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I am pleased to introduce the inaugural issue of *Suffolk Law*, the biannual magazine for alumni and friends of Suffolk University Law School. This magazine was created to share with you news about the growing success of the Law School, but equally significant is our desire to highlight and recognize the outstanding achievements of our alumni.

Throughout the pages of this first issue you will read about Suffolk alumni, from pioneering women in the law to prominent members of Congress. You will also read about alumni programs and events, faculty achievements, the progress of the new building and, of course, class notes.

The national reputation we are building as a law school is based, for the most part, on the quality and accomplishments of you, our alumni. With approximately 14,000 alumni nationwide, Suffolk has educated some of the most talented attorneys in the legal, judicial and political arenas. Many of our graduates are leaders in their communities and in public service. You are a powerful force in the legal profession and we are proud of you.

We hope you enjoy *Suffolk Law*. Your comments, letters, email and submissions are valuable to us. As we begin to organize and implement regional alumni chapters and recruit class representatives from across the nation, we hope you will use this publication as a way to communicate with the Law School and your fellow alumni. I look forward to hearing from you.

John E. Fenton, Jr.
Dean and Professor of Law
Law Alumni Among New Trustees

Six new trustees, three of them Suffolk Law School graduates, bring a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives to the University's Board of Trustees.

Trustee Gerard F. Doherty, JD '60, has built a successful law firm that has specialized in real estate development for more than 20 years in 18 states. Doherty is a former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives who has been politically active on the local and national levels, having been involved in campaigns for President Bill Clinton, former President Jimmy Carter and Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Doherty is a director of the Park Street Corporation and the Pioneer Institute, a trustee of Malden Catholic High School and the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, and a member of the Charlestown Catholic School board of directors and the Boston Public Library Foundation.

Trustee Dennis M. Duggan, JD '78, is a partner at Peabody & Brown, where his general litigation practice concentrates on tort and insurance law. Duggan is a former three-term president of the Suffolk University Law School Alumni Association. He had served a three-year term as an alumni-trustee before his election to the board.

Duggan has been active in Milton, Massachusetts town sports, including 10 years as volunteer assistant varsity coach of Milton High School's two-time state champion boys basketball team.

Congressman John Joseph Moakley, JD '56, DPA '77 (Hon.), has spent 45 years in public service to the people of Boston and the nation. He has made his mark in Congress as chairman and is now a ranking Democrat on the House Rules Committee, where he has facilitated the passage of much legislation, including projects that have brought jobs and prosperity to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Also, Moakley has been a crusader for human rights in El Salvador ever since he was dubbed the leader of a special task force probing the Salvadoran government’s response to the murder of six Jesuit priests in 1989.

Alumni Trustee Stanley R. Dennis, BSBA '57, MBA '60, was a professor of accounting at the Frank Sawyer School of Management for 24 years. He is currently a principal in his own CPA firm. Alumni who didn't know Dennis at SSOM may recognize him from his hosting stints on WRKO-radio's "Talking Taxes" show or from his appearances on the Jerry Williams television program.

As a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Massachusetts Society of CPAs and the Massachusetts Association of Public Accountants, Dennis has been a frequent panelist and lecturer on tax issues. He has been actively involved on the board of the Finance Committee of Quincy Hospital and the Quincy Visiting Nurses.

Trustee Leonard Florence is chairman and CEO of Syratech Corporation, a manufacturer of tabletop, giftware and seasonal products, located in East Boston, Massachusetts. Florence has received numerous awards and accolades throughout his long career. He has received honorary doctorates from Merrimack College, King's College, Stonehill College, Tufts University and Cardinal Stritch College. In 1993 he received, by appointment of Pope John Paul II, the Order of St. Gregory the Great, the highest honor given by the Catholic Church. This award recognizes individuals who have made notable accomplishments on behalf of society, regardless of their religious beliefs.

Florence serves on the board of directors of the Cardinal Cushing School and Training Center for Children of all Faiths, the board of directors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Soldiers Home, the alumni board for Boston University, and the board of overseers at Tufts University.

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New trustee Elaine M. Schuster also plays an important role in Massachusetts politics. She was actively involved in campaigns for President Bill Clinton, Sen. John Kerry and Congressman Martin Meehan, MPA '81, JD '86, LED '97 (Hon.). She currently serves as a managing trustee of the Democratic National Committee. As a trustee of the National Board of the Kidney Foundation from 1967-1971, she was instrumental in the passage of organ transplant legislation.

Schuster has owned a real estate business in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for more than 25 years. She also serves as director of issues for Continental Wingate Company. She has been a trustee of the Wang Center for the Performing Arts since 1991, is a member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a director of the Boston Public Library, a Third Century Member at Harvard Medical School and serves on the Massachusetts Women's Leadership Council.

**Enrollment is Strong in 1997**

*More Than 2,000 Apply to Suffolk*

Last year, the Office of Admissions undertook a vigorous recruiting campaign designed to offset the decline in applications to law schools nationwide. Director of Admissions Gail Ellis, along with three 1996 Suffolk University Law School graduates, visited nearly 100 colleges and universities throughout the United States in an effort to attract highly qualified candidates to Suffolk. In addition, members of the Law School Alumni Board volunteered to contact newly accepted students with superior academic records and encouraged them to enroll. These combined efforts were effective, as Suffolk was able to maintain the size and quality of its applicant pool.

Professor Catherine Judge, chair of the Admissions Committee; John Deliso, associate dean; and other members of the committee reviewed nearly 2,000 applications and chose the very best candidates to make up the day division class of 350 students and evening division class of 175 students. Overall, female students outnumber male students; the average age of first-year day division students is 25, with the evening division holding steady at 30. The median LSAT score for the new class is 154, with a median Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.2. A geographically diverse class, first-year students represent 183 colleges, 24 states and six foreign countries.

Both the day and evening divisions have attracted a large number of students with advanced degrees. There are 59 with master's degrees, seven with PhDs and one MD. The first-year class is a culturally diverse group, with more than 12 percent minority student representation.

If you are a Law School graduate and would like to contact Suffolk Law candidates from your undergraduate alma mater or your home state, please contact: Gail Ellis, Director of Admissions, 41 Temple Street, Boston, MA, 02114. You may phone her at (617) 573-8144 or send email to: gellis@admin.suffolk.edu.

**Surf the Law School's Electronic Library**

Now you can access the Suffolk Law Library holdings via the Internet. The online catalog is named ARCHER and it enables you to browse the holdings of the Law Library (both Mugar and Pallot), as well as the holdings of other Suffolk libraries. ARCHER is accessible through either telnet or the World Wide Web, and the address is: library.suffolk.edu.

ARCHER offers online information about the Suffolk libraries, including hours of operation and library staff contacts. You can also link to other local law school libraries and search their catalogs.

Once you've checked out the site, drop us an email and let us know what you think. We would like to hear your comments and suggestions on how we can better serve you, the alumni community.

For comments/questions on the Web site, contact: Dominick Grillo dgrillo@acad.suffolk.edu

For questions on the ARCHER catalog, contact: Jim Barrett jbarrett@acad.suffolk.edu

You may also call the Suffolk Law Library at (617) 573-8177.
Second Annual McLaughlin Golf Tournament

On June 30, Suffolk University alumni and friends celebrated the second annual Paul R. McLaughlin Memorial Golf Tournament and dinner at Ponkapoag Golf Course in Canton, Massachusetts. The tournament attracted nearly 300 golfers and an additional 40 people for dinner. Tournament Committee Chairman John J. Burke, JD ’92, organized the event, which raised more than $50,000. In the two years since its inception, the tournament has raised more than $100,000 for the McLaughlin fellowship.

Suffolk Law student Jacqueline Modiste was named this year’s recipient of the fellowship—the first to receive the award. Modiste is expected to graduate in May 1998. She works in the Attorney General’s Office with the Safe Neighborhood Initiative and is assigned to the District Attorney’s Office in Dorchester, Massachusetts. At the McLaughlin family’s request, the fellowship supported her summer internship.

Modiste has interned with State Representative Louis Kafka and with assistant district attorney, assistant attorney general, and founding prosecutor for the Urban Violence Strike Force. His work focused on prosecutions involving gang-related activities, drugs, weapons and violent crimes. In 1995, he took on a leadership role with the Safe Neighborhood Initiative. Later that fall, McLaughlin became a casualty of our city’s streets—those he fought earnestly to protect.

For more information about the McLaughlin fellowship, please contact Ginger Lucey, director of donor relations, (617) 573-8029.

Bequest Designated for Law School Campaign

The late Shirley E. Warren was a friend of Suffolk University during her lifetime and she bequeathed a portion of her estate to the University, specifying that the $164,000 gift distributed last spring be applied to the Law School campaign.

Warren’s link to Suffolk Law School was her father, Clair Warren, JD ’24, and, while four charities were mentioned in her will, the greater part of her legacy was left to Suffolk.

The generosity of Suffolk friends such as Shirley Warren will now be recognized during their lives through membership in the George Frost Society, a new association named for the Boston businessman who made it possible for young Gleason Archer to study law and eventually found Suffolk University.

Membership in the George Frost Society is open to alumni and friends of the University who have confirmed bequest provisions for Suffolk, have designated Suffolk an irrevocable beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan or trust, or have entered into a life income plan for the University. All members will be invited to special events, receive information about Suffolk’s progress, and, with their permission, be listed in an annual publication.

To learn more about the George Frost Society and to become a member, please contact: Debra Coleman, Director of Gift Planning, Suffolk University, 8 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108-2770, or call (617) 573-8444. You may also call our new toll-free number 1-888-4Suffolk.
Twin brothers Mark and Gary Solomon, both graduated from the evening division.
Commencement 1997

The FleetCenter served as the site of the 1997 Suffolk University Law School Commencement Exercises, where nearly 500 students were awarded degrees during the morning ceremonies held on Sunday, May 25.

United States Senator John F. Kerry of Massachusetts delivered the commencement address to the 1997 graduates of the Law School. Kerry, a former Naval officer and decorated Vietnam War veteran, has been a member of the US Senate for more than 10 years. He has exhibited independence and leadership in challenging Washington to respond to the concerns of all Americans. Kerry urged the new graduates to join public service, particularly in the aid of children.

"It is vital that you take part in the great tradition of Suffolk Law School and the great tradition of lawyers generally; that you give children the opportunity where they are willing to work and willing to go to college to do so."

—Senator John F. Kerry

Konstantina Vagenas of Boston was the Law School student speaker. The daughter of Greek immigrants, Vagenas learned to read English from her mother, who studied the language in night school. She is the first woman from her family to graduate from college.

"Now, finally it is time to take off those blinders and really become a part of the real world. It's time to try those cases we read about in class, to use what we've learned thus far to make changes ourselves, and to shape the events that future law school students will be reading about," said Vagenas to her classmates.

The Law School’s graduating class of 477 included students representing 28 states and 10 foreign countries. Forty-eight percent of the graduates were women. The youngest Law School graduate this year was 24, the oldest, 54. There were two Summa Cum Laude graduates—Megan H. Lawrence of Dover, New Hampshire, and John J. Rogers of Stoughton, Massachusetts. Both also received the Daniel J. Fern Award, given annually to the top students in the day and evening divisions.

William J. O’Neill, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, delivered the call to commencement. In honor of his 25th anniversary class, Peter Aloisi, JD ’72, of Aloisi & Aloisi, Attorneys of Law of Lynnfield, Massachusetts, served as commencement marshal.

Konstantina Vagenas
Student Speaker
The day was full of ceremony and emotion. Banners were unfurled, balloons were flying, and gleaming silver shovels lined the stage. A bulking yellow backhoe stood ready for action. It was hot and dusty on the site at Tremont Street—the temperature soared into the 90s. But the heat didn’t keep more than 1,000 alumni, faculty, staff and friends from joining the groundbreaking celebration for Suffolk’s new Law School. What had been a mere hole in the ground on the corner of Bromfield Street and Hamilton Place only days before was transformed into the site of a great and glorious gathering. It was a historic day for Suffolk University Law School.
On a tall brick building at the back of the site, a Suffolk worker peered over the rooftop. Slowly, he unfurled a huge blue-and-gold Suffolk banner—35 by 25 feet. Suffolk's presence in the neighborhood became more clearly visible.

In the Archer building, two hours before the ceremony, Professor Clifford Elias began the final presentation of the plans for the new building.

"This is a great day in the history of the Law School— I can hardly contain my excitement," he said to the audience, tongue in cheek. They chuckled because they know that Elias is not one for outward displays of excitement.

Elias continued, "The planning process has been lengthy—three or four years. And it has been inclusive. Faculty, students, staff and members of Boston's city government all had a hand in what the building will look like, and we've accepted almost every faculty recommendation about the space."

The new Suffolk Law building couldn't be on more prestigious or historic ground. It is the location of the boyhood home of famed American jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. The Old Granary Burying Ground across the street was established in 1660. The parish of the Park Street Church was established in the 1700s, and the current church building was built in 1809. William Lloyd Garrison gave his first anti-slavery speech at the Park Street Church July 4, 1829.

"We are blessed, truly blessed, with our new location," said Elias. "The only better location would be right on the edge of Boston Common."

The space in the new building will be more than double that of the Donahue Building; the Law School will grow from 120,000 to approximately 246,000 net square feet, not including the basement parking garage. The Tremont Street structure will be seven stories tall. Bob Adams, a member of the architectural team of Tsoi/Kobus & Associates said, "The good news is that this building will absolutely be at the top of all the law school buildings being built or on the drawing board right now." He added, "This building is coming in at about $150 per square foot. Everybody worked hard to get the best value for the money."

Just minutes before the festivities kicked off, the organist at the Park Street Church began to play "Ave Suffolk" (a University hymn) on the carillon bells. As guests arrived at the entrance to the site, they were handed a program that read:

"We are now fewer than two years away from opening the doors to what will be one of the finest legal education and research facilities in the country. The design of the new building represents the ideas, effort and commitment of many in the Suffolk University community. It is a cornerstone to the revitalization of downtown Boston."

The $65 million project is scheduled for completion in 1999. According to a study conducted by Suffolk's Beacon Hill Institute, the new Law School could generate $10 million annually for the Boston economy. New urban buildings usually generate three to four times their total investment because they spur other local construction, according to Terrence M. McDermott, former executive vice president and CEO of the American Institute of Architects. Using this equation, the Law School project could generate $200 million in growth for the downtown area that would attract other commercial ventures to the city.
Since the groundbreaking, construction has begun and the framework for the building is taking shape.

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino said that Suffolk's new building "will be a critical piece in the city's efforts to increase economic development in Downtown Crossing."

"This is a building project that comes along once every 20 years," said David Barr, president of Barr & Barr, the construction company that won the contract to build the Law School. "This is not an everyday project. It will be a monument that will stand in Boston for a long time. The last construction project in Boston of this stature and grandeur was Rowes Wharf."

Barr's grandfather founded the family business in 1927. Since then it has completed projects for New England Medical Center, Old South Meeting House, Boston Athenaeum, Princeton University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University and many other prestigious clients. Barr rates the Suffolk project at the top. More than six management personnel and some 200 workers are assigned to the Law School job.

At noon, under the huge white tent, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the Law School gathered for the official groundbreaking ceremony. The dignitaries on the stage took their seats—Suffolk Board of Trustees Chairman William J. O'Neill, Jr., President David J. Sargent, Dean John E. Fenton, Jr., Mayor Menino, Vice President Marguerite J. Dennis, Vice President Francis X. Flannery, Ed Tsoi, principal architect with Tsoi/Kobus & Associates, and Gleason Archer, Jr., the son of Suffolk's founder.

Although the new building was the focus of the day, it was people, not the building, that the speakers emphasized.

"A tremendous amount of planning has led up to today's event, and many of you here are responsible for making this day possible. Thank you," said O'Neill.

Sargent said, "It took many, many people to make this project come to fruition. There were those who contributed ideas, those who helped so generously with funding and those who worked to make sure the building would have a positive impact on our neighbors in downtown Boston. They are the heroes of the day."

Sargent added proudly, "The Law School faculty has been outstanding in its support. Nearly 100 percent have participated in the fundraising campaign. And more than 100 volunteers have fanned out across the country seeking support from alumni."

Fenton also spoke passionately about the communal spirit of everyone who worked on the Law School project.

"When one person dreams, it is only a dream. When many people dream together, it becomes reality. Many of us at Suffolk Law School have dreamed, then worked together to bring about this day, when we not only set a new course for the future of the Law School, but also play our part in promoting the vitality of downtown Boston."

As the dignitaries donned white hard hats and dug their silver shovels into the ground, a cheer erupted from the audience, followed by thunderous applause. The new Law School building was officially under way. The band played "On a Wonderful Day Like Today" for the proud and elated throng that lingered over a barbecue lunch, topped off with cool treats from an ice cream truck. In an adjacent office building, a hand-lettered sign was taped to a window. It said "Welcome to our neighborhood!" Suffolk Law had found a new home.

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—Dean Fenton
Congress Must Protect the Public, Not the Tobacco Deal
by Rep. Martin T. Meehan, MPA '81, JD '86, LLD '97 (Hon.)

Meehan (D-Mass.) is co-chairman of the House Task Force on Tobacco and Health. The following editorial was first published in the Boston Globe.

Although the proposed global tobacco settlement reached in June between the state attorneys general, plaintiff attorneys and tobacco industry lawyers is an unprecedented accomplishment, it is not without a number of serious flaws.

Indeed, the industry agreed to pay more than $368 billion over the next 25 years and comply with a number of regulations and restrictions. However, the settlement also contains a host of loopholes and creatively crafted clauses that would tie the hands of government while enabling tobacco companies to bypass many of the seemingly toughest provisions.

Particularly disturbing are the settlement's curbs on the authority of the US Food and Drug Administration to regulate nicotine and the inadequate penalties for any failure by the tobacco industry to meet targets in reducing smoking by young people.

Tobacco companies agreed to comply with the FDA's proposed regulations on tobacco products, including advertising and marketing restrictions. However, the settlement curtails the FDA's ability to regulate nicotine, the addictive drug in tobacco, and other harmful ingredients. Instead of the FDA's standard rule-making procedure, the agreement would establish a new and complex system that would require the agency to overcome a series of hurdles before it could regulate nicotine. This rollback of the FDA's existing jurisdiction is not only unprecedented, it's bad public policy.

One of the more touted provisions in the proposed settlement is a mandate to reduce youth smoking rates and impose monetary penalties for noncompliance. This is a laudable goal and appears to be an impressive public health victory. For each percentage point that the reduction goal is missed, the industry has agreed to pay $80 million. However, there is an annual cap—$2 billion—on the amount that tobacco companies would be required to pay. Moreover, companies can receive up to a 75 percent rebate on these fines if they can argue a case of overall compliance with the agreement. Finally, the penalties are tax deductible.

In evaluating this agreement, it is important to realize that Big Tobacco is an industry under attack on every front. Representative Henry Waxman of California began the assault in 1994 with hearings that exposed decades of duplicity. The Justice Department has an active criminal investigation under way into the actions and behavior of tobacco companies and their executives. Plaintiff attorneys are experimenting with new legal strategies in the courtroom, including innovative class-action suits designed to chip away at the seemingly impenetrable armor of Big Tobacco's legal machine.

Forty states, including Massachusetts, are suing to collect on past Medicaid expenses. (Mississippi recently settled its case for $3.6 billion.) The FDA has begun to regulate tobacco products as drug delivery devices. Even Joe Camel was retired in response to an unfair trade practice action by the Federal Trade Commission. Simply stated, the industry, with all its impressive re-sources, is not in a position to make demands about the future regulation and use of its deadly product.

The state attorneys general who agreed to the proposal, including Scott Harshbarger of Massachusetts, warn Congress not to tinker with the settlement for fear that the existing careful balance will be upset. In doing so, the attorneys general have questioned the nerve of members of Congress to make changes in the agreement, comparing them to AWOL soldiers.

Perhaps that is an accurate description of those on the receiving end of the $25 million that the tobacco industry has donated to Congress during the past decade.

However, many of my colleagues who are voicing reservations about the agreement are war heroes in the fight against Big Tobacco, such as Sen. Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.), Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.).

In order for this agreement to realize the goal of halting the tobacco industry's campaign to addict the next generation of Americans, Congress needs to make changes.

Congress has a responsibility to make every effort to pass global settlement legislation this year. But we must ensure that the final product reflects an unwavering commitment to public health and the future well-being of our nation's children.

Rep. Martin T. Meehan
Sixty Years of Women in the Law

A Tribute to Suffolk University Law School's Pioneering Alumnae

Today, the Law School's student population is 52 percent women.

It's been 60 years since Suffolk University Law School awarded its first degree to a woman, and for generations its alumnae have demonstrated beyond a doubt the significance of women earning law degrees. Pioneers in the judicial, political and private spheres, these alumnae were motivated not by the fame that accompanies being first, but by a deep commitment to the law. For many of these women, Suffolk Law played a critical role in supporting and inspiring them to achieve their goals.
"It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," recalls Maureen McKenna Goldberg, JD '78, of her Law School days. A Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice, Goldberg always knew she wanted to be a judge yet "you never imagine yourself on the state's highest tribunal." Suffolk alumnae hold two of the five seats on the Supreme Court in Rhode Island. Goldberg recently joined colleague and fellow Suffolk Law alumna Victoria Lederberg, JD '76, LLD '95 (Hon.).

Today, the Law School's student population is 52 percent women, eight percent higher than the national average. But until the late 1970s, the enrollment of women remained less than 10 percent. Although their numbers were small, women never felt unwelcome at Suffolk.

"It was a very comfortable place, especially for me," recalled Patricia McGovern, BA '62, JD '66, LLD '88 (Hon.), a director of Goulston & Storrs and a former state senator. Throughout her career, she has broken barriers in the workplace, but that wasn't necessary during law school. "Suffolk never put up barriers," she said.

As senator, McGovern became the first female chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. This fall, she announced her plans to enter the race for governor of Massachusetts. If she wins, she will be the first woman in the state to hold that office.

Jane V. Hawkes, JD '75, who became the first female managing partner at the major Massachusetts law firm Bowditch & Dewey in Worcester, is glad she chose Suffolk University Law School. "When I started law school it wasn't something a lot of women were doing," she said. "I'm very lucky—I'm really doing what I love."

According to Merita A. Hopkins, JD '79, it never dawned on her that women hadn't always been at Suffolk University Law School. "I had the advantage of those forerunners having broken the ice," she said. "I knew, as a woman, a law degree would give me the extra credibility to open doors, and in fact, it did." Hopkins was the first female FBI agent in the Organized Crime Squad in New England and currently serves as the first female corporation counsel for the city of Boston. In the spring, she received an Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award from the Law School. "I'm breaking ground now, but the good news is there is a generation of people who are doing it with me," she said.

Although few law schools banned women outright as Harvard did until 1950, many female students at other schools experienced discrimination.

Some of Hopkins' peers include many other women who are pioneers in their fields. Charlotte Perretta, JD '67, LLD '80 (Hon.), is associate justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. She is the Suffolk graduate with the highest state judicial appointment, man or woman. Linda S. Dalianis, JD '74, was named the first female justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court in 1980, a position she still holds. Pamela Hunt, JD '76, who was the first female editor-in-chief of the Suffolk University Law Review, is now chief of the appellate division and assistant attorney general of Massachusetts. Carmen L. Lopez, JD '76, who was the first female assistant city attorney in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1977, has broken new ground again by becoming the first Hispanic to serve as a Superior Court Judge in Connecticut.

These triumphs seem more remarkable given that it was not so long ago that the field of law was an uncommon choice for women. Although few law schools banned women outright as Harvard did until 1950, many female students at other schools experienced discrimination. Even Suffolk founder Gleason Archer was originally determined to create a "man's law school." In 1908, he said women were the intellectual equals of men, but he was concerned that "flirtation"
Accepting women into the Law School was a natural progression for Suffolk. Its tradition of providing equal opportunity to all helped to make its first female students feel welcome.

might ensue if women and men were in the same classroom. He was soon dissuaded of this notion by his daughter, Marian Archer MacDonald, LLB ’37, who became the first female graduate of Suffolk University Law School.

After graduating from Colby College, Gleason Archer’s only daughter came home to live with the family on the top floors of the Archer Building. Whether it was her idea or her father’s is unclear, but in 1933 she enrolled in the Law School. During that time, she served as adviser to women in the newly founded coeducational College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and managed the bookstore. Later, she married a fellow student and moved to Jefferson, Maine, where she and her husband raised three children.

Although Marian Archer MacDonald never practiced law, “she was a lawyer through and through,” recalled her daughter Faith Clark. “She enjoyed being the lone woman in a class.” MacDonald, who died in 1991, once told Clark that when she came upon a professor who was about to tell a ribald joke, she would hide behind a pillar so the professor would continue.

Accepting women into the Law School was a natural progression for Suffolk. Its tradition of providing equal opportunity to all helped to make its first female students feel welcome. The same institution that was one of the first to open its doors to immigrants and ethnic minorities was also in the forefront in enrolling women.

“It’s important to remember how innovative Suffolk was to cultivate and to educate women students.”

—Barbara L. Worthen, JD ’81

Maynard met her husband while studying for the bar exam. Together, they raised five children in Bow, New Hampshire, while building a legal practice. Maynard handled the estate planning and accounting. In 1970, she decided to run for selectman and defeated five men. “I got more votes than all of the men put together,” she recalled. The first female selectman in Bow, she served for five years.

In the 1950s, the Law School remained at three percent female. That did not deter Jeanne M. Hession, JD ’56, DJS ’74 (Hon.), and her peers. Hession, who worked as a legal secretary after high school, earned a bachelor’s degree and a law degree in the evenings. “Everybody helped each other,” recalled Hession. “After a full day at work, I grabbed a Coke and a package of Nabs from the drugstore on the corner of Beacon and Court and went to class.” Hession, urged to run by classmate Joe Moakley, was elected class president in 1955. She was the first woman at Suffolk Law to win the office.

Finding employment in the legal profession in the 1950s and 1960s remained difficult for women. After graduating number one in her class, Hession landed a job with Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company with the help of Frank J. Donahue, the former dean. She worked there 35 years, retiring in 1992 as vice president and associate trust counsel. “I had the credentials, but the bigger firms weren’t hiring. The small ones would give you free office space in exchange for a little secretarial work,” she recalled, and she knew there was no such thing as a little secretarial work.

Dorothy Allison Caprera, JD ’59, LLD ’78 (Hon.), also remembers how difficult it was for women attorneys to find work. “When they did have something, you were basically a legal secretary,” she said.

Dorothy Allison Caprera,
JD ’59, LLD ’78 (Hon.)
Hession was surprised and honored to be asked to serve on the Board of Trustees of Suffolk University in 1973, its first woman member. In 1974, Suffolk awarded Hession an honorary degree.

Fellow Board of Trustees member Caprera, who joined in 1974, worked as an attorney with her father, Dwight L. Allison Sr., LLB '22. She specialized in workers' compensation issues and served for 10 years as Industrial Accident Board commissioner. In the 1970s she served as the first female president of the Cambridge-Arlington-Belmont Bar Association.

A former flight attendant, Caprera was a working mother when she decided to go to law school. "I was raising a child, fitting in law school and studying," she said, recalling that school was intense and stimulating. She remembers feeling very comfortable in the classroom and in study groups, despite being in the minority. "I was always in study groups with men, and there was always great repartee," she recalled fondly.

Although scores of women have graduated and moved on from Suffolk University Law School, a few found careers within the institution. Catherine T. Judge, JD '57, LLM '60, a recipient of an Outstanding Alumni Award from the Law School, began teaching part time in the early 1960s. She made history in 1966 when she was hired as the Law School's first female professor. Her colleagues were very supportive, she remembers, and there were no obstacles to her appointment. "The fact is, I was qualified," she said. Judge was awarded tenure in 1970 and continues to teach contracts and equitable remedies. "In my classes the men and women work well together and respect each other," she said.

Another alumna who has made significant contributions to Suffolk is Patricia I. Brown, BA '55, JD '65, MBA '70. Her service to the law library began in 1953 and spanned 38 years, helping to transform the library from a mere reading room to a modern facility. By retirement, she had earned the title of associate law librarian. In 1991, Brown received the honor of being the first female administrator to retire emeritus.

Brown never intended to practice law. "I went to law school to be able to help the law students," recalled the former librarian. "Suffolk took a chance on me." She remembers that there were only one or two women in a class and that the professors "didn't make a big deal about you one way or another, and that's what I wanted." Brown, who made history in 1950-51 as a ballplayer on the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, also founded Suffolk's first physical education program for women.

Last year, Suffolk named its first woman as a dean of the Law School—Elizabeth-Ann S. Foley, JD '90, dean of students. The successful and prominent women of Suffolk Law are many, and it is impossible to mention them all here. Their accomplishments are varied and impressive. However, on the 60th anniversary of Suffolk University Law School's decision to admit women, it is noteworthy that the accomplishments of these alumnae earn them accolades regardless of their gender.

"These women are not only pioneers but are leaders in government, the judiciary and private practice. They would make any institution proud," said Dean John E. Fenton, Jr. And for many of the graduates, being female was neither a stumbling block nor a benefit. Their careers are a lesson in equality. Maureen McKenna Goldberg, JD '78, reflects the beliefs of many in the Suffolk Law community when she said, "Gender doesn't matter—it's performance that counts. It's integrity and a reputation for thoroughness and hard work that matter."

Maureen McKenna Goldberg, JD '78

Jennifer Gennari Shepherd is a freelance writer living in Natick, Massachusetts. She frequently writes about women's issues.
The Key to Getting Your Foot in the Door

Writing effective letters is critical to a successful job search. Although this seems obvious, you would be surprised by how many job applicants are immediately eliminated from the pool because of poorly written cover letters. A well-written cover letter lets you express your interest in a position and your qualifications. It also allows you to elaborate upon your educational and professional experience and provide concrete examples of your accomplishments. Ultimately, your cover letter should entice an employer to want to interview you.

The Basics

When writing your cover letter, it is important to keep in mind that your letter is a strong example of your writing and communication skills. Express yourself clearly. Obviously, typographical and spelling errors are unacceptable. Most word processing systems have a spell check capability, and you should take advantage of using it. Language and sentence structure must be kept simple and clean. The bottom line is: Your cover letter gives an employer a first impression of you. If your letter is too general, an employer may not sense a good fit. Therefore, you should focus attention on the skills and experience that you think the employer is looking for in an applicant.

It is important to emphasize what you can bring to the job, too often, cover letters emphasize what a candidate is hoping to get out of a position. While it is certainly acceptable to indicate why a position appeals to you, you must be able to identify what you can contribute. Be specific when you can.

Salutation

Always address your cover letters to a particular person (e.g., the hiring attorney, recruitment coordinator). Never write "To Whom it May Concern" or "Dear Hiring Attorney." You should always find out who the hiring contact is and address the letter to that person.

Introduction

Your first paragraph should introduce yourself and explain why you are writing to the employer: "I wish to apply for the associate position." If you were referred to the employer by a mutual acquaintance, be sure to include that person's name in your introductory paragraph: "At the suggestion of Douglas Stevens, I am writing to you in application for an associate's position with Hogan and Hartson." You may also include in your first paragraph how you learned about the employer. "I recently attended the Careers in Tax Law program at Suffolk University Law School where you discussed opportunities with the Internal Revenue Service."

Supporting Paragraphs

In your supporting paragraph(s), you should briefly elaborate upon the experiences outlined on your resume that you think are most relevant to the employer. You may require more than one paragraph to do this, depending on your level of experience, but be brief.
Concluding Paragraph
You should indicate your availability for an interview (especially if you are visiting the city where the employer is located during a specific time frame) and express whether you will contact the employer or wait for the employer to contact you. Some employers feel that letters informing them that the candidate will be contacting them are too aggressive. The best approach is to indicate that you look forward to hearing from the employer soon. (Call the employer after a reasonable period if you have not heard from him/her.) Finally, always thank the employer for considering your application.

If you have questions on cover letter writing or other job-search-related inquiries, please call the Law School's Office of Career Services, (617) 573-8148.

Open Door Policy for Alumni at Office of Career Services
Alumni are seeking the assistance of the Office of Career Services (OCS) in record numbers. In the 1996-1997 academic year, more than 300 alumni made counseling appointments with the office, and many hundreds more utilized library resources and a career-related newsletter. As alumni, you are always welcome at Suffolk. The career office encourages you to utilize the counseling services and extensive resources to develop a personal plan for your career goals.

If you have not been to OCS recently, it has added a counseling office, resource library and computer library that allows students and alumni to perform job searches on the Internet. Some of the new services designed to help you in your career search include:

■ A new handbook, Charting a Course for Success
■ A mock interview program to assist students and alumni in preparing for either private or public employment interviews
■ Access to Pro Bono Students America/New England, a group that offers students and alumni a chance to participate in a national network of law school pro bono and public service endeavors designed to encourage and facilitate community involvement, professional responsibility and public interest career development and legal training
■ Extended hours to better suit your needs—Monday-Thursday, 8:45am-7:30pm; Friday, 8:45am-4:45pm and weekends by appointment
■ An OCS alumni newsletter (25 issues per year)
■ Online access to employment information, including specific job opportunities, names of alumni who are willing to participate in informational interviewing and more.

For more information and to make an appointment with OCS, call (617) 573-8148.
A third edition of Karen Blum's revised book *Police Misconduct, Law and Litigation* has been published by Clark Boardman Callaghan. Blum co-authored the book with Michael Avery and David Rudovsky. This past summer, Blum completed seven workshops for federal judges in cities throughout the United States through the Education and Training Division of the Federal Judicial Center. Blum is working on a monograph on Section 1983, which will be distributed to all federal judges. In June, Blum was a presenter and panelist at the Practising Law Institute in Manhattan, New York. This was a full-day, nationally televised program on which Blum discussed her knowledge of Section 1983.

Victoria Dodd has been appointed to the Criminal Justice Section Council of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Her book review of *Becoming Gentlemen: Women, Law School, and Institutional Change* appeared in the May 1997 edition of the *Massachusetts Lawyers Journal*.

Dean John E. Fenton, Jr., received the Tikkan Olam award from the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College. The award recognizes an individual whose professional life has improved relations between the two religious communities.


Last summer, Dwight Golann led mediation training programs for the Michigan State Bar Association, JAMS/Endispute, and the national law firm Mediation Network. Golann also presented seminars about psychological issues that frustrate negotiations. The seminars were presented to a variety of legal groups, including the American Bar Association's sections of Business Law and Litigation and the law departments of major corporations. Also, Golann lectured to commercial mediators in England and taught a month-long course on alternative dispute resolution in Europe.
Marc Greenbaum was one of the general editors of the published treatise "Labor and Employment Arbitration." The treatise was published by Matthew Bender. Greenbaum worked on the project with nationally respected labor arbitrators Tim Bornstein and Ann Gosline.

A report examining the probate and family court, which oversees divorces and child custody issues, was authored by Charles Kindregan and Monroe Inker. The analysis, which was more than two years in the making, was the first systematic examination completed on this court system. The study panel included members of the Massachusetts Bar Association and cited poor work habits and facilities, overburdened judges, misbehaving lawyers and vengeful clients among the court's problems.

Joseph P. McEttrick was a presenter at the Spring Educational Program for Clerk-Magistrates and Assistant Clerks sponsored by the Massachusetts Trial Court's Judicial Institute. McEttrick reviewed principles of contract law and remedies and related consumer statutes for magistrates conducting trials in the Small Claims Session of the District Court. John M. Connors, Esq., deputy court administrator for the District Court Department, reviewed the law and procedure governing the conduct of "show cause" hearings.

Michael Rustad is a task leader with the ABA Business Law Section's Subcommittee on Software Contracting and participated in the ABAs Business Law Section Spring Meeting. Rustad's work on the harmful impact of tort reform on women was cited in Judy Mann's column, "Underestimating Rage," in the Washington Post. He also was interviewed in an article covering a recent tobacco settlement in the Dallas Morning News.

An article in the May 18, 1997, issue of the Boston Sunday Globe Magazine highlighted Robert Wasson. The feature profiled 1972 graduates of greater Boston high schools who were voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by their classmates.

David Yamada was elected to the Massachusetts chapter of the executive committee of the National Lawyers Guild. In this position, he has worked as the primary drafter of the Guild's written statement in support of a bill before the Massachusetts Legislature that would extend the statute of limitations in workplace harassment and discrimination claims from six months to three years.

SPOTLIGHT

Professor Brian T. Callahan joined Suffolk Law School in 1963. During his dedicated years of teaching, he was known as an accessible professor, extending himself to his colleagues, students and the community. He is retiring this year. Courses Callahan taught include Commercial Law, Legal Method, Creditors' Rights and Security Remedies. Students and alumni who know him are familiar with his charisma, his sound advice and his willingness to just sit and chat.

Callahan received AB and LLB degrees from Boston College. He is the proud father of five children, four of whom graduated from the Law School and are prominent attorneys. Watching his children follow in his footsteps at Suffolk has brought Callahan great satisfaction.
Calling All Alumni—Get Involved

Welcome to the first edition of the Suffolk University Law School Alumni Magazine. We are excited about the opportunity provided by this publication to spread the word to our more than 14,000 alumni about everything from current events and programs at the Law School to alumni highlights to the ever-popular class notes section. We hope it will build and strengthen the Suffolk Law community.

With the celebration of our 90th anniversary in September 1996 and the groundbreaking ceremony for the new building June 25, 1997, we have entered into what can only be classified as the most exciting time in our history. Yet, the Suffolk Law community exists and thrives not only through an anniversary or the construction of a new building, but also more importantly on the involvement of the members of the community—alumni, students, staff and faculty. We invite all of you to become more involved in celebrating Suffolk University Law School and its achievements. Whether you volunteer for one of the activities and committees or attend an upcoming event, please take part.

We hope to see and hear from you, and we always welcome comments and suggestions.

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 573-8456 for more information on any of the volunteer programs or to offer your thoughts and suggestions. Thank you for your continued interest and enthusiasm in your alma mater!

Anthony K. Stankiewicz, Esq., JD ’87
Past-President, Law School Alumni Association

Laura J. Cella-Donovan, JD ’88, MBA ’94
President, Law School Alumni Association
Alumni Events

Calendar 1998

New Law School Topping Off Ceremony
Friday, December 19
12pm
Hamilton Place, Boston
Call the Office of Public Affairs at (617) 573-8447 for more information.

Law School Alumni Reception in Los Angeles
Monday, January 5
Call the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 573-8457 for more information.

Law School Alumni Reception in San Francisco
In conjunction with AALS Annual Meeting
Wednesday, January 7
6pm
Call the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 573-8457 for more information.

Law School Alumni Dinner in New Hampshire
Thursday, January 22
Call the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 573-8457 for more information.

Hon. Francis X. Bellotti Testimonial
Wednesday, February 11
Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston
Call the Office of Public Affairs at (617) 573-8447 for more information.

Donahue Lecture Series
Thursday, February 19
Sponsored by the Suffolk University Law School Law Review
Donahue Building, Suffolk University Law School
The Honorable Alex Kozinski
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Pasadena, CA

Law School Alumni Reception in Washington, DC
Sunday, March 8
Call the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 573-8457 for more information.

US Supreme Court Bar Admissions Program
Monday, March 9
Washington, DC
(see page 25 for more information)

Advanced Legal Studies:
Section 1983 Hot Topics
Thursday, March 5
4-7pm
Suffolk University Law School
Donahue Building, Room 218

Elder Law Institute IV: Advanced Estate Planning and Tax Strategies
Friday, March 20
9am-5pm
Suffolk University Law School
Donahue Building, Room 218

Beyond the Code of Professional Responsibility: Can Spiritual Values be Our Compass?
Thursday, March 26
4-7pm
Suffolk University Law School
Donahue Building, Room 218

Guardians ad Litem in Probate and Juvenile Courts: An Interdisciplinary Approach
Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16 and 23
6-8:30pm
Suffolk University Law School
Donahue Building, Room 218

Proving or Disputing Damages: Second Annual Personal Injury Law Conference
Friday, May 1
9:30am-5pm
Suffolk University Law School
Donahue Building, Room 218

Law Practice Management for Solo and Small Firm Practitioners
Friday, May 8
Warwick, RI
Cosponsored by the Rhode Island Bar Association

Law School Benefit Piano Recital
Saturday, April 25
7:30pm
C. Walsh Theatre
Melanie Brown, performer (Also Law School adjunct professor)
Call the Office of Public Affairs at (617) 573-8447 for more information.

Summa Members Dinner
Saturday, May 23
6pm Reception, 7pm Dinner
Park Plaza Hotel, Boston
Call the Office of Public Affairs at (617) 573-8447 for more information.

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At Home In Harlem

How did a highly successful real estate investor and attorney wind up operating a food pantry in Harlem? According to Baxter Lanius, it was a long and winding road.

As an evening student at Suffolk Law, Lanius worked during the day as a legal assistant to the corporation counsel in Mayor Kevin White’s administration. When he graduated, he headed straight to New York and Wall Street, where he became the first Suffolk alumnus to join Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood. Over the next eight years, he also worked for Sherman & Sterling, and started a small private practice at Kellner, Chehebar & Deveney, becoming well versed in real estate, bank financing, bankruptcy and general corporate work.

By the late 1980s, more than 80 percent of Lanius’ income was generated from real estate development, rather than law. At the height of the real estate boom, he invested most of his capital in projects to renovate apartment buildings in Harlem. Originally planned as a short-term venture, his outlook changed when the real estate market collapsed in 1989.

Facing a debacle, Lanius had two choices—manage his portfolio of low-income housing full time and wait for a new cycle or go back to lawyering and lose his entire capital stake.

While some investors might have run scared and resisted further entanglements with properties in a now depressed Harlem, Lanius kept to the challenge. Although he had no prior experience with managing low-income housing, Lanius felt that if he applied rational business practices and used his legal background to fend off foreclosing mortgagees and other hungry creditors, there might be a future benefit.

“I learned by trial and error. Experiential learning is always the sharpest and most profound,” he said. Lanius says he has incorporated several lessons from his ongoing Harlem experience. First, real estate markets are cyclical. “If you stay in business long enough, your time will come,” he said. Moreover, low-income housing means low revenue, and, therefore, you must keep your operating expenses concomitantly low.” For him, some of the key business attitudes have been flexibility and ingenuity, while maintaining good humor.

Lanius now owns and manages seven profitable apartment buildings and three hotels in Harlem under his umbrella organization, Community Management Corp. Lanius’ investment in the community has added much-needed affordable housing, and, in the process, has created jobs.

Community Management regularly employs 30 to 40 people from Harlem, the Bronx and Brooklyn. Its staff and workers are primarily African-Americans and Hispanics. With his Anglo-Saxon roots, Lanius is in a distinct minority in his neighborhood, but he has endeavored to become a contributing member.

He credits his and the company’s success to a philosophy of individual commitment. “One of the reasons we’ve been successful is that we have dispelled the illusions of poverty and worked with available resources outside the various government programs and political debate.”

One of the company’s efforts has been to operate a food pantry that Lanius founded in 1989. This non-profit organization, called New Ebony Community Association, provides food to low-income residents of the Harlem neighborhoods in which his buildings are located. Working in collaboration with other non-profits such as Food for Survival, New Ebony collects, packages and delivers food directly to the area residences. Lanius personally contributes $20,000 per year and uses his company’s resources to support the food pantry’s mandate. New Ebony distributes more than $320,000 annually in retail food value.

“Life does not provide a direct relationship between giving and getting, but without commitment to giving whatever you can, life becomes a burdensome road,” said Lanius.

In addition to the apartment buildings, Lanius is proud of his hotels, particularly the New Ebony Hotel and the Hamilton Heights Casablanca Hotel. These renovated sites offer short-term accommodations in Harlem, which has very few hotels.

“I perceive an opportunity to be something like the Motel 6 of Harlem and Washington Heights,” said Lanius.

At home in Harlem, Lanius is certainly a long way from Beacon Hill, but he is excited at his opportunities for future professional and personal growth.
Suffolk Well Represented in Halls of Congress

Massachusetts' voice in Congress has a distinct Suffolk accent these days. Suffolk University Law School played a role in shaping the careers of three members of the Bay State delegation—Congressmen Joe Moakley, JD '56, DPA '77 (Hon.); Martin Meehan, MPA '81, JD '86, LLD '97 (Hon.); and John Tierney, JD '76.

Moakley is not only dean of the delegation, he is a trustee of Suffolk University. He has been in public service since 1952, when at the age of 25—while attending Suffolk Law School evenings—he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. The South Boston native also served in the state Senate and Boston City Council before he was elected to Congress from the 9th District 25 years ago.

He has been a member of the Rules Committee for most of his time in Washington, serving as chairman for a number of years. His tenure in Congress also is notable for the effort he has put into curbing human rights abuses in El Salvador.

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Meehan, who has represented the 5th District in the House since 1993 and is a member of the National Security and Judiciary committees, is immersed in campaign reform, has been a leader in the fight to keep tobacco away from children and is a strong advocate for a balanced budget.

He founded the Manufacturing Task Force, a group of lawmakers concerned about the competitiveness of American manufacturing, and he pays particular heed to local economic development and job creation efforts in his district when he returns home to Lowell each weekend.

"Not a day goes by in Congress—whether it is taking on the tobacco industry, working to reform the current campaign finance system or addressing the crime problem in our country—where I don't use the education and skills I acquired at Suffolk Law School," said Meehan.

Tierney is in his first term in Congress, where he is working to fulfill his campaign pledges to advocate for improvement of the nation's educational system, universal health care, retirement security and environmental protection. Tierney, who lives in Salem, Massachusetts, tells of working and using government-backed loans to put himself through law school, and he wants to make sure the government affords the students of tomorrow that same opportunity.

"Suffolk Law School provided the accessible educational background that included the formal theoretical underpinnings of our laws and our legal process, coupled with a practical understanding of the system and how best to make the system responsive to the needs of people being represented," said Tierney. "Those traits have served me well as a lawyer, and they continue to be valuable now as I represent the 6th District."

Alumni Reception in Rhode Island

Law School alumni in Rhode Island gathered at the Westin Hotel on June 25. Guests were greeted by Robert D. Parrillo, JD '74, Rhode Island chapter president. Dean John E. Fenton, Jr., made remarks and introduced a video depicting the Law School groundbreaking ceremony which took place earlier in the day. The event was co-hosted by the Rhode Island Executive Council of the Campaign for Suffolk University.

Reunion

There was a Law School Reunion for classes ending in "2" and "7" on October 25. More than 350 alumni attended the cocktail reception and dinner held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. The Reunion Dinner Committee, comprised of alumni from the ten different class years, worked together to organize a great event. Next year's celebration will be for classes ending in "3" and "8". If you would like to be part of the Reunion Dinner Committee, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 573-8457.
Barristers Alumni Group Hosts Events

If you graduated from Suffolk Law in the past five years, then the Barristers Committee is looking for you. The Barristers Committee is a volunteer group comprised of Suffolk Law alumni who have graduated within the past five years. One of the primary objectives of the committee is to provide networking opportunities. In addition to its monthly networking meetings, the committee sponsored several major events this past year.

A workshop on effective marketing for young lawyers was presented by Larry Keller of Drake Communications and members of Suffolk's Office of Career Services.

A seminar titled "A View from the Bench" brought together four District Court judges: Hon. Peter W. Agnes, Jr., JD '75; Hon. Bonnie MacLeod-Griffin, JD '72; Hon. Paul F. Mahoney, BA '63, JD '69, and Hon. Robert C. Rufo, JD '75. Alumni had the opportunity to discuss with the panel civility among lawyers, effective advocacy, case flow management and the future of the District Courts. Dean John E. Fenton, Jr., moderated the event, which was held at the Law School.

In May 1997, the Barristers Committee hosted a reception for the class of 1997 at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Law School Alumni Association then-Vice President Laura Cella-Donovan, JD '88, officially inducted the new graduates into the alumni association.

For more information about Barristers events, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 573-8457.

Join the New Moot Court Alumni Committee

Remember those Law School days on the Moot Court Board? Would you like to rekindle old friendships and establish new relationships with people who were on the Moot Court Board at Suffolk?

The Law School's Office of Alumni Relations is pleased to announce the formation of the Suffolk University Law School Moot Court Alumni Committee. This is a group of alumni who as students were members of the Moot Court Board and who have established a committee to help the current board.

If you were a member of the Moot Court Board as a Suffolk Law student, we welcome you to join the committee. As a member, you may join in annual events such as the Clark Banquet held in March, judge Moot Court Board competitions, and have the opportunity to write articles for the newly established publication, The Journal of Trial and Appellate Advocacy.

Your participation on the committee is a rewarding way for you to give back to the Suffolk Law community by meeting with current students and recent graduates, offering your advice and sharing your experiences with those beginning their legal careers.

If you are interested in joining the Moot Court Alumni Committee, please contact Marc Terry, JD '97, at (617) 242-7789.

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The Law School Mentor Program matches alumni with students according to their fields of interest. Mentors meet and provide mentorees with information about their own professional experiences. For more information call Maureen Ricciuti at (617) 573-8148.

Moot Court Competition Judges serve as judges for annual intra-school moot court competitions. For more information call the Moot Court Board at (617) 573-8172.

Law School Reunion Committees increase participation at alumni reunions by contacting fellow graduates by mail and telephone. For more information call Jean Neenan at (617) 573-8457.

US Supreme Court Bar Admission Program
Suffolk University Law School is pleased to announce an opportunity for its graduates to become members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States by open court or by written motion on March 9, 1998.

Qualifications
A graduate must have been a member of the bar in good standing before the highest court of a state for at least three years.

Admission by Written Motion
Graduates file a completed application directly with the US Supreme Court Clerk’s Office. The certificate is mailed directly to the applicant. There is no quota on the number of graduates who may apply for admission in this way.

Admission in Open Court
Completed applications are processed by the alumni relations office. The applicant is presented in court by Dean John E. Fenton, Jr., on Monday, March 9, 1998, for the special admissions session. There is a limit of 50 who may participate in this session. Completed applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Packets
Materials will be sent from the alumni relations office to interested alumni.

Related Events
Plans are under way for a reception for open session participants and their guests and Washington-area alumni on the Sunday preceding the session. There also will be a luncheon for participants following the session on Monday.

Travel Package
If there is sufficient interest, the alumni office will offer travel and/or accommodations assistance to participants in the open court session.

Processing Applications
The processing of completed applications takes several weeks. Applications must be made to the Board of Bar Overseers and the Clerk’s Office of the State Supreme Court or the equivalent in other states. Sponsors also must sign the forms. Completed details will be included in the packet.

For further information
Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 573-8457.

US Supreme Court Bar Admission Program
Suffolk University Law School
I am interested in participating in (check one):
_____Open Session on Monday, March 9, 1998
_____Admission by written motion

I was admitted to the ___ bar in ______,______
(state) (month) (year)

Year graduated from Suffolk University Law School 19______

Name_________________________________________

Mailing Address________________________________

Telephone ___________________________ (home)
__________ (business)

_____I would like travel and/or accommodations assistance.

Please cut out this completed form and send to: Suffolk University Law School
Office of Alumni Relations
8 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
fax (617) 367-9438
“Construction Cam”

View the Law School Construction Online

Suffolk Law School is taking technology to new heights. A video camera installed in the belfry of the Park Street Church will track construction of the Law School Building, minute by minute. One hundred feet above street level, overlooking 150 Tremont Street, the camera will send a video signal to a time lapse videotape deck. When the building is completed the footage will be used to create a short video program that will fast forward from the early steel frame to the finished building.

In the meantime the “construction cam” images can be viewed on the Law School Web site (http://www.suffolk.edu/law). This link will update throughout the day with a current video still of the site. Stay tuned as a piece of the Law School's history is constructed before your very eyes.

Hot Web Sites for Research and Careers

The following Web sites may be helpful if you are looking for a new job, or need to do some legal research on the Internet.

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You'll also be able to list your email address and send email messages to other Suffolk Law alumni directly from the site. If you are one of those truly computer savvy people and happen to have your own Web site, you may also list it in the alumni directory section.

The Career Services Center has job postings, and if you're an employer, you may post positions. Mentoring and career counseling services are listed, as are hot links to other informative career sites.

Going to the Distance Learning and Educational Forums and Chat Room will keep you updated on Continuing Legal Education (CLE) opportunities conducted both at the Law School and via the Internet or at other distance learning facilities. A chat room is in the works for groups that might want to discuss current legal topics. For example, the chat room could include a meeting of the Moot Court Alumni Committee or a group of alumni that practice labor law who want to meet once a month on the Web.

Please call the Office of Alumni Relations, (617) 573-8457, or email alumni@admin.suffolk.edu, if you are interested.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Following is a listing of regional alumni representatives. If you have ideas for possible alumni gatherings in your area, call your classmate listed below and let him or her know your thoughts.

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Robert L. Steadman, JD, LLD '92 (Hon.), (see class of 1992).

Oscar J. Ryan, JD, has retired as trustee and corporator of UniBank for Savings in Blackstone after 31 years of service.

Probate Court Judge Rudolph A. Sacco, JD, retired at the age of 70 in May 1997. Judge Sacco was appointed a special probate judge in 1973 and was named full judge in 1979. During his 23-year judicial career, Sacco served four counties. In June 1997, a testimonial was held in his honor in Agawam by the Bar Associations of Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden and Berkshire counties.

James W. Bracnaro, JD, is serving as an attorney state trial referee, arbitrator and fact-finder for the Superior Court of Connecticut.

Frederick V. Gilgun, JD, of Woburn retired as Justice of the Trial Court of Massachusetts. More than 40 of his bench colleagues, scores of lawyers, city, state and county officials and many law enforcement officers from all over the state converged on the Winchester Country Club to pay tribute to him. Gilgun enters retirement with his wife, Dorothy, after 45 years of public service.

Armen Der Marderosian, BA '58, JD, was promoted to executive vice president, technology and systems at GTE Corporation.

Richard L. Haight, JD, professor of law at Ohio Northern University, has published a textbook, Problems in Federal Estate and Gift Taxation (Lupus Publications).

Mark I. Berson, JD, a partner in the Greenfield law firm of Levy Winer, PC, was among the 22 attorneys in Massachusetts named to the Family Law Section of the 1997-1998 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

David Walker, JD, has been inducted into the Watertown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He is director of real estate acquisition for New England for the General Services Administration.

Arthur D. Norton, JD, has joined the newly opened Stamford, CT, firm of First Montauk Securities Corporation as an affiliate registered representative.

Michael DeMarco, BA '68, JD, a litigation partner at Warner & Stackpole, LLP, has been appointed Massachusetts state chair of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He has also been named to the National Judicial College's Council for the Future.

Christine Garvey, JD, group executive vice president of Bank America, has been appointed head of the commercial real estate services group.

Thomas H. Jacobs, JD, senior partner in the Bennington, VT, law firm of Jacobs, McClintock and Scanlon, was appointed to the regional board of directors for First Vermont Bank.

David M. Gottesman, JD, of the New Hampshire firm of Gottesman and Hollis, was elected president of the New Hampshire Trial Lawyers Association.

Philip F. Mulvey, JD, has relocated his law office from Needham to Falmouth. He has practiced law in the Boston area for 20 years.

James J. D'Ambrose, JD, a partner in the law firm of Mone D'Ambrose & Haney, PC, was named a life member of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation.

Robert L. Herrmann Jr., JD, has become associated with the law office of McNeill & Taylor, PA, in Dover.

Joseph E. Milardo, JD, a partner in the Middletown, CT, law firm of Jozur, Milardo and Thomasson, received the 1996 Community Service Award from the Middlesex United Way.

Robert F. Murray, JD, of Plymouth was named first justice of the new Plymouth County Juvenile Court. He has been appointed to a five-year term. Prior to being named a judge, Murray served as a prosecutor in Plymouth County for 18 years.

Kevin J. Reddington, JD, was named a life fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation.

Marylin A. Beck, JD, is president of the Massachusetts Bar Association for the 1997-1998 term. Beck has had her own practice in Dedham since 1994, where she specializes in plaintiff personal injury and insurance disputes. She is married to William L. Pardee, JD '77.

Robert A. Cornetta, JD, has been named first justice of the Ipswich District Court.

Thomas Filbin, BA '70, JD, was appointed senior vice president, administration, for the Dedham Institution for Savings.

Charles A. Gelnas Sr., JD, a partner in the Fitchburg firm of Gelnas & Ward, reports that he has been elected vice chairman of the board of trustees of Fitchburg State College. He also was named distinguished citizen of the year by the Nashua Valley Council of Boy Scouts.

Janet Goldrick, JD, is acting superintendent of Newton Public Schools. Goldrick was acting associate superintendent for administration and secondary education for 11 years. She is a lifelong resident of Newton.

Joseph A. Trainor, JD, has been named associate justice of the Middlesex County Juvenile Court.

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Carol A.G. DiMento, JD, is one of two vice presidents of the Massachusetts Bar Association for the 1997-1998 term. She and her husband, William DiMento, JD '71, practice law at their Swampscott firm, DiMento & DiMento.

Charlene Foy Gibney, JD, has been named a partner in the Salem law firm of Whipple & King.

Ellen Fulham Lopez, JD, is assistant district attorney for Suffolk County and director of the Suffolk County Grand Jury.

Susan B. Nissenbaum, JD, received the Women's History Month award from the Shrewsbury Colonial Chapter of AARP in recognition of her work with senior citizens and families.

Maureen McKenna Goldberg, JD, was named news ombudsman for television Channel 10 in Providence, RI.

Rosemary B. Minehan, BA '75, JD, was named first justice of the Wareham District Court.

Maureen McKenna Goldberg, JD, was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island. (see p. 15)

R. B. Minehan, BA '75, JD, was named first justice of the Wareham District Court.

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David A. DiMarzio, JD, has been appointed clerk of court for the US District Court of Rhode Island.

Paul Giacobbe, JD, an attorney in Warwick, RI, was named news ombudsman for television Channel 10 in Providence, RI.

Richard C. Barry Jr., JD, has joined the law firm of Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple, PC, as an estate planning specialist.

Stephen A. Roach, JD, of the Boston law firm of Roach & Wise, has been appointed to a second year as chairman of the Massachusetts Bar Association insurance committee.

M. Jeffry Spahr, JD, deputy corporation counsel for Norwalk, CT, has married Marlene Ann Hickey. They reside in East Norwalk, CT.

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Jeffrey M. Brown, JD, has opened the law firm of Brown & Knight in Needham.

Joseph F. Collins, JD, a Topsfield attorney and a colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserves, attended the Staff College in Camberley, England, as one of 66 students who represented different regimes of the British Army. He is now trying to arrange for British Army officers to travel to the US to participate in a Marine Corps training session.

Kevin F. Dale, JD, a partner in the law firm of Vaughan & Dale, PC in Nantucket, was named a life fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation.

Timothy J. Dreher, JD, has opened a law office in Groton, CT.

Susan Geiger, JD, is a member of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

Edwin L. Wallace, JD, was named president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys in July 1997. He remains active in his practice, Thornton Early & Naumes, in Boston.

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John D. Casey, JD, a partner in Casey & Thompson, PC, of Attleboro has completed his term as president of the Bristol County Bar Association. He resides in Attleboro with his wife, Susan, and daughters, Sarah and Erin.

Frank A. Libby Jr., JD, has joined the commercial litigation department in the Boston office of Day, Berry & Howard.

Edward J. Sullivan, JD, was appointed senior vice president, New Hampshire management, for Citizens Investment Services, a division of Citizens Bank.

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Christopher J. Behan, JD, was named assistant city solicitor for Newport, RI. A former municipal court judge, he has a law office in Middletown, RI.

Sandra Levine, JD, has joined the Vermont Advocacy Center of the Conservation Law Foundation, New England's leading environmental advocacy organization.

Linda M. Luongo, JD, a partner in the Boston consulting firm of Kowal and Luongo, received the Award of Excellence from the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. She is the author of "Chapter 288," the multidisciplinary legislation mandating that child abuse be reported to district attorneys as well as to the Department of Social Services. Legislation that Luongo initiated resulted in the Foster Care Review, the Institutional Abuse and Neglect Act, the Children's Trust Fund, Confidential Communication for Rape Counselors and the Videotaping Law.

John G. Shack, JD, an attorney in Woburn, was elected chairperson of the board of managers of the North Suburban Family Branch of the YMCA of Greater Boston.

Robert Bonsignore, JD, a Medford attorney, spoke at the Consumer Attorneys of California annual convention in San Francisco, CA. His topic was "How to Handle and Attract the Big Cases."

Matthew C. Donahue, JD, of Donahue & Donahue in Lowell, received an award from the Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce for his commitment and support as one of the founding fathers of the chamber of commerce from 1995 to 1996.

William Kickham, JD, is the host of At the Bar, a cable television legal show on channel 14 Cablevision of Westwood/ Norwood.

Cheryl K. Lawton, JD, was appointed vice president and general counsel for Creative BioMolecules of Hopkinton.

Thomas E. Samoluk, JD, associate director for communications of the JFK Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency in Washington, DC, has married Carrie L. Smotrich. The couple resides in Andover.
To order Fortier's CD, call him at (508) 992-1420.

\[\text{David J. Thibodeau Jr., JD, is counsel to the Lexington firm of Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds, PC.}\]

\section*{News Makers}

Lee J. Fortier, JD '85, a New Bedford public defender, released a CD of blues music "Turn It Up," on his own Fine as Wine label. Fortier, a Fairhaven native, sings and plays the harmonica on the 15-song collection. He is backed by a local group known as Blues Alley. With this release, Fortier, who began playing harmonica when he was 12 years old, has realized a long cherished dream. As an undergraduate, he met noted bluesman Sonny Terry and became a road manager and protege of the legendary musician. "Law pays the bills," Fortier confided, "but the blues are part of my life, part of my soul." He makes time to play every day, even if he's had a long, stressful day in court.

James Steiner, JD, is the chair of the environmental law practice at the New Hampshire firm of Orr & Reno, PA. He has been with the firm since 1988.

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Joseph D. Leverone, JD, was named a director of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, PA, since 1989. Charles A. Lovell, JD, has become a partner at Partridge, Snow & Hahn in Providence, RI, where he has been a member of the creditors' rights practice group since 1989.

Brian T. Seery, JD, was named bodily injury claim manager for the Commerce Insurance Company at its Webster headquarters.

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Thomas A. Biga, JD, has been appointed executive director of Irvington General Hospital in Irvington, NJ.

Michael R. Dolan, JD, was named a partner in the law firm of Brown, Rudnick, Freed & Gersmer. He will practice in the firm's Providence, RI, offices.

France A. Lopez, JD, is executive director of the Massachusetts Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance, which assists minorities in starting their own businesses. Her office received the Outstanding Performance Award for 1996. Lopez was chosen Young Careerist by the Massachusetts Federation of Business and Professional Women, the first Hispanic woman to win that accolade.

James T. Masteralexis, JD, announces the opening of a law practice in Boston.

Sheldon C. Toplitt, JD, editor-in-chief of the Quinnlan Bulletin on Sexual Harassment-Compliance and a columnist for Student Lawyer magazine, spoke in Boston at the program "LLPs/LLCs Made Easy" sponsored by Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education.

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Lawrence M. Frisoli, JD, has married Carol McKenna, JD '93. They reside in Dracut.

Mark Hubbard, JD, is communications director at Oregon Natural Resources Council in Portland, OR.

Lisa Pike Masteralexis, JD, has been awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of sport law at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Stephen J. Ryan, JD, has been promoted to head the District Court unit for Providence, Bristol and Kent counties in the Rhode Island attorney general's office, where he has been a prosecutor since 1991.

Jane Brady Stirling, JD, has joined the Salem law firm of Metaxas, Norman & Pidgeon, as an attorney.

William D. Wilcox, JD, of Travelers Insurance in Hartford, CT, has married Elizabeth Belden.

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Lisa Madeleine Cukier, JD, a member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association, produces and hosts a Boston cable television call-in talk show focusing on legal issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community. It airs on channel A24 on the third Wednesday of each odd-numbered month.

Veronica Fenton, JD, has become an associate with Grinnell, Dubendorf & Smith, a law firm with offices in Williamstown and Pittsfield.
Marie G. Leary, JD, of Corcoran, Finigan, and Moran, has married Hugh J. Kelly, Jr. They reside in Quincy.

John W. Valente, JD, an attorney with Ryan, Smith and Carbine has married Elisabeth H. Kulas. The couple resides in Rutland, VT.

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Janice Albertazzi, JD, has been promoted to assistant vice president at the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts.

Kevin R. Burchill, JD, was appointed executive director of the Community Medical Center in Toms River, NJ.

Lisa Garstein, JD, associate counsel for RD Management Corp. in New York City, has married Michael Gartenberg.

Kathleen Heffernan, JD, was named director of risk management at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

John E. Leigh, JD, an attorney in Boston, is Sierra Leone’s ambassador to the United States.

Donna M. Marcini, JD, an attorney at Dunn & Rogers, PC in Boston, has married Charles A. Van Meter. The couple resides in Newton.

Melanie Patenaude, JD, has been elected to the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Taunton.

Donald J. Riley, JD, a captain in the US Marine Corps, has returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, where he was stationed aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group. His home base is Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station in New River, NC.

Anastasios Savvaides, JD, a trial attorney for Allstate Insurance Company with the law offices of Ida Pullo in Shelton, CT, has married Christine L. Mignone. They reside in Norwalk, CT.

Scott A. Sargas, JD, vice president and corporate counsel for Hygienetics Environmental of Boston, has married Andrea J. Doherty. The couple resides in Charlestown.

Robert L. Steadman, JD ’51, LLD (Hon.), former chief justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court and currently a senior mediator at JAMS/Endispute, was named a life fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation.

Suzanne G. Tedeschi, JD, is a staff attorney for New Center for Legal Advocacy in New Bedford, a private, non-profit law firm providing free legal assistance in the area of family law (primarily domestic violence cases) for low-income residents of southeastern Massachusetts.

Jennifer Rosenfeld Tessitore, JD, assistant public defender in Greenville, SC, announces the birth of her first child, Abigail Rose Tessitore, born March 6, 1997.

Ronald W. Thompson Jr., JD, has left the Rhode Island Public Defenders Office and has established a law practice in Warwick, RI.

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Robert B. Bellitto, JD, has married Maureen E. Hanley. They reside in Redding, CT.

Carol A. McKenna, JD, (see Lawrence M. Frisoli, JD ’90).

Thomas N. O’Brien, JD, was appointed the city of Boston’s chief economic development officer and director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Paul Toland, JD, and wife Beth, are the proud parents of triplets, Brian Alexander, Daniel William and Kelly Clare, born May 14, 1997. They join older brother Michael Robert.

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M’Liss K. Adamo, JD, has married George H. Rinaldi. They reside in Foxboro.

Jane E. Cohen, JD, has joined the corporate practice group of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder.

Judith C. Crowley, JD, has become an associate in the business department of the Boston law firm of Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP.

Nitin Dalal, JD, has joined the staff of the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office and is assigned to Dorchester District Court.

Sean A. Doherty, JD, an attorney practicing in Cambridge, has married Laura Blanchard. They reside in West Roxbury.

Amy Hubbard, JD, reports that she has joined the Bedford law firm of Brown & Brown, PC, as an associate.

Bethany Macktaz, JD, is a special assistant attorney general assigned as a prosecutor in the District Court Unit of the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Criminal Division.

Michael A. Poulos, JD, with the law offices of Dane M. Shulman in Boston, has married Kara Walsh. The couple resides in Quincy.

Teresa Scibelli, JD, an attorney with Canneti and Associates in Boston, has married Michael Blum.

Maeve Vallely, JD, is special assistant for external affairs to the deputy administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC.

Helen E. Wendler, JD, is a principal of the Lexington law firm of Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds.

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Thomas P. Brady, JD, an associate at Burns & Farrey in Worcester, has married Jennifer A. Joyce, JD, who is with the legal department at Staples in Framingham. The couple resides in Shrewsbury.

Kristin A. Bullwinkel, JD, is an associate with the general practice law firm of George C. Deptula, PC, in Boston.
Jeff Chatlos, JD, is an attorney with Justice Resource Institute Health Law in Boston, which provides housing for those who have AIDS or those at risk of becoming infected with HIV.

Laura E. Colella, JD, an attorney with McNeill, Wilkin, Colella, Kuppen and Crowe in Boston, has married John M. Dickson, JD, an associate at Lawson and Weitzen in Boston. They reside in Charlestown.

Andra J. Curtis, JD, an attorney for the law office of Robert Hall in Harwichport, has married Matthew Hutchinson. The couple resides in Bourne.

Donald L. Pitman III, JD, has joined the practice of Butters, Brazilian & Small in Boston.

Mark Heyman, JD, is assistant clerk to the Vermont House of Representatives.

Paul J. Lugten, JD, has joined the practice of Butters, Brazilian & Small in Boston.

Christopher A. Barry. They reside in Providence, Rhode Island.

Laura Armstrong, JD, MBA '96, in-house counsel for the Deane Group in Boston, has married Ethan Ferrari, MBA '96, manager of retail operations of the Computer Museum in Boston. They reside in Needham.

Rochelle A. Burgos, JD, has been appointed a probation officer at the Roxbury division of the District Court department.

Victoria Chiungos, JD, was married to David Reppucci. They reside in Andover.

Marc Cohen, JD, of Kenneth Halpern and Associates in Newton, has married Sharon Drukman. The couple resides in Newton.

Craig S. Donais, JD, has married Katherine Behlke. They reside in Chelmsford.

Margaret Hegarty, JD, was appointed an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County.

Michael Lartigue, JD, and Abu Toppin, JD, are two of the four founding members of the minority-owned sports agent firm Agents International Group Incorporated. Headquartered in Allston, the year-old firm has already signed two football players who tried out with NFL teams this year.

Shannon O'Donnell, JD, an intergovernmental liaison to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, won the gold medal for ski racing among females age 18-29 in the Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge held at Stowe Mountain Resort in Stowe, VT. She was among 175 participants vying for gold, silver and bronze medals in 22 skiing categories.

Thomas A. Reynolds, JD, announces the opening of his law offices in Boston and Worcester.

Abu Toppin, JD, (see Michael Lartigue, class of 1996)

Dionce Toppi, JD, married Tony Sutton on May 31, 1997, at the Nahant Country Club. Attending the wedding were Karen Romito, JD '96, who is an associate with the firm Lawson, Weitzer & Bankert, and Heather Ryan, JD '89, who works for Fidelity Investment's legal department. Toppin is working in the compliance department at The New England.

IN MEMORIAM

Suffolk University expresses sympathy to the families and friends of these alumni. The following names are listed chronologically by graduating year.

Harry Brans, JD '32
Benjamin Roman, JD '33
Paul E. DuPont, JD '38
Raymond A. Webb, JD '39
Russell E. Dealy, JD '40
Andrew J. Griffin, JD '41
Charles F. Canavan, JD '35, LLM '42
Robert F. Murphy, JD '53
Alexander L. Evarts, JD '72
Walter W. Tropp, Jr., JD '72
Arthur W. Sullivan, JD '82
James J. Federico, Jr., JD '89

Class Reps Wanted


Class Notes

Stephanie Shores, JD, has joined the law firm of Gould & Ettenberg, PC in Worcester.

Gina Simonelli, JD, an attorney for Saretzky, Katz, Dranoff & Class in New York City, has married Richard Baxter. The couple resides in Manhattan, NY.

Matthew P. Vincent, JD, has joined the law firm of Foley, Hoag & Eliot as a patent attorney.
Helping to Build a Law School

The Dohertys

In the legal profession, in public service, in education and in the community, Gerard F. and Marilyn M. Doherty have made significant contributions. Suffolk Law is proud and fortunate to count them among its strongest and most constant supporters. As leading patrons of the Law School, the Dohertys have pledged $100,000 to the capital campaign for the new building and the future of legal education.

Gerard Doherty, JD '60, currently serves on the steering committee of the Campaign for Suffolk University and this year was named a trustee of the University. He has been a valuable resource and trusted adviser in helping to secure funds for the new Suffolk Law School building.

A practicing attorney in Boston since 1967, Doherty specializes in real estate law and development, as well as corporate tax law. He is known in his field as a pioneer in the financing and redevelopment of former public buildings. One of his firm's more notable accomplishments was the development of 840 units of housing at the abandoned Naval Hospital in Chelsea, Massachusetts. However, throughout his career, Doherty has remained active in other arenas as well, including politics and public service.

Doherty was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature for four terms as a Democrat from Charlestown. He was the campaign manager for Senator Edward Kennedy, the Indiana presidential campaign manager for Senator Robert Kennedy, the New York presidential campaign director for former President Jimmy Carter and the state chairman of the Democratic Party from 1962-1967. Doherty also was active in the New England Business Committee for the election of President Bill Clinton. In 1994, he was named Democrat of the Year by the Democratic State Committee.

Doherty's relationship with Suffolk Law School is long standing. He was a member of the Law School Leadership Gifts Committee, a marshal at the Law School Commencement Exercises, a member of the Law School Alumni President's Advisory Committee and was chosen as one of Suffolk's 75 most prominent alumni during the 75th anniversary of the University.

Throughout their careers, the Dohertys have made time to stay connected to the local community as advisers and volunteers. Mr. Doherty is involved with the Park Street Corporation, the Pioneer Institute, Malden Catholic High School, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, the Charlestown Catholic School board of directors and the Boston Public Library Foundation.

Mrs. Doherty has served as a member of the Boston Partners for Education and has helped students with reading at the Mission Grammar School in Roxbury, Massachusetts, and the Harvard-Kent Community School in Charlestown, Massachusetts. In addition to her many volunteer activities, she managed her husband's four successful campaigns for election to the state House of Representatives and by mayoral appointment, she is a Trustee of Charitable Donations for Inhabitants of Boston. Also, she worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Legislative Research Bureau on the staff of former Senate President William Bulger, where she sought to repeal a law prohibiting the state from lending textbooks to private schoolchildren. Both Dohertys have been strong supporters of Elms College.

At the groundbreaking ceremony in June, President David Sargent made note of the many exceptional "heroes" who have made the dream of a new building become a reality. Gerard and Marilyn Doherty are among those heroes who have made a difference at Suffolk Law School.