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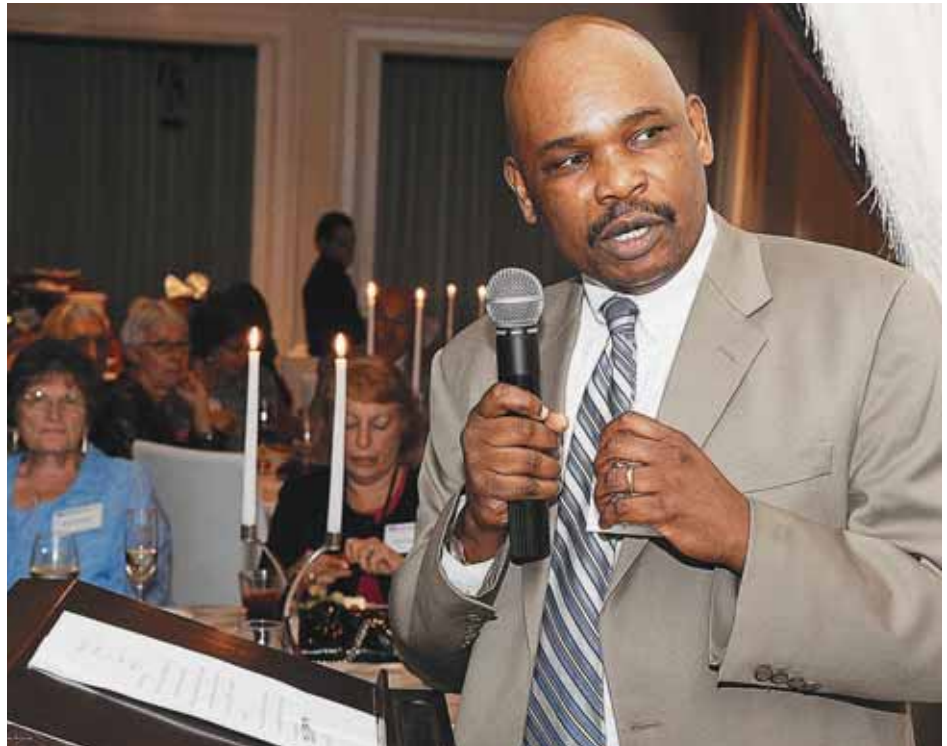
Tom and
Bridget Black
endow named
professorship

Message from Dean Mutua

Together we will achieve our goals

It gives me great pleasure to write the foreword to this particular *UB Law Philanthropy*. First, as the issue clearly shows, UB Law has come of age in terms of its development activities. We are poised for great success because our alumni – the heart and soul of our development enterprise – have stepped up. Generous in the past, our alumni have today redoubled their generosity. Everywhere I go to see our alumni, I am greeted with open arms and an unquestioned desire to help the Law School become one of the top 50 in the country. I know – as you do – that we are going to get there.

There is another important reason why I am honored to write this greeting. It's because of the two people who grace its cover. Tom and Bridget Black are the model citizens of the UB Law community. For many years now, Tom and Bridget have supported UB Law in ways large and small – as ambassadors of goodwill, they never tire of promoting the school. As philanthropists, their generosity has been boundless. Most recently, they endowed the Tom and Bridget Black Professorship, which UB Law sorely needs. But that's not all. Over the years, they have given generously to support scholarships and other vital endeavors. As Chair of the Dean's Advisory Council, Tom is the perfect leader – kind, visionary, and devoted. He goes beyond the call of duty to make the DAC a model advisory board through its service and wise counsel. We owe both he and Bridget a debt of gratitude – a debt that I know we can never repay.



Finally, I want to salute all of you for making UB Law your priority. It seems clear to me that a public law school like ours has no choice but to think like a private school in terms of the base of its support. State support has fallen over the years, and I have no doubt that it will continue to diminish. But you have stepped into the breach to lift us up. This is what all great public law schools in this country have done – turn to their alumni for support. You have been there for us, and I am sure you will continue to be there. I know together we will achieve our goals, and I sincerely thank you.

Happy Holidays!

Mutua

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Leadership Giving

Blacks' gift endows prestigious professorship

Thomas E. Black '79 has covered a lot of miles to get to where he is today. He and his wife Bridget have lived in Buffalo, Hartford, Fort Worth, Washington, D.C., and Irvine, Calif., as he built a legal and business career.

Now that they have spent 15 years in the Dallas area, where Black is managing partner of the hugely successful mortgage servicing firm Black, Mann & Graham, the odometer doesn't spin quite so fast. But in a sense, the couple – he grew up in South Buffalo and West Seneca, she in the Town of Tonawanda – have never left Western New York behind.

That is nowhere more apparent than in their support for UB Law School, culminating this year in a \$1 million gift to establish a named professorship.

"These are positive times," says Black, who as chair of the Dean's Advisory Council is intimately familiar with the workings of the Law School. "I'm a firm believer that Dean Mutua is going to accomplish his goal of making us a top 50 law school, and I believe it's going to happen in the next five years. The dean has the right formula to get us back there. That formula is going to require some increased tuition, some increased funding from the state, and it's going to require that some people reach into their pockets and write some checks. I certainly couldn't ask people to do that without doing it myself. I could have made a not-so-meaningful gift, but the Law School is meaningful to me, and I needed to step up."

For his part, Dean Mutua says alumni investment on this scale is crucial to faculty development, a major component of law school rankings. "This gift signals to our junior faculty and to others in the legal academy that UB is a school on the rise, a place where academic excellence is rewarded with the highest recognition," the dean says. "I am sure that it is a significant step that opens the door for similar gifts that will be instrumental in helping us recruit and retain excellent faculty."

It's funny how things work out. Black, whose undergraduate education



Bridget and Thomas E. Black '79

was at the University of Notre Dame, was wait-listed when he applied to UB Law, and says he had actually enrolled at Catholic University Law School in Washington, D.C., when he got the call that he had a place at UB Law. "I found out about two days before classes started that I was going to Buffalo," he remembers. "I couldn't have been happier when they admitted me. I got a great education that allowed me to be competitive with lawyers from Harvard, Stanford and wherever else." As the son of a third-generation steelworker, he also appreciated the school's affordability.

Thus began a long and winding road. At 23, Black was elected to the West Seneca School Board, even serv-

ing as its president, while still at UB Law. Then, like many new lawyers, he found his life's work by happenstance, working for venerable names in Western New York banking like Buffalo Savings Bank, Goldome and Empire Realty Credit Corp.

Mostly he worked in banking law, including working directly on the transition from Buffalo Savings Bank to Goldome, before moving into mortgage lending. "I tripped into where I was," he reflects. "But because of my law background, I was able to get into a position to learn management and customer service skills and learn how to deal with business issues. It was a good combination. It has allowed me to apply those same principles to the practice of law."

There followed a series of positions with mortgage companies nationwide. "Mortgage banking is a very cyclical business," Black says. "In good cycles, you move, and in bad cycles, you move. My wife's hope chest was on wheels." Finally, after a stretch of nights and weekends spent studying, he took the Texas Bar Exam, and in 1995 opened his firm in Flower Mound, Texas.

"When I had the opportunity to stop running a mortgage company and start my own practice, I had some real advantages," he says. "All my competitors were lawyers, and I was a customer service consultant."

The first day they were in business, he says, the firm's operations manager asked, "What's our cutoff time?"

"What cutoff time?"

"When we won't take any more files for the day."

That wasn't going to fly. "We were able to say that even if documents came to us after 5 p.m., they would get done that night," Black says. "To this day we run two shifts so we can do that. From the very start we were able to say that if clients weren't using our law firm, they were at a competitive disadvantage."

Now Black, Mann & Graham is the largest document preparation law firm in Texas, where preparing a mortgage

loan document requires an attorney. The firm represents major mortgage companies and banks, preparing their mortgage loan documentation and counseling them on regulatory compliance issues.

Tom and Bridget Black have two children: Ryan, a Notre Dame graduate who is now a second-year student at UB Law, and Erin, a senior theater major at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame's sister school.

Bridget, an alumna of Buffalo State College, has a UB Law connection as well. Her late uncle John T. Frizzell '55 was a graduate. "People whom I've met through Tom's graduating class seem to be all-around good people," she says, "so we've supported the Law School gladly. We are still close to people in Buffalo, and even though we're not there anymore, we wanted to say 'thank you' and encourage other people to enable these students to pursue their dreams. Especially now in these economic times, it's more and more important to support institutions that have been important to us. We're just happy we're able to give back."

Tom Black, a 2008 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his performance in business, sees alumni giving as a way to stay invested in the school that made their careers possible. "Dean Mutua has a crystal-clear vision of where this law school needs to go," he says, "and he has done a great job of communicating that vision to a lot of alumni, including me. When the dean talks about areas of need, one is scholarship opportunities to attract top students. But in addition to that, in order to make it a top 50 law school, we're going to have to attract the top talent in the teaching profession. Endowed chairs and professorships allow us to bring in people who might not otherwise consider UB Law. Guys like me, who have been given a great education and a very affordable education, need to step up to the plate and support that."

Paying it forward

He was, they say, the kind of boss you always wish for: smart, fair, a man who taught by his words and his actions, a man with a generous heart for the next generation.

So the passing last year of U.S. District Judge John T. Elfvin prompted his former law clerks – more than 30 of them, spanning the judge's nearly 33 years on the bench – to organize a scholarship fund for UB Law students in his honor. An appeal to these former clerks as well as members of the federal bar and others in the Western New York legal community has yielded cash and pledges of over \$50,000, with more contributions expected.



"Probably everybody who worked for Judge Elfvin thought very highly of him," says John G. Schmidt Jr., who practices in litigation at the Buffalo firm Phillips Lytle. "He had an absolutely wonderful courtroom demeanor and a great personality behind the scenes, in chambers. A lot of the law clerks feel that he was the best boss we ever had. And from a practitioner's standpoint, I don't think there is a lawyer admitted in the Western District of New York who didn't enjoy appearing before Judge Elfvin."

The clerkship years, Schmidt says, provided "immeasurable experience in seeing how the courts work and in legal scholarship and writing. You're exposed to the many different techniques that lawyers use when they appear in court and present their cases. It's almost like two years of litigation boot camp."

James D. Donathen, Schmidt's colleague at Phillips Lytle and another of Judge Elfvin's former law clerks, says the scholarship is also a way to honor the judge's interest in helping the careers of up-and-coming lawyers. "Judge Elfvin always said he had many qualified applicants for his judicial clerkships," Donathen says, "and he always looked to hire someone for whom the clerkship would make a difference in his legal career."

Setting up the scholarship fund, he says, "has been for both John and me a gratifying experience. We wanted to do something to honor the judge, and we certainly have appreciated the generosity of our fellow clerks and other members of the Western New York bar and the community."

U.S. District Judge John T. Elfvin, who passed away last year.

Leadership Giving



Margaret W. Wong '76 surrounded by recipients of *Margaret W. Wong Scholarships*

Front row, left to right: Shao Zheng '12, Leigh Ann Chute '12, Margaret W. Wong '76, Kelly A. O'Brien '12

Middle row, left to right: Joseph L. Guza '12, Arthur J. Martorana '12, Jonathan P. Cantil '12, Michael T. Logan '12

Back row, left to right: Alexander Bouganim '12, Daniel P. Kelly '12

Attracting the best

Gifts make high-quality education possible

Why give at a level that will provide a scholarship for a UB Law School student? The students themselves are the best reason. Alumni donors who have created named admissions recruitment scholarships have the satisfaction of knowing that their gift makes possible a high-quality legal education for some of the Law School's best and brightest students. Meet the members of the Class of 2013 – just now settling in at O'Brian Hall – who hold named scholarships.



Mengyi "Melle" Xu, holder of the Savino-Martin Scholarship, was born in China and immigrated to Canada at age 12, ending up in Vancouver. She ma-

jored in economics and international relations at the University of Toronto. "I always knew that I wanted to end up in the United Nations," she says. "I want to go back to China to do something about their legal system. It's pretty corrupt, and I want to do something to make an adjustment." She says her Research & Writing class is her favorite: "It's only 16 or 17 people, and we really are learning very practical things about the law."



Dainia Jabaji, recipient of the Douglas W. Dimitroff Scholarship, is from the Finger Lakes town of Interlaken and studied philosophy at

SUNY Brockport. "Law school seemed like a great option for me," she says. "It's a great way to apply the practical thinking and analytic reasoning skills that I acquired in studying philosophy. And I've met some really great people here." Of her scholarship she says, "If I didn't get it, I probably wouldn't be able to come here. I feel so blessed and so grateful. I won't let the donor down. I can't wait to write him a thank-you letter."



Paul Iya, who is benefiting from the Brent L. Wilson Scholarship, comes to Buffalo from Jos, Nigeria, and was an undergraduate psychology major

at UB. An athlete, he boxes with the school's Boxing Club. "Because this is a state school, I figured it would give me insight into New York State law and provide some networking opportunities," Iya says. As a bonus, because he completed his undergraduate work in less than four years, he's somewhat accustomed to the heavy workload of law school. Ideally he'd like to work in international law, spending time both in New York and Nigeria.



Caitlin Higgins, holder of the Richard E. Gottlieb Scholarship, is finding that the skills she acquired as an art history major at Williams College –

analysis, reading, writing – are translating well to life as a law student. It helps, too, that she spent two years as a paralegal with the Organized Crime/Terrorism Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office in New York's Southern District, helping (among other cases) to prosecute John Gotti. "The exposure I had to the law was quite different from a typical paralegal's," she says. "I sat at counsel's table through all the trials I worked on. I always knew that I wanted to go to law school, and that solidified it for me."



Joshua Tallent, holder of a Dean's Scholarship, (funded by an anonymous donor) is a Brown University graduate who lived and taught in France

for five years. Returning to his hometown of Canajoharie, he worked for his father, a general-practice attorney, and fell in love with the work. "It was a great feeling to have people in the office and sit with my father and find ways to help them," Tallent says. "I thought it would be more routine. It was a great way to interact with people and have a positive effect on the community. I learned how much influence that attorneys who practice in a small town for decades have on the life of the community."

The following donors have created named admissions recruitment scholarships

Bridget Black
 Thomas E. Black Jr. '79
 Hon. Frank J. Clark '67
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 William F. Savino '75
 David F. Smith '78
 Mark Jay Weinstein '81
 Brent L. Wilson '76
 Margaret W. Wong '76
 Anonymous

Enriching the Law School experience

“The scholarship has provided me with the opportunity to do things that otherwise I wouldn’t be able to do.”
— Heather M. Strachan ’10



Heather M. Strachan ’10 had lunch with Bill Greiner once. “We had a great conversation,” Strachan says of the longtime UB Law professor and former UB provost and president. “I thought he was a really likable guy, funny and kind and intelligent. He was really easy to talk to.”

That personal magnetism made Professor Greiner a lot of friends during his 42 years at the University. Now, following his passing in December 2009, his influence lives on in the Professor William R. Greiner Scholarship Fund.

The fund provides for a full-tuition Law School scholarship for “a meritorious student who exemplifies leadership ability, dedication to public service and commitment to the Western New York community as a whole,” reflecting Professor Greiner’s deep commitment to advancing the region as well as the University. Strachan, a Buffalo native who majored in criminal justice and inter-

national studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, was the first Greiner Scholar. She says that financial support – which goes up as tuition increases – made her Law School experience far richer intellectually.

“I’ve been fortunate enough not to have to work 20 or 30 hours a week to pay tuition bills,” she said. “School has been my full-time job, so I’ve been able to get really involved and throw myself into it.” For example, she served as president of the Buffalo Public Interest Law Program; made it to the semifinals of the Desmond Moot Court competition; served as publications editor of the *Buffalo Law Review*; and traveled to Thailand as part of Professor David Engel’s bridge course there.

“The scholarship has provided me with the opportunity to do things that otherwise I wouldn’t be able to do,” Strachan says. “And in looking for jobs after graduation, I don’t have to concern myself as much with getting that firm job or getting a job that’s not in the public interest. My debt load will be much more manageable.”

Now a UB Law alumna, Strachan has accepted a two-year Presidential Management Fellowship, a highly competitive program in which the federal government looks to train its next generation of leaders.



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Legacy Giving

Making her gifts count

A love for both the City of Buffalo and UB Law inspired a creative combination of gifts from one member of the Class of 1952.

Hon. Mary K. Davey-Carr structured her philanthropy to include two charitable gift annuities and a bequest gift. Together they will establish the Mary Davey-Carr Endowment Fund, whose proceeds will benefit the Law School's Affordable Housing Clinic. "I feel as though Buffalo was and will be in the future a much more vibrant city, and it's worthwhile to do what we can to maintain it now," Judge Carr says in explaining her choice of beneficiary.

A charitable gift annuity, a popular choice for many donors, is a lump-sum gift contract that pays a guaranteed fixed income to the donor during the donor's lifetime.

Judge Carr was one of a handful of women in the 1952 graduating class, but says, "We never thought of ourselves as being unique or different. Looking back on it, we were a bridge between the first women's movement and second women's movement.

"The women who were practicing law at that time had known the suffragettes – Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the rest of them. They had more of a strident attitude, like the one woman who was the dean of Buffalo's women lawyers – she said if you were intelligent, you shouldn't get married. We did not think of ourselves as having that same militancy."



Her UB Law School education served her well. After beginning her career as an associate in a Buffalo firm, she was appointed assistant counsel with the Navy general counsel's office in Washington, D.C. She also organized the Juvenile Legal Division of Erie County Family Court and supervised it for several years; served as legal assistant to New York State's commissioner for human rights; and became the first woman to serve as an administrative law judge for the state Department of Social Services.

She notes that she completed her legal studies in the same year as Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor – and that while Justice O'Connor had a hard time finding a legal job, Judge Carr and her female classmates got right to work. "I think that Buffalo was well, well, well advanced," she says.

A smart solution for your IRA — Leave it where it can have the biggest impact

When you leave your IRA to loved ones, it can be subject to income taxes that can reduce distributions by a third or more – leaving much less of an inheritance for your loved ones than you had planned. A better alternative for family members is to pass on income tax-free inheritances, such as stock or real estate, cash and life insurance. Then, use your IRA assets to help your favorite charitable cause. You can designate UB Law School as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your IRA. We will pay no income tax, and the assets will pass to us estate tax-free.

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- 1. DECIDE** what percentage or dollar amount you would like UB Law School to receive.
- 2. CONTACT** your IRA administrator for a change of beneficiary form.
- 3. NAME** as beneficiary "The University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of the University at Buffalo Law School" and the gift percentage or dollar amount on the form.
- 4. RETURN** the form to your IRA administrator.
- 5. LET US KNOW** about your plans so that we can thank you. (We will also honor your preference for anonymity.)

For more information, please contact Karen Kaczmariski at (716) 645-6429 or krkacz@buffalo.edu, or Alan Carrel at (716) 645-6222 or carrel@buffalo.edu.

The social network

Gift will be used to renovate the first-floor student lounge in O'Brian Hall

The passing of a beloved colleague, friend and family member leaves a hole that nothing can fill. For one family and law firm, creating a legacy at UB Law School has been a way to channel that sense of loss into positive action.

Those who knew Michael Doran '82 knew him as an inspiration – from his work as an attorney specializing in railroad accident cases, to his avocations of flying, skiing and traveling – and as a “people person” through and through. After his death in a tragic April 2009 plane crash – a crash that also

claimed the life of his legal associate Matthew Schirel '08 – it was discovered that Doran had left a bequest of \$100,000 to UB Law School in his will. Now his surviving family and the Buffalo law firm that bears his name have matched that amount, creating a gift that will be used to renovate the first-floor student lounge in O'Brian Hall.

“This is something we thought Mike would really want, because he did so much for UB Law School and with the students there,” says Thomas Doran, Michael’s brother and a paralegal at Doran & Murphy. “We felt that this is something Mike would be proud of. He was involved in so many charities, such as Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Leukemia Society; he was very generous to them and to UB. We thought this student lounge would be a way to continue that generosity.”

Christopher Murphy '93, partner in Doran & Murphy, said the firm’s participation in this new gift “was a good way to say thank you to Mike and thank you to the University as well.



Michael H. Doran '82

“Mike always recognized that it was UB that enabled him to obtain his law degree and get where he got in life. He was a firm believer in giving back, and it was that same gratitude that he instilled in his family and all of us here at our firm.”

At Doran & Murphy, Doran worked on cases involving medical malpractice, construction law, product liability, asbestos litigation, phar-

maceutical litigation and railroad law, the firm’s specialty. He also lectured on railroad law to the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and had served as chairman of the organization’s railroad section. At the time of his death, he was just 51 years old.

As the Law School continues to move forward, facilities upgrades such as the student lounge are an important part of the overall educational package. “This is a fitting tribute to Michael, who cared about future generations of students and would want them to have a professional setting to gather and study,” says Vice Dean Alan Carrel, who was a close personal friend of Michael Doran. “He was a talented, generous person whose thoughtfulness, charisma and energy attracted people to him. I am delighted that he will have a per-

manent legacy at the school.”

Plain and simple, says Nina Doran, mother of a big family in which Michael was one of four siblings, Michael loved people. “If he was your friend, there was nothing he wouldn’t do for you,” she says. “So many people have come to me and told me about the kind deeds he did for them. Forty or fifty people have said to me, ‘I thought I was Michael’s best friend.’ He treated everybody that way. He just had a really big heart. He was very generous with everything he had, and such a loving father to his children.”

That spirit lives on – in his family, at Doran & Murphy, and now in a legacy that will benefit generations of UB Law School students. “He was grateful for what he got from the Law School and wanted to give back,” Nina Doran says. “He was blessed and wanted everyone else to feel that way.”

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— Nina Doran

Law School Legacy Society

The Law School Legacy Society has been formed, in cooperation with UB's General Edmund Hayes Society, to honor an extraordinary group of alumni and friends who have made the Law School a beneficiary of a bequest, trust or other planned gift. The following alumni and friends have included the Law School in their estate plans.

Anonymous (3)
 Thomas L. Bantle '85
 Hilary P. Bradford '53
 Hon. Mary K. Davey-Carr '52
 Ross M. Cellino Sr. '56 and Jeanette E. Cellino
 Lynn A. Clarke '83
 Florence P. Edlin
 Mary K. Foster
 Carol A. Greiner
 Gordon R. Gross '55 and Gretchen S. Gross
 Howard J. Grossman '80
 Susan E. Hanifin '92
 Prof. Thomas E. Headrick and Mary M. Headrick
 Erma R. Hallett Jaeckle '36
 Harvey L. Kaminski '77
 Barbara D. Klippert '75
 Francis M. Letro '79 and Cindy Abbott Letro
 Hon. Ann T. Mikoll '54
 Professor Robert I. Reis and Ellen S. Reis
 Arthur A. Russ Jr. '67
 Belle F. Theobald '44
 Jean M. Valvo
 Margaret W. Wong '76

Legacy gifts are critical to the Law School. They help build endowment, fund capital improvements, and underwrite special projects of importance to the school. In addition to bequests, these gifts include charitable remainder trusts, retained life estates, charitable lead trusts, charitable gift annuities, life insurance and retirement plan assets.

Membership in the Law School Legacy Society is open to anyone who has made such a future commitment, regardless of the donor's age or the amount of the gift. If you have already provided for the Law School, you automatically qualify for membership. Please inform us of your intentions by contacting one of the following:



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Note: When including the Law School in your will, the beneficiary should be the University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of the University at Buffalo Law School.

Loyalty is royalty

A hot stock tip. The number of the winning horse. Doubling down on a pair of aces. Gamblers know there's no such thing as a sure thing, but for some UB Law School alumni who give consistently, year after year, to the Annual Fund, that amazing loyalty is indeed a sure thing. It's what makes a select group of repeat givers the royal flush in UB Law's partnership with its alumni – a partnership crucial to the school's continued success.



John F. Canale '47 is one of these loyal repeat donors. Says Canale, whose Buffalo firm is Bouvier Partnership, "They can count on me as long as I'm around. I consider my yearly contribution a part of giving

back. I'm very grateful to the Law School for the career I've had. I've been successful in my profession, and I owe it to the Law School that trained me."

Canale started at UB Law – classes met in a repurposed two-family home in downtown Buffalo – in 1943, then enlisted in the Army Air Corps. As navigator of a B-17 bomber, he flew 35 combat missions over Germany. After the war's end, he was right back at UB Law School in September 1945; the school by then was in its longtime location on West Eagle Street. "I was in the last class at UB Law School that went year-round to make up lost time," he says. "I completed law school in two years." He also clerked for a law firm during the summers, spending 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in a shirt and tie, then putting on work clothes and steel-toed boots for a 3-to-11 shift at Bethlehem Steel.



Graduating a generation later, **Marion K. Henderson '65** has become another year-after-year donor. "I have always had an affinity for UB Law, and thus contribute to UB Law because the school gave me an

opportunity to pursue an ambition," says Henderson, who is retired from her practice in Bowmansville and currently serves as secretary of the UB Law Alumni Association. "I applied to UB Law, and to no other law schools, because I knew at the time that UB was the only school I could possibly afford to attend. I soon learned that many of my classmates were in the same position as I was. At this time when financial aid from New York State is shrinking, new lawyers must contribute so UB Law will survive, thrive and be there for future generations of law students."



Jean C. Powers '79 consistently puts both time and money into the Law School. A partner practicing commercial real estate law with the Buffalo firm Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel,

she is also an emeritus member of the Dean's Advisory Council and a past president of the UB Law Alumni Association.

Powers remembers the extraordinary hospitality she experienced when on occasion she brought her then 4-year-old daughter, Kristin, with her to O'Brian Hall, juggling the responsibilities of her dual roles as mother and student.

"I had just moved here with my husband and daughter," Powers says. "The first thing I did upon arriving, even before the boxes were unpacked, was apply to the Law School and apply to take the LSAT. I couldn't really go anywhere else. I was very, very fortunate that I was accepted by UB and that it gave me the welcoming, supportive environment I could thrive in."

"I was 29 when I started law school, and I remember thinking that I'd be the old lady in the class. But the professors were wonderful, the people in my study group were wonderful, and so were my classmates. People really did bond. Especially the people in my section and my study group – we are thrilled when we bump into one another. We look forward to the reunions."

"I really do feel that the Law School gave me the opportunity to do what I do, be a lawyer. I got a superb legal education in a very supportive environment. Given all of that and the way I was accepted into the Law School community, I'm privileged to do whatever I can to help the school."

Giving: The next generation

Good habits begin early, and for many recent graduates of UB Law School, getting into the philanthropic groove has come naturally. Even as they settle into their initial legal positions and try to catch up on the sleep they lost while burning the midnight oil, plenty of newly minted alumni are giving back.

Rebecca McCauley '03 has stayed involved through the GOLD Group, having served as its membership chairman and on the board. "It's exciting to participate in a group like that because there are always new grads coming on board, and you can see the fire in their eyes as they begin their careers," says McCauley, who works as a career law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge Leslie G. Foschio.

McCauley says the Law School experience – she was an older, non-traditional student – was a thorough pleasure, and she has held onto that feeling

through her continuing involvement. "The gift that the Law School has given to me, I will have for the rest of my life," she says. "I will have this knowledge, these relationships, the gift of being involved in the legal community. It has given me such a gift – to be able to reinvent myself in my second career.

"People should reflect on what the school has given them and what they want to pass on to the next generation of students. You can do that by speaking very highly of your experience. That's just as important as giving money."



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Jason Lee '07, who works at the New York City firm Cahill Gordon & Reindel advising Wall Street and other corporate clients on capital markets, leverage and lending practice, shares that sentiment. It was in the New York City Program in Finance and Law that he got his first full taste of that high-stakes world.

"I had a great time," he says, "and it gave me both some solid fundamentals and a big-picture view. Law school teaches you how to be a litigator, but not a corporate transactions attorney. Our New York City program educates students on an entirely different area of practice."

One lesson he's still appreciating is the relatively low debt load he incurred at UB Law. His student loan payments, he says, are one-fourth those of his fellow associates at the firm.

"I feel very blessed," Lee says. "My Law School education was good to me, and it's a gift I want to give back."



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- Three semesters long, the new Legal Analysis, Writing and Research Program emphasizes the importance of legal analysis, writing and research skills.
- Six former practitioners were hired after a national search to teach the critical basics of analysis, research and writing under the leadership of Professor Charles Patrick Ewing.
- A considerable writing component will be required to prepare pleadings, motions and other trial-related documents.

Trial Advocacy

- Two new sections of Trial Technique were added, bringing the total to 10 sections per semester.
- Special Saturday programs include simulated trials by top litigators and lectures on topics in trial practice.

New York City Program in Finance and Law

- In its fifth year, 23 students participated in our unique New York City program in spring 2010, learning from our faculty and top practitioners.

Your support helps us attract top students and ensure success

Scholarships and Fellowships

- New alumni merit scholarships established in 2009, totaling \$480,000 over three years.
- \$498,000 in scholarships awarded to 100 students in the Class of 2013.
- 30 public interest fellowships awarded in 2010.

Trial and Moot Court Competitions

- We hosted one of the largest national trial competitions, the Buffalo-Niagara Tournament, bringing 130 students from 32 law schools to Buffalo.

- Our students competed in seven national trial competitions. At the American Bar Association's regional moot court competition, UB won more awards than any other school.

Judicial and Agency Externships

- 57 students were placed in 25 judicial and agency externships, up from 12 students four years ago.
- Seven students are doing an "Intensive Judicial Clerkship." Students work 16 hours per week, earn five credits and attend a one-credit class on judicial clerkship skills. The highlight is an intensive clerkship with Judge Richard Wesley of the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Six other students are doing intensive clerkships with county court, state Supreme Court, appellate division and federal judges.

Career Development and Alumni Partnerships

- Individual students partner with mentors throughout the legal community. Students participate in enhanced career development programs, including alumni panels.

Your support helps us hire outstanding faculty

Faculty Renaissance

- 10 new tenure-track faculty members were hired in the past three years. These academic stars bring both stellar academic credentials and practice experience with some of the nation's top law firms and agencies.

Our Newest Academic Stars

- This year, three new academic stars have been hired: Kim Diana Connolly (JD, Georgetown; LLM, George Washington), as director of Clinical Legal Education; Jessica Owley Lippman (JD, Berkeley; PhD, Berkeley), to teach environmental law; and Sagit Leviner (SJD, LLM, Michigan; LLB, Haifa), to teach tax law and policy.

Graduates who are practice-ready right out of the gate – that's what employers demand, and that is the focus of our innovative new Legal Skills Program. Your support is critical at every step – to maintain access, to attract the best students and faculty, to improve programs, and ultimately to produce well-trained, analytically sound lawyers.

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Anthony R. Scalia '12

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Stephen G. H. Bennett '12
Lawrence K. Bice '12
Luke I. Debruin '12
Rebecca M. Guerra '12
Floyd M. Huntz '12
Zachary M. Primeau '12
Joseph L. Russell '12

Harold A. Dautch Memorial Scholarship

Joshua M. Agins '10
Richard A. Cheng '10
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Benjamin T. Hussong '12
Jennifer L. Karnes '12
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Jesslyn Holbrook '10

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Sarah L. Nagel '10
Jennifer L. Rizzo '10
William G. Sacks '11
Kimberly M. Thrun '11
Katherine A. Veith '10

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Paul D. Shapiro '12
Andrew J. Spears '12

Barbara D. Klippert Scholarship

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Monique A. Tronchin '12

John F. Mary A. and Robert J. Lane Scholarship

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Law Alumni Association Scholarship

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Ryan P. McCarthy '12
Phillip V. Urban '12

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Kathleen J. Gabel '12
Lauren M. Pienkowski '12
Anne E. Rosenbaum '12
Monique A. Tronchin '12

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Shayna A. Hutchins '11
Maryann Kang '10
Ryan A. Larose '11
Matthew C. Laufer '11
Zuofei Liu '11
Crystal-Lyn J. Orta '10
Brian Roy '11
Zachary J. Woods '11

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Ethan Kraybill '10

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Jonathan P. Cantil '12
Leigh A. Chute '12
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Making their summers count

Buffalo Public Interest Law Program funds summer positions around the world



In Thailand, Sara Korol '11 receiving a "Sai-Sin" bracelet from a Buddhist monk.

One of UB Law School's most successful student-run initiatives, the Buffalo Public Interest Law Program, helps build on one of the school's signature strengths: its commitment to using the tools of law in the public interest.

BPILP raises money through creative fund-raising and alumni donations, and it distributes those funds to students seeking to spend a summer in a public-interest position. Because those positions are often low-salaried or even unpaid, BPILP and similar support helps law students with their living expenses while they gain valuable experience and often a foothold in the public-interest arena.

These students return from their summer positions – whether close to home or halfway across the world – with renewed enthusiasm for the power of law, and with stories to tell. Here are three.

Sara Korol '11, a veteran of Professor David Engel's famed Thailand bridge course, in essence created her own summer position with the Anti-Trafficking Coordination Unit of Northern Thailand. With the support of a Human Rights Fellowship, she arranged to work with TRAFCORD writing grant proposals to maintain

funding for the NGO, whose funding through the U.S. State Department was in question.

She wrote a successful grant proposal to the Soros Foundation that will create a legal researcher position at TRAFCORD for two years, to study how Thailand's 2008 anti-human trafficking legislation is being applied to different categories of victims, such as children, adults, victims of sex trafficking and victims of labor trafficking. The goal is also to organize public prosecutors in the region and produce a best-practices manual, so that they use the law more

uniformly to protect victims and not simply to prosecute criminals.

She learned, she said, about just how precarious the funding can be that keeps a public-service organization afloat. And she found herself defending the United States after the State Department released a report on human trafficking worldwide and downgraded Thailand to a watch-list status.

Tiffany Lebron '11 used fellowship grants from BPILP and the Latin American Law Students Association to help fund her work with the Legal Resources Centre, a non-governmental organization in Cape Town, South Africa.

Lebron, who was drawn to UB Law because of her interest in human rights, did both legal research and hands-on work in Cape Town, South Africa, she says, has many refugees from other African nations, and she spent time working with Somali refugees who faced xenophobic attacks. "A lot of these Somali refugees set up these small shops in the townships that sell groceries and household goods," she says. "The perception in the community was that the Somalis were taking over all the businesses, and there were a lot of attacks on the Somali shops." She helped facilitate meetings with the shopkeepers to understand their needs and help create a safer environment for them.

As well, Lebron worked on two major research projects: assessing what duty the South African government had for ensuring refugees' safety, and examining mechanisms that were available to provide reparations for refugees who had been harmed, particularly women who had experienced sexual violence.

Jonathan Placito '12 spent the summer, with BPILP fellowship support, in the Monroe County Conflict Defender's Office, in Rochester. "I'm really in-

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terested in criminal law," he says, "and I heard great things about this particular office. Probably the most basic thing I learned was how to get inside a law office and just function. That was a great experience in itself. It was really great to get out there and meet some actual attorneys."

The Conflict Defender's Office represents indigent defendants who cannot be represented by the Public Defender's Office. So, for example, Placito handled the case of one defendant who had been found guilty while being represented by a public defender, then appealed the conviction on the grounds that his original lawyer was ineffective. To avoid a conflict of interest in the Public Defender's Office, the Conflict Defender's Office represented the defendant.

As an appeals intern, Placito says, "A lot of what I did was to draft documents like appellate briefs, all the documents necessary to go through the appeal process. I spent a lot of time researching and writing." Now, in his second year at the Law School, he's serving two internships, including one doing immigration work at the Legal Aid Society of Rochester, and holding down a part-time job.

BPILP students with the help of the administration, faculty and alumni raise money at their annual auction.



Left to right: Thomas C. Bailey '74, Dean Makau Mutua and Douglas W. Dimitroff '89 at the annual Leadership Letter Signing event.

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On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of UB Law, many thanks to our dedicated Annual Fund volunteers, who invest their time and talent year after year to ensure the continued success of our Annual Fund. The Law School is fortunate to have so many loyal alumni whose tireless efforts make the difference, resulting in the most successful Annual Fund yet. Thank you!

Very special thanks to our 2009-10 Annual Fund National Co-Chairs – Paul J. Korniczky '86 (Chicago), Barbara L. Schifeling '84 (Buffalo) and Brent L. Wilson '76 (Atlanta) – for their leadership, loyalty and passion. Thank you, Paul, Barbara and Brent, for leading the way to another milestone Annual Fund year! You have set the bar high for this year's National Co-Chairs!

We especially salute the members of our Annual Fund Leadership Committee, who volunteered at our annual Leadership Letter Signing event to prepare personal notes to friends, former classmates, and colleagues. These terrific volunteers were very successful in their efforts to promote leadership giving and membership in our Annual Giving Societies. Thank you to each of you for your leadership, commitment and enthusiasm. We could not do it without you!

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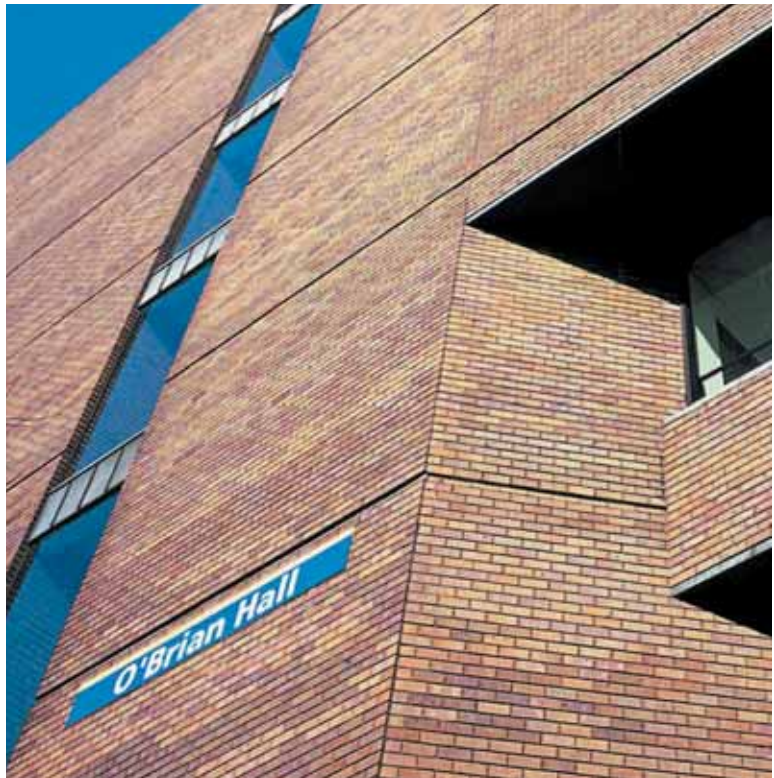
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55	6.4%	8.4%	11.1%	15.3%
60	6.8%	8.9%	12.3%	17.2%
65	7.1%	9.8%	13.8%	19.3%

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75	6.4%
80	7.2%
85	8.1%
90	9.5%

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Dean's Leadership Donor Reception

Members of the Jaeckle, O'Brian and Hyman Giving Societies enjoy themselves at the first Dean's Leadership Donor Reception, hosted by Dean Mutua on June 29 at the Mansion, in Buffalo



At left, Hon. Samuel L. Green '67, Eileen Fine and Frank J. Clark '67



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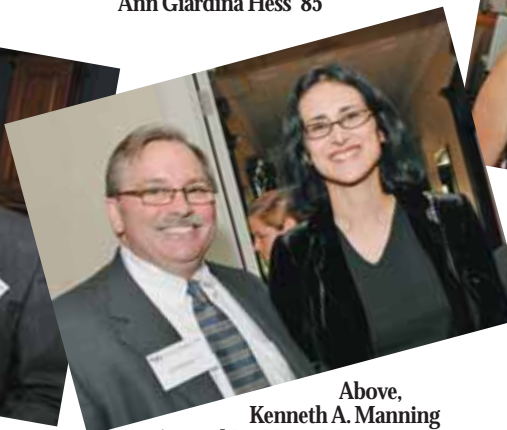
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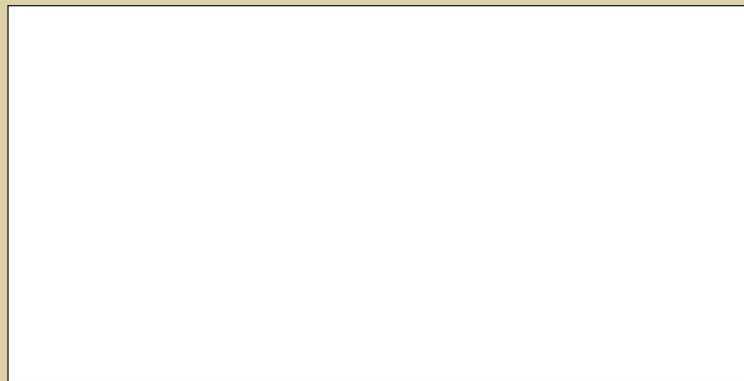


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