enjoyed the experience in the office, but the work did not make her pulse race the way the FBI investigations did. Parlave also worked on fugitive investigations in Las Vegas and, because of her law degree, she was asked to write the Title III affidavits required for wire taps and electronic surveillance on suspected criminals. “We put a lot of major drug dealers and violent criminals behind bars using the Title III tool,” said Parlave, who also occasionally went undercover to make drug buys. It was during that time that she met her husband, a retired Las Vegas police officer. The most popular street drug in the early 1990s was crack cocaine, although methamphetamine was beginning to surface when she was transferred to headquarters in Washington, D.C., in 2000 as a supervisory special agent who developed operational policies and strategic planning for criminal investigations. Parlave was promoted to supervisory positions in Miami and Little Rock as she rose through the ranks before being named assistant director in charge of the Washington Field Office in February 2013, where she works with several other Albany Law alumni throughout the FBI.

“There are a lot of people with law degrees who work in a variety of positions in the FBI,” she said. “It might be considered a non-traditional career for someone entering law school, but I’d encourage students to consider it as a career. Being able to utilize your education in service to the public is a great opportunity and privilege that I have been fortunate enough to enjoy.”

Facilities Director, a Navy Reservist, Deployed to Kuwait and Queens

Brian LaPlante, director of Facilities and Administrative Services at Albany Law School since 2006, was deployed to Kuwait in 2008 for more than a year as a Navy Reservist. After Hurricane Sandy he was deployed to Far Rockaway, Queens, as a N.Y. State Naval Militia member to aid in the recovery effort.

As a Chief Petty Officer and Electronics Technician for the Reserves, he has trained and worked on the newest class of submarines. He joined the Navy in 1985 where he served full time for nine years, some of those years as a Nuclear Power Engineering Instructor in Saratoga Springs.
LT. COL. ROY DIEHL ’92 has worked at the Pentagon for the past four years as a staff attorney with the Operations Directorate in the Army’s headquarters, where he passes generals in the hallways who call him by his first name. “The idea that I’d even see a general, let alone one who knows my first name, and relies on my legal judgment, is pretty amazing,” Diehl said. The Pentagon complex is so vast that it has six food courts, convenience stores and a full-sized gym near Diehl’s office.

For the past year, he’s been working to interpret and apply new laws that govern the involvement of the Army Reserve and National Guard during natural disasters. “It’s really interesting work that is making a difference,” Diehl said. “We’re on the leading edge of how new laws are turned into practice.” Congress passed legislation that gave the Department of Defense sweeping new powers in deploying Reserve and Guard soldiers during natural disasters, but there are complicated legal issues to sort out.

“These laws came about after a tornado tore through an area and caused a lot of destruction and there was a U.S. Army Reserve Center next to it, but the soldiers could not be used to help the local community since nobody could give them the legal authority to do so. This new authority grew out of that,” he said. “After Hurricane Sandy, for the first time the Army had the authority to send in huge high-capacity pumps to pump the storm water out of New York City subway tunnels. The National Guard didn’t have those kinds of pumps, but the Army Reserve did.”

Diehl’s career with the Army National Guard, which began when he was at Albany Law, gave him expertise in responding to natural disasters. “It’s ingrained in us as members of the National Guard that when a natural disaster strikes, we get soldiers and equipment mobilized in a matter of hours,” he said. “But with the Army, it can take three days instead of three hours. It’s a challenge to take these legal constructs and get them interfaced with reality. I’ve worked in the Army for 25 years and I understand the frustration at the pace of bureaucracy, but I’ve also worked for major corporations and things don’t turn on a dime there, either.”

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Diehl was 30 years old when he started law school after a stint in the Army, where he served as a Russian linguist stationed in Germany. After passing the Bar, he remained in the National Guard and worked in civilian jobs, including associate counsel for the New York State School Boards Association and as an attorney in the survivor support division of The Ayco Company, a financial services firm. He also served as senior defense counsel for the New York Army National Guard, where he was in charge of cases involving disciplinary action and administrative separation. He also was deployed to Iraq in 2005 and worked on issues of compliance, rules of engagement and efforts to assist Iraqis in organizing a national election. “Every job I’ve had in the Army has had some very interesting and rewarding qualities,” he said. “With the Guard, I did more wills for soldiers being deployed than most attorneys ever have a chance to do. Serving in the military has given me a wide range of opportunities and expertise in many facets of the law. It’s been rewarding.”

He’s grown accustomed to a long commute. During the week, Diehl stays in an apartment in Washington and he drives home on weekends to be with his wife and four children, who live in Latham. It’s about 800 miles round trip, or 160,000 miles of commuting in the past four years.

Veteran Students Tell Stories of their Military Experience

Students presented their “Student War Stories” from their military deployments to the Middle East and South America, where they shared videos and photos and talked about personal on-the-ground situations. Through donations, the event raised money for the Albany Housing Coalition.

From left: Ian Hunter ’16, Heath Hardman ’14, James Faucher ’16, Alexander Madeo ’14 and Josh Bennett ’14
A Few Students Who Served Before Law School

HEATH HARDMAN ’14
Hardman was the editor-in-chief of Albany Government Law Review during his third year at Albany Law School. Before school, he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1998–2009, including two deployments to Iraq and two deployments to Afghanistan, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant. After Boot Camp, Marine Combat Training, and attending military schools for his job as a signals analyst and Morse code operator, Hardman was stationed at Medina Regional SIGINT Operations Center in San Antonio, Texas. He was then stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served in a reconnaissance platoon and later served as a SIGINT analyst for an Operational Control and Analysis Center. His next duty station was at Pensacola, Fla., where he trained new military signals analysts. His final station was at the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Md., where he completed the three-year Military COMINT Signals Analyst Program, an internship designed to produce highly-trained and skilled signals analysts.

JOSH BENNETT ’14
Bennett deployed multiple times to both South America and the Middle East, and served in multiple roles, including security forces, crew chief and a maintenance operations controller. After six years of active duty, he finished his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and became a Staff Sergeant.

IAN HUNTER ’16
Hunter was an Airborne Infantry Squad Leader in a reconnaissance platoon. He served in the 2/503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was responsible for the lives, welfare and training of nine soldiers, as well as for small unit leadership during offensive and defensive operations. His service overseas includes three combat tours in Afghanistan. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device, in recognition of events surrounding the evacuation of wounded teammates from the kill zone of an ambush after their Humvee was struck by a roadside bomb. He was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart, by the president of the United States, for wounds received while in direct contact with the enemy in a separate action.

ALEXANDER MADEO ’14 (LEFT)
Madeo was deployed to Afghanistan after his first year of law school in 2011 as a New York Army National Guard. With this infantry unit he fought against the Taliban in Western Afghanistan.

JOE MONTANYE ’15 (RIGHT)
Montanye was mobilized as an Army Reservist to Mannheim, Germany, for a year and a half while at St. Lawrence University, and then mobilized again to Ft. Belvoir, Va., for nine months. After graduating from St. Lawrence, he signed on for a year-long tour in Afghanistan. Half way through the tour he decided to attend law school. He is still in the Army Reserves, and attends drilling monthly.
The distance from Albany Law School to the Albany County District Attorney's Office is 2.1 miles, but it has seemed much closer as a result of a robust internship and placement program that was established nearly 30 years ago. In fact, the DA's office in downtown Albany often functions as a kind of annex to the law school, given its long-standing role as a pipeline for Albany Law students to gain crucial real-life courtroom experience through internships, as well as employment after graduation. In fact, 26 of the 40 Assistant District Attorneys on staff today are Albany Law alumni. It's no wonder, then, that there is a black-and-white photograph of the law school on a wall in a main hallway, among other historic photos of Albany landmarks.

Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares ’99 is bullish on the program because he is a product of it. “I interned with the DA’s office for two years as a law student and I got real courtroom experience working on several trials in the town of Colonie. That was invaluable,” said Soares, who was elected DA in 2004, re-elected to a second term in 2008, and is now serving in his third term since 2012. “I was going to venture into a different area of law, but I caught the bug as an intern and I stayed. When I became DA, I made a much stronger commitment to the internship program with Albany Law.”
Soares expanded a program begun by his predecessor, former DA Sol Greenberg ’48, which was led for many years by the late Chief Assistant District Attorney, Daniel S. Dwyer ’56. “We put the interns through their paces,” Soares said. “We give them a lot of responsibilities alongside our prosecutors, including handling cases in town courts. Nobody is doing filing or running errands.”

“Soares credits the Albany Law Clinic & Justice Center, the Clinic faculty and staff, especially Barbara Chandler, for his experience early on in the program. “Everyone was so supportive of me and helped me to balance my priorities at the law school. Strengthening this program is my way of thanking my law school family.”

The program has been dubbed “an incubator for litigators” and Renee Merges ’83 started as a law student intern in the DA’s office in 1982. Although she recently retired as an assistant district attorney and former major crimes unit bureau chief to teach criminal justice at Southern Vermont College, she continues to oversee the roughly 50 interns who are placed in the office each year. She said she wanted to stick around because of the camaraderie, loyalty and shared sense of purpose in the office. “We’re like a family,” she said. “We’re all truth-seekers and justice-seekers.” Many of the ADAs are so-called “repeaters,” those who returned for multiple semesters as interns because the job got under their skin. There are also numerous “diehards,” those who will spend their entire career in the DA’s office, from internship to retirement, and happily so.

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Chief Assistant District Attorney David Rossi ’98, the chief litigator, is both a repeater and a diehard—for which he offers no apologies. He interned his first year at Albany Law and was handling cases and conducting hearings on behalf of the office as a second-year student under Greenberg. “We allow the law students to do more now than I was allowed to do 15 years ago. Our interns hit the ground running and by the time they are done here, they could be an ADA anywhere,” said Rossi, who has prosecuted many high-profile murder cases and other major felonies in the capital city. “The judges are accommodating toward our interns and the interns do a lot of important work that lightens the load for us.”

Steven Sharp ’09 was assigned to appeals as an intern in his second year of law school, was hired right after graduation and now works with the lead appeals litigator in the office. “I was able to argue cases in the Appellate Division as an intern,” said Sharp, who came to Albany Law from Albany, Oregon. Sharp has argued five cases before the Court of Appeals and he argued a murder case appeal before the Appellate Division, when the court heard arguments at Albany Law School this spring—an annual tradition for the past several years for the benefit of law students.

Soares called Sharp “a brilliant young lawyer who’s been with us for five years and now he’s coming full circle, arguing an appeal at the law school in front of a lot of law students. That’s just one example of the success of this program.”

There is a sense of wanting to give back among young Assistant District Attorneys and a desire to return the favor they received as law students by helping interns succeed. Brittany Grome ’11 credited Sharp with helping her learn about the appeals process during her internship. After interning at a matrimonial law firm in Albany during law school, Grome, who is from Syracuse, decided she would rather be a prosecutor. But there were no openings in the DA’s office when she graduated and she accepted a position with a Binghamton law firm that specialized in workers’ compensation. While she enjoyed her experience working for the firm, she was excited when she was offered an opportunity to return as an Assistant District Attorney once a position opened up. “I really missed its family atmosphere,” she said. “I got to know everyone as an intern and I felt at home coming back here.” She worked on appeals as an intern and now is the Bureau Chief of Albany City Court, responsible for supervising the caseload in the busiest local court in Albany County.

ADAs Matthew Hauf ’08 and Kurt Haas ’08 both started their internships in 2006 and both were hired in the summer just after they graduated. Hauf is in the Major Crimes
Deputy Chief ADA Cheryl Fowler ’92

Haas is in the Street Crimes Unit and oversees gun and drug prosecutions. Hauf credited professors Peter Preiser’s Criminal Law and Michael Hutter’s Evidence classes with providing a strong foundation. “They both reinforced that I wanted to be a prosecutor doing this kind of work, which is really rewarding,” said Hauf, who grew up in the Albany suburb of Delmar.

Has, who is from Rockland County, credited Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler ’92 with teaching him invaluable lessons while he interned in the Menands and Colonie courts. “Working with her and other great prosecutors made me want to stay here,” Haas said. “My number one goal is always to achieve justice and that means I don’t necessarily have to send everyone to prison.” He said he has earned the trust of police and detectives over the years and now they bring him information on cases.

ADA Melinda Seiden ’10, the ultimate “repeater,” worked as an intern for four semesters and two summers and was hired after graduation. “I knew the minute I started interning here that this is where I wanted to work,” she said. She credited Professor Mary Lynch and the Domestic Violence Hybrid Clinic she directs for her to become a prosecutor. “We were able to work one-on-one with victims of domestic violence and went to court with assistant district attorneys as part of the clinic,” she said. “Helping victims get the results they wanted was what made me passionate about working in the DA’s office.”

She said Lynch and Merges went above and beyond a professor’s duty by making sure she got the most out of her internships. “Mary Lynch would always come to court to watch my trials,” said Seiden, who is from the Albany suburb of Colonie. “Renee was also a great help and made sure I interned in different units in the office to make sure I had a well rounded experience.”

Seiden now handles felony DWIs, in addition to prosecuting criminal matters in Colonie Town Court and she remains passionate about being a prosecutor.

For ADA David Szalda ’12, who worked with Hauf as an intern in Felony Court and with Renee Merges in local courts, and now works on the Vehicular Crimes Unit with Seiden, in addition to prosecuting criminal matters in both Menands and Cohoes local courts, the team atmosphere of the office is an attraction for him. “I’ve worked in other law offices and this is a unique atmosphere.”

Schenectady, Saratoga and Rensselaer County District Attorney offices also work regularly with Albany Law students. Occasionally students work at the Dutchess, Washington, Berkshire, Ulster and Warren County District Attorney offices.

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—Renee Merges ’83
Szalda, who is from Kings Park, Long Island, graduated from Siena College with a degree in history and worked for three years in admissions at his alma mater before starting law school. “I’m very lucky and happy to be here. It’s exactly where I want to be and I try to progress as a prosecutor every day.”

Alexander Scher ’14, of Ridgewood, N.J., is on his third semester as an intern in the DA’s office and he works on the Street Crimes Unit, in addition to local town courts. It is much more hands-on than an internship he completed in the Queens County DA’s Office two summers ago. “For the most part I was limited to doing research,” he said. “The office had 400 lawyers, 10 times as big as Albany, and the opportunities that exist here to be on the record in court were not available there.”

“I like to be a voice for victims,” said Scher, who wanted to be a lawyer at a young age after visiting the law offices of his grandfather, father, uncle and aunt. “I’m more interested in doing something I love when I graduate than making a lot of money.”

Interns receive academic credit, but do not receive a salary. Many of the ADAs take advantage of a federal loan forgiveness program, which in many cases will cut the amount of their loans in half over the course of 10 years, at a rate of about $6,000 reduced each year. Most ADAs prefer to think of it as a bonus and part of their compensation.

Michael Wetmore ’14, of Watertown, N.Y., is a repeater on his way to becoming a dichard and he may have set some kind of a record with six consecutive internships, one per semester, for his entire career at law school. He’s already appeared in court as the lead prosecutor on two DWI jury trials. “It’s a two-way street,” Wetmore said. “I get back as much as I give. All that experience gives me a competitive edge in the job market.” He will start as an ADA this fall.

Merges has the caring air and pride of a den mother when it comes to discussing the professional success of the Albany Law interns. “They are the next generation of lawyers and we want them to be the best they can be,” she said. “At the same time, if they get hired and end up in this office, we know they will reach back and help new interns along the way. We’re making a long-term investment in the legal profession.”
Standing Apart in a Challenging Market

Hiring partners and members of the Bar described for students the traits employers look for in a candidate and offered grounded suggestions for approaching the market.

Panelists included, from left; Gregory J. Teresi ’05, Corporation Counsel, City of Cohoes and Owner with the Law Office of Gregory Teresi; David Fernandez ’92, Partner, Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP; Eileen Guinan, Pro Bono Coordinator, Albany County Bar Association; Barbara Davis, former Executive Director, Albany County Bar Association; James Barnes, Young Lawyers Section Representative to the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association and Partner with Burke & Casserly P.C.; David Miranda ’88, Secretary, New York State Bar Association and Partner at Heolin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C.

Professionalism Series Offered for Students and Young Lawyers

The N.Y. State Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section and Albany Law School held Breakfasts on Professionalism through the two semesters, with the goal of connecting the region’s vibrant legal community with students preparing to begin their careers.

D.C. Advisor Guides Students through the Federal Pathways Employment Process

Marcus A. Brownrigg, MPA, Senior Advisor for Pathways, explained to students how to maneuver through the federal Pathways Program created for recent graduates to join the Federal workforce.

Graduate Job Placements

Public Sector Forum Draws 60-Plus Organizations

More than 60 public sector employers from a broad spectrum of practice areas met with students during the fall semester. Employees included state agencies, district attorneys, higher education and non-profit organizations.

Where some ’14 Graduates Will Work Next Year

BRIANNE GOODWIN
Carter Conboy Case Blackmore
Maloney & Laird, PC, Albany

BRYAN GOTTLIEB
Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy, LLP, New York, N.Y

BRYNNE GRADY
Honorable Richard Eaton ’74,
U.S. Court of International Trade,
New York, N.Y.

JAZMIN VARGAS
Connecticut Superior Court

BRITTINY RAZZANO
Herzog Law Firm, PC, Albany

LAUREN MCCORMICK
U.S. Air Force

MICHAEL YETTER
N.Y. State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department,
Rochester, N.Y.

EDWARD OHANIAN
Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Albany

ELIZABETH STAPLETON
Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP,
Binghamton, N.Y.

KELLY NADEAU
The Ayco Company, LP,
a Goldman Sachs Company,
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Governor Cuomo Selects 12 Albany Law Grads for Inaugural Excelsior Service Fellowships

Twelve of Albany Law School’s 2013 graduates are among the 80 Excelsior Service Fellows announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo ’82, working full time for two years alongside senior members of the administration and playing a policy-influencing role in New York state.

The program is designed to attract highly talented graduates of colleges, universities, and graduate, law and professional schools to government service.

Members of the Albany Law School Class of 2013 participating in the Excelsior Service Fellowship Program are:

JILL ARCHAMBAULT
New York State Office of the Governor

STEVEN DEBRACCIO
New York State Police

PATRICK DOMERY
New York State Higher Education Services Corporation

SHERRI ECKLES
New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal

AIMEE FURDYNA
New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA) - Division of Child Support Enforcement

SANJEEVANI (SUNNY) JOSHI
New York Power Authority (NYPA) - Contract and Licensing Group

MAURA KERNAN
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

LAWRENCE MAGGUILLI
New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)

BENJAMIN POMERANCE
New York State Division of Veterans’ Affairs

MATTHEW TULIO
New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA) - Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH)

KATIE VALDER
New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA) - Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)

SPALDING WARNER
New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs
Faculty Publications

Professor Vincent M. Bonventre published the article "The Best of New York's Court of Appeals" (New York Law Journal, October 2013).

Professor Melissa Breger published the articles "From Kate Stoneman to Kate Stoneman Chair, Kathryn D. Katz: Feminist Waves and the First Domestic Violence Court at a United States Law School" (Albany Law Review, 2014), and "Transforming Our Cultural Norms and Deconstructing Sexual Violence against Women" and the 3rd ed. of New York Law of Domestic Violence (Thomson-Reuters-West).


Professor Bridgit M. Burke '89 authored chapter 8, "Disability Law: Internet Research and Resources" in Disability Law and Practice: Special Education, Assistive Technology and Vocational Rehabilitation (New York State Bar Association, 2013).


Professor Danshera Cords published Practice and Procedure in the United States Tax Court.

Professor Anthony Farley authored the chapters "Sarah Palin, The Last Black President" in Hip-Hop and the Constitution: Key Writings That Formed The Movement (North Carolina Academic Press) and "Race & the Unreality of Time" in Race, Law, and the Postcolonial (Routledge).


Professor Michael Hutter published “Speaking Agent Hearsay Exception” as the June 2013 Evidence column in The New York Law Journal. He completed a New York Evidence Refresher that was distributed to all New York state judges and made available to the bar, and he was directly involved in the drafting of New York’s new Not-for-Profit statute recently signed into law by Governor Cuomo through his status as a Commissioner of the New York Law Revision Commission, which drafted the statute. He prepared, with Fordham Law School Professor James Kainen, an amicus curiae brief in Portfolio Resources v. Lall submitted to the First Department in support of Lincoln Square Legal Services’ position on a business records evidentiary issue. Professor Hutter also submitted a brief and argument to the Third Department in Matter of Hazen on pro bono basis in support of claimant’s position that the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board position regarding denial of benefits to WTC 9/11 volunteers was arbitrary and capricious. He also published the articles “Use of Convictions to Impeach in a Civil Action” (New York Law Journal, 2013), “Missing Witness Rule Revisited” (NY Law Journal, March 14, 2014) and “Frye’s (Non) Applicability to Experience Based Expert Testimony” (NY Law Journal, February 6, 2014).

Professor Deborah Kearns ’00 published “For Treasury Charity Starts at Home: Treasury’s New Interpretation of the Fiduciary Income Tax Charitable Deduction” for the Virginia Tax Review.

Professor Benjie Louis published “Reflections upon Transitions: An Essay on Learning How to Teach after Practicing Law” in the International Journal of Clinical Education.
Professor Mary A. Lynch published the articles “From Kate Stoneman to Kate Stoneman Chair, Katheryn D. Katz: Feminist Waves and the First Domestic Violence Course at a United States Law School” (Albany Law Review, 2014) and “Is It Time for Reform?: NYSSBA’s 20 Years of Examining the Bar Exam” (NYSSBA Journal, September 2013; co-authored with Kim Diana Connolly). She also published her chapter “Law School Clinics and Their Communities” in Town and Gown: Legal Strategies for Effective Collaboration, edited by Cynthia A. Baker and Patricia E. Salkin.


Professor Nancy M. Maurer authored a chapter titled “Ethical Issues in Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity” in Disability Law and Practice: Special Education, Assistive Technology and Vocational Rehabilitation (2013) and co-edited the book (2013; with Simeon Goldman).


Professor David Pratt published “Focus on… The Detroit Bankruptcy and Its Implications for Public Employee Retirement Plans” in the Journal of Pension Benefits and “Church Pension Plans” in the 2013 NYU Review of Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation.

Professor James Redwood published “The Angel of the Tenderloin” in Issue No. 36 of the Notre Dame Review.

Professor Elizabeth Renuart published the article "Property Title Trouble in Non-Judicial Foreclosure States: The Ibanez Time Bomb?" (Wm. & Mary Bus. L. Rev., 2013), and “Uneasy Intersections: The Right to Foreclose and the UCC” in the Wake Forest Law Review.


Professor Evelyn Tenenbaum published “An Innovation in Continuing Medical Education: Online, Remedial Education for Physicians Following a Professional Violation or Incident” in NYSBA Health Law Journal (Spring/Summer 2013) (with Dr. Wayne Shelton and Dr. Bruce White) and “The Union of Contraceptive Services and the Affordable Care Act Gives Birth to First Amendment Concerns” in the Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology.


Faculty Achievements

President and Dean Penelope (Penny) Andrews delivered the Valerie Gordon Human Rights Lecture at Northeastern University School of Law on Thursday, April 17, 2014. On April 4 she was the keynote speaker at the University of Wisconsin’s Center for European Studies symposium titled: “Creation of International Law: Exploring the International Law Components of Peace.” On Nov. 29, 2013, she presented her paper “Will the Institutional Structure and Culture of Law Schools Be able to Meet the Contemporary Challenges in Legal Education? Perspectives From New York’s Capital” at the “Leading Ideas in Law” conference at the University College Dublin-Sutherland School of Law in Dublin, Ireland.

In April Dean Andrews was appointed to the New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law. She participated on a panel in the University at Albany Women’s International Rights Panel on April 28 through the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society at the SUNY Albany Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. She was named to Lawyers of Color’s Third Annual Power List Issue, a compendium of “the most influential minority attorneys in the country.” She was named an editor of the newly launched African Law Journal, distributed by the Social Science Research Network and sponsored by The University of California, Irvine School of Law. On Feb. 26, Dean Andrews spoke at Bard College at Simon’s Rock for the WEB Du Bois Memorial Lecture. She delivered the keynote address “Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela: The Long Arc of Justice” at The Sage Colleges on Feb. 24, 2014. On Feb. 3, Dean Andrews was recognized by The City of Albany’s Common Council at a Ceremony at City Hall as part of Black History Month, where the Council honors African-American residents of the City of Albany for their contributions to the city. On Feb. 15, she was honored by the Flora Kripps Foundation for her work with African women. Dean Andrews presented to the Schenectady Rotary Club in April on “Changing Market for Lawyers in the USA.” For Women’s History Month, Andrews addressed the Union Missionary Baptist Church members on current circumstances in South Africa.

Dean Andrews delivered the keynote address at the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Reception for Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, Inc., on May 22, 2013. She delivered the keynote address at the Early Care & Learning Council’s 2013 Annual Meeting & Luncheon, held June 5, 2013.

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She was recently appointed a member of the Test Development and Research Committee for the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), the organization that administers the LSAT and helps facilitate the law school admission process. She was one of five women selected out of more than 200 nominations for a Women Who Mean Business award from The Business Review. She delivered remarks at the 11th Annual Sophisticated Trusts and Estates York Trust Law and Uniform Trust Code” at a meeting of the New York Bankers (LSAC), the organization that administers.

She spoke to a congregation in Schenectady, N.Y., on Jan. 19, highlighting similarities in the philosophies of Dr. King and Nelson Mandela. On Jan. 24, Dean Andrews spoke to a congregation at a synagogue in Schenectady to commemorate the birthday of Dr. King.

Professor Ira Mark Bloom, Justice David Josiah Brewer Distinguished Professor of Law, presented a paper on Modernizing New York Trust Law at a meeting of the New York Bankers Association. He presented a paper on the new Uniform Powers of Appointment Act at the 11th Annual Sophisticated Trusts and Estates Law Institute, and also on “Modernizing New York Trust Law and Uniform Trust Code” at a conference in Bolton Landing, N.Y.

Professor Melissa Breger presented her research “Healing the Wounds of Children Sexually Trafficked Internationally by Examining Strategies for Family Violence Prevention Domestically” at the International Society of Family Law (ISFL) Conference held at Brooklyn Law School from June 6 through 9, 2013.

Professor Ray Brescia has been appointed director of the law school’s Government Law Center, effective August 13, 2013. He spoke at the national convention of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition in March 2014. He also coordinated the United Nation’s Josiah Brewer Distinguished Professor of Law, Jr. Memorial Observance, held at the Empire United Nations in New York City. Panelists addressed such topics as the lasting vestiges of slavery, combatting human trafficking and the challenges of rehabilitating trafficking victims.


Professor Joe Connors ’88 and Professor Mary Lynch presented on the “Intersections of Law, Healthcare, and Domestic Violence Dynamics” at Union College on Oct. 22, 2013.

Professor Patrick Connors presented a New York Ethics Update to the Federation of Bar Associations of the Fourth Judicial District at its annual meeting in Montreal, Canada, on April 26, 2014. He presented on recent United States Supreme Court Decisions addressing personal jurisdiction at Touro Law Center’s Faculty Colloquium, Central Islip, N.Y., on April 2, 2014. He presented a New York Civil Practice Update to the New York State Court of Claims Annual Law Clerks Conference, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on March 6, 2014. On January 31 he presented a New York Civil Practice Update to the New York State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Bridge the Gap 2014 Program at the Association’s Annual Meeting in New York City on Jan. 31, 2014. He presented to the Chaminade High School Alumni Lawyers Association on recent developments in New York Ethics, Mineola, N.Y. on Dec. 5, 2013. He moderated a Fan Forum of the New York State Racing Fan Advisory Council at Saratoga Raceway and Casino in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on Nov. 24, 2013. Professor Connors and Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law David Siegel presented a New York Civil Practice Update to the Justices and law clerks of the Appellate Division, Third Department, and the law clerks of the New York Court of Appeals, on May 3, 2013. Professor Connors presented a New York Civil Practice Update to the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association on May 9, 2013, in Albany. He moderated a program entitled “Third-Party Litigation Funding: Boon or Bane?” at the Spring Meeting of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association on May 4, 2013, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He presented a New York Practice Update to the Rockland County Bar Association in New City on May 30, 2013. He has taken over the authorship of Professor David Siegel’s treatise, New York
Eight Faculty Members Leave Albany Law After Years of Service

BRIDGIT M. BURKE ’89, Co-Director, Albany Law Clinic & Justice Center, and Clinical Professor and Director, Civil Rights & Disabilities Law Clinic, has been a part of Albany Law School’s clinical education program since 1994. In her role as a clinical professor she guided students in their development of professional identity, judgment, and litigation and advocacy skills. In 2011 Prof. Burke accepted the Clinical Legal Education Association’s Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Case, for the work students have done on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities under her supervision.

HELANE DAVIS, Associate Dean; Director, Schaffer Law Library; and Associate Professor of Law, joined the faculty in 2010. She was previously assistant professor and director of the law library at the University of Kentucky. Previously, she worked for Seattle University’s law library from 2002-2005, and at Howard University’s law library from 1999 to 2002. Dean Davis started her career as a Westlaw Reference Attorney at West Publishing (now Thomson Reuters Legal) in Minnesota, and worked for West in a variety of roles from 1986 to 1996 before relocating to Gainesville, Fla., and beginning a second career in librarianship.

PAUL FINKELMAN, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy and Senior Fellow, Government Law Center, is a specialist in American legal history, constitutional law, and race and the law, and author of more than 150 scholarly articles and more than 30 books. His op-eds and shorter pieces have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today and on the Huffington Post. He has also appeared on C-Span programs, PBS and the History Channel. In 2002 he was a key expert witness in the suit over who owned Barry Bonds’ 73rd home run ball.

BENJIE LOUIS, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law; Director, Introduction to Litigation Clinic, has been part of Albany Law School since 2007 and teaches the Introduction to Litigation clinical course. She has also taught courses that focus on lawyering skills and national and state housing issues. She previously worked at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley and Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services, where she served as a staff attorney at both offices. Professor Louis specializes in legal issues affecting low-income individuals.

DANIEL MORIARTY joined the faculty in 1971. Before that he served as a law clerk to the N.Y. State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, where he was assigned to work on the court’s criminal cases, and was an Assistant District Attorney with the Albany County District Attorney’s office. Since joining the faculty, he taught mainly in the area of criminal law, teaching the basic course in Criminal Law required of all first-year students, as well as more advanced courses in White Collar Crime, Federal Criminal Law, Juvenile Justice, Post-Conviction Remedies, Sentencing & Corrections and Comparative Criminal Law.

NANCY OTA, Professor of Law, has been on the faculty since 1995. Her research interests focus on the interaction of law, race, sexuality, gender, class and national identity in social history. She has taught at the University of Baltimore School of Law as an adjunct professor and the University of Toledo College of Law as a visiting professor. She has taught Business Organizations, Commercial Law, Contracts, Gender & the Law, Immigration Law & Policy, Issues in Law & Society Seminar, Law & Sexuality, Sales, Leases & Payment Law. Before attending law school, she worked as a commercial banker in international trade and corporate finance in New Orleans and San Francisco.

LAURIE SHANKS, Clinical Professor of Law, joined Albany Law School in 1989, leaving her private practice in Phoenix, Ariz., where she concentrated on criminal defense and personal injury litigation. She has taught CLE seminars and trial advocacy workshops throughout the nation. She also served on a New York statewide task force on wrongful convictions and the state bar’s committee on the future of indigent defense. She is a referee for the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct. She is a frequently quoted resource for reporters around the country.

ELIZABETH RENUART, Associate Professor of Law, joined the faculty in 2009. Prior to that she served as an attorney with the National Consumer Law Center in its Boston office where she focused on consumer credit, banking law and sustainable homeownership issues. She co-authored two of NCLC’s treatises and two books, Stop Predatory Lending: A Guide for Legal Advocates (2d ed. 2007) and Foreclosure Prevention Counseling: Preserving the American Dream (2nd ed. 2009). She was a member of the Consumer Advisory Council to the Federal Reserve Board from 2001-2003.
Professor Helane Davis will serve on the Executive Board of the Law Libraries and Legal Information Section of AALS.

Professor Anthony Paul Farley, James Campbell Matthews Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence, participated in a panel on “Organizing Against Solitary Confinement in the Era of Mass Incarceration” at the Left Forum 2013 at Pace University in New York City. He presented his paper “Epistemology and the International Inflation of Emotional Distress” at the Florida International University College of Law in Miami on Oct. 1, 2013. The next day he presented his paper “Critical Race Theory Now” at the Florida A&M University College of Law in Orlando. He participated in “The Color of Childhood: A Roundtable Conversation” at the LatCrit 2013 Biennial Conference, held in Chicago from Oct. 4-6, 2013. He joined former Vice President Walter Mondale and others at the University of Minnesota to talk about Gideon v. Wainwright and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at “Civil Rights and Civil Justice: 50 Years Later,” a symposium sponsored by the Journal of Law & Inequality. Professor Farley gave a talk on “The Unreality of Time: Memory, Punishment and Transcendence in the African American Experience” at York University in Toronto on Nov. 22, 2013. He participated in a panel on “The 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Examining its Past and Contemporary Effects” at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in New York City. He participated in “A Conversation on Racial Profiling and Human Rights” at Howard University School of Law on April 3, 2014. He also conducted a workshop on colonialism at Yale Law School on April 5. He was also the senior commentator at the 2013 Law and Humanities Junior Scholar Workshop titled “The Aesthetics of Racism” at Georgetown University Law School from June 3-4, 2013. He presented “The Scholar’s Agenda” at a Breakfast Panel at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Minority Groups at the AALS Workshop for New Law School, and he presented “Childhood” at York University in Toronto, Canada. Professor Farley presented the opening plenary panel “Fugitivity & Debt” at ClassCits VI – Stuck in Forward?: Debt, Austerity and the Possibilities of the Political at Southwestern Law School & U.C. Davis Law School. In March, 2014, he organized a voting rights symposium that took place at Touro Law Center, and on April 9, 2014, he spoke at the United Nations as part of a panel on 21st Century Slavery sponsored by the Government Law Center. Professor Farley was also selected for the list of “50 under 50” in the Law School Diversity Issue of Lawyers of Color and appointed to the Executive Committee of the AALS Minority Groups Section.

Professor Paul Finkelman, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law, delivered the talk “How a Railroad Lawyer Became the Great Emancipator” at the “James Oliver Horton Symposium on Abraham Lincoln” in Hawaii on May 25 and 26, 2013. On May 18, 2013, Professor Finkelman gave a lecture on Baseball and the Rule of Law to the regional meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers and then participated on a panel on doping. He gave a plenary talk on “Baseball and the Rule of Law” at the 2013 Federal Bench and Bar Conference for the Eastern District of Kentucky on May 14, 2013. On May 9, 2013, he co-taught, with Judge Louis H. Schiff, a day-long CLE for Florida judges on “Court - A Lot More Like Baseball Than You Thought: Rules, Fairness and Calling the Close Ones” at the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies, sponsored by the Florida Supreme Court. He participated in a panel on “Lincoln, Lieber, and the Law of War from 1863 to 9/11” for The Lincoln Group of D.C. at the U.S. District Court House in Washington, D.C., on May 4, 2013. He gave a presentation at the conference “Congress, the Home Front and the Civil War” on May 3, 2013.

Professor Finkelman has been reappointed as a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians for a three-year term starting 2013/2014. He also spoke on “Abraham Lincoln’s Legacy as the Great Emancipator” at the Appellate Courts Conference of Pennsylvania on June 11, 2013. He chaired and commented on the session “African Americans on the Courthouse Lawn: Why People of Faith Should Oppose Religious Monuments in Public Space” at St. Bonaventure University. Professor Finkelman gave the lecture while serving as the Lenna Visiting Professor. He also spoke at a roundtable discussion in honor of William E. Nelson.
of NYU Law School on Nov. 7, 2013. The session was held at the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History. He also gave the Law Day Lecture titled “How A Railroad Lawyer Became the Great Emancipator” in Alexandria, Va., on behalf of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia on May 1, 2013. On Sept. 11, 2013, he gave two talks at Touro Law School: a faculty workshop where he presented his paper “Frederick Douglass’s Constitution,” and a talk for the Jewish Law Institute where he discussed “Ten Commandments Monuments in Public Space” and the issue of religious divorce in civil law. He presented “John A. Bingham of Ohio and the Historical Context of the Fourteenth Amendment” at the Third Biennial “UnCivil Wars” Conference in Athens, Ga., on Oct. 25, 2013. Professor Finkelman gave a talk at St. Louis University on the public display of religious monuments on Oct. 31, 2013, and he gave the Biever Guest Lecture at Loyola University, New Orleans School of Law titled “How a Railroad Lawyer Became the Great Emancipator: Abraham Lincoln and the Constitutional Limitations on Emancipation” on Nov. 12, 2013.

Professor Robert Heverly ’92 gave a curated talk and participated in a roundtable at the Drones & Aerial Robotics Conference at NYU in New York City on Oct. 12, 2013 and gave a talk on denial of service attacks and tort liability at a program on Cyber Threats and Cyber Realities in June 2013. He presented at the Intellectual Property Scholars Workshop session titled “Buying and Selling the Ephemeral: A Transaction Costs Justification for the Form of Copyright Law” at Cardozo, and on Oct. 17, 2013, he participated in the New York State Bar Association’s “Women on the Move” CLE program in Albany, speaking on Legal Ethics and Social Networking.

Professor Keith Hirokawa delivered a talk on “Sustaining Ecosystem Services through Local Environmental Law” as part of a seminar series presented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its employees and partners. He was also cited in a majority decision from the Ohio Court of Appeals in Apple Group, LTD, v. Board of Zoning Appeals for Granger Township, 2013 WL 5437644 (Ohio, App. 9 Dist.).

Professor Michael Hutter presented New York Evidence Developments and Basics before the Association of City Court Judges. On Jan. 17, 2014, he presented a CPLR review and update to the New York Academy of Trial Lawyers, and on Jan. 21, 2014, he presented Common Evidence Problems for Newly Elected State Judges at the New York State Judicial Institute. On Jan. 29, 2014, he presented a 2013 No-Fault Review and Update to Capital District Trial Lawyers. Professor Hutter presented at the Association of Towns Annual Meeting on Ownership of Lands Under New York’s Waters on Feb. 18, 2014, as well as a presentation to the 6th Judicial District Judges on 2013 Evidence Update and Review on Feb. 28. In March 2014, he presented “Municipal Liability” to the NYS Court of Claims legal staff and presented a 2013 Torts and Negligence update to the Federation of Bar Associations - Fourth Judicial District, as well as for the GLC, Diamler and Fiore on “Changes in Store for N.Y. Personal Jurisdiction Bases” and to the Dutchess County Bar Association on Civil Evidence Developments, as well as to the New York State Matrimonial Judges, Judicial Institute, on electronic evidence and to the New York State Court of Claims Judges regarding Recurring Problems with Serious Injury Proof. Professor Hutter also presented to the New York State Trial Court Judges - Judicial Institute on “Developments in Expert Testimony – Floyd Y and Oddone.” Professor Hutter was also invited by the senate Judiciary Committee to testify in support of the nomination of Judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam to the New York Court of Appeals and was appointed to the New York CLE Board by Chief Administrative Judge Gail Prudenti. He was directly involved in the drafting of New York’s new Not-for-Profit statute recently signed into law by Governor Cuomo through his status as a Commissioner of the New York Law Revision Commission, which drafted the statute, and he submitted a brief and argument to the Third Department in Matter of Hazen on pro bono basis in support of claimant’s position that the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board position regarding denial of benefits to WTC 9/11 volunteers was arbitrary and capricious.


Professor Benjie Louis presented “Rashomon: An Exercise in Teaching Skills and Values in Face Investigation” at the 4th Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, held at the City Law School of the City University of London. She also co-led a planning session at the May 2013 AALS Clinical Section conference, and she was elected as an officer of the board of the Clinical Legal Education Association.

Professor Mary Lynch discussed “The Dynamics of Domestic Violence: Statistical Updates and What is Happening in Trial Courts” for the Appellate Division, Third Department, on Sept. 19, 2013. She discussed her book chapter “Teaching and Assessing Intercultural Effectiveness in a Global World” at a conference on “Becoming a Better Clinician” in January 2014. She presented a mini-plenary session as a co-panelist on “Pedagogy – Fostering Deep Learning in Clinical Law Students” at a clinic conference. She was elected co-vice president of the Clinical Legal Education’s Board of Directors. Professor Lynch was selected to serve on the planning committee for the Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers Conference. Professor Lynch and Professor Sarah Rogerson presented as part of the Appellate Division, Third Department Continuing Legal Education Series, “Avoiding Unintended Consequences: Understanding Recent Statistics & the Difficulty of Holding Abusers Accountable in 2013” at the New York State Bar Association Center.

Professor Timothy Lytton, Albert and Angela Farone Distinguished Professor of Law, presented a paper titled “For-Profit Regulation: How Private Certification Can Overcome Constraints that Frustrate Government Regulation” at a conference sponsored by the University of Tel-Aviv Law School from May 20 to 22, 2013, on “New Approaches for a Safer and Healthier Society.” He presented a paper titled “Oversight and Accountability in Private Food Safety Auditing” at the University of Wisconsin Law School symposium on “Safety and Sustainability in the Era of Food Systems: Reaching a More Integrated Approach” in Madison, Wis., on Oct. 31, 2013. He was one of four keynote presentations at Kosherfest, the annual trade show for the kosher food industry, held this year at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. The presentation was titled “The Recipe for Reliability: How Kosher Became

Professor Nancy Maurer finished her term as co-chair of the Externship Committee of the Section by moderating a plenary session on teaching students to learn from practice settings.

Associate Dean Alicia Ouellette has been appointed the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Intellectual Life, effective July 1, 2013. She presented "Selecting Against Disability: Abortion, Assisted Reproductive Technology, and Access," at Yale Law School on April 17, 2014. She also presented "Health Reform, Disability, and the End of Life" at The Law & Society Annual Meeting in Boston on May 30, 2013. She taught Intro to Law at a Union/Mt. Sinai Proseminar in July 2013, and she taught classes on Health and Human Rights at the University at Albany and gave lectures at Albany Medical College. Associate Dean Ouellette participated in a panel at the College of Saint Rose on Sept. 26, 2013 and gave opening remarks at "Women of the Middle East" at the University at Albany Performing Arts Center on Oct. 21, 2013. Early in 2014, she presented on bar passage initiatives at the New York City Alumni Council Meeting and gave remarks at Public Service Law Day in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. She presented "Selecting Against Disability: Abortion, Assisted Reproductive Technology, and Access," at Yale Law School at a roundtable titled "Intersections in Reproduction: Perspectives on Abortion, Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Judicial Review" and also gave a presentation on U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Josiah Brewer at "Illustrious Judges: Bronson, Brewer, Matthew, and Jackson" at Albany Law School. She was guest blogger for the HealthLawProf Blog for June 2014.

Associate Dean Rosemary Queenan has been appointed Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Professor James Redwood discussed his short story collection Love Beneath the Napalm at the New York State Writers Institute. His book was a finalist for the 16th Annual Foreword Reviews Book of the Year Award in the Short Stories category.

Professor Elizabeth Reuwart spoke at the Consumer Right Litigation Conference in Washington, D.C., at a session titled "Authority to Foreclose: Updates and Recent Developments" on Nov. 7, 2013. On Dec. 4 and 5, she attended the ALI's Restatement of Consumer Contracts project meeting in New York City at NYU Law School.

Professor Sarah Rogerson discussed "Challenges and Creative Solutions: Domestic Violence in the Context of Municipal Tort and Immigration Law" for the Appellate Division, Third Department, on Sept. 19, 2013. She was interviewed by the Fund for Modern Courts on the intersection of immigration status and Family Court, and she was invited to join an advisory group assembled by the Office of Indigent Legal Services to discuss best practices of providing immigration support in both family and criminal law proceedings. Professor Rogerson and Professor Mary Lynch presented as part of the Appellate Division, Third Department Continuing Legal Education Series, "Avoiding Unintended Consequences: Understanding Recent Statistics & the Difficulty of Holding Abusers Accountable in 2013" at the New York State Bar Association Center. She authored the chapter "Using Hip-Hop’s Lyricistic Narrative to Inform and Critique the Family Justice System" in Hip-Hop and the Constitution: Key Writing that Formed the Movement (North Carolina Academic Press). She was cited in the majority opinion in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals case Ibarra v. Holder, 721 F.3d 1157 (10th Cir. 2013).

Professor Laurie Shanks guest lectured for a Criminal Justice class at Siena College on "The Role of the Criminal Defense Attorney.”

Professor Christian Sundquist delivered a lecture entitled “Post-Oppression and the Voting Rights Act” at a conference on The Voting Rights Act and Shelby Counter v. Holder held at Touro Law Center, and on May 3, 2014, he delivered a lecture “Hearsay and Confrontation Clause Issues in Domestic Violence Cases” on behalf of the New York State Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section's spring program.

Professor Evelyn Tenenbaum was a featured speaker at the Clinical Ethics Conference at Albany Medical Center on Nov. 15, 2013, presenting “Mandatory Immunizations for Healthcare Workers.” She presented "Making Informed Consent More Effective in Protecting Patient Choice" at a Forum Series sponsored by the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on Feb. 28, 2014. She was appointed to the Ethics Review Committee at Albany Medical College for a three-year term and presented "Medicine, Ethics and the Law" at Albany Medical College on Dec. 18, 2013.

Professor Donna Young delivered the keynote speech at Siena College on Constitution Day 2013 titled "Equality Across Borders: The 14th Amendment in Comparative Perspective." She was named to the Lawyers of Color 50 Under 50 list, which is comprised of minority law professors. She also served on the planning committee for the annual Northeast People of Color Conference at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, and she was elected president of the Albany Law School chapter of the American Association of University Professors.
“What are your favorite memories about Albany Law School?”
In November 2013 more than 500 alumni answered that question and more, in response to an invitation to participate in a web-based survey. More than 380 respondents were from classes of the last two decades, with another 140 representing classes of the 1970s-1980s.

We asked respondents open-ended questions about favorite campus memories, professors and programs, and about their interest in alumni programs and Reunion activities. We asked them to identify experiences they found the most useful after graduation, and whether they believed that their education prepared them for the practice of law. We also asked their opinions as to important benchmarks with regard to Albany Law’s reputation.

Some common remembrances ran through the responses. For the class years of the 1950s and 1960s, memories appear to be rooted in “the place” that is Albany Law School—comments centered around professors of the day and the campus buildings.

“Being challenged by tough professors who expected their students to meet standards that should be expected of attorneys.”

“I find myself looking back fondly upon late night study sessions in the Albany Law library. Locating a small nook somewhere deep in the basement where it was completely quiet and being able to focus in on learning a concept of the law for hours had a therapeutic Zen quality I find myself missing in the high multi-tasking environment of the real world.”

There was a significant shift for the class years of the 1960s and 1970s, where memories revealed a stronger emphasis on social settings, friends, social functions and parties.

“The post-bar-exam party in July 78. The last essay question was an estate question. The last part stated ‘Assume S was an orphan, would there be any estate tax deduction?’ I’m guessing 90% of us wrote ‘No,’ discussed the marital and charitable deductions and broke free running to the Courtyard. About 30 minutes later, someone stood up on one of the walls and yelled out ‘@#$! The Orphan’s Exclusion!’ and just about everyone there groaned and bent over. I can’t remember what I did this morning but I can remember that clearly from over thirty years ago!”

Such sentiments continued among respondents from the 1980s and 1990s.

“Rugby played no small part in keeping me grounded during times of intense study.”

“The years went by so fast but the friendships that were forged over bad coffee and stimulating conversation made for the best memories.”

Yet among the more recent graduates of the 2000s, remembrances returned toward Albany Law as institution and “place.”

“Professors, classmates and campus events. Three years at ALS was a memorable time period in my life.”

“I enjoyed the camaraderie of the class. I spent my last year at another law school which made me realize how special Albany Law was... students were supportive of each other and worked together to succeed.”

“I never worked so hard in my life as I did at Albany Law School.”

“I miss that place tremendously.”

When asked about programs, there was common agreement that Moot Court and Law Review were highly regarded, as well as Clinic experiences.

As to whether their experience at Albany Law prepared them to practice law, there was an even balance between those who affirmed the educational experience, and those who felt it could have been stronger or that on-the-job experience was better preparation.

When asked about alumni events, there was a common emphasis throughout all class years on regional gatherings centered in metropolitan areas such as Boston or New York.

Regarding activities that would encourage alumni to return to campus, there was great diversity of opinion but there appeared to be a common thread regarding speaking opportunities and “the opportunity to share with students.”

We were pleased that so many alumni responded to the survey. A number of new faces expressed a desire to re-connect with Albany Law in a volunteer capacity, and we encourage alumni to be an active part of the Albany Law community.

We are using these findings to springboard further discussions about student recruitment and continued development of internship opportunities to help make our graduates more marketable. Alumni participation is one measure that rankings organizations use to assess the viability and standing of colleges like Albany Law School. While financial support is important, there are many meaningful ways for alumni to assist our students.
Judge Garry's Mentee Experience Inspires Her Mentoring, and Her Hiring

BY NANCY KELLY

Elizabeth Garry ’90, Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Department, is continuing the art of mentorship she learned on the shoulder of another Albany Law alumnus, retired Sixth District Supreme Court Justice Irad S. Ingraham ’60.

“My first employment out of law school was as a law clerk to a state Supreme Court Justice,” said Garry. “I was exceptionally fortunate. But Irad was an unusual judge and a great man. He would hire a new grad to work with him for roughly a two-year stint. He was tremendously inspiring, and he was a phenomenal mentor.”

Ingraham made a practice of hiring new Albany Law graduates as his law clerks. “It probably made his work harder, because it is easier if you have someone who knows your style of writing and the way you like things done,” said Garry. “To have turnover in a position every two years, honestly, it was his gift to each of us. He ultimately had five law clerks, and each of us considers ourselves his ‘family in the law.’”

The others were Lou Calla ’85, corporation counsel at Raymond Corporation, Susan Fortin Lesser ’88, practicing in Syracuse, N.Y., Garry travels to Albany frequently on both Court and Albany Law business. “It is very helpful that the School does a few events each year which I attend. I will reach out by e-mail several times in any given year, and we meet at least a couple of times.”

“One of my most outstanding mentees, Jamie Dughi Hogenkamp ’15, was assigned to me last year. She is very eager, very diligent. Her enthusiasm level is remarkable.”

When Garry came to meet this year’s mentee, Casandra Stephenson ’16, she also introduced her to Dughi, who offered to help Stephenson if she ever needed anything. “Casandra’s level of dedication and drive to be in the legal profession is really exemplary, and I think she is going to be a fabulous lawyer who will be really helpful to people. So yes, we have a whole legacy now.”

Dughi said, “Judge Garry’s mentorship and guidance has carried me through my law school experience. Even before committing to Albany Law, I sat in awe watching her accept the Kate Stoneman Award in 2012. Her words so passionately described what the School had contributed to her aspirations, I knew then that this is where I belonged.”

Stephenson noted, “Judge Garry has given me such great advice and helped me to be more confident and approach law school in a way that works for me. Both Judge Garry and Jaime have been so kind and generous in providing information and support. I look forward to serving as a mentor.”

In addition, Garry has tried to model her own mentor over the last several years by offering jobs in her chambers to recent Albany Law School graduates, first hiring Katherine Ambrosio ’10, and now Casey Fitzpatrick Rogers ’13.

“I’ve been supportive of Albany Law since the moment I entered those doors,” Garry said. “I don’t think that I’ve missed a year without making at least some nominal donation to the school, because I really have a very good career because of that education. I’ve always wanted to pass forward the opportunity that I was presented.”

Judge Garry concluded, “It’s been a very positive experience, and I think that a major objective of the NAA is to foster a continuing involvement and support of our alma mater by graduates who have gone on to enjoy their careers in the law, and to keep that relationship vibrant and helpful on both ends, for practicing lawyers and the current students.”
Albany Law School has produced a long line of outstanding legal practitioners, scholars and jurists, as well as distinguished leaders in business and government. Numbering more than 10,000 worldwide, Albany Law alumni maintain connections through many resources and events. The powerful network of alumni comprises the backbone of the law school.

To find out more or to get involved with alumni activities in your area, contact Tammy Weinman, Director of Alumni Affairs & Special Events, at 518-445-3210 or twein@albanylaw.edu or visit www.albanylaw.edu/alumni to view upcoming events.

**U.S. Attorney Richard Hartunian Spends the Day on Campus as Alumnus in Residence**

Richard S. Hartunian ’86, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York, spent a day on campus in April teaching a master class, with The Hon. Ryan T. Donovan ’01, to members of the newly-formed Criminal Law Society. He spoke earlier to 30 Troy middle and high school students about careers in law enforcement. He closed the day with a lecture titled “Getting Smarter on Crime: The Department of Justice’s Reassessment of Crime and Punishment in a Changing World,” which outlined the DOJ’s recent developments with charging and sentencing policies in connection with drug and violent crimes.

**Golf Outing at Schuyler Meadows Club, Loudonville**

**June 18, 2013**

Daniel Mannix ’99, Bill Nikas ’75, Hon. David Krogmann, Guy Roemer ’72

Clotelle Drakeford ’11 and Campbell Wallace ’05
Barrister Soiree and Alumni Awards at Schuyler Meadows Club, Loudonville
August 25, 2013

2013 Young Alumni Honoree Laura Jordan ‘03
2013 Young Alumni Honoree David Rozen ‘10
Trustee Chair Daniel P. Nolan ‘78

2013 Distinguished Alumni Honoree and Trustee Emeritus
Hon. Bernard (Bud) Malone Jr. ‘72 and niece Gail Malone ‘16

Washington, D.C. Alumni at Washington Nationals Game
September 19, 2013
The newly-formed planning committee for D.C. Metro area attended a Washington Nationals game in a private suite, thanks to the generosity of Ira Sockowitz ’88. The Nationals won 3-2.

From left: Robert S. Rosborough ‘08, Monica Skanes ‘11, Genevieve Trigg ‘10, Meaghan Murphy Faso ‘12, Nicholas Faso ‘12 and Javid Afzali ‘12

Capital Region Happy Hour at Lucas Confectionary and Wine Bar, Troy
October 10, 2013

From left: Bob Lalley ‘05, Jessica Giroux ‘03, Ira Sockowitz ’88, Vonzell Jones ‘09 and Louise Besette ’13

Thomas McGuirk ’10 (right) and guest
ALUMNI WEEKEND 2013
Class of '83, winner of Best Class Attendance at Reunion Weekend

Class of '63, (from left) back: Carl Rosenbloom, Marvin Honing, George Arslanian; front: Stuart Doling, Hon. Richard Sippel, Edward Martin.

Class of '93: Adam Silvers, Scott Cristafulli, Kathleen McElroy, Ken Hoffmann, Megan Brown, Dick Moriarty, Lori Mitchen-Demasi, Elaine Bartley

Jingwei Lu Fu '93, Dionne Cuevas-Abreu '93, Minerva John-Stull '93

Class of '83: Andy Loeb, Paul Levy, Lisa Oppediso Payne, Geoffrey Hoderath and Mark Betts

Back row from left: Ian MacDonald '58, Bill Holzapfel '58 and Mike Duffy '58; Mike Kozubek '73, seated with a statue of Albany's 73rd mayor Thomas Whalen III '58 and his golden retriever, Finn McCool.
Walton Alumni Luncheon, Danny’s Restaurant
November 20, 2013

From left: Michael Degroat ’77, Gary Grayson ’75, Adam Oles ’13, Dean Andrews, Hon. Carl Becker ’73, Tahinah Clark ’96 and Delaware County District Attorney Richard Northrup Jr. ’83

Rochester GOLD Alumni Happy Hour at Genesee Brew House
December 10, 2013

From left: Peter Pullano ’86, Joseph Frandino ’13, John Braun, Leann Michael ’06, Hanok George ’12, Jonathan Ferris ’12, Jessica Clemente ’12, John Forbush ’12, Jeremy Cooney ’10 and Peter Gregory ’10

Metro NYC Reception
Hilton New York Midtown, NYC
January 29, 2014

From left: Allen Wolff ’92, Mark Cuthbertson ’92, David Mallen ’92

From left: Graduate Trustee Elie Salamon ’13, Dean Andrews, Hon. Peter Crummey ’81 and Andrea Long ’13

Florida Alumni Reception at La Playa Hotel, Naples
March 3, 2014

From left: Joseph Baum ’81, Linda Secrey-Lester, William Nugent ’65, Joan McDougall, Harold Hanson ’66, Dick Mulvey ’60, Rebecca Vaccariello ’99, Nancy Prior ’83, Charles Hayes, Hon. Robert McDougall ’72, and Dean Andrews
Albany Law Review Alumni Reception at Patterson Belknap, New York City
March 24, 2014

From left: Keri Bagala '14, Elie Salamon '13, Dean Andrews, Edward Martin '63, Erika Hauser '13

Annual William Watkins Memorial Rugby Tournament
April 26, 2014

Dean Andrews (center) hosted a luncheon with rugby alumni in between matches held on the UHA field

St. Lawrence County Alumni Reception, The Club, Canton, N.Y.
May 20, 2014

From left: Hon. David Demarest ’73, Mary Farley ’92, Dean Andrews, Johanne Larocque Sullivan ’02, Trustee Mary Ann Cody ’83

Malone Alumni Breakfast, Malone, N.Y.
May 21, 2014

From left: Todd Weber ’78, Brian Stewart ’82, Matt McArdle ’02, Dean Andrews, Hon. Robert Main Jr. ’76, Mary Ann Cody ’83, Paul Cantwell ’66, John Muldowney ’88

Plattsburgh, N.Y., Alumni Luncheon, Butcher Block
May 21, 2014

From left: Alex Shmulsky ’07, Hon. John Lahtinen ’70, Trustee Mary Ann Cody ’83, Hon. Kevin Ryan ’74, Dean Andrews, Andrew Russell ’08 and Hilary Rogers ’06
Albany Law Celebrates Class of 2014 at 163rd Commencement

Nearly 200 students crossed the stage at Albany Law School’s 163rd Commencement, held May 16, 2014, at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

“We’re going to miss you,” said President and Dean Penny Andrews. She went on to emphasize four ‘R’s—rejoice, reputation, respect and resilience—to help guide the graduates as they considered their careers in law.

Thomas Vilsack ’75, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and a former two-term governor of Iowa, delivered the keynote address to the Class of 2014, as well as family, friends, faculty and staff.

“I can’t help but end this speech by telling you how valuable Albany Law School is to me,” said Secretary Vilsack. “Albany Law School equipped me to be a good lawyer.”

“This school gives people opportunity,” he said.

Professor Vincent Bonventre introduced the Hon. Sheila Abdus-Salaam and the Hon. Jenny Rivera, associate judges on the New York State Court of Appeals, who both received honorary doctor of laws degrees.

Dean Andrews presented David Schraver, the 116th president of the New York State Bar Association, with the Dean's Medal for his service to the legal profession.

Natalia Detko, president of the Class of 2014, addressed her classmates and other attendees near the end of the ceremony, announcing the class gift of nearly $10,000 for Courtyard improvements and the Friend of the Class award to Professor Patrick Connors.

“What you have gained today is more than a piece of paper. It is much more powerful,” said Detko, who immigrated to the United States from Poland as a child with her mother. “Now, you can see the big picture.”

The 163rd Commencement closed with National Alumni Association President Robert Rausch ’94 welcoming the Class of 2014 as Albany Law School’s newest alumni.
Each year at Commencement, the law school recognizes outstanding faculty with three award categories: service, scholarship and teaching. This year, Professor Donna Young, Professor Keith Hirokawa and Professor Mary Lynch received awards.

Professor Young received the 2014 award for Excellence in Service, in large part for dedicating more than 20 years to the professional development and well-being of Albany Law students, often meeting students before they enroll at the school and continuing to serve as a mentor beyond their graduation. She serves as advisor for the Black Law Student Association, the Latin American Law Student Association and the Worker’s Rights and Labor Law Pro Bono Project. She is active at recruitment forums and student events and this past year she was the faculty advisor for the Gibbons Criminal Law moot court team.

Professor Hirokawa, who was granted tenure the day prior to Commencement, received the 2014 award for Excellence in Scholarship for his work on some of the most critical challenges facing the planet, from the health of water systems to the threats of climate change. He has authored dozens of articles on wide-ranging topics, and he has co-edited a book on sustainable local development. Professor Hirokawa also plies his scholarship in the field, bringing his students to the streams and other areas affected by the laws and regulations that they study.

Professor Lynch received the 2014 award for Excellence in Teaching, emerging from a field of nominations that totaled nearly half of the full-time faculty. Professor Lynch, in particular, was recognized for her outstanding contribution to teaching in legal education nationally and even internationally. She is the director of the Center for Excellence in Law Teaching and the editor of the blog Best Practices for Legal Education. She also teaches her students the practice of law through her Domestic Violence Prosecution Hybrid Clinic and other classes.
1963
Donald J. Snyder was honored by Herkimer County Community College with a corridor named “Don’s Way” that acknowledged his commitment to the school.

1971
Hon. Richard Eaton has been added as a new faculty member at the School of Diplomacy and International Relations of Seton Hall.

Guy Lescault received the 2013 H. Sol Clark Pro Bono Award from the State Bar of Georgia Access to Justice Committee and the State Bar of Georgia Pro Bono Project.

1973
David Beier has joined Bay City Capital in San Francisco, Calif. as Managing Director.

1974
Hon. Edward Bartholomew has been named president of the Economic Development Corporation of Warren County, N.Y.

Henry C. Brislin has become an attorney with Kulig & Sullivan, P.C. in Rutland, Vt.

Hon. John Ciulla has been appointed Halfmoon, N.Y., Town Justice.

1975
Patricia Gabel has been promoted to Vermont Court Administrator in Montpelier, Vt.

Jan Stiglitz has been named California Lawyer Magazine Attorney of the Year.

James T. Towne, Jr. has been appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo (N.Y.) as a member of the New York Racing Association Franchise Oversight Board.

1976
Peter Slavis has been selected as a 2014 Best Lawyer in America.

1977
Hon. Victoria Graffeo was the recipient of the Excellence in Public Service Award from the New York State Bar Association.

1978
Elizabeth J. McDonald has been named to the Board of the New York State Bar Foundation.

Jane (Beltzer) Meck is retiring from J.P. Morgan after 35 years in the legal department, based in London, England.

1980
Janet Callahan has been named to the Best Lawyers in America for 2014.

Peter A. Pastore has been elected Managing Partner at McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C. in Albany, N.Y.

Ronald J. Weiss has been named chair of the Trusts and Estates Groups of the New York State Bar Association.

1981
Philip Calderone has been named Deputy County Executive for Albany County.

Robert H. Coughlin, Jr. has been named chair of the Trusts and Estates Groups of the New York State Bar Association.

Hon. Peter G. Crummey has been sworn in as the President of the Albany County Bar Association.

1982
Linda Cohen has been appointed, by NYS Gov. Andrew Cuomo ’82, Executive Director for the State Commission on National and Community Service.

1983
Brian P. Krzykowski has joined O’Connor, O’Connor, Bresee & First, P.C. in Albany, N.Y.

Martha Miller has retired from General Electric, Schenectady, N.Y.

James E. Hacker was named the 2014 ‘Lawyer of the Year’ for Commercial Litigation in the Albany N.Y. area by U.S. News.

Daniel J. Payne has published his fourth book, Why Read Thoreau’s Walden?

Paul Predmore has been named a 2013 New York Super Lawyer - Upstate.

Leslie Templeman joined New York’s Office of Higher Education as the Director for the Office of College and University Evaluation.

1985
Laurann Asklof has joined Shipman & Goodwin LLP in Hartford, Conn.

Evan K. Krinick has been elected managing partner at Rivkin Radler LLP, Uniondale, N.Y.

1986
Gregory Faucher has joined Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP.
The judicial career of Justice Edward Spain ’66 began in Troy Police Court in 1978, included six years of Family Court, work on the trial bench of Supreme Court and concluded with his recent retirement after 19 years on the Appellate Division, Third Department. As a judge, other than when the appellate court was in session in Albany, he rarely traveled outside his beloved hometown of Troy, even as he wrote hundreds of opinions and a handful of dissents that ranged far and wide over the legal terrain. At heart, he remains an unrepentant “Troy boy.”

“Everything I ever wanted was right here,” he said.

Spain’s long tenure on the bench was marked by compassion, humility, sensitivity to society’s marginalized people and what one fellow jurist called an almost “priestly” presence. A homespun humor is part of his charm, too. In conversation, he is apt to use “gosh” and displays an aw-shucks demeanor. “Good judges are patient, well-rounded, courteous and fair, they listen to both sides,” he said, and added that there is truth in the bromide, “once a Family Court judge, always a Family Court judge.”

Spain was recently stopped in a local bakery by a woman in her 30s who recognized him and said, “You’re Judge Spain.” He replied, “Well, I used to be.” The woman recounted that she had appeared in Family Court before Spain as an unruly teenager who had frequent brushes with the law. Judge Spain heard the case, gave her a stern lecture and placed her on a strict curfew. She said the judge’s firm yet compassionate handling of the matter decades ago turned her life around. “It was the best thing that ever happened to me,” she told the retired judge.

The down-to-earth Spain, 72, downplayed accolades bestowed by judicial colleagues and legal affairs writers following his retirement on Dec. 31, 2013. On a recent afternoon, dressed in a flannel shirt and seated at the kitchen table in the house in Troy where he and his wife, Kathy, have lived for 43 years and raised six children and welcomed 16 grandchildren, Spain recounted a legal career infused with all things Troy. The couple’s unadorned Colonial-style house with a basketball hoop on the detached garage is located about a mile across town from where the ginger-haired Spain grew up on Burdett Avenue, the second eldest of eight children (six brothers and one sister) in a family filled with lawyers—including his father, an uncle, two brothers, a niece and a nephew and two of his children who, like their father, are Albany Law graduates, Tom ’94 and Sarah ’07.

Spain grew up surrounded by attorneys, but planned to chart his own course at Boston College by taking pre-med courses. He soon determined he was not cut out to be a physician. His fallback position was to major in economics. “It was not an easy major, but it was a great discipline and that is what I learned when I lived,” he recalled. He played on the junior varsity hockey team at Boston College and briefly, while in law school, on a local hockey squad after honing his skills on Troy’s frozen ponds and at the nearby Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute field house with his brothers and other Troy hockey players, including Albany Law classmates E. Stewart Jones Jr. ’66 and Tom Callaghan ’66.

He fell into the gravitational pull of the law and enrolled at Albany Law in 1963, when tuition was $1,000. He received a $500 Scholar Incentive Grant, available to all New Yorkers attending a New York law school. He lived at home to keep expenses low and worked part-time at his father’s law practice and also as a stock boy and salesman at Kelly Clothes, a store in Troy.

At least a half dozen of his buddies from Troy attended Albany Law during that period, such as Spain’s classmates, Jones and Callaghan, as well as Peter Coffey, Jim Canfield and John Rausch all of the class of ’65, and Paul Coffey of the class of ’67. “It was like a Troy fraternity and all the lawyers in town were so supportive of us as law students and later as young lawyers,” Spain recalled. “They reminded us what a noble profession it is.”

Spain recalled his time at Albany Law “a wonderful experience” and he valued the school’s small, family-like atmosphere. The professors knew everyone by name. He was inspired by his classes with Professor Ralph D. Semerad and Samuel Moody Hesson ’31, each towered legal minds and each of whom later served as Dean. Three of his revered professors are still alive: Jack Welsh, Frank Anderson and Judge Jack Casey of Troy. The alma mater connection followed Spain, who noted that a majority of the 16 justices he served with on the Third Department were Albany Law alumni. Spain learned the practice of law from his father, John H. Spain.

Spain’s brief stint outside the orbit of Troy was as a JAG Corps lawyer and lieutenant with the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1969 during the Vietnam War. He served as chief legal advisor to the commander of training of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and spent time on Okinawa and at Pearl Harbor before being stationed in San Diego with his new bride, from Cohoes.

Back in Troy, he moved from Police Court to Family Court, dismissing the advice of some of the local lawyers and judges who called Family Court a “dead-end” in terms of advancement. He was later elected to the Supreme Court and appointed to the Appellate Division in 1994 by Gov. Mario Cuomo, a Democrat, who called Spain by phone with the news on his final day as governor before he ceded the Executive Mansion to newly elected Republican Gov. George Pataki. “My kids call me the midnight judge,” Spain said.

In retirement, he and his wife, a retired pediatric nurse, plan to travel frequently to visit their far-flung children and grandchildren. He’s also on the board of The Historical Society of the New York Courts and he plans to research and write a history of the legal community of Troy and Rensselaer County. And if he needs to do research in a law library, the Troy boy should hopefully be able to get a key to the County Courthouse where he studied as an Albany Law student and where his chambers were located for more than 28 years.
Pioneer Bank Exec Sarratori ’90 Initially Drawn to Real Property

Frank Sarratori ’90 was named executive vice president and chief administrative officer of Pioneer Bank in October 2013 after nine years as Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and general counsel.

His banking career had its origins at Albany Law School where he discovered a predilection for real property law because, he said, “It covered everything. We live and work in buildings, which sit on real property. It is an extension of daily life, and the rights that we have as property owners.”

He also loved history, taking a first job in law school as a title searcher. He then became a law clerk at a firm with a large real estate and finance department, where over 15 years of practice he eventually handled all of the legal work for Pioneer Bank, working in banking, real estate and finance law. When he was offered a position with Pioneer in 2004, he said, “It was a continuation of my interest to stay within these areas. And I absolutely love what I am doing now. Pioneer has its 125th anniversary this year, and we have begun to really use the term ‘pioneer’ because it means innovative, and as a local mutual savings bank, we have great opportunities to provide our customers with services they need.”

“Don’t let your notion of what being an attorney means hold you back when you are planning your career,” said Sarratori. “Think creatively. The sky is the limit. You can have a successful career and be involved in your community at the same time.” Sarratori lives his motto; he serves on four non-profit boards while raising three young children with his wife, Christine.

Richard Hartunian has been appointed to the Federal Attorney General’s Advisory Committee. This Committee makes recommendations to the U.S. Attorney General regarding policies and procedures of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Peter J. Pullano has joined the new office of Tully Rinckey in Rochester, N.Y. as a partner.

Colonel Holly Cook has joined the American Bar Association as the D.C. Operations Director.

1988

Thomas Collura has joined Hodgson Russ as a partner, Albany.

Brendan J. Keane has joined Sterne Agee.

David P. Miranda has been named president-elect designee of the New York State Bar Association.

1989

Michael McDermott has been named shareholder at O’Connell and Aronowitz, Albany.

Martin Mooney has joined Schiller & Knapp, LLP in Latham, N.Y.

1990

Susan F. Bartkowski announced her firm, Towne Ryan & Partners PC has been granted certification as a Women Business Enterprise by the New York State Department of Economic Development.

Nicole M. Duve has joined the Carlisle Law Firm PC in Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Glenn G. Fox has been selected chair of the International Section of the New York State Bar Association.

1991

Frank Fanshawe has joined Wilson Elser’s Health Care Practice in Albany, N.Y.

Robert Kenney Jr. has joined Blank Rome LLP as a partner in their Corporate Litigation Group.

1993

Elena DeFio Kean has been nominated to the executive committee of the NYS Bar Association as a Member-at-Large.

1994

Jerold Bartman has received the Kurt Clobridge Memorial Award for Pro Bono Service from The Legal Project in Albany, N.Y.

Ronald J. Pabis has joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges as a partner.

1995

Michael L. Freedman has joined Satty, Levine & Ciacco accounting firm.

Kathryn McCarthy has joined FTI Consulting, Inc. as a Senior Managing Director in the firm’s Technology practice in Washington, D.C.

Linda J. Passaretti has been named Director of Development for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation.

Krista Rock has been appointed General Counsel for the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

1996

John M. Bagyi has been named a Best Lawyer in America for Employment Law and Labor Law.
Tracey North ’86: Transforming the FBI to be Intelligence-Led and Threat-Driven

Tracey North ’86, Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) of the Directorate of Intelligence (DI) at the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s headquarters in Washington, D.C., since 2011, has a global perspective on law enforcement and intelligence issues. She oversees the workforce success of over 3,000 Intelligence Analysts (IAs), 1400 Foreign Language Program Linguists and 400 Special Agents specially trained in human source development, across the FBI.

Since 9/11, the FBI has undergone significant changes to embrace its dual law enforcement and intelligence mission. As a result, the Intelligence Program is firmly established through its cadre of IAs, Linguists and Special Agents in all 56 field offices and 64 Legal Attachés. The challenge of DAD North’s job is instilling within the entire FBI workforce a foundational understanding that intelligence is integral to the FBI mission.

“The challenge to the Bureau after 9/11 was realizing we’re not just a law enforcement agency, we’re a national security agency.”

As a Special Agent in the field, I was carrying a caseload of anywhere from 10 to 25 cases at any one time. Being able to keep on top of everything is crucial in my career.”

Her first assignment as an FBI Special Agent was in the Atlanta field office, where she spent 15 years investigating domestic terrorism, violent crime and organized crime. She was the case agent on the investigation of mail package bombs that killed three people and injured more than 70 other charges.

In 2001, a month before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, North was promoted to FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. She was named Chief of Staff of the Counterterrorism Division and helped revise procedures following criticism of the FBI at 9/11 Congressional hearings. “The challenge to the Bureau after 9/11 was realizing we’re not just a law enforcement agency, but we’re a national security agency and we need to wear both the law enforcement and intelligence hats,” she said. “The FBI is the biggest domestic collector of intelligence, we have unique capabilities and we need to ensure our agents collect information that is important not only to our other federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement partners, but also information that is important to the U.S. Intelligence Community and our national policy makers.”

North grew up in a Rochester suburb, majored in criminal justice at Buffalo State College and during law school applied to both the FBI and the CIA.

“I clerked at a general practice firm in Albany and being stuck inside behind a desk all day didn’t thrill me,” said North, who also worked as a reference aide in the law school library. “I was looking for something more exciting. Something in public service, where I could make a difference.”

North was named Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the FBI’s Albany field office in 2005 and spent two years in the post. She visited the law school and saw a few former professors. “It was fun to be back in Albany and visit some of the old haunts, but it seemed like a lifetime ago,” she said. | PG

Brendan Chudy has joined Global Foundries in Malta, N.Y. as in house counsel.

Jennifer Corona has been named president of the Capital District Women’s Bar Association, Albany, N.Y.

Lt. Col. Christopher Hanifin was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army JAG Corps.

Peter Lauricella has been named a 2013 New York Super Lawyer - Upstate.

John F. Queenan has been named managing partner at Iseman, Cunningham, Riester & Hyde, LLP, a law firm with offices in Albany and Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

David Verbraska has been elected Vice President, Marketing on the Executive Board of the Northern NJ Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Larry P. Cote has been named the new office manager at Quarles & Brady LLP.

Lori E. Masterson has joined Iseman Cunningham Riester & Hyde as in-counsel.

James Meggesto has joined Holland & Knight as partner and deputy leader of the firm’s national Indian Law Practice Group, Washington D.C.

Rachel Schatten has joined Stone Castle Partners as General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer.

Letizia Tagliaferro has been named executive director to the Joint Commission on Public Ethics, New York State.
ALUMNI PROFILE

Wan ’00 Rose to Judiciary Early, Presides in Brooklyn Family Court

Judge Wan grew up in Long Island, was always interested in social welfare issues. Even as an English major at Binghamton University (where she graduated summa cum laude), she interned at the Broome County Department of Social Services where she supervised visits for children in foster care. She spent a year abroad studying at Oxford University in England where she met her husband of almost 14 years. “I owe a lot to them.”

Judge Wan has kept in touch with evidence professor Michael Hutter and has consulted with him on various evidentiary issues throughout the years. “Anything he taught, I took,” she said, quipping that she had no interest in antitrust law but enrolled in it anyway because she was interested in anything he had to say.

Additionally, she credits the “amazing influence” of the late Katheryn Katz, her Family Law and Children and the Law professor. Judge Wan also keeps in contact with classmate Christopher Watt ’00, who heads up the Christopher J. Watt Law Office in Saratoga Springs. She explained that they became friends because their last names led to assigned seats next to each other. Watt bought her the gavel that sits on top of her courtroom bench.

After law school Judge Wan served as an attorney for the Administration for Children Services for nine years, litigating hundreds of child abuse and neglect cases in the Manhattan Family Court Unit. She then took a position in Surrogate’s Court of Kings County, where she interned at the Broome County Department of Social Services where she supervised visits for children in foster care.

Judge Wan, who has served on the bench since July of 2012, deals with cases involving abuse and neglect of children ranging from domestic violence and drug abuse to allegations of sexual abuse, burns/fractures and educational or medical neglect. She also presides over custody, visitation and family offense matters.

“The decisions I make on the bench are so important, even the seemingly small ones, because they affect families and the well-being of children,” she said, explaining that she keeps a large volume of cases in Brooklyn and there are many families that she sees on a daily basis. “It’s a tremendous responsibility and very humbling.”

The daughter of Chinese immigrants, Judge Wan was profoundly influenced by her parents’ work ethic and values.

“They came here with nothing and worked so hard so that my brother and I could have everything. Our only responsibility was to do well in school,” she said, recalling that her mother handled the graveyard shift at the hospital’s neonatal intensive care unit so that she could be home for dinner and to supervise homework. “I owe a lot to them.”

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She spent a year abroad studying at Oxford University in England where she met her husband of almost 14 years, who is a New Jersey native. She has fond memories of traveling with her Albany Law roommate Elena Zaretsky ’00 and friend Yury Maltser ’00 to visit him while he attended law school in New York City. Judge Wan, who worked on the Albany Law Review as an associate editor, knew she wanted to use her law degree to serve the public in some way and appreciated the crucial experience she gained from the school’s Domestic Violence Clinic.

She also benefitted from her Juvenile Rights Division internships which she spent at Lawyers for Children and the Legal Aid Society, both New York City-based organizations that represent children in legal proceedings.

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Judge Wan is a board member of the Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association and is active with the Family Court and Family Law Committee in the New York City Bar Association. Recently, she played a pivotal role in starting the Asian American Judges Association of New York State. “There have been other organizations of minority judges in existence for many years, but there never was one for Asian American judges,” said Judge Wan. “We thought it was time to form one.”

Judge Wan who has two children, is a member of Practicing Attorneys for Law Students, a mentoring non-profit that pairs lawyers with minority law students. She currently advises an Asian American law student at Fordham Law School. She frequently travels to local schools to talk about career paths and was also involved in the YMCA Teens Take the City initiative, a leadership program designed to assist youth with developing public speaking skills.

2001

Dean C LaClair

has been named partner in the law firm Falge, LaClair, Hvozda, & Cassidy, P.C.; located in Syracuse, N.Y.

2002

John W. Kraigenow

has joined Donnellan & Knussman, PLLC in Ballston Spa, N.Y. as a partner.

Derrek Thomas

has joined the City of Syracuse, N.Y. as its personnel director.

2003

John Hsu

has been promoted to partner at Wilson Elser.

Chris Pusateri

has joined Kenney Shelton Liptak Nowak LLP in Buffalo, N.Y. as an associate.
Jennifer L. Tsyn has been elected a member/partner at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, Albany.

2004

Sean Childs has joined the NYS Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs.

Elizabeth Garvey has been named Senate GOP Counsel for the state of New York.

Kimberly A. Glennon was named a Super Lawyer Rising Star in Upstate N.Y.

Peter J. Glennon has been elected chairman of Honor Flight Rochester, and was also named a Super Lawyer in Upstate N.Y.

Mackenzie C. Monaco has been appointed a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness by the Justices of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Albany, N.Y.

G. Nagesh Rao has been appointed to serve as a policy advisor and entrepreneur in residence in the Office of Investment and Innovation at the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Shannon D. Vollmer was appointed as the director at the New York State Department of Health.

Eddie Loren Williams has been appointed Newburgh City Court Judge, N.Y.

2005

Kyle Belokopitsky has accepted a lobbyist position with the New York State United Teachers.

Leonard J. D’Arrigo has been named partner at Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna in Albany, N.Y.

2006

Aron Z. Karabel has joined Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP, N.Y.C.

Michele LoFaso was appointed as the director of student affairs at Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law.

Kelly Mikullitz has been named shareholder at O’Connell and Aronowitz.

Kimberly Petillo-Decossard was elected partner of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, New York City.

2007

Jonathan E. Hansen has been appointed to the Capital District Regional Board of Easter Seals New York.

2008

Charles C. Dunham IV has joined Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC in Albany, N.Y.

Sarah Goldman has joined Donnellan & Knussman, PLLC in Ballston Spa, N.Y. as an associate.

Panagiota K. Hyde has been appointed a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness by the Justices of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Albany, N.Y.

Robert E. Manfredo has joined Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC as an associate, Albany.

Jessica H. Vinson has become a principal at Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes, Glens Falls, N.Y.

2009

Myles B. Fischer has joined Whiteman Osterman & Hanna as an associate.

Matthew Skinner has been named Executive Director of the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York.

2010

Daniel Cummings has joined Flage, LaClair, Hvozda & Cassidy as an associate attorney.

David S. Fenichel has joined Farm Family Insurance in Glenmont, N.Y. as the Life Product Development and Compliance Analyst.

Jillian Kasow has joined Harris Beach PLLC in Albany, N.Y. as an associate.

Vitaliy Volpov has joined the Labor and Employment Practice Group at Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna in Albany, N.Y.

2011

Robert J. Duprey has joined Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC in Albany, N.Y.

2012

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2006

Brian D. Carr has been awarded the highest attorney peer review rating of AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.

Seth Coffey has joined Maynard, O’Connor, Smith and Catalino in Albany, N.Y. as an associate.

Joshua Oppenheimer has been appointed as of counsel in the Government Law & Policy Practice unit at Greenberg Traurig, Albany.

Francine R. Vero has joined Harris Beach PLLC as senior counsel in their Albany office.

2007

Jonathan E. Hansen has been appointed to the Capital District Regional Board of Easter Seals New York.

2008

Brian R. Hodgdon has joined Hinman Straub PC in Albany, N.Y. as an associate in the firm’s Labor and Employment and Litigation Departments.

Jayme Torelli has been named a member of Hoffman Warnick LLC.

MVP’s President, Denise Gonick ’91, and Legal Team Visit Campus

From Left: MVP Healthcare’s President and CEO Denise Gonick ’91 with her legal team Brigid Brown ’06, Justin Carangelo ’97 and Dawn Jablonowski ’89. Chaula Shukla ’13, the Barry Gold Health Law Fellow, hosted the visit, which included touring the campus and meeting with students, staff and faculty.
“People aren’t going to respect you just because you’re a ‘fun guy,’” Van Ness said. “It’s a nice supplement, but you need to be respected for your legal mind.”

Van Ness grew up in the Albany area with a name bestowed on the family a couple hundred years ago.

His ancestors worked for the family of President Martin Van Buren in Kinderhook in a capacity Van Ness euphemistically describes as “involuntary servitude.” For whatever reason, the elder Van Buren named one of his workers “Van Ness,” after a prominent political clan in Columbia County, and a family with African and Native American roots inherited an aristocratic surname. Van Ness’ mother emigrated from Germany in the 1960s.

Van Ness spent one year at the Norwich University military academy and then Cortland College before transferring to the University at Albany, where his mother taught, in 1992. He joined a fraternity—Pi Lambda Phi—interred with then state Senator Dale Volker, backpacked through Europe and Africa, and somewhere along the line decided he wanted to become a lawyer.

In law school, Van Ness, characteristically, had a ball, leveraging the same work-play ratio that has always made him both successful and happy.

“The law school community provided a perfect balance for me as I was very active in sports — rugby, basketball, floor hockey — as well as my studies,” Van Ness said. “I also enjoyed our Friday events in the courtyard chatting with professors and fellow students.”

Between his studies and sports, Van Ness also worked through law school, made time to travel and spent a summer interning with Bronx County Supreme Court Justice Martin Marcus. After graduating in 1997, Van Ness, on something of a whim, moved to Florida, figuring he’d make ends meet bartending and bouncing until a legal job came along.

He spent a few years as a portfolio manager for foreclosures and REO closings with Ocwen Financial Corp. and then Bayview Loan Servicing, a few more as an associate with two local firms—Rutherford, Mulhall & Wargo, and Vargas, Zion & Kahane—and then formed his own firm with the help of his wife, who had worked in loss mitigation at Ocwen. Rather than taking files from his prior firm, Van Ness and his wife built the firm from the ground up, nurturing clients and networking. A decade later, they still oversee every aspect.

“This is important today as clients not only need top quality performance in handling the cases, they need to know that the highest levels of management are actively involved,” Van Ness said. “Everyone always says the law is the easy part and the hard part is getting the clients. There’s some truth to that. You really need a business plan and you need to be a good marketer and you need to know how to network.”

Today, much of Van Ness’ time is occupied with managing the firm, but he said the administrative and legal aspects of the business meld together.

“I make hundreds of decisions a day and a lot of them are based on law and how to proceed in a case,” he said.

Van Ness said he looks for associates like himself—attorneys with a diversity of life experiences that can inform and add context and perspective to their legal decision-making.

“I look for well-rounded people, people who are active in moot court, but also socially active,” he said. “I look for leadership skills and confidence. I am loyal to my school and I look for Albany Law School graduates.”

Van Ness said his legal future was “sculpted” at Albany Law.

“Albany Law School gives me the highest sense of pride and accomplishment,” Van Ness said. “Having the paternal side of my family trace its history back hundreds of years in upstate New York, attending a law school that launched the careers of so many great people over the last 163 years is a great honor. We have alumni reaching the highest levels of achievement in politics, corporate governance, law and even television.”
Monique (Dearth) Honaman ’97 hasn’t practiced law a day in her life. But she couldn’t be more grateful for her degree from Albany Law School.

The Michigan native is the founder and CEO of ISHR Group, a human resources consulting firm in Johns Creek, Georgia. She is also a speaker and author on divorce and relationships, having founded High Road Less Traffic, LLC and written two books that have positioned her as both a national expert on divorce and a friend to those going through it.

“I didn’t go to law school intending to become a lawyer,” said Honaman, who worked in the human resources department at General Electric (GE) in Schenectady while attending Albany Law. Intrigued by colleagues who had pursued a law degree, Honaman earned her JD and continued to work at GE after she graduated.

“I love learning and trying new things, and as a result I really enjoyed law school,” she said, noting that she was impressed with the approachability of her professors and still keeps in contact with Professor Michael Hutter.

She recalls coming into one of his classes and seeing her last name, Dearth, on the board as part of a unique lesson that one can’t trademark a name that’s also a common word.

Honaman, who has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and a master’s degree from Michigan State University, ultimately realized her passion within human resources was leadership. She left GE and founded ISHR Group.

“My law degree is definitely helpful in terms of how we think and write, approach problems and negotiate contracts,” said Honaman.

“We’ve worked with leaders on every continent except Antarctica!” she said, naming The Coca Cola Company, amazon.com, The Home Depot, Johnson & Johnson, Pulte Homes and Nielsen as only a few of ISHR Group’s clientele.

Honaman also found her law degree helpful several years ago while navigating her divorce.

After being bombarded with calls and e-mails from women seeking advice, she made it her mission to help others in similar situations. Noticing consistent themes in the content of her conversations and guided by her mantra, “Always take the high road,” Honaman decided to write a book. “I wasn’t even a writer,” she said. “Nevertheless, I was in a hotel room one night on a business trip and started outlining and had 22 chapters planned by 2 a.m."

The High Road Has Less Traffic: Honest Advice on the Path Through Love and Divorce was published in 2010 and Honaman’s opportunities to fulfill her mission skyrocketed.

She became a regular contributor to The Huffington Post, eHarmony, HopeAfterDivorce.org and DivorcedMoms.org. She made an appearance on The Today Show. She also began to speak with groups about divorce, remarriage, dating and co-parenting.

In 2013, Honaman wrote a second book titled, The High Road Has Less Traffic…and a Better View.

“It’s not only my philosophy for divorce, but also for life in general,” she said, explaining that the first book recounts her story and gives advice for taking the high road while maneuvering divorce and the second provides a series of perspectives on all facets of life and relationships.

“Whether it’s divorce, parenting, relationships, business or law school, the high road is the only road.”

A portion of proceeds from the sale of both books is donated to organizations that support families impacted by divorce.

This process helped Honaman realize that she loves to write. Subsequently, she co-authored GUIDE Coaching: A Leader’s Strategy for Building Alignment and Engagement, a book helping leaders empower others and broaden their own influence, with ISHR Group partners Stacy Sollenberger and Ellen Dotts.

Honaman is involved with the Women Presidents’ Organization and serves on the Leadership Council at Zoo Atlanta and the Second Century Circle of the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta. She also volunteers weekly with the middle school children at her church.

She lives in suburban Atlanta with her husband Justin, two teens and two rescue dogs and spends her free time at her children’s sporting events, boating, traveling and taking photographs.

“I absolutely saw the value in my legal education at Albany Law and I believe everyone should invest in one,” she concluded. “It taught me how to write, speak, view issues from multiple perspectives, influence others, think through problems and develop solutions. If those aren’t great life skills, I’m not sure what is. I’m living proof that you don’t need to practice for it to be completely worthwhile.”
At 101, Julian Hanley ’36 Publishes Another Book

Julian Hanley, Class of 1936, has enjoyed several careers, from country lawyer to judge to published author. One of several college textbooks in criminal evidence he co-authored is still available in a newly-updated edition through McCutchan Publishing Co.

Eleven years ago, at the age of 90, a widower after 64 years of marriage, Hanley restarted his writing career with an interest in biographies and American history.

His latest publication is a heartfelt memoir of his family, painting a vivid portrait of his life and marriage to Elizabeth (Betty) Griffin, who enchanted him at first sight “across a crowded room” at a dance he attended as an Albany Law student. Entitled “A Dress, A Tie, and A Ring,” the book is self-published in softcover and e-book format.

If it weren’t for Albany Law School, Betty wouldn’t have had a wedding ring. As he recalls in his memoir, Hanley and classmate Al Olson knew they were candidates for Commencement prizes as the second- and third-ranked in their class. Rather than compete over grades going into finals, they agreed to pool the prize money and split it evenly. Hanley finished third and Olson handed over the $50 difference. Hanley bought the wedding ring the next day.

Hanley spent his early career as “a country lawyer” practicing in Wyoming County, N.Y., later serving as county prosecutor and county judge. After retirement to Florida in 1976, he spent 10 years as a pro bono attorney, including time as a special assistant in the public defender’s office, earning a citation from the Florida Bar Association for an estimated 10,000 hours assisting people who could not afford private counsel. His volunteer work involved criminal matters including misdemeanors, felonies and homicides from arraignment through trial. He later concentrated on extradition charges, an area requiring special expertise.

Dean Penny Andrews and Assistant Dean for Institutional Advancement James Kellerhouse paid Hanley a visit in Florida this spring. He lives with his daughter, Pauline, in Naples, Fla. At 101 years of age, Hanley says he is “beginning to work on the next hundred.” He extends his best wishes to all.

Matthew Waite has joined the City of Troy, N.Y., as a Legislative Assistant.

Katherine Alexander has joined the City of North Tonawanda, N.Y., as an assistant attorney.

Joseph P. Brucato has joined the Albany, N.Y. County District Attorney’s office as an assistant district attorney.

Jessie R. Cardinale has joined Outten & Golden LLP as a member of their Executives and Professionals Practice Group.

Kristopher N. Ostrander has joined the Albany office of Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC as an associate.

Genevieve Trigg has joined Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna in Albany, N.Y. as an associate.

Alaina Bergerstock has joined the Law Office of Teresi & Little, PLLC

Kendra Jenkins has been appointed Special Assistant to the Governor (N.Y.) for Briefing.

Marc Pallozzi has joined LaMarche Safranko Law PLLC as an associate attorney.

Michael A. Paulsen has joined Hinman Straub PC in Albany, N.Y. as an associate in the firm’s Health Law and Government Relations Departments.

David J. Szalda has joined the Albany, N.Y. County District Attorney’s office as an assistant district attorney.

Jennifer B. Wojeski has joined Maynard, O’Connor, Smith & Catalinotto in Albany, N.Y. as an associate.

Tammy Garcia has joined the Pro Se Department at the U.S. District Court Western District of New York.

Sarah Hannah has joined Towne, Ryan & Partners, P.C. as an associate attorney.

Edward R. Hitti has joined the Capital Region firm of Ianniello Anderson, P.C., Clifton Park, N.Y.

Timothy M. MacPherson has joined FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth, P.C. in Glens Falls, N.Y.

Timothy J. Murphy has joined Carter Conboy as an associate attorney.

Caroline E. Murray has joined the Albany, N.Y. County District Attorney’s office as a criminal law associate.

Mackenzie M. Plaske has joined the Washington County (N.Y.) District Attorney’s office as an assistant attorney.

Justin L. Salkin has joined Hiscock & Barclay in their Elmira, N.Y., office.
Humble Origins Prepared Bronx Judge Rosado ’97 for Public Service Career

BY SARAH CHILD

Hon. Llinét Beltré Rosado ’97 came from modest beginnings, emigrating from the Dominican Republic and growing up in Manhattan’s Lower East Side with her mother and three sisters after her parents divorced. It was there that she was first exposed to the challenges of urban living, witnessing drug abuse and police injustice in the neighborhoods around her.

“As a result, I went to Albany Law School with the mindset that I was going to use the criminal justice system to help people,” she said.

And she has.

Rosado is currently the only Latina judge sitting in the Bronx Family Court, where she was elected Civil Court Judge in 2012 after winning 91% of the vote in a landslide victory.

“The highlight of her induction ceremony occurred when the Bible used to swear her in was supplied by a young woman who had been a child in one of her custody cases.

“To this day, many children stay in touch with me and let me know how I’ve impacted their lives,” she said.

Rosado presides over custody, visitation and family offense petitions and is the co-chair of both the Custody, Visitation & Family Offense Taskforce and the Bronx Family Court newsletter, The Grand Disclosure. Her background in criminal, family and civil law sets her apart from other attorneys and candidates seeking the bench.

“Dabbling in so many areas has afforded me the perspectives of batters, victims and children,” said Rosado, who also holds experience in immigration, medical malpractice, labor law, products liability and commercial law.

Rosado was profoundly influenced by her aunt, who was an attorney in the Dominican Republic. She also held fast to the advice of her mother, who always stressed the value of education. Consequently, she attended the University at Albany on a full scholarship and earned a degree in history with a concentration in American politics and a minor in Africana studies.

Rosado, who always knew she wanted to be a lawyer, went on to Albany Law School where the Post-Convictions Remedies Clinic with Professor Mary Lynch changed her world. As an intern, she helped represent Charlene Brundidge, a battered woman who was charged with murdering her husband.

Under the defense of Rosado’s team, Brundidge was granted the first clemency ever given to a victim of domestic violence by Gov. George Pataki.

“My first love was by far criminal law, but that experience showed me I wanted to work in public interest,” said Rosado, who credits the Clinic for giving her a real taste for practicing law and showing her a victim’s experience firsthand.

Rosado remained close with Professor Lynch and the clinic members, noting that they played a significant role preparing her wedding during her first year of law school and made up most of the reception guests. She had met her husband Armando while attending UAlbany and they were married in their home by a justice of the peace.

She gave birth to her first child Elias, now 17, in her second year at Albany Law.

After leaving law school, she embarked on her quest to serve the public and spent six years as a defense attorney for the Bronx Legal Aid Society where she tried cases for accused individuals who couldn’t afford a lawyer. She also gave birth to her second child, Nickolas, now 11.

Rosado worked as a court attorney to the Hon. Manuel J. Mendez, the Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels and the Hon. Robert E. Torres. She also served as a law guardian with the Children’s Law Center in Bronx Family Court where she represented children in custody, visitation, neglect, child support and domestic violence cases.

“I am most proud of my work in family court because I really fought for the best interest of the child,” she said. “I think my experience growing up in a one-parent home really allowed me to connect with the children that I represented.”

Rosado has taught legal courses at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College since 1999 and has been a member of the Dominican Bar Association and the Black Bar Association of Bronx County. She is currently a member of the Association of Judges of Hispanic Heritage, N.Y.C. Family Court Judges Association, N.Y.S. Family Court Judges Association and The Alliance.

She’s passionate about giving back to the community and visits elementary schools, high schools, colleges and law schools, coaching for mock trial competitions and encouraging lawyers to explore all types of law like she did.

“I believe attorneys often get stuck in their particular area of law, and that’s a disservice,” she said. “The law is so beautiful and you can actually pick up any law book and focus on that particular law for the day and know it. That’s what I try to do.”

The words of Rosado’s Albany Law School commencement speaker Geraldine Ferraro still stick with her.

“She was running for vice president at the time, and she made a statement that impacted my life in an amazing way,” said Rosado. “She said ‘Don’t follow the money, follow your heart and the attorney who you are going to be.’”

“Albany Law School offered me an immense opportunity. It has produced many public interest attorneys, for whom Ferraro’s message rings true. I’m honored to be one of them.”
Dougherty ’86 Builds Legacy in Courtroom, Credits Albany Law for Launching Career

Hon. Stephen Dougherty ’86 is the longest serving domestic violence court judge in New York, having handled all Syracuse City Court Domestic Violence cases since the Domestic Violence Court’s 2004 inception. He also played a significant role in its establishment.

“A little more than a decade ago, the Chief Judge asked us to start a Domestic Violence Court here,” he said, noting that there existed only five such courts in the state and a need was identified for a specialized court in Syracuse. “This included us creating a planning document that has made for a successful model in Syracuse and has been utilized in courts across the nation.”

Since then, all domestic violence cases—including misdemeanors and felonies—that occur in the city of Syracuse come through Judge Dougherty’s court. He has also counseled other New York courts, a Native American tribe and groups from New Orleans, Georgia and the West Bank about implementing a similar model.

Dougherty, who was recently appointed Supervising Judge of the eight judges in the City Court Judiciary, is proud of the court’s system of compliance.

“I think that’s what separates us from other courts,” he said, explaining that he meets informally with defendants every two to four weeks to make sure they’re adhering to the conditions of their sentence. “I’ve occasionally seen some of the same faces after sitting on the bench here for 10 years, but I believe at a rate remarkably lower than elsewhere in the state.”

He also advocates services rendered by Vera House in Syracuse, a local agency that provides support and counseling to the victims and a batterers program for the perpetrators of domestic violence.

Dougherty errs on taking more cases because they never stop coming in, he says. He hears some 1,200 domestic violence cases each year and as many as 40 during a typical afternoon pretrial calendar. More than 90 percent of the defendants in domestic violence court are male.

He says a challenging component of his job is determining credibility, especially when the defendant opts for a non-jury trial. Court observers report that despite the volume of cases and their potentially troubling nature, he maintains a swift, relaxed and effective courtroom and wishes every defendant good luck when he or she leaves.

Dougherty was prepared to develop this specialized court because of his previous years as a prosecutor and his love for criminal law which was instilled at Albany Law School. “Attending Albany Law School was the best decision I ever made, as far as my career goes. And one of the best things I got out of Albany Law was its internship program at the Albany County District Attorney’s Office,” he said.

He credits his two-year internship, Criminal Procedure classes with Professor Peter Preiser, and Senior Trial competition, which he won as a 3L, for giving him the fortitude to succeed as a prosecutor.

“After my mock trial competition, the light went on and I knew I wanted to be a prosecutor,” said Dougherty.

After his internship, he continued working for the Albany County District Attorney’s office as a prosecutor for two years. He then moved with his wife Mary to Syracuse where he served as a prosecutor for 11 more years, filling the positions of Assistant District Attorney and Chief Assistant District Attorney.

“I’ve tried 50 felony trials, of which 25 were homicide cases, and won all but two. I was trained for that at Albany Law,” he said.

Dougherty earned his bachelor’s degree in social work from the University of Texas and was employed by Catholic Charities for two years as a group home parent before applying to law school.

“Albany had a fantastic reputation, and when I visited I noticed ‘Play Rugby’ signs all over the walls,” he said. “I thought, ‘That’s a bonus!’” Dougherty ended up playing in many tournaments as part of the rugby team and still keeps in contact with his rugby buddies via e-mail.

He also worked in the bookstore and participated in intramural basketball, floor hockey and softball. He married his wife Mary (who he met in his hometown of Syracuse) during his second year, and she supported him for the rest of his education.

Today, Dougherty and his wife continue to reside in Syracuse. They have three children, Robert (23), Cal (18) and Caroline (10). Dougherty sits on the board of Father Champlin’s Guardian Angel Society, which helps underprivileged children obtain a private school education in the city of Syracuse, as well as the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He still enjoys sports, and has spent many afternoons and evenings coaching his children’s Little League and soccer games. | SC
WHO ARE THEY?
The first five alumni to correctly name any two people, including graduation year, in either photo win an Albany Law School gift basket. The first five alumni to correctly name any one person, including graduation year, win an Albany Law School gift.

Submit your answers to Tammy Weinman, Director of Alumni Affairs & Special Events, at 518-445-3210 or twein@albanylaw.edu.

MARRIAGES

Katherine Gabel ’70 married Eunice Shatz on December 6, 2013.
Lauren Hunt ’09 married Chris Morris on September 28, 2013 in Katskill Bay, N.Y.
Vanessa Said ’09 married Don Perry on August 31, 2013 in Troy, N.Y.
Steven Zecca ’09 married Erin Breen on February 15, 2014 in Port Jefferson, N.Y.
Sita Legac ’10 married Nick Crounse in Lake Placid, N.Y. on March 12, 2014.
Melinda Seiden ’10 married Michael Fiorino on May 17, 2014 in Albany, N.Y.
Caitlain D. Lewis ’11 was married to Thomas Clary on August 31, 2013 in Salem, N.Y.
Nairobi Thomas Vives ’12 married Andres Vives on June 12, 2013 in Albany, N.Y.

BIRTHS

F. Susan Gottlieb ’78 announced the birth of her first grandchild, Esther Maya Gaby on December 5, 2012.
John Vero ’00 and Sarah Delaney Vero ’04 announced the birth of their son, Luca John on August 18, 2013. Luca joins sister Isabella.
Earl Redding ’03 announced the birth of his daughter, Elizabeth Lucille on October 14, 2013, with wife, Marna.
Lisa Bonacci Ogden ’04 and husband, Joe, announced the birth of their son John Richard on April 30, 2014.
Judy Tsang ’07 along with her husband, Jeffrey Chow, announced the birth of their son, Justin Jeffrey Chow on September 10, 2013.
Teresa Rowan Campbell ’08 along with her husband, Paul Campbell, announced the birth of their son, Dean Rowan Campell born on February 24, 2013.
Erin Mossberg ’08 along with her husband, David, announced the birth of their son, Reid Asher in January 2013.
Kathleen Copps DiPaolo ’09 announced the birth of her son, Evan.
Victoria Lagoe ’09 along with her husband, Lance Riegert, announced the birth of their daughter, Cecilja Juliet Riegert born on May 10, 2013.
Benjamin Loefke ’10 and wife, Megan, welcomed their son Cullen Frederick on March 18, 2014
Adriana ’11 & Julio deArmas ’11 announced the birth of their daughter, Emma Blanche, on January 31, 2014.
Naresh Kannan ’13 and Rebecca Kannan’09 announced the birth of their daughter Margot Lanika on April 22, 2014.

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Attorneys in New York state admitted to practice for more than two years can obtain their CLE by viewing educational sessions online by approved CLE providers.
Albany Law School, an accredited CLE provider in New York state, now has a library of CLE programs for viewing online, given by leaders in the field, including Albany Law faculty, alumni and other experts.
CLE sessions are available for download for $25 per credit hour and no separate membership or affiliation with Albany Law School is required to access them.

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IN MEMORIAM

1942
Irving Sandler
January 19, 2014
Brighton, N.Y.

1946
Sadie Zilin Mackay
May 8, 2013
Albany, N.Y.

1949
Francis T. Longe
November 3, 2013
Herkimer, N.Y.

1950
Hon. John O’Malley Jr.
August 18, 2013
Geneva, N.Y.

1952
James B. Dorsey
March 29, 2014
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

David L. Gumport
December 21, 2013
Caldwell, N.J.

Harry Love
December 26, 2013
Myrtle Beach, S.C.

1953
Robert A. Collins
April 25, 2013
Owego, N.Y.

Robert V. Gianniny
February 16, 2014
Rochester, N.Y.

Thomas J. Sullivan
July 29, 2013
Elmira, N.Y.

1954
Curtis W. Barker
September 28, 2013
Penn Yan, N.Y.

Armand Damiano
February 24, 2014
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Walter Gross
March 7, 2014
Schenectady, N.Y.

Joseph D. Hill
June 18, 2013
Kingston, N.Y.

R. Case Prime
August 13, 2013
Queensbury, N.Y.

1955
Edwyn L. Shudt
January 31, 2014
Troy, N.Y.

Francis E. Dorsey
November 8, 2013
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Irwin S. Kosover
August 31, 2013
Queensbury, N.Y.

Robert E. Walsh
January 30, 2014
Malone, N.Y.

1956
Edwyn L. Shudt
January 31, 2014
Troy, N.Y.

1958
George D. Cochran
January 11, 2014
Orlando, Fla.

A. Thomas Storace
January 27, 2014
Albany, N.Y.

1959
Edward A. Bogdan Jr.
March 4, 2014
Naples, Fla.

1960
Edward M. Braiman
January 1, 2014
Rochester, N.Y.

1961
Hon. John T. Buckley
September 24, 2013
Clinton, N.Y.

Alfred C. Purello
April 6, 2014
Newtonville, N.Y.

1963
Richard A. Kohn
February 10, 2014
Albany, N.Y.

1964
Richard F. Whipple, Jr.
February 4, 2014
Buffalo, N.Y.

1965
Carl R. Cole
April 11, 2014
Brighton, N.Y.

1966
Dale Van Epps
January 6, 2014
Hilton Head, S.C.

Robert V. Gianniny ‘53

Robert Gianniny, Trustee Emeritus and a 1987 recipient of the Trustees Gold Medal, graduated from Syracuse University, then Albany Law School in 1953. The Robert V. Gianniny Rochester Moot Court Room is named for his many contributions to Albany Law School. Robert practiced law in Rochester in the firm of Middleton, Gianniny and Boylan, which later became Boylan Brown. Upon retirement from the law, he joined his sons in the real estate development business, developing, among others, the Linden Oaks Office Park. He served on several boards of non-profits. For many years he was on the board of the Memorial Art Gallery, serving as president. He also served on the boards of Albany Law School and Genesee Country Village and Museum, as well as Compeer, The Landmark Society and the Rochester Area Community Foundation. Born July 9, 1924, in Irondequoit, N.Y., he joined the U.S. Army after graduating from high school and was shipped to the Pacific Theater where he served in Guadalcanal. His son-in-law, Robert Stiles ’76, is a member of the Albany Law Board of Trustees.
Mark A. Siemens ’91

Mark Siemens, Class of 1991 and member of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors, passed away March 5, 2014. Born in Boston, the youngest of three children, Mark graduated from Wheaton College in 1982 with a degree in chemistry. After taking his first job in San Antonio, Mark relocated to attend Albany Law. He was employed at Shearman & Sterling, LLP, as associate counsel in the Anti-Trust & Litigation departments immediately after his graduation. Later, he moved to Siemens Corporation, where he rose to senior council with responsibility for M&A activity and counseling on a wide range of matters related to marketing, distribution and strategic alliances. He retired several years ago and married his long-term partner, Matthew J. Crawford. In retirement, Mark devoted his time to small business endeavors and social justice matters, particularly in the area of equality. A proud supporter of Albany Law, he established the first scholarship fund to support LGBTQ students.

John S. Hicks
November 10, 2013
Warwick, N.Y.

Chilton B. Latham
June 12, 2013
Albany, N.Y.

Donald E. Lynn
May 12, 2013
Lakewood, N.Y.

Stephen Markovits
March 12, 2014
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

James D. Wood
November 28, 2013
Albany, N.Y.

Charles J. Mango
November 28, 2013
Ballston Lake, N.Y.

Robert Weinberg
April 27, 2013
Wynnewood, Penn.

Edward A. Bogdan Jr. ’59

Edward Bogdan, Jr., Class of 1959, died on March 4, 2014 in Naples, Fla. Born in Amsterdam, N.Y. on July 4, 1930, he graduated Harvard College in 1952. Upon his graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and served from 1953 to 1955, earning the rank of petty officer third class. Following the Navy, Ed entered Albany Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the Albany Law Review and valedictorian of his class. Upon graduation, he was awarded a two-year position as a trial attorney with the tax division of the Department of Justice under the attorney general’s program for honor law graduates. Ed returned to the Albany area to enter private practice and represented clients before the New York State Legislature. Upon his retirement in 2000, Ed had built the fourth largest lobbying firm in New York state. Ed retired to Naples in 2000. He was generous to Albany Law, hosting several alumni gatherings in Naples, Fla., with his wife Florence. His son Edward Bogdan III is a 1992 graduate.

Valedictorian Address, 1959.
HISTORY

Peter Pryor, Class of 1954 and Trustee Emeritus, spent several hours over two days in September 2013 speaking with Lisa Suto, Public Services Library Assistant.

Mr. Pryor graduated around the time of the landmark decision of Brown vs. Board of Education. The interview covered all aspects of his life from growing up in the South during segregation, serving in World War II, his activity as an active Albany lawyer during the Civil Rights movement, and other parts of his distinguished career. He is an emeritus of the Board of Trustees at Albany Law School.

This is the first interview of the ongoing series “Oral Histories,” which you can listen to in-full on the school’s website.

My outfit was scheduled to go to the Pacific, and I had enough points to be discharged because of my period of time, and I had questions as to whether or not I would accept the discharge, or whether or not I would stay with my outfit. And, after the bombing of Hiroshima I had rather strong feelings about war because even as a soldier in uniform I just couldn’t accept mass killings, and I think that had a tremendous influence on me, and I might also add that my experience as a black soldier after having experienced so much segregation in this country, that sort of tempered me to a great extent. I remember coming back to this country from France, I came back on the USS General Richardson, it was a nice cruise back, but I remember one day we were passing another ship . . . these weren’t American troops, these were refugees from war torn Europe. And when I got back to this country I said to myself: they are coming to enjoy the liberty, the freedom, and I am coming back to enjoy the oppression and the segregation.

I guess I concluded that I was going to do something, I was going to fight what I had seen in this country, and maybe elsewhere, and I said to myself that I don’t think I’ll be able to do this with an M-1 rifle, or driving a Sherman tank, and maybe the courts would be the best place to do it. So, I had to become a lawyer. That decision became cemented in my mind during my early days in the army, and it stuck with me.
ON ALBANY LAW AND RACIAL ATTITUDES

At law school I had a wonderful class. I maintained, and still maintain contact with members of my class. From class members I experienced not a single racial incident and, in fact, I never experienced a racial incident from faculty that I could positively identify as racial; but I do have the feeling that race played some role in my presence at Albany Law School.

In my class I was one of the top students. I think at one time, in my second year, there were 29 candidates from Law Review, and I think I ranked number 11 in my class. . . . but I feel that I was deliberately overlooked as far as Law Review is concerned. Now, why would you say that Peter? Simply because there was so many others less studious than me, who had marks not as good as mine that did make at least as a candidate for Law Review.

DEAN CLEMENTS HELPING HIM OUT

When I applied for my benefits, the Veteran’s Administration would not approve of my going to law school. ‘A black lawyer? You must be out of your mind. You should take courses in English and become a teacher.’ [S]o my benefits were limited, but I still was, excuse the expression, hell-bent on going to law school notwithstanding. And, I worked while going to law school full time and studied nights full time. Never came to school unprepared. Before reaching my senior year I had exhausted my limited benefits and I did tell Dean Clements that I was going to withdraw... And I think it was the next day, he said ‘I want to see you finish your courses here, and I’ve looked at your scholastic records and I think you’ll make a fine lawyer’, and he said that ‘I admitted you.’ It was the dean that did the admissions back then. And the dean carried me down to the National Commercial Bank, which is presently Key Bank, and we met with the president there and the dean arranged for a loan for $2,500, which was a tremendous amount of money at that time, which he cosigned. And he said ‘I’ll see that you have the scholarship for your tuition,’ and that was it.

LAWYERING FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

When I was in law school and college I spent my time working in the African-American community, in the churches, reconstructing the NAACP which had closed down simply because of the McCarthy hearings and it was alleged that some of the local members of the NAACP were communist tainted. I, Marion Yankhuer, Wardell Robinson, the wife of Dr. Joseph Robinson, and several others, after a period of time we organized it and I think we increased the membership from 19 to 600 and some. And, I say that simply because I had a string of clients ready and willing for a black lawyer. However, they were clients that didn’t have money to afford a lawyer, black or white. But, I took many of them simply because that was my purpose in going to law school, to be of some service to my community.

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WINNING DISCRIMINATION CASE AGAINST THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

And simply because of race Mr. Banks was not hired. He had all of the qualifications. The chief of the fire department, his position was: I hired this person because I knew his father; I hired this person because he needed a job; his father was a fireman years ago and his uncle is a fireman now. Judge Macavoy, he was chief judge of the federal district court. . . . he made mockery of the reasons why Banks was discriminated against and I won that case against the city of Albany. The city was required not only to hire Mr. Banks, but to establish a program whereby other blacks would be hired in the future.”

SERVING IN NUMEROUS CAPACITIES

I mentioned my being appointed an assistant district attorney as a good thing. I had doubts as to if that was a good thing, simply because no one said so but it would have been much better to have Peter Pryor as assistant district attorney rather than always having him nipping at our heels, so let’s give him something where we have control over him, and later I was appointed assistant attorney general by Louis Leftkowitz and I handled a number of major cases as assistant attorney general. Later I was appointed by Governor Rockefeller as counsel to the New York State Pure Waters Authority to handle a billion dollar pure water bond issue. And, from there I went back into private practice. Later I was called upon again to head the New York State Consumer Protection Board, so I took that to become chair, which I handled and built into a viable state agency. And, years later Judge Rosenbaum of Rochester called me and said “Gee Peter, can we get you to take over the legal department and become general attorney for the state insurance fund?” which I did. And, that involved my hiring lawyers throughout the state to handle cases involving injured employees. I did that for about four years. It was a 10-year term, but I gave it up to get back into private practice. And I was appointed by Governor Rockefeller of Rochester to head the New York City Fire Department, his position was: I hired this person because I knew his father; I hired this person because he needed a job; his father was a fireman years ago and his uncle is a fireman now. Judge Macavoy, he was chief judge of the federal district court. . . . he made mockery of the reasons why Banks was discriminated against and I won that case against the city of Albany. The city was required not only to hire Mr. Banks, but to establish a program whereby other blacks would be hired in the future.”

Trustee Emeritus Peter Pryor ’54
Amaro Cavalcanti, Brazil’s Justice of the Supreme Court and Minister of the Interior

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Amaro Cavalcanti (1849-1922) is one of Albany Law’s more eminent alumni. Born in Caico, Brazil, and educated in Sao Luis, Cavalcanti began his career as an educator, having won a public competition to serve as professor of Latin in the educational system of the city of Baturite. He qualified as an advocate while working as a teacher. In 1879, the President of the state of Cerara sent him on a mission to the United States to study public education there, with an eye toward reforming Cerara’s system of primary instruction.

While in the United States, Cavalcanti enrolled in Albany Law School for the 1880-1881 session, graduating with an L.L.B. degree. At graduation, Dean Smith of the law school requested that Cavalcanti deliver a speech on “American Education,” contrasting U.S. forms of primary education with those of foreign countries.

In 1881 Cavalcanti returned to Brazil, was formally admitted to the Cerara bar, and was appointed inspector general of public education there, with an eye toward reforming Cerara’s system of primary instruction.

In 1884 he was elected deputy to the national General Assembly and thereafter lieutenant governor of Cerara. In the next 20 years he successively served as national senator, minister plenipotentiary to Paraguay, Minister of Justice and of the Interior, legal advisor to the Department of Foreign Affairs, in 1906 justice of the Supreme Court (until 1914), and in 1917 governor of the Federal District (the seat of national government).

Cavalcanti maintained an active law practice while pursuing his political career, with a particular emphasis on international law. While minister to Paraguay in 1894 he engineered the “Cavalcanti Coup” which overthrew the president of Paraguay and prevented Argentina from assuming control over that country. Cavalcanti later served as delegate to the Third International American Congress, delegate to the 1915 Pan American Financial Congress, and member of the Hague Permanent Court of International Arbitration (1917-1922).

Cavalcanti was a prolific author, in the fields of international and comparative law, national and international finance and the Portuguese language.

Converse, Class of 1861, Wrote “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Charles Crozat Converse, born in 1834 in Warren, Mass., attended the academy at Elmira, N.Y., and studied music in Leipzig, Germany before returning to Massachusetts in 1857 and attending Albany Law in 1861. He worked as an attorney in Erie, Pa., and wrote musical compositions under pseudonyms. He wrote “Musical Bouquet” in 1859, “The Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Psalm” in 1860, and ”Sweet Singer,” “Church Singer,” and “Sayings of Sages” in 1863.

In 1868, he wrote his most noted work, setting to music the poem “Pray Without Ceasing” by Joseph M. Scriven, which he called “...and if I had 20 sons, they would be fighting all 20 of yours.”

In the Fall of 1863, co-founder of Albany Law School, Ira Harris, was a dinner guest of President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln in the White House. Harris and Lincoln were old friends. During the evening, N.Y. Senator Harris chastised the President because his eldest son had not joined the Union Army forces. Sen. Harris declared that if he had 20 sons, all would be “fighting to suppress the rebellion.” Mrs. Lincoln’s half-sister, Emily, whose husband had just been killed fighting for the Confederacy, told Sen. Harris, “...and if I had 20 sons, they would be fighting all 20 of yours.”

In April of 1865, Ira Harris’ daughter, Clara, with her fiancé who was also Harris’ step-son, Major Henry Rathbone, were seated in the Presidential box at Ford’s Theater when the President was shot. The abundance of blood, believed to be Lincoln’s, was Rathbone’s, who was stabbed in the melee.

The Crummey Bakery and 3 Generations of Graduates

Edward Crummey, class of 1910, delivered baked goods for the family business by horse and carriage while a student at Christian Brothers Academy before attending Georgetown University and Albany Law School. The Crummey bakeries, founded by Edward’s grandfather in the latter half of the 1800s, supplied the Albany area for more than 50 years, eventually going out of business when no one wanted to take it on.

After law school, Edward went to a firm in Brooklyn, then New York’s City Hall, working on utility regulation. He eventually retired from the Long Island Lighting Company as secretary and chief counsel. Edward’s grandson is Colonie Judge Peter Crummey ’81, who has practiced law for the past 25-plus years 200 feet from the family bakery location in downtown Albany.

“I guess the Crummeys don’t fall far from the oven,” Judge Crummey quipped. His daughter Carol graduated from Albany Law School in 2013 and now works for the Albany firm O’Connor, O’Connor, Bresee & First P.C.
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Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

SEPT. 19-21  2014 Reunion Weekend
Albany Law School