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IN BRIEF

Annual Dinner Honors Bernard Mendik

More than 350 alumni, spouses and guests attended this year's Alumni Dinner Dance, a gala black-tie affair held at the Grand Hyatt on November 12. A strong turnout—largely the result of efforts by Dinner Committee Chairman Jerome M. Becker '60—made this year's dinner among the most successful in recent memory.

Judge Ernst H. Rosenberger '58, a trustee of the Law School and President of the Alumni Association, presented the 1987 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Bernard H. Mendik '58, a classmate of Judge Rosenberger's at New York Law School and also a member of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Mendik is president of the Mendik Company, one of New York City's most prominent real estate development firms.

In the course of his remarks, Judge Rosenberger announced that the School has acquired the adjacent building at 240 Church Street, which will be completely renovated to become the new, centralized location of the New York Law School library.

"It is no secret that Bernard Mendik has been the driving force behind this major project," Judge Rosenberger said, adding that throughout his involvement, Mr. Mendik "has been a very powerful force for development and progress at New York Law School."

Mr. Mendik began evening classes in 1955 and was Notes Editor of the Law Review. By 1958, the year of his graduation and admission to the Bar, he owned a half dozen buildings in New York. Today, the Mendik Company owns a real estate portfolio of approximately 18 million square feet, including: Two and Eleven Penn Plaza, the Sperry Hutchinson Building, the U.N. Plaza Office Building and other landmark addresses.

In addition to playing a vital role in New York's real estate renaissance, Mr. Mendik has demonstrated intense commitment to numerous civic, educational and charitable institutions. Together with his New York Law School Trusteeship, he is a Governor of the Real Estate Board of New York and is a member of the Boards of Trustees of Hobart and William Smith Colleges; the Montefiore Medical Center;

the Citizens Budget Commission of New York City; the Character and Fitness Committee for Admission to the New York Bar Association; the Fifth Avenue Association; the Jewish Guild for the Blind, where he is also a past President; the Realty Advisory Board; the Bronx High School of Science Foundation; and The City College Fund.



Bernard H. Mendik (c.), recipient of the 1987 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Jerome Becker '60 (l.) of Stein, Davidoff & Malito served as this year's Dinner Committee Chairman. To the right are Judge Ernst Rosenberger, Appellate Division, First Department, State Supreme Court, and Dean James Simon.



Conviviality and good conversation were the main orders of business at the annual dinner.

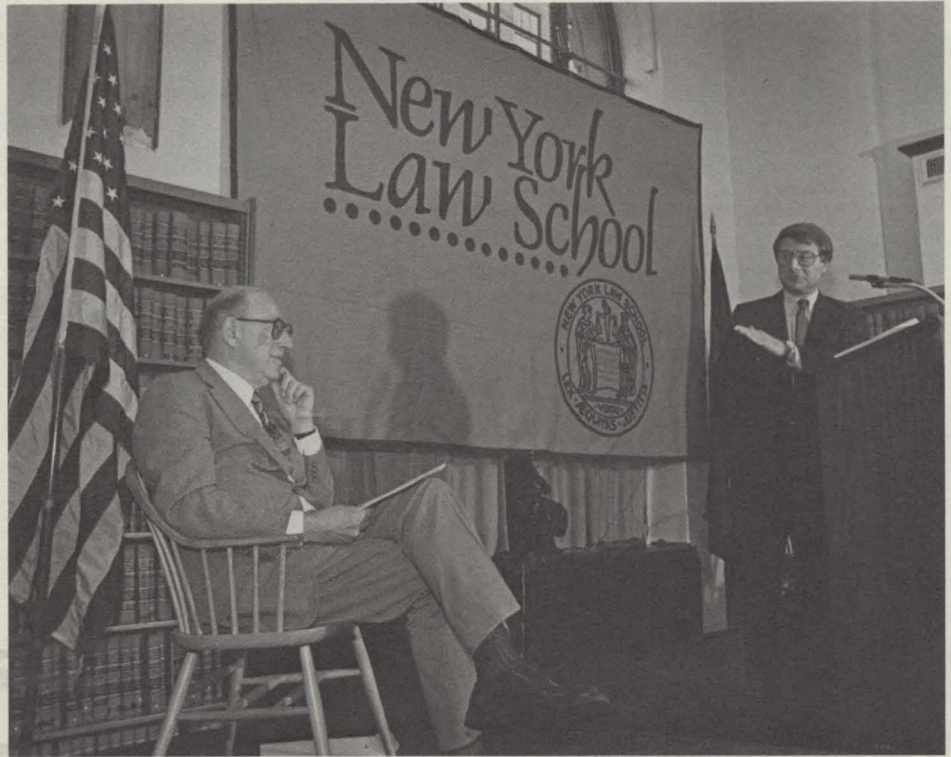
NYLS Celebrates Constitution's Bicentennial

The Law School began the 1987-88 academic year with a series of distinguished programs honoring the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. For three consecutive weeks in September, noted Constitutional scholars and historians gathered at the Law School for animated presentations on vital constitutional principles.

The inaugural program on September 14, entitled "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance," was presented by Fred W. Friendly, Edward R. Murrow Professor Emeritus of Broadcast Journalism at Columbia University. Professor Friendly's lecture outlined the themes presented in his PBS television series of the same name. He discussed the concept of "balance"—both in philosophical and administrative terms—which has permitted the Constitution to adapt to changing times, remaining humankind's most ambitious experiment in self-government. Professor Friendly received an honorary degree at the Law School's commencement in June 1987.

The second program, on September 21, focused on evolving Constitutional concepts of privacy, a timely topic given the then ongoing hearings on Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court and the controversy over his thinking in *Griswold v. Connecticut*. This panel discussion was moderated by the Hon. Roger J. Miner '56, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, and New York Law School adjunct professor. The panelists included Professor Norman Dorsen, President of the American Civil Liberties Union; John O. McGinnis, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Associate Professor Harlon L. Dalton of Yale Law School; and Professor David Chang of New York Law School.

The final program, on September 28, presented an intense and substantive analysis of evolving constitutional concepts of church and state. Panelists included former Congressman Father Robert Drinan, S.J., Georgetown University Law Center; Ms. Ruti Teitel, Assistant Director of the Anti-Defamation League; NYLS Professor George W. Dent, Jr.; and Professor John Edward Sexton, NYU School of Law. The panel was moderated by Dean Simon.



Dean Simon introduces Professor Fred Friendly at the first of the bicentennial programs at the School this Fall.

Career Fair Joins Alumni, Students

More than 50 alumni returned to the Law School in mid-November to share their knowledge and experience with students at the first New York Law School "Career Fair."

Sponsored jointly by the Career Planning and Placement Office and the Student Placement Committee, the event was intended to provide hard facts and first-hand information to students in the planning stages of their careers. "In this and other programs, our object is to set students firmly on a career path and give them the information they need to make the right preparatory choices," said Suzanne Baer, Director of the Placement Office.

A total of 75 employers spoke to several hundred students during the four-hour program. Students were able to circulate among 30 tables arrayed by area of specialization, talking one-to-one with attorneys.

Response to the Fair was extremely positive. "There was a great deal of sincere



Students received first-hand information about numerous areas of practice at the November 10 career fair.

interest by our alumni," said Baer, who attributed the success of the program to a strong cooperation between alumni and the student placement committee. "In terms of both the good feelings generated and the substantive information exchanged, this has been one of the most successful placements programs we have had in years," she said.

Wagner Committee Announces Final Round Bench for 1988

The Robert F. Wagner, Sr., National Labor Law Moot Court Competition Committee at New York Law School has announced the members of the Final Round Bench for the national competition, which will be held at the School on March 24-27, 1988. The Wagner Competition, one of the largest national moot court competitions, is named in honor of Senator Robert F. Wagner, a distinguished alumnus of New York Law School and legislative father of the National Labor Relations Act of 1935.

Presiding at the Final Round arguments

on March 27 will be the Honorable Dolores Sloviter, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Sitting with Judge Sloviter will be: The Honorable Marshall Babson, Member of the National Labor Relations Board; Betty Southard Murphy, former Chair and Member of the National Labor Relations Board and presently a member of the firm of Baker & Hostetler; Patricia Diaz Dennis, former Member of the National Labor Relations Board and presently a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission; and Robert Hunter, former

member of the National Labor Relations Board and presently a member of the firm of Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelssohn.

Approximately forty law schools are expected to enroll teams in the 1988 Competition, which will concern the controversy surrounding the appropriate circumstances under which the National Labor Relations Board can require an employer to recognize and bargain with a union which has failed to win a Board-supervised election.

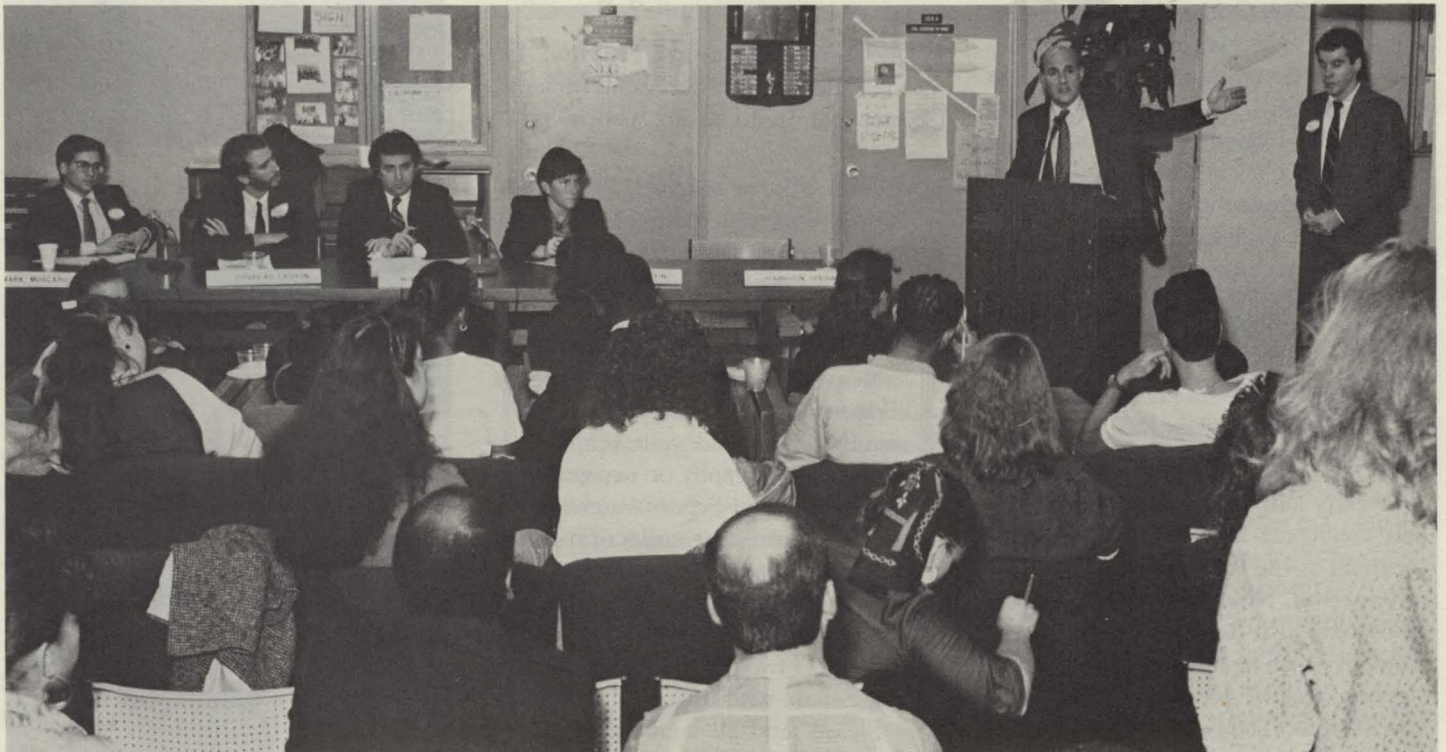
Urban Law Society Symposium on the Homeless

On October 22 the Urban Law Society sponsored a symposium addressing the legal rights of the homeless and welfare hotel residents. Members of the panel included Mr. Harrison Goldin, Comptroller of New York City; Ms. Nancy Waxstein, special advisor on the homeless to Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins; Mr. Norman Siegal, Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties

Union, Mr. Douglas Lasdon, Director of the Legal Action Center for the Homeless, and Mr. Mark Muscaro, Vice-President of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce.

The members of the panel discussed the ways in which their respective organizations have attempted to meet the problem of urban homelessness. Mr. Goldin and Mr. Muscaro both spoke about alternative

programs to temporary sheltering. Mr. Siegal focused his discussion on the opposition of the New York Civil Liberties Union to Mayor Koch's ongoing "Project Help," which mandates picking up homeless persons and placing them in city psychiatric units. He urged the active participation of law students in this program, stressing the highly controversial nature of the Mayor's program.



The student lounge was filled to capacity for the Urban Law Society's seminar on the homeless. At the podium is City Comptroller and New York Law School adjunct Professor Harrison Goldin. Seated (l. to r.) are Mark Muscaro, Douglas Lasdon, Norman Siegal and Nancy Waxstein.

Faculty News

On August 19 **Professor Arthur Best** presented a paper entitled "Written on the Screen: Talismans in Televised Ads" at a faculty seminar at Cornell Law School. Prof. Best argued that television advertisements that qualify their messages by displaying written words at the end constitute a new form of deceptive advertising if the writing is displayed so quickly that it is virtually incomprehensible. Prof. Best said that when the writing did not communicate its meaning effectively, government regulators should treat as deceptive an advertisement that would be viewed as false under existing legal standards, if it lacked the information presented in that writing. He conducted an empirical study of viewers' comprehension of the information contained in such advertisements. He concluded that the commercials he studied created false impressions for a significant percentage of viewers.

Professor Lung-chu Chen was chosen as Chairperson-elect of the Section of International Law at the 1987 annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. He delivered a paper on "Aging: A New Human Rights Concern—A Policy-Oriented Perspective" at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law held in Boston in April. In addition, he was a speaker at the panel on Communication Process and Policy at the Policy Sciences Summer Institute held in New Haven, Connecticut, in August 1987.

Adjunct Professor Joel C. Glanstein, a senior partner in the firm of O'Donnell & Schwartz, New York City, was elected Chair of the New York State Bar Association's 1,500-member Labor & Employment Law Section.

In early fall, **Professor Edward Samuels** conducted a seminar on computer copyright at the Rainbowfest convention in Princeton, New Jersey. Rainbowfest is sponsored by the Rainbow computer magazine, in which he has published two articles on computer copyright—the first on how to protect computer programs, in the April 1987 issue, and the second on what users can and cannot do with someone else's copyrighted computer program, in the July 1987 issue.

Class Action

1925

Harry Ostrov was recently honored at the annual dinner of the Bar Association of Nassau County. He received the Association's Distinguished Service Medallion commemorating his 60 years of membership at the Bar. Mr. Ostrov was also honored at a meeting of The Guiding Light Lodge commemorating his 60 years of membership in the Masonic Fraternity. Mr. Ostrov has been a director of the New York Law School Alumni Association since its organization in 1958.

1931

Myron Myers of Fried, Spector, Sher and Feldman was named Mason of the year in the Harry S. Truman Lodge of the eighth Manhattan District.

1952

Hon. Sidney Maleck has been appointed to the Municipal Court bench of the North Orange, California, County Judicial District.

Jack Schuman has been named a partner in the Indianapolis law firm of Mantel, Mantel & Reisweg.

1959

Hon. Dennis Michael Hurley, Jr. received the 1987 Judicial Award from the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association.

1960

Paula S. Seider, Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, has recently been named as a Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and has been designated to sit on its Board of Managers for a three-year term.

1961

Patrick J. Foley has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association of Financial Guaranty Insurers. Mr. Foley is senior vice-president and general counsel of National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh, PA.

1965

Alan M. Grosman has been installed as chairman of the family law section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

1971

Stephen J. Gassman has been elected president-elect of The Nassau County Bar Association.

1973

Andrew Felder has been named general counsel for Starrett City in Brooklyn, N.Y.

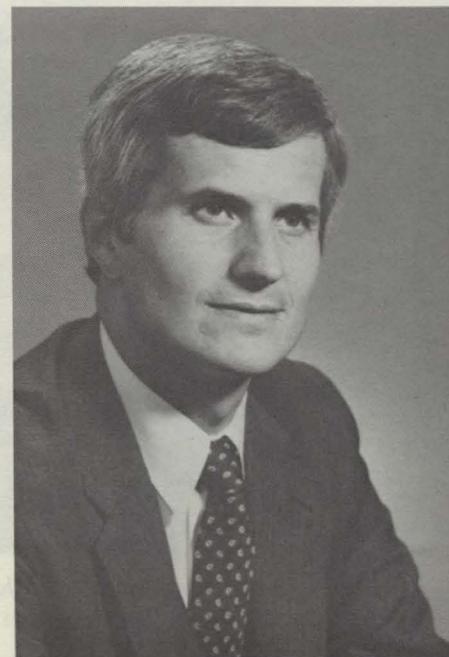
1974

Gary R. Cortellessa has been named vice president and New York City area manager for Chicago Title Insurance Company.

Share Your Memorabilia

New York Law School will be celebrating its centennial in 1991. We would like to add your reminiscences, photographs or newspaper clippings to the School's archives, then draw on that collection for numerous special publications in honor of the School's 100th birthday. We invite you to share your memories of your years at New York Law School with us.

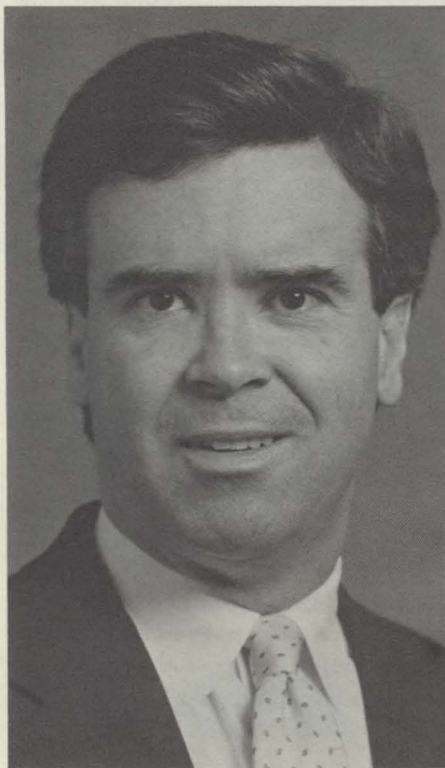
Please send all memorabilia to Kenneth Simons, Editor, New York Law School *In Brief*, 57 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013.



Steven A. Harris has been named president of the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association in Miami, Florida for 1987/1988.

George M. Levy has been made a partner at the law firm of Finkelstein, Kaplan, Levine, Gittelsohn and Tetenbaum.

Robert J. Sullivan has been named senior vice president and general counsel for Crum and Forster, Inc., the New Jersey-based insurance holding company.



1975

Leonard J. Witman is a partner in the law firm of Brach, Eichler, Rosenberg, Silver, Bernstein, Hammer & Gladstone in Rose-land, New Jersey and was recently appointed chairman of the New Jersey State Bar Association Tax Committee.

1976

Steven Scott Stark, president and general counsel of New York Tasteworks, Inc., New York, and his wife Barbara proudly announce the birth of their son Jared Alexander.

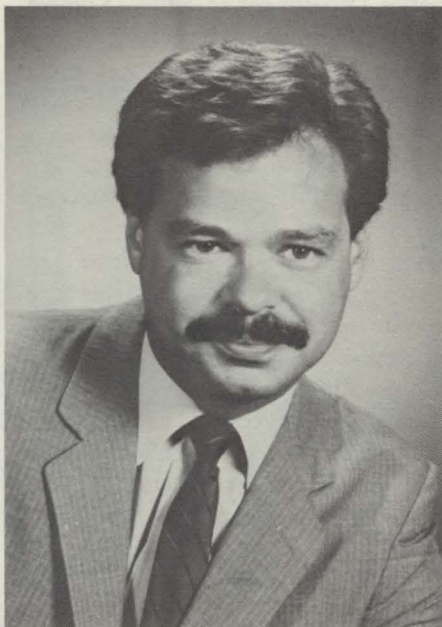
1978

Samuel W. Croll III has been elected to a three-year term as president of the Skidmore College Alumni Association

Charles F. Weil was married in April to Patricia Ann Alpert. Mr. Weil practices law in Jericho, N.Y.

1979

Thomas Calvanico has been appointed general counsel for The Ryan Group (TRG). TRG is made up of five member firms which offer architectural design and computer services.



Cynthia Price Cohen is United Nations Representative of Human Rights Internet, specializing in the international rights of children.

Stuart B. Pollack has been named general counsel for landlord-tenant proceedings at Artha Management Group, a Manhattan real estate firm.

1980

Aspasia G. Comnas proudly announces the birth of her first son, Jules Alexander Neuman.

George E. Mead III and **Mary Ellen Kosky** were married in June.

Robert C. Mulvey was appointed county attorney in Ithaca, New York.

Morris H. Ordovery recently established a new practice, Samson & Ordovery, in Manhattan.

Nancy Weingrow-Eagle recently joined The American Broadcasting Company, as senior program attorney. Last year, she and her husband, David Eagle, produced an ABC Television Special, "Tears of Joy, Tears of Sorrow", which was hosted by John Forsythe.

1981

Michael J. Brady was married to Donna Leah Battaglia in May. He is an attorney with Harwood Lloyd.

John H. Hersh was married to Doriann DiDio. Mr. Hersh practices law with his father in Peekskill, N.Y.

Mark A. Hofer is the new chief patent counsel at Integrated Genetics Inc., in Framingham, Massachusetts. He was formerly a patent attorney with Johnson & Johnson.

Richard G. Price has joined Amper, Politziner & Mattia, Certified Public Accountants, as manager in the tax department of the firm's Woodbridge, New Jersey office.

1983

Roberta L. Korus has joined the firm of Phillips, Nizer, Benjamin, Krim & Ballon as an associate in the entertainment department.

Phyllis Krulik, an associate at the New York law firm of Colton, Hartnick, Yamin & Sheresky is engaged to marry Justice David Saxe.

David Ira Rutman and his wife Karen proudly announce the birth of their son, Seth Jeremy.

Stanley J. Szaro has announced the opening of his office in Manhattan.

1984

John Jeffrey Bradley has opened a law office in New Paltz, New York.

Stephen J. Caputo and his wife, Della, announce the birth of their daughter, Julie Diana.

Brian T. Foley is engaged to be married to Laura Ann Miller.

Ruthann E. Geary has been appointed assistant counsel to the New York State Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District. She was formerly an Assistant D.A. in the Nassau County District Attorney's Office.

Charles Hyman and **Elizabeth A. Greenfield** announced the birth of their daughter, Claire Greenfield Hyman. Elizabeth has returned to her position as legal writer with Matthew Bender & Company. Charles is a Law Assistant with the Appellate Division, 2nd Department.

Alan J. Laska and his wife Josephine proudly announce the birth of their son, David Eric, born this August.

Ben Q. Limb was a speaker at the 13th Law of the World Conference held in Seoul, Korea in September.

Lynne Ellen Rowley married Walter C. Holton this past May. She is an attorney

with the firm of Allman, Spry, Humphries, Leggett and Howington in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Lawrence Schnapf has recently published "Abandonment of Contaminated Property under the Bankruptcy Code" in the January, 1987 issue of the New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section Journal. He has joined Kriendler & Relkin where he specializes in environmental law.

Michael D. Weiss was married in September to Tina Louise Jordan. Mr. Weiss is commercial manager for Robert S. Weiss and Co., Stamford, CT.

1985

James G. Bilello was married to Carol A. McCusker. The couple lives in Massapequa, N.Y.

IN MEMORIAM

1915

Spencer Feld

1924

Eben Gould

1924

Simon Katz

1926

Morton Abrahams
Abram Miner

1927

Abraham Bush
John Cullen
Pincus Schoen

1929

Herman Zuckerman

1931

Samuel Blumenthal

1931

Robert Pilpel

1933

Prof. Harold Klorfein

1952

Martin Dwyer, Jr.
Lewis R. Eisner

1968

Jerome M. Lane

1985

Andrew J. Reisch

Jonathan W. Gottlieb was married to Deborah Levine in June. Mr. Gottlieb is an attorney with the General Counsel's Office of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Joseph T. Gunn has left the Public Finance Department of Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg, Manley, Myerson & Casey to join the General Counsel's Office of the New York City Public Development Corporation.

Leslie V. Lipton has joined Lipton and Lipton in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, as a partner.

John C. Mabie married Valerie Ann Stuart on September 6. Mr. Mabie is an associate in the New York firm of Saterlee and Stevens.

Louise Zito was made a partner at the law firm of Peck, Peck and Leginsky.

Howard J. Hill has become editor of American & World Intellectual Property Report, based in Toronto, Canada.

1986

Patrick J. Marthage, Jr. has joined the law

firm of Jeffery and O'Brien, P.C., in Clinton, N.Y.

Robert A. Murtha, Jr. has announced that he is now engaged in the practice of law with offices in Manhattan.

John Thomas Rieger was married to Ellen T. Walsh. Mr. Rieger is with Thatcher Proffit & Wood in New York City.

Nancy Valerie Schwarz married **Jeffrey Lee Friedman, Esq.** '87 in August. After completing her clerkship with the Hon. Arthur C. Dwyer of the Superior Court of New Jersey, she will become associated with a law firm in Boston.

Frances Anne Tomes was married to Thomas F. Wraback. She is an attorney for Subin Associates in Manhattan.

1987

Deborah Glick recently opened "Primarily Paper" in Manhattan. The firm sells custom designed business stationery.

Thomas A. Sica married Julie Alverson this past April.

City Leaders Address Faculty

For several years the Faculty Luncheon program has brought leaders in government, the law and business to the School to discuss their concerns with faculty in an informal luncheon setting. Beginning this year's program was Robert Wagner, Jr., President of New York City Board of Education. Mr. Wagner, whose father, Robert Wagner, Sr., graduated from New York

Law School, gave a realistic assessment of both the substantial progress his office has made as well as some of the formidable problems it continues to face. Other luncheon speakers this fall were Peter Zimroth, New York City Corporation Counsel, and Judge Ernst Rosenberger, '58, Appellate Division, First Department, State Supreme Court.



Robert Wagner, Jr. provided a detailed picture of recent activities at the Board of Education.

Alumni Gather at San Francisco and D.C. Receptions

Continuing the commitment to forge strong and meaningful ties with our graduates, alumni receptions were held in San Francisco in August and Washington, D.C., in November. Spring receptions are planned for Long Island, Connecticut and Florida.

The receptions afforded attendees the opportunity to network with fellow alumni living in the same geographical area, or simply to get reacquainted with classmates and old friends.

At the two receptions this fall, Dean

Simon took the opportunity to give alumni a substantive appraisal of the School's recent progress, including its building plans, as well as recent advances in admissions, job placement, and other areas of the School's operations.



The Washington reception was hosted by Myles Ambrose '52 (far r.) in the Law Offices of O'Connor & Hannan. Pictured with Mr. Ambrose above are (r. to l.) Dean Simon, Congressman Benjamin Gilman '50 and Xavier Aragona '59.



Above, Philip Buda '75 (l.) and his wife, Ellen (c.), were among the attendees at the San Francisco reception held this August in conjunction with the ABA convention. Also pictured with Dean Simon is Bonnie Frank '83.

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