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Annual Lunch Attracts Large Turnout



Jerry Soalt

Three days after Ronald Reagan was sworn in by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger as President of the United States, the Hon. Eli Wager '54 was installed by his State Supreme Court colleague Ivan Warner '55 as President of the New York Law School Alumni Association. Nearly two hundred guests attended the January 23rd festivities at New York's Plaza Hotel.

Keynote Address

Professor James F. Simon, author of the recently published *Independent Journey: The Life of William O. Douglas* (Harper and Row, 1980), delivered the keynote address. Simon, speaking exactly one year to the day after the Memorial to Douglas was held at Washington's National Presbyterian Church, said that in his book he tried to explore the rivalries and interper-

sonal relationships between the justices not simply as gossip but as factors that might have "affected the actual functioning of the Court. It seems to me that a historian benefits from understanding the personal animosities among the judges."

In Simon's opinion, Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong's *The Brethren* was "much maligned but for the wrong reason. The problem was one not of credibility but of form. The authors did a good job of reporting but did not give the book a meaningful structure so that the Court could be better understood as an institution. The book is finally gossipy, but not irrelevant."

Simon's own book has been extremely well received, garnering comments such as those of reviewer Ronald Dworkin who, in the February 19 *New York Review of Books*, refers to *Inde-*

pendent Journey as an "excellent, judicious, and admiring biography."

As a historian, Simon himself reaped considerable benefits from judicial animosity. He made the astonishing revelation that Douglas, a renowned civil libertarian who granted a last-minute stay of execution to convicted spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, had earlier voted against *certiorari* five times, with some of his votes proving decisive.

Simon said that "Justice Frankfurter was disturbed at the discrepancy between the reality of these five votes and Douglas' reputation as a great civil libertarian." Frankfurter therefore willed that, upon his death, his papers be made available to historians. Had Frankfurter not been piqued at his colleague, we might still be in the dark as to Douglas' actual role in the Rosenberg case. (cont. next page)

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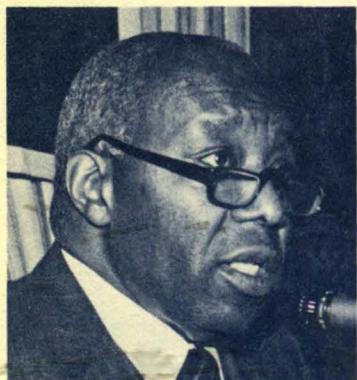
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Hon. Ivan Warner '55, Luncheon Chairman.



Professor James F. Simon, author of *Independent Journey: The Life of William O. Douglas*.



Dean Shapiro presenting the Dean's Medal to outgoing Alumni Association President, Hon. William Kapelman '40, during whose three-year tenure there was a substantial rise in alumni membership.



Hon. William Kapelman '40, Hon. Mario M. Biaggi '63, and Professor Zuhayr A. Moghrabi '67.



A reunion atmosphere prevails for Margaret M. Guseman '78, Nancy Wallace '80, and Laura Silberstein '79.

Dean Shapiro on Podium

Dean Shapiro noted that many people were "just beginning to realize how very strong our school is in faculty, academic programming, and admissions." This was evident, he said, in the comments made by, among others, many of those who attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in San Antonio, Texas earlier that month.

Growth of alumni support was evident in Dean Shapiro's citation of three endowments. He commended Joseph Solomon '27 who, in addition to endowing a professorship in estate planning, recently made possible a \$200,000 endowment to insure the permanence of the Bologna Scholars program that NYLS enjoys with the University of Bologna.

Dean Shapiro also mentioned the \$12,000 international law endowment in honor of the late Gabriel Galef '29 that was established by Mr. Galef's family and his former firm, Galef & Jacobs.

In addition, the Dean noted the \$5,000 endowment that the Grand Street Boys Foundation established to honor a distinguished graduate of the class of 1960, the "Sylvia D. Garland Award for Excellence in Subjects Relating to Civil Litigation." The latter awards will both be presented at Commencement.

Dean Shapiro then presented the Dean's Medal to outgoing President, Justice William Kapelman '40, who observed that "if it is said that I have honored New York Law School, I would turn the aphorism around and say New York Law School has honored me. I have gotten so much out of this school that I couldn't even begin to tell you."

Judge Kapelman, who "looks forward to the rebuilding of the Law School physically and otherwise," also paid tribute to Dean Shapiro as one who "doesn't recognize the word 'can't.' Donald has been the star who has shone for all of us."

Student Director David Shipper was then acknowledged by Judge Warner as the recipient of a New York State Bar Association award for achieving the second largest number of student memberships in the State.

Inaugural Address

In his first duty as Alumni Association President, Judge Wager paid tribute to his predecessor by noting that membership increased during Judge Kapelman's administration from 17 to 30 percent of the alumni body. He noted further that "growth in membership has been reflected in dramatic increases in alumni financial support to the school and the student body. . . . We also established under Judge Kapelman the P.L.E.A. program, which promotes high caliber continuing legal education at modest prices for alumni and other members of the bar."



Wager identified the building of the school's new law center as "the single most important challenge to the Alumni Association in 1981, a project that cannot be realized without alumni support."

His conclusion was both eloquent and poignant: "In 1818 Daniel Webster argued the Dartmouth College case before the Supreme Court. On behalf of Dartmouth he uttered words so appropriate to this occasion: 'It serves as I have said: it is a small college and yet there are those who love it.' We alumni are here because we too love New York Law School, but our presence bespeaks more than emotional attachment. We are all debtors to our school, endowed by it with the legal education that, as Burke said, 'renders men acute, inquisitive, dexterous, and full of resources.' We have used that endowment to enrich our lives spiritually and materially. Our active postgraduate support of New York Law School evidences our commitment to repay our debt, evidences our continued service to, and support of, the school."

Officers and Directors Installed at Annual Luncheon

Officers Elected for One Year

Hon. Eli Wager '54, President
 Hon. Francis T. Murphy Jr., '52, Vice President
 Professor Zuhayr A. Moghrabi '67 Vice President
 Frederick W. Scholem '27, Vice President
 Richard M. Flynn '57, Vice President
 Hon. Mary E. Cerbone '59, Secretary
 David A. Ferdinand '38, Treasurer

Directors Elected for Three Years

Benjamin R. DeCosta '75
 Lorin Duckman '73
 Bruce Hausman '79
 Lloyd N. Hull '51
 Irvin Husin '27

Hon. Abraham D. Levy '25
 Myron Myers '31
 Meyer Slifkin '25
 Herman Zuckerman '29

Director Elected for Two Years

Linda N. Cassano '73

Directors Elected for One Year

James A. Tricarico Jr. '77
 Richard Finamore '72
 Paul Gajewski '80
 Marianne Spraggins '76
 Irving Stolz '25

Student Directors

Chris E. Johnson, Jr. '81
 Gail Wilson '82
 David W. Shipper '82



Moot Court Team Reaches First Finals

Thanks to its defeat of Fordham University earlier this year, New York Law School, marking a first in its history, fielded a team in the finals of the National Moot Court Competition. First-place semifinalist Rutgers (Newark) was the only other New York metropolitan area team to reach the finals, which were held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and which were won eventually by the University of Montana School of Law. Second place went to the Northwestern School of Law.

The NYLS team—Henry Cornell '81, Deirdre Heatwole '81 (runnerup Best Oralist in the semifinals), and Robert Salvia '82—lost two extremely close matches, first to the University of Cincinnati on January 27, and then to the University of Indiana the following day. Echoing the sentiments of many in the audience, team coach Robert Con-

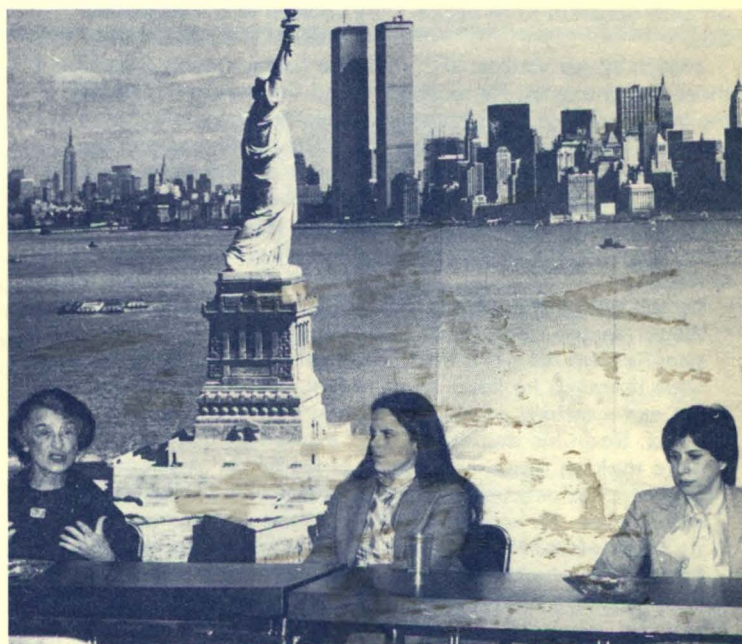
roy '81 said that the first match was "too close to call, and the second could easily have been awarded to us."

The entire team, while disappointed, was nevertheless proud that NYLS had made the finals. Ms. Heatwole added that the school's fine showing was all the more impressive in that "some of the schools we competed against are very large and enjoy the benefits of considerable endowments."

The team members said that they received valuable support from several alumni—Scott I. Batterman '80, Paul Gajewski '80, Maryellen Goble '79, Judith Carlson Greene '79, and Richard M. Jasper '80. According to Ms. Heatwole, team morale was also boosted by the many NYLS spectators who attended the rounds. "Having an audience made us feel good. It was very supportive."



Women in Labor Law—Panel



Ida Klaus fielding one of many questions.

A panel on Women in Labor Law, sponsored by the Labor Law Association and the Legal Association of Women, was held at NYLS on Feb. 12. The panel consisted of (left to right in the photo above) Ida Klaus, at one point the highest ranking woman attorney in the Federal government, Barbara Carey, Assistant General Counsel to the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, and Judith Broach, a partner in the firm of

Vladeck Elias Vladeck & Englehard, P.C.

The panelists agreed that, while women are still discriminated against in this area of law, a combination of ability and persistence will prevail in the end. Ms. Klaus' distinguished career justifies the generalization.

After the formal presentation, students mingled with the panelists at a wine-and-cheese reception.

Profile: Justice Eli Wager '54

Leslie Roberts



In November, 1980, when Eli Wager '54, newly installed President of the NYLS Alumni Association, was elected to a fourteen-year term as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, he had already served three times on that bench. Governor Carey appointed him on each occasion to fill vacancies.

Justice Wager vindicated those appointments. He received the highest ratings from both the Nassau County Bar Association and the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. He also received a warm endorsement from *Newsday*, the area's major newspaper:

By the going standards, Wager seemed eminently qualified for his post, and once installed he lived up to the expectations of his peers. Soon his decisions were making news—on the side of child safety in a fire-works case, for residents in a contested rezoning, against the county when it froze senior employees' pay.

In fact, *Newsday*, in an editorial urging that judges be appointed rather than elected, cited the Court's possible loss of Wager as the primary case in point.

Wager's 1980 victory—a triumph not only for himself personally but for the judiciary and the general public as well—was also a victory for poetic justice.

Wager is no newcomer to public service. He served four terms as a State Assemblyman (1966-72), and after a redistricting deprived him of his legislative seat, Governor Rockefeller, acting on the recommendation of

Assembly Speaker Stanley Stein-gut, appointed Wager to the State Commission on Cable Television, where he served an additional three years.

Earlier in his career he held other political positions, including Special Counsel to the Assembly Minority, Assistant Counsel to the Assembly Speaker, Legislative Liaison to the Nassau County Executive, and Counsel to the Nassau County Democratic Party.

The photographs in the Judge's spacious, book-lined chambers attest to the richness of his political career—and to the level of prominence he has attained. One photograph shows him shaking hands with then-Senator John F. Kennedy, and another depicts him with President Lyndon B. Johnson, a figure who surprised him by his "awesomely towering physical proportions." A photograph of Wager with Governor Carey also occupies a prominent place.

Another photograph is of the Judge's wife and infant grandchild, a testimony to the family closeness that Wager enjoys. When asked how he spends his personal time, Judge Wager responded, "I have a granddaughter," as if that simple statement closed the case, said all that had to be said. And perhaps it does—Eli and Lila Wager spend much of their free time exchanging visits with married daughter Daryl and her family. Their younger daughter, Ruth, is a biochemistry major at the University of Pennsylvania, where she is also a member of the women's varsity crew.

Do the rigorous demands of a Supreme Court judgeship provide him with any free time?

"Surprisingly enough, I now have much more free time than I had when I was a lawyer. For one thing, I'm barred from political activity. For another, my phone hardly ever rings, and when it does, my staff can usually attend to most of it. Any lawyer can tell you what a blessing it is not to have to answer the phone." Three newspapers a day and legal literature comprise the bulk of his reading, and he manages to squeeze in a little golf, Mozart, and television on occasion.

For all his present success, Wager has had a full share of disappointments and setbacks—he's won six elections altogether,

for example, but he's also lost six. He credits his wife for providing the ballast he needed to weather these various storms. Among other things, she's had to contend with his long absences from home during his service as an Assemblyman, and she was also influential in encouraging him to attend law school in the first place.

Wager came to the study of law in a rather unusual and almost fortuitous manner. "It was July 7, 1951. It's easy to remember the exact date because there was a radio announcement to the effect that the G.I. Bill was to expire the

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Two statuettes sit atop the large desk in Judge Wager's chambers in the modern Mineola courthouse. One is a replica of the Lincoln Memorial, and the other depicts an elderly Jew studying the Torah. Wager's Jewish identity—he keeps a Hebrew bible in his office, and he is a Trustee of Congregation Sons of Israel in his home town of Woodmere—figures importantly in two interesting anecdotes that he relates.

Amid the turmoil of Europe at war's end, he served in Germany as an interpreter with the Army of Occupation. At one point Wager was responsible for turning over to the Russians a family of Jews (an elderly woman, her daughter and granddaughter) that was to be repatriated, albeit reluctantly, in the Ukraine, which hadn't been too hospitable to them in the first place.



The extent of the Holocaust was beginning to be known, and "the enormity of what I was supposed to do began to crowd in on me. My father had died many years earlier, but I was familiar with his approach to life, and I began to think, 'What would my father say if he knew that I was going to send these people back to the Soviet Union, the land from which he himself fled?' This thought became oppressive, so I told the woman that if she didn't show up at the appointed time, I wouldn't look very hard to find her. Of course, she failed to show."

The second story involves what he describes as his most controversial case as a judge. A Jewish man urged the Court to compel his former wife, a non-Jew, to raise their four children as Jews. The inherently touchy issue suffered various complexities and complications, including the facts that the wife had converted back to Roman Catholicism after converting to Judaism only at her first husband's insistence, her original conversion was not performed according to traditional Jewish practices, and the husband's Jewish religious involvement was virtually nil.

Judge Wager ruled in favor of the wife, a decision that gave rise to a great deal of discussion in certain Jewish quarters. But in *Schwarzman v. Schwarzman* (388N.Y.S.2d993) Wager had done his homework, citing, in addition to American legal precedent, the Talmud and Maimonides in his incisive, fascinating, and without question persuasive Memorandum.

very next day."

Wager, who served in the Army in France and Germany for one year before and one year after the end of the Second World War, had already earned a B.B.A. from the City College of New York in 1950. "But I knew I'd kick myself if I didn't take advantage of the G.I. Bill."

When his wife asked him what he would study, the Judge, who was then a salesman, replied, "I might study law." To this day he's not sure why he chose law except to surmise that he "had an inner yearning for it. And it was the only profession that interested me."

At the same time the prospect of starting law school so precipitately and with an infant daughter to support struck him as a "silly" move. His wife, however, encouraged him to at least give it a chance.

The next problem was to get admitted to a law school and actually start attending classes, all within the next twenty-four hours.

"Some schools had no sum-



Eli and Lila Wager.

mer session, and others had already passed their admission deadline. But New York Law School told me to come in. Professor Milton Silverman, who is still with the school, interviewed me, and that night I attended my first class."

Under these pressured circumstances, "New York Law School took me in when no one else would. What I am, and what I

have today all derive from the education I received at NYLS, and I am forever grateful to the school for it." Wager knows that, given more relaxed conditions, he might easily have ended up at a different law school. He also knows that not every graduate is happy with each and every aspect of NYLS. "But the main thing, it seems to me, is that if we are successful as lawyers, we owe our success to the school that trained us."

As Alumni Association President, Wager is setting his sights on all NYLS graduates, even—indeed, especially—those who attended during the rocky sixties. More members, and more active members, are chief among his goals, as is his interest in the new law school facility. He feels, too, that "the school's more prominent and well-placed alumni should be encouraged to do more to assure employment opportunities for our graduates." ■

New Appointments

Beth Venezia has joined the staff of the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs as Director of the Heritage Fund. Her responsibilities are in the area of annual giving, and include such activities as the recently-held Phonathon (see p. 6). Mrs. Venezia is especially interested in creating a corps of volunteers organized according to year of graduation.

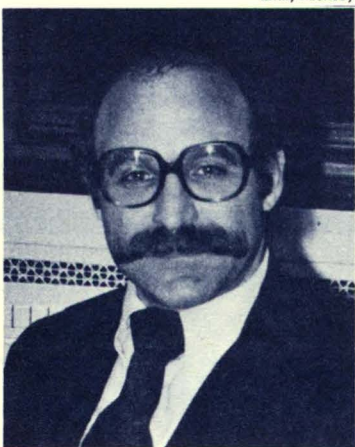
A 1971 graduate of Brown University, Mrs. Venezia previously held the position of Assistant Director of Development at the New England Aquarium in Boston.

Mrs. Venezia lives in Morristown, New Jersey with her husband Louis.

Leslie Roberts



Emily Aleksey



Robert L. Liebman, the editor of *NYLS in Brief* and "NYLS Counselor," also joined the Office of Development.

Dr. Liebman received a Ph.D. in English from the University of Massachusetts in 1977 after earning an M.A. at C.C.N.Y. and a B.A. at Brooklyn College.

Most recently a freelance writer whose film and theater reviews and celebrity profiles have appeared in such publications as the *New York Daily News*, *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, *Midstream* and the *New Jewish Times*, he was also a technical writer/editor with AT&T. He lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

P.L.E.A.

A P.L.E.A. panel, "Overview of Trademarks, Unfair Competition and Copyrights," was held at the NYLS Faculty Club on Feb. 17. There were three principal speakers: Alex Friedman '29, who is a partner in Blum, Moskovitz, Friedman & Kaplan and who has been practicing trademark law for 56 years, spoke on trademarks and unfair competition; Harold S. Klein, a Harvard Law School graduate who is in

private practice, discussed copyrights; James H. Callahan, who is also from Harvard Law and who is a Partner in Kenyon & Kenyon, spoke on trademarks, unfair competition, and copyrights in litigation.

Alumni Association Director Ernest Marmorek '57 was the moderator, and Association President Justice Eli Wager '54 made some brief welcoming remarks.



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Phonathon Rings Right Bells

The Alumni Association sponsored a three-day Phonathon (Feb. 10-12) that, by all measures and despite the fact that the final day coincided with the Lincoln's Birthday holiday, was a resounding success. Braving benumbed index fingers and nourished by catered food the quality of which suddenly put Gil's in good gastronomic light, a total of 82 volunteers, some serving more than one shift, completed nearly 1,200 phone calls.

They came up with a pledged total of \$25,000, striking oil, whether in large or small amounts, an encouraging eighty percent of the time. When the unspecified pledges and other contributions are included, the final total is expected to be in the \$33,000 range. In addition, efforts are continuing to contact a large number of alumni not reached during the Phonathon. The revenue will provide student scholarships.

Assessing the outcome, a delighted Lucille Hillman, Assistant Dean for Development and Executive Director of the Alumni Association, observed that "eight out of ten is an extraordinarily

high rate of return. Beth Venezia and her Phonathon team did a magnificent job. Now we face the challenge of reaching the additional 4,000 alumni before this fundraising year's June 30 deadline. Beth and the volunteers certainly have their work cut out for them."

Mrs. Venezia, who is the newly appointed Director of the Heritage Fund, noted that "our phones were booked to capacity and jumping every evening, thanks to a solid volunteer corps that consisted of faculty and students as well as alumni."

Mrs. Venezia and co-chairs Carmen J. Cagnetta, Jr. '73 and Carol Kriesberg '74 awarded autographed copies of James F. Simon's *Independent Journey: The Life of William O. Douglas* to the five individuals who achieved the highest pledged totals: Martin L. Baron '52, Larry L. Chamish '82, Telesforo Del Valle, Jr. '82, Ralph T. Gazzillo '81, and NYLS Professor Zuhayr A. Moghrabi '67.

A generous post-Phonathon pledge came from Dean Hillman and Mrs. Venezia, who guaranteed better food at the next Phonathon.

Leslie Roberts



Heritage Fund Director Beth Venezia (right), who coordinated the Phonathon, with satisfied co-chairs Carol Kriesberg '74 and Carmen J. Cagnetta '73.



LIST OF VOLUNTEERS

Martin L. Baron '52
Benjamin Botner '29
Michael B. Buckley '82
Robert A. Burstein '76
Cynthia M. Byrnes '82
Linda N. Cassano '73
William V. Catucci '68
Larry A. Chamish '82
Gregory B. Coburn '76
Carmen J. Cagnetta, Jr. '73
Joel S. Cohen '78
Risa E. Cohen '82
Steven M. Coren '77
Joseph A. D'Avanzo '82
Loretta K. Davis '82
Darlene D. Dawson '83
John D. Delmar '78
George O. DeLuca '82
Telesforo Del Valle, Jr. '82
Gail F. D'Italia '82
Frances E. Edwards '78
Ivy S. Fischer '82
Patrick J. Foley '61
Robert S. Fraser '78
Seth D. Friedland '78
Mayrose Friedman '50
Paul Gajewski '80
Paul B. Garland '75
Ralph T. Gazzillo '81
Paul V. Geoghan '82
Bruce S. Ginsberg '76
Celestynne T. Glenn '81
Ronald C. Goldfarb '75
Paul B. Goldhamer '74
Wendy A. Grossman '79
Dana J. Harrell '79
Steven L. Hess '74
George M. Heymann '74
Frank Irizarry '78
Alfred D. Jahr '26
Edward C. Johnson, Jr. '81

Deborah M. Jordan '82
Carol Kriesberg '74
Theresa M. Koncelik '82
Joseph Lapatin '54
Alan Leibowitz '74
Ilene C. Magidson '82
Christopher L. Maginniss '82
Joseph Maltese '73
Matthew C. Mason '82
Eric J. Michaels '82
Zuhayr A. Moghrabi '67
B. Marc Mogil '74
Frederick Mussenden '50
Fay S. Ng '82
Frank W. Palillo '82
Joseph F. Periconi '41
Alfred A. Pierri '81
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Samuel Stein '57
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T. Lawrence Tabak '59
Bruce A. Torino '77
Alton R. Waldon, Jr. '73
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NYLS Alumni Association

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Please clip and mail this form to the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, 57 Worth Street, New York, N.Y. 10013. Dues checks should be made payable to: New York Law School Alumni Association.

Faculty & Administration News

Professor Irving Anolik was one of three speakers who addressed the New York County Lawyers' Association Committee on Law, Psychology, Psychiatry & Medical Jurisprudence on October 30, 1980. The forum was on the new insanity defense law, and Anolik maintained that the substantive aspects of the penal law remained unchanged. He noted, however, that individuals having superficial rather than in-depth understanding of the nature and quality of an act "may still be found insane under the new law." He also found fault with the provision that "within 30 days after a defendant has been arraigned, notice must be given in writing to the District Attorney that an insanity defense is planned."

Professor Joseph T. Arenson was program chairman of a seminar entitled "Estate Planning Update" on Feb. 7. It was sponsored by the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and held in White Plains.

Dean Margaret S. Bearn has been proposed as a member of the Committee on Nominations in the Class of 1984, New York County Lawyers' Association.

Hon. Frederick S. Berman '51 was re-elected President of Temple Israel in Manhattan.

Professor Lisa Blitman and two students of the Civil Trial Clinic, Anne Barden and Gary F. Stone, were interviewed on WYNY on the legal counsel and representation offered to members of the Wiltwyck Community Center by NYLS. Professor Blitman was also interviewed by the *Daily News Sunday Magazine* on tenant rights.

Dean William L. Bruce's "Figuring the Death Penalty's Real Costs" appeared in the Dec. 1, 1980 issue of the *Trenton Times*. Dean Bruce maintains that "society is better served by imprisoning the convicted murderer rather than by attempting to execute him."

Professor Nancy Ledy Gurren '75 has become a partner in the Manhattan firm of Bower & Gardner.

Professor John J. Jerome is

Chairman of the U.S. Bankruptcy Merit Screening Committee for the Southern District of New York. The committee is considering the qualifications for reappointment of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Edward J. Ryan.

Professor Albert Kalter '61 co-authored (with Lawrence Newman) an article, "Gifts to Minors," that is being distributed by the Trust Division of Manufacturers Hanover Trust.

Professor David Lowry spoke on "Human Rights in Northern Ireland" to two separate Albany groups on January 26—the Irish Legislators Society and Amnesty International. He spoke on the same subject to Amnesty International, Philadelphia on February 8th.

Professor Stephen A. Newman's "Legal Aid" column in *New York* magazine made its debut in the February 9, 1981 issue. The column, which will appear approximately once a month, will focus, Newman explains, "on a variety of legal topics of interest to the general public."



Professor Stephen A. Newman.

Professor Douglas Scherer moderated a panel discussion (WBAI, Feb. 17) on the "Future of the Supreme Court under a Reagan Administration." His guests included NYLS Professors **Cyril C. Means, Jr.** and **James F. Simon**, and the gist of the conversation was that the increasing conservatism of the Executive branch is expected to have little if any impact on the current Court's approach to Constitutional issues. The Court may become more conservative in the future, however, because of Court appointments by the President.

Professor S. Bernard Schwarz chaired a recently-concluded 7-week New York County Lawyers' Association PLE Course on the "Immigration and Nationality Act." He lectured on "Admissibility, Excludability and Quotas," "Adjustment of Status," and "Refugee Political Asylum."

Professor Ernst C. Stiefel gave a lecture in Munich, Germany on January 22. He addressed the principal stockholders and clients of the Bankhaus H. Aufhaeuser on the subject, "Protective Trusts for German Investments in the U.S.A.—Illusion or Predictable Reality?"

Radio Appearances—**Professors Michael Botein** and **Arthur Best** were interviewed on January 18 on WABC-AM regarding the clinical approach to the teaching of law. **Professors Best** and **Steven Newman** were interviewed separately on several stations on the topic of returning Christmas gifts.

1981 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools: Dean Margaret S. Bearn co-chaired "Teaching Law Outside of Law Schools" and moderated "A Law School's Role: Its Responsibilities and Interests." **Dean William L. Bruce** moderated "The Legal Process Course: The Cornerstone of Undergraduate Courses." **Professor Lung-Chu Chen** was a speaker at "Church and State: A Comparative and International Perspective." **Professor David M. Rice** chaired "Mass Communications Law." **Professor Peter Schroth** moderated "Transboundary Pollution: U.S., Canadian and Mexican Perspectives" and was elected Chair of Law and the Humanities, re-elected Chair of Environmental Law, and re-elected to the Board on Tort and Compensation Law. **Professor Edward B. Samuels** was elected Chairperson-elect of the Mass Communications Law Section. In addition, an NYLS reception was held in honor of **Professor B. James George**.

The Docket

- March 24** *P.L.E.A. NYLS Faculty Club, 47 Worth St. "Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code." Contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, 966-3500, ext. 735.*
- March 25** *Law Review Annual Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Tower Suite, Time & Life Bldg., 50th St. & Ave. of the Americas. Principal speaker: Carol Bellamy, Pres. of the City Council. Contact Janet Burak or Richard Giles, 925-9830 or 966-3500, ext. 711.*
- March 26-29** *Robert F. Wagner National Labor-Law Moot Court Competition. NYLS rooms to be announced. Contact Wagner Committee, 47 Worth St. room 204, ext. 836.*
- March 28** *Connecticut/Westchester Alumni Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, Conn. Contact Office of Development, ext. 735.*
- April 30** *Nassau/Suffolk County Alumni Meeting, 8 p.m., Nassau County Bar Assoc., Mineola, L.I. Contact Roger Martin '70, (516) 535-2042.*
- May 12** *Connecticut State Bar Association Annual Meeting. Luncheon for Conn. graduates. Details to be announced.*
- May 15** *New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting. Reception for N.J. graduates. Details to be announced.*
- May 20** *CMC/NAB (Communications Media Center/National Association of Broadcasters) program, "Broadcasting and Antitrust Laws: Living with the Competition." 9:30-6:00, NYLS room to be announced. Contact 966-2053.*

Reception for Mid-Year Class

The mid-year graduates and their guests who filled Froessel Library to capacity at the February 8 Mid-year Reception heard guest speaker Sydney A Woodd-Cahusac enumerate some of the reasons why they had chosen wisely in opting for legal careers.

Woodd-Cahusac, an NYLS Trustee and Treasurer of Rockefeller University, said that, in addition to embarking on a lucrative and enjoyable career, the graduates "are entering a profession which provides extraordinary opportunities to affect the reasonableness, the dignity, the fairness, and perhaps above all, the good order with which other people's affairs are conducted."

Lawyers may indeed be justifiably accused of encouraging dispute, which in turn leads to delay, but lawyers may have good reasons for doing so: "A good agreement, meticulously thought through, can avoid a parcel of exacerbation in human relations."

Not All Roses

Law, it must be admitted, is not devoid of drawbacks. Woodd-Cahusac urged the audience to consider the case of King Louis XIV's attorney who, trying to keep his client from the guillotine, was himself decapitated. Today, of course, lawyers can defend unpopular causes usually

with less tragic personal consequences to themselves.

Law, in fact, is highly satisfying morally. Whether in such areas as employment, family relationships, home purchases, and business relations, or in their capacity as embodiments of "the substantive glories of the Preamble to the Constitution," lawyers favorably affect numerous areas of life.

Speech Causes Tears

Woodd-Cahusac paid tribute to the many relatives who were there to express their affection for, and pride in, the graduates: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, wives, husbands, children. No sooner did he utter the word 'children' when an infant,

as if to confirm the accuracy of the speaker's assertion, let out an anonymous wail.

Far from detracting from the occasion, the crying merely confirmed Woodd-Cahusac's characterization of the reception as being a "family affair that has a special warmth not to be found at the more grandiose June commencements." The festivities continued throughout the afternoon at the equally well-attended buffet of *hors d'oeuvres*.

Sharing the rostrum with Woodd-Cahusac were Deans Bear, Bruce, and Hillman (Dean Shapiro was attending the ABA's mid-year meeting in Houston, Texas), and Alumni Association President Hon. Eli Wager '54.



Sydney A Woodd-Cahusac.



Leslie Roberts

Newsmakers

David W. Shipper '82, NYLS liaison to the State Bar Association, received that organization's award for his efforts in encouraging students to join the Association. NYLS placed second in the State.

Petro R. Stawnychy '81 wrote the lead article, "Municipal Bargaining in New Jersey 1980" in the inaugural issue of *Public Employer-Employee Relations Report* (Nov. 1980). Previously, he co-authored the *New Jersey Police and Fire Arbitration Data Book*, Vols. I, II, and III, and he also co-authored two articles on Interest Arbitration in the *New Jersey Law Journal*.

The last issue of *NYLS in Brief* inadvertently omitted the names of two students who received American Jurisprudence Prizes for scholastic achievements during the Spring 1980 term: **Svetlana V. Petroff '81** (Evidence) and **Erik Strangeways '82** (Criminal Law and Labor Law).

New Student Bar Association Officers:

President

Darryl M. Semple '82

Vice President (Day)

David W. Shipper '82

Vice President (Evening)

Stephanie E. Stricker '82

Attorney General

Telesforo Del Valle Jr. '82

Treasurer

Ilene C. Magidson '82

Secretary

Barbara E. Champoux '82

ABA Representative

Lisa A. Murphy '83

The new members of *Human Rights* are **Paul Angioletti '83**, **Geoffrey Swaebe '82**, **Suzanne Weiss '82**, and **David Zuckerman '83**. *Human Rights*—the official publication of the ABA's Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities—is staffed by NYLS students and edited by **Professor Lung-chu Chen**.

Class Action

1913

Hon. Charles W. Froessel received the Fifty-Year Lawyer Award from the New York State Bar Association at their January 23rd Annual Meeting.

1926

Victor M. Marin is recovering from a stroke.

1929

Anthony Masciarelli has been living in Florida since retiring in 1970. After serving with the Navy during W.W. II, he became New York City's Deputy Commissioner of Purchase in 1948, and he was the Commissioner of Public Markets from 1949 to 1961. He then entered private practice until illness forced him to retire.

1938

Howard L. Oleck will retire from the full-time teaching of law in May, having served as Professor, Dean, and Distinguished Professor at Stetson University, Cleveland State, and NYLS since 1948. He will continue to write, and he will be an occasional visiting professor and lecturer in addition to serving as an officer of various legal and civic organizations.

1940

Hon. William Kapelman will be one of the three judges of the Walter M. Jeffords, Jr. Distinguished Writing Competition.

1950

Jane Prizant Gilman is the developer of a 5.3 million dollar Sheraton Inn currently being built in Middletown, New York, where she practices law.

1951

Hon. Frederic S. Berman (see Faculty News).

Oliver Sutton resigned a New York State Judgeship to become Chairman of the board of Inner City Broadcasting Corp., which owns a number of radio stations nationwide, including WBLS and WLIB in the New York metropolitan area.

1952

Stuart F. Darrow has formed a new firm, Barrett, Darrow & Ross, on Long Island.

Sandy Alan Haver is Creative Director, Colgate Palmolive Com-



Charles W. Froessel '13 receiving the Fifty-Year Lawyer Award from New York State Bar Association President Alexander D. Forger.

pany, having formerly held the same position as Vice President with the advertising firm of Dancer, Fitzgerald, Sample. For the past 14 years he has been a Lecturer and Instructor at the New School for Social Research. He writes, produces, and directs for T.V., wrote four feature films that were produced by Warner Brothers, and published two novels, *Tea Pot Island* and *The Mask*. His third novel, *Tath*, will soon be out.

1954

Otto L. Walter addressed the American Foreign Law Association on January 14th on the topic, "German Business Organizations: Recent Developments."

Robert E. Witt of New York retired last August from the Appeals Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

1955

Julius C. Biervliet of the Legal Aid Society gave a PLE course in Deportation Relief on January 6th for the New York County Lawyers' Association.

Leroy Dubois Willis, Jr. is Adjunct Professor of Elements of Law, York College, City University of New York.

1958

Jay R. Benenson, who prac-

tices law in Milburn, New Jersey, is organizing a meeting for the New Jersey chapter of the Alumni Association.

Judge Jules E. (Jed) Orenstein, who serves on the Nassau County District Court, was elected President of the Former District Attorney's Association of Nassau County, Inc. The Association, which numbers among its members 16 present and former judges, many elected and appointed officials of state and local government, and numerous members of the bar, devotes itself to the educational betterment of the legal profession and justice system.



Jules E. (Jed) Orenstein '58 (third from right) with (from left) Joseph Guarino (N. Hempstead Town Attorney), Samuel Rozzi (Nassau County Police Commissioner), Hon. Marvin I. Goodman (Nassau County Court Judge), Michael J. Tully, Jr. (N. Hempstead Town Supervisor), Frank A. Gulotta, Jr., Esq., and Hon. Edward McCabe, Jr. '57 (County Attorney for Nassau County).

Fred Smith

1960

Sylvia Garland will be one of the three judges of the Walter M. Jeffords, Jr. Distinguished Writing Competition.

1961

Leo L. Frischman, a New Yorker, became eligible to retire from the Internal Revenue Service in January after 30 years of service.

Professor Albert Kalter (see "Faculty News").

1963

Philip Bekerman, of Arenson Dittmar Karban & Bekerman, gave a PLE course in Recent Developments in Estate Administration & Practice on January 12th for the New York County Lawyers' Association.

Robert H. Cohen passed the Washington, D.C. bar exam in July 1980 and was sworn in last December.



Jay R. Benenson '58.

1964

Richard Lee Price was sworn in as a judge of Civil Court of New York County on December 22nd by Deputy City Administrative Judge Francis X. Smith. The Lawyers Lodge of B'nai B'rith and the New York Criminal and Civil Courts Bar Association also participated in the ceremony. Judge Price was also elected to the board of trustees of the American Judges Foundation.

1967

Joseph D. O'Neill lectured to members of the New Jersey State Bar Association on Civil and Criminal Trial Techniques at a seminar sponsored by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America—New Jersey on October 30, November 6, and November 30, 1980, at Cumberland County College.

1969

Rita Hayman and two other attorneys formed the partnership of Hayman, Wriesen & Mazzarelli, a Manhattan firm.

1972

Jon H. Gutmacher of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida opened a law office specializing in criminal and civil trial practice.

1973

Jay A. Rappaport has become a member of the New York firm of Bower & Gardner.

1974

Lance M. Freed is a Senior Associate with the Manhattan firm of Lurie & Nicholson. His specialties are negligence trials, personal injury, product liability, malpractice, aviation litigation, and maritime (Jones Act) litigation.

Bruce M. Gaylord married Gail Kelly on August 23, 1980. He is with the Legal Department of Manufacturers Hanover Trust.

Paul B. Goldhamer is Vice President and Secretary with Kantrowitz and Goldhamer, P.C. The firm, which employs four full-time attorneys and has offices in Manhattan and Spring Valley, is constructing an additional office in Orange County.

Jeffrey Master of Stanhope, New Jersey announces the birth of his second child, Alan, on May 2, 1980.



Judge Richard Lee Price '64 (right) being sworn in by Deputy City Administrative Judge Francis X. Smith.

Carl Wisotsky has become a partner in the firm now known as Queller, Fisher, Block & Wisotsky. The firm specializes in personal injury, malpractice, and product liability litigation.

Nancy Ledy Gurren (see Faculty News)

Jack A. Kaplowitz is associated with the Huntington, Long Island firm of Curto, Meservey, Waller, Lack, Sullivan & Smyth.

James P. Pagano, of the firm of Fogelson, Fogelson & Collins, gave the closing remarks at the graduation exercises for the Fall 1980 class of the Community Volunteers at Manhattan Community College, an organization for which he is a legal advisor and a member of the Board of Directors. The commencement was held at Hunter College on Feb. 7.

James J. Ruddy is associated with the Manhattan firm of Donovan, Maloof, Walsh & Kennedy.

Mark S. Tepper and his wife Marilyn of Maplewood, New Jersey announce the birth of their first child, Drew Ian, on August 16, 1980.

1976

Alan I. Appel received an LL.M. in taxation from the New York University School of Law in June, 1980, and has been appointed the Committee on Taxation, New York County Lawyers' Association.

Joann R. Deutsch opened a Washington, D.C. general practice emphasizing immigration and family law.

Frederick D. Roselli is with the South River, New Jersey firm of Rafano & Wood. He has two sons, Frederick, born September

1978, and Michael, born September 1980.

Steven I. Tolman has become a member of the New York firm of McDonough Schneider Marcus, Cohn & Tretter.

1977

Bruce Cholst is associated with Friedman & Shaftan, P.C. after having served for two and a half years as law secretary to Hon. Irving Smith and Hon. Ethel B. Danzig, Acting Justices of the New York County Supreme Court.

Lawrence J. Fineberg has been appointed Assistant Divisional Counsel in the East Orange, New Jersey office of Chicago Title Insurance.

Joel A. Fruchter is associated with the Manhattan firm of Stein, Simpson, Rosen & Ohrenstein.

Ira B. Pollack is now associated with Baron & Vesel, P.C.

Geoffrey D. Smith and **O. Stephen Paganuzzi** attended the XIth Congress of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers in Malta from November 12-19 as delegates from the United States. They then accompanied a delegation of U.S. attorneys touring the Soviet Union, German Democratic Republic, and Poland at the invitation of lawyers' associations of each country. Mr. Smith is with the New York City firm of Wolf, Popper, Ross, Wolf & Jones.

1978

Abraham S. Altheim is associated with the Manhattan firm of Newman & Schlau, P.C.

Joseph E.K. Ang has obtained a position with the China Trade Corporation in Manhattan.

David F. Dando has been promoted to Assistant Vice President of Irving Trust Company, New York, in the Estate & Trust Administration Department.

Jul Eliot Graham is Staff Attorney, Criminal Justice Section, Office of Projects Development, Supreme Court, State of New York, First Judicial Department. He recently edited the handbook *Criminal Trial Advocacy*, a 920-page basic reference text for criminal practitioners that is currently being used in many continuing legal education courses in New York State. He is also a member of the N.Y. County Lawyers Committee on Communications and Entertainment Law.

Anita L. O'Carroll is a legal editor with West Publishing Company, Inc., Mineola, New York. She had been judicial clerk to Justices James I. Toscano and J. Emmet Cassidy of the New Jersey Superior Court.

Marilyn T. Sager has been associated with Javits & Javits since August 1979.

Robert E. Spitalnick recently became associated with the Manhattan firm of Silver & Tischler, which is engaged primarily in real estate.

Gary R. Weil is an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx.

1979

Louis L. Cerruzi Jr. has joined the New Haven firm of Copelon, Schiff & Zangari as a tax lawyer with a sub-specialization in federal and state securities as they relate to the private placement of tax-sheltered investments.

Frederick P. Elflein is an Assistant Prosecutor in the Essex County, New Jersey Prosecutor's Office.

Clifford A. Entes and his wife Aviva announce the birth of David Shalom on January 12.

Frederick C. Foster is Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Attorney's Office, engaged in civil trials and appeals concerning municipal law, with emphases on public health, consumer affairs, freedom of information and election law.

Alan J. Goldberg, an enforcement attorney with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Office of Rent Control, was elected Treasurer of the Midtown Tilden Democratic Club.

Bruce Hausman, Vice President of Belding Heminway, was appointed Corporate Counsel and elected Senior Vice Chairman, a newly created post.

Patricia Kallman-Gaulin is associated with the Manhattan firm of Fink, Weinberger, Fredman, Berman & Lowell.

Daniel S. Padow opened a private practice in Melville, Long Island. He was admitted to the New York and federal Bars and



Bruce Hausman '79.

is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the New York State Trial Lawyers Association.

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1980

Andrew J. Franklin has accepted a position with Planned Parenthood Federation as Assistant Director, Africa Regional Office of Family Planning International Assistance. He will be based in Nairobi, Kenya and expects to travel throughout the continent.

Jeffrey E. Jacobson is practicing Music Law in the legal department of SESAC, Inc., a performing-rights organization. His article, "Fair Use: Considerations in Written Works" appeared in the Fall 1980 issue of *Communication and the Law*.

Michael Julian is a Sergeant with the New York City Police Department, assigned to the Legal Bureau's Litigation Section.

Genevieve T. Keely is Assistant Commissioner for Administration, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Alcoholism Services.

Madeline M. Nichols has accepted a position as Law Assistant, Trial Part to Justice Francis X. Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the Civil Court, New York City.

Morris H. Ordovery opened a private practice in Manhattan in January.

Gideon Rothschild was admitted to the Bar in January and opened a Manhattan office specializing in tax and estate planning. He is also a practicing CPA.

Mark D. Soycher was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and is Director of Legislative and Government Relations with Associated General Contractors of Connecticut, Inc., with locations in Woodbridge and Hartford.

1981

Robert L. Conroy, who received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College, has accepted a position as Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of New York, in the Affirmative Litigation Division.

In Memoriam

1912

Charles V. Kenison (age 101)
Andrew Lachenbruch

1916

John L. Delius
Hon. Charles Marks

1920

Herbert S. Greenberg

1925

E. Lawrence Heller

1928

Herbert Brauner

1953

Michael Klein

1955

Andrew Leddy

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