Calendar 2000

Alumni Events

**JULY**

**New York Alumni Reception**
(during the ABA Annual Meeting)
Monday, July 10, 2000
6-7:30pm
Neuberger Berman Trust Co.
605 Third Avenue (between 39th and 40th Streets)
New York, NY

Following the reception, tours of
Neuberger Berman's International
Contemporary Art collection
will be offered.
RSVP by July 6 to the Office of
Alumni Relations at (617) 305-1999 or
acambria@admin.suffolk.edu

**OCTOBER**

**Law School Reunion 2000**
If your class year ends in 5 or 0, it's
time for your reunion!
Saturday, October 14, 2000
7pm
Suffolk University Law School
David J. Sargent Hall
120 Tremont Street, Boston
Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 305-1999 or
acambria@admin.suffolk.edu

*For more details and updates, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (617) 305-1999 or see the Web site at
www.suffolk.edu/law.*

**AUGUST**

**Annual Oxford Summer School**
Continuing Legal Education
Comparative Law Study
Saturday, August 12-Saturday, August 26
Two-week residential program
in Oxford England

**SEPTEMBER**

**Beyond the Fourth and Fifth Amendments**
Sponsored with the Macaronis Institute
for Trial and Appellate Advocacy
Friday, September 15
9am-5pm

**Third Annual New England Elder Law Symposium**
Friday, September 22
9am-5pm
Pleasant Valley Country Club
Sutton, MA

**OCTOBER**

**Valuation of Assets in Divorce**
Thursdays, October 5, 12 & 19
4-7:30pm

**Predicting Violent Behavior**
Sponsored with the Juvenile Justice Center and the Committee for
Public Counsel Services
Friday, October 20
9am-5pm

**Annual National Labor Relations Board & US Department of Labor Conference**
Thursday, October 19
12-6pm

**New England Workplace Bullying Conference**
Sponsored with the Campaign Against Workplace Bullying
Friday, October 27 & Saturday, October 28
Explore what Human Resources Magazine calls "one of the most
insidious and destructive problems"
in the American workplace. Leading
researchers and employee advocates
will be among the presenters.

**NOVEMBER**

**Police Misconduct**
Sponsored with the National Lawyers Guild
Thursday, November 2
10am-5:30pm

**Remembering the Calling of the Law**
Sponsored with the
Flaschner Judicial Institute
Friday, November 17
9am-5pm

**DECEMBER**

**Keys to Powerful, Persuasive Writing**
Tuesday, December 5

Regional Juvenile Justice Seminars*

**SEPTEMBER**

CHINS-The Step-Child of
the Juvenile Justice System

**NOVEMBER**

On Probation
*All courses will be held at Sargent Hall,
Suffolk University Law School,
unless otherwise noted. This schedule
is tentative, please contact ALS for
more information at (617) 573-8627,
(email) klandry@admin.suffolk.edu, or
www.suffolk.edu/law/als.

Have you moved?
If you are a Law School graduate, please
send your change of address to:
Office of Law School Alumni Relations
Suffolk University
8 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-2770
(617) 305-1999
fax: (617) 367-9438
email: alumni@admin.suffolk.edu

We want to hear from you.
Please send letters to the editor and class
notes to:
Suffolk Law Magazine
Suffolk University
Office of Creative Services/UMS
41 Temple Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 573-8098
fax: (617) 742-5172
email: lawmag@acad.suffolk.edu

Suffolk Law magazine is published twice a year by Suffolk University Law School. It is produced by Creative Services and distributed free of charge to alumni, students, friends, parents, faculty and staff. The views expressed in this magazine do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editors or the official policies of the Law School or the University.
Summer 2000

The Suffolk University Law School
Alumni Magazine

FEATURES

6 In Memory of Thomas F. Lambert, Jr.
Friends and colleagues remember this remarkable legal scholar, professor and mentor who touched the lives of so many.

10 New Moakley Library Open
Named in honor of one of Suffolk’s most illustrious graduates, the Moakley Library offers outstanding legal resources to alumni.

16 Meet Dean Smith
Six months on the job, Bob Smith shares his impressions of and priorities for the Law School in the years to come.

DEPARTMENTS

2 From the Dean

3 Law School Briefs

12 Development News

13 Faculty News

21 Student Profile

22 Alumni News & Profiles

26 Class Notes

33 Profiles in Giving
FROM MY FIRST SIX MONTHS

as dean, I am impressed with the wide range of activities and programs occurring at the Law School and on the road at alumni events. This issue of Suffolk Law chronicles many of the activities of the last several months.

It is a picture of a vibrant and energized community, proud of its heritage and eager to expand and explore new arenas.

We report at length on two major events during the winter that celebrated the lives and accomplishments of two distinguished members of our community: The dedication of the Law Library in honor of Congressman Joseph Moakley, and a memorial celebration of Professor Tom Lambert, who died in December.

I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING MANY OF YOU AT ALUMNI receptions at home and around the country. In D.C., Los Angeles, New Hampshire, New York and San Francisco, I have been energized by your enthusiasm for the school and willingness to help in any way you can. We have alumni in all 50 states, and I'm off to a good start trying to meet each one of you!

A highlight for me this year was the ceremony for the admission of 48 of our alumni to the Bar of the US Supreme Court. I presented the oral motion for admission and even though my presentation was totally scripted, uncontested and at an unofficial sitting of the Court (only six justices were present), our alumni and I considered it a smashing success!

In my first six months, you have made me feel very welcome in the Suffolk Law School community. I look forward to hearing from you in the months and years to come.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Smith
Dean
THIRTY YEARS AND COUNTING

Variety may be the spice of life for many people in their chosen profession, but Lorraine Cove is not one of them. As many of you well know, Cove has worked for the same employer, Suffolk University Law School, for the past 30 years.

By her own admission, Suffolk is her home away from home. "Everything that has happened in my life, from getting married to having children, I associate with the Law School," said the 48-year-old Cove, who lives in Arlington, Massachusetts. "Working here has been such an enjoyable experience. I really love my job."

Her official title is registrar and assistant to the dean. In addition to her regular interaction with students, Cove works with faculty in scheduling classes and exams. She also helps to provide statistical information and reports for the deans in her usual impeccable manner.

Associate Dean John C. Deliso was a first-year law student when Cove began working at Suffolk. "She is the epitome of administrative excellence—competent, sincere and focused in everything she does," said Deliso. "I can't say enough good things about her."

"Lorraine is a highly motivated individual who is extremely dedicated to this law school and everyone in it," said associate registrar Gail Brickley. "She's a perfectionist who has a genuine concern and passion for the well-being of all our students."

Each year, graduating students vote for an "Outstanding Administrator." Not surprisingly, Cove has been the recipient of this distinguished honor a total of nine times.

"I get choked up every time I look at them," said Cove, gazing up at the parade of awards that adorn her office wall. "It confirms the work that I'm trying to do here."

Cove has met many people over the years through work, including her husband, Robert, JD '72. "What makes Suffolk so special is its people—the people who work here and the people who attend school here," said Cove. "I get a big thrill when students walk across the stage at graduation and when they come back to say hello after five, 10, 20, even 30 years. It gives me a good feeling that they care about Suffolk and the education they received."

During a recent tribute to Suffolk employees who were marking special anniversaries, Dean Robert H. Smith presented Cove with a plaque and a mantel clock in appreciation of her years of service.

Asked if she ever considered working somewhere else, Cove sat back in her chair and smiled. "This is where I'm happy," she said. "They'll have to wheel me out."

Suffolk Sponsors CLEO Program

This summer, the Law School will sponsor CLEO (Council on Legal Educational Opportunity), a six-week, intensive program that helps economically disadvantaged students expand their legal aptitude in order to succeed in law school. The program will focus on preparing students either accepted or wait-listed at law schools throughout the country for the rigors of a legal education.

According to Associate Professor Cecil Hunt II, who is CLEO program director, it's a great opportunity for the students involved. "It takes race into account, but that's just one factor. It's more socio-economic," he said. "Part of my job is to see that every student in the program is placed in a law school," he said.

He and Dean of Admissions Gail Ellis will select the 40 students who will participate from the set of applications sent to Suffolk from the national office of CLEO.

Supporting CLEO is just one way Suffolk is reaching out to minority law students. Ellis and her recruiters are visiting historically black colleges and attending minority student recruiting events. The admissions office is also tapping resources from within the Law School. They've joined forces with a Multi-Cultural Student Recruiting Committee supported by the Black American Law Students Association (BLSA), the Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA) and the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APASLA). "It's been a collective effort," said Ellis. "We've met as a group to develop ways and networks so we can attract more students to the Law School."
Supreme Court Swearing In

Forty-eight alumni joined the US Supreme Court Bar in April in Washington, DC. The day before the ceremony, 100 alumni and guests attended a reception at the Willard Inter-Continental, and following the swearing in, nearly 90 celebrated at a luncheon at La Colline Restaurant.

Congratulations to: Marianne Abely, JD '88; Michael D. Anderson, JD '91; Mark E. Barnett, JD '94; Christopher M. Bellomy, JD '94; Michael S. Bloom, JD '92; Timothy P. Cox, JD '93; Elizabeth A. DiRusso, JD '92; Patricia A. Downey, JD '95; William Geary, JD '80; Elliot M. Goodman, JD '53; Brian D. Hermes, JD '96; Patrick J. Hester, JD '83; JoAnne Hopkins, JD '90; Marybeth Hopkins, JD '83; Merisa A. Hopkins, JD '79; Bruce E. Hopper, JD '91; Marcia A. Hudgins, JD '80; Claudia A. Hunter, JD '82; Daniel P. Kennedy, JD '92; John F. Keenan, JD '89; Julia A. Kijanka, JD '93; Luenna H. Kim, JD '94; Evans J. Legros, JD '96; Lisa A. Levine, JD '95; Nelson P. Lovins, JD '68; Edward J. Malloy, JD '93; Lawrence W. McGrath, JD '92; Jeannine R. McNaught, JD '96; Stephen R. McNaught, JD '90; Mary Anne Morawski, JD '85; James T. Morris, JD '71; Kathleen Mullins, JD '95; William T. Murphy, JD '76; Paula Ann Nedder, JD '96; Shawn O’Rourke, JD '92; Leigh-Ann M. Patterson, JD '92; Stephen M. Peltier, JD '87; Margaret M. Pinkham, JD '92; John O. Postl, JD '94; Thomas A. Reynolds, JD '96; John Shekarchi, JD '92; Joseph Shekarchi, JD '90; Sara J. Trezise, JD '90; Jane Truesdell Ellis, JD '84; Heidi M. Zisch, JD '95.

Suffolk Hosts National Federalist Society Event

For the first time in the Law School’s history, the Suffolk Federalist Society hosted a reception and banquet for the national Federalist Society's Annual Student Symposium on Law and Public Policy. The theme for the conference, held in March, was "Law and the Political Process." The panel discussions were hosted by Harvard Law School, but more than 300 students, professors, federal court judges and guests from across the country attended the reception at Sargent Hall.

Honored guests included former SJC Justice Charles Fried, UCLA Professor Eugene Volokh, Judge Alex Kozinski, 9th Circuit US Court of Appeals, Judge Danny Boggs, 6th Circuit US Court of Appeals, University of Chicago Law School Professor Richard Epstein, Columbia Law School Professor John Manning, Northwestern University Law School Professor (and Federalist Society co-founder) Steven Calabresi, and University of Texas Law School Professor Lino Graglia. Judge Frank Easterbrook, 7th Circuit US Court of Appeals, delivered the keynote address.

Announcing Online Legal Education for Alumni

Advanced Legal Studies announces a new opportunity for alumni to access courses online. Through a licensing agreement with Kansas City Technology, Inc., selected ALS conferences will be broadcast at the Web site JD-University.com. In a pilot project, the Annual High Technology Law Conference, "Licensing in a Network Environment" was recorded on Friday March 10 and will be available online.

Kansas City Technology offers high-quality, interactive, multimedia continuing educational courses. These courses are accredited for CLE in all jurisdictions. Suffolk Law alumni who enroll in courses at the JD-University.com Web site are eligible for a special discount. For more information, call Advanced Legal Studies at (617) 573-8627.
Fenton Returns to Classroom

This spring, a man who has been a major force at Suffolk for more than 40 years returned to campus. Former Dean John E. Fenton, Jr., took leave from his duties as dean for medical reasons in fall 1998. With time to rest and recover, he is feeling better and ready to resume working with students. He plans to teach Evidence in the fall.

Those who thought they would miss out on taking Evidence with Fenton were thrilled to hear of his return. Fenton began teaching at the Law School in 1957; he was dean from 1994 to 1999.

Student Convocation Draws National Attendance

Students from law schools across the country gathered at Sargent Hall in March to take part in the Fifth Annual Academic Convocation for Law Students. The event, titled “Law in a Changing Society,” offered students an opportunity to present original papers on current legal issues to a broad audience. This year a record 50 papers were accepted for presentation and awards were given in six categories.

Several Suffolk student journals and organizations and the National Lawyers Guild participated in making the event a success. Bill Goodman, director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, delivered the keynote address.

Macaronis Institute Features DNA Evidence

The Macaronis Institute of Trial and Appellate Advocacy kicked off its first year with three outstanding programs.

It was standing room only in September at “DNA Evidence: Current Controversies and Future Issues,” with Professor Barry Scheck, known for his work in the OJ Simpson and Louise Woodward murder trials. Scheck spoke about his work at the Benjamin C. Cardozo School of Law, where he founded the Innocence Project. As director of the clinical program, he and his students are trying, through DNA testing, to exonerate people wrongly convicted of crimes. Scheck was joined by Dr. Lisa Forman of the National Institute on Justice and a panel of leading scientists, professors, judges and trial attorneys.

In November, Gary Wells, a distinguished professor of psychology at Iowa State University, was part of a panel addressing “Expert Scientific Testimony for the Social Sciences,” where participants took part in mock examinations and cross-examinations.

Three district court judges, the Honorable Kathleen Coffey, Rosemary Minehan, BA ’75, JD ’78, and Robert Rufo, JD ’75, were among the presenters on hand for “Difficult Criminal Practice Issues in District Court,” in April.

Practicing attorneys, judges and students from Suffolk and beyond attended these continuing legal education courses. Response has been positive. “It was a complex and informative presentation... Very provocative both legally and ethically,” said Superior Court Judge Christine McEvoy, JD ’76, who attended the DNA evidence course.

All courses were co-sponsored by Suffolk’s Advanced Legal Studies. For information on upcoming programs call (617) 573-8627, or see the calendar (inside front cover).

Noted Speakers

Winston Roddick, QC, counsel general to the National Assembly for Wales, spoke at the Law School in January. Invited by the Transnational Law Review, Roddick discussed the devolution of power in the United Kingdom and nascent Welsh nationalism, the Welsh assembly and his legal role.

The Honorable Sandra Lynch of the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and Professor Charles H. Whitebread of the University of Southern California were Donahue Lecture Series speakers. Lynch, the first woman appointed to the First Circuit, spoke in February on “States, the United States and Foreign Relations.” Lynch was appointed by President Clinton in 1995 and filled the seat formerly held by Associate Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

Whitebread is the George T. Pfleger Professor of Law at USC and also a faculty member at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. His lecture topic in April was “Freeing Ourselves of the Prohibition Idea in the Twenty-First Century.”
THOMAS F. LAMBERT, JR.
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF LAW
1914-1999

In Memory of

Dean Robert H. Smith

"One of the things I find most striking about the comments people have made to me about Tom Lambert is not just his professional accomplishments, which are many, but the kind of person he was. He loved conversation, he was a gentleman, he was sensitive to others, and he struck up some amazingly strong and warm friendships. It is unusual for someone so accomplished in his professional life to have such strong personal relationships with colleagues and friends. He taught at Suffolk Law School for 27 years and we are greatly indebted to him."

President David J. Sargent

"Tom had a more profound affect upon his sphere of the law, over a longer period of time, than any person I have ever known. He was a great scholar of the law, a great reporter of the law, but his most electrifying role was in revolutionizing the modern-day world of torts. He crafted, molded and created rights and remedies that previously didn't exist. And his genius was seized upon by the trial bar, which recognized him for what he was and for his great contribution to the profession and to victims. They joyously coronated him their champion....He would have excelled at anything he wanted to do...but fortunately for us, he chose to teach. And whether he was teaching high-powered and hugely successful trial lawyers or frightened freshmen in law school, he was unsurpassed....Tens of thousands of lawyers know that 'Tom on Torts' means pearls of wisdom from a prince of a man."

Paul R. Sugarman
Former Dean of Suffolk University Law School and a student of Lambert's at Boston University

"Even though he was one of the great scholars of this century, Tom defined himself humbly in his own words as 'just a schoolteacher.' Tom loved the classroom. It was there that this passion for the law was most evident. It was there that his eloquence, scholarship, intelligence, insight and extraordinary memory, his love of poetry and literature all combined to craft a master teacher....Tom made the law of torts come alive. He made us understand the rules had purpose and that real people were affected by them....When Tom made a point, you could just about hear Botticelli's cherubs clapping in unison."
US Secretary of Defense
William S. Cohen
A former colleague of Lambert's at the American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA).
(Cohen spoke via videotape.)
"Two centuries ago the British author Horace Walpole looked westward and declared 'The next Augustan age will dawn on the other side of the Atlantic. There will perhaps be a Virgil in Mexico, a Xenophon in New York, a Thucydides in Boston.' It's with the greatest regret that [my wife] Janet and I can't be with you this afternoon to join in the celebration of a prolific writer whose vision is measured in volumes, an insatiable intellect who is part poet, part philosopher, a lover of law and language, a modern man who is one with the ancients—a Thucydides in Boston. Three decades ago Tom Lambert was my mentor. For three decades since he was my dear friend. He was one of the most extraordinary individuals I've ever met. And with the exception of my father, no other man has had a more profound impact on my life.... To observe him cutting to the very core of issues and illuminating and burning them into the soul with a phosphorous or poetic phrase was a transcendental experience. He was a fountainhead and a fiery soul."

Ralph Nader
A former student of Lambert's.
(Nader sent written remarks.)
"Thomas F. Lambert was the human encyclopedia of the common law of torts. He was the humane interpreter of its significance for compensating, managing and deterring wrongful injury. His eloquent and lyrical lectures and addresses inspired tens of thousands of law students and lawyers. His writings, orations and legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew him, were taught by him and who heard him."

Leo Boyle
Vice President of ATLA and attorney, Meehan, Boyle & Cohen.
"To be asked to choose words to remember Tom Lambert is a very daunting thing. I feel like someone called me and said, 'We're remembering Michaelangelo and we'd like you to do a small painting.'... For the legal community, he was the ultimate wordsmith—he was our poet laureate.... He was single-handedly responsible for the evolution of products liability law."

Frances H. Miller
Professor, Boston University School of Law and School of Public Health and a colleague of Lambert's at ATLA.
"Working with Tom was like having personal access to Socrates...debating him was intellectually scary but always downright stimulating.... I came away from my five years at ATLA with a profound respect for what lawyers at their best can do for society, and it was all Tom's doing.... Tom's kind of greatness doesn't come around very often, I feel massively privileged to have known it."

Robert Bonin
Attorney, Bonin & Zalcman, and Lambert's best friend.
"So Tom is gone, and saying that this is a loss is like saying that breathing underwater is inconvenient. There are others who may imitate his wit and style, but they cannot duplicate the mind that made that style."

Thomas F. Lambert, Jr. Memorial Fund
Suffolk has established a fund to support the educational and research opportunities of the kind pursued by Lambert throughout his long and distinguished career. Donations may be sent to the Lambert Memorial Fund, c/o Dean's Office, Suffolk University Law School.
orn in Detroit, Michigan, Lambert was the oldest of six children. His father was a railroad worker and his mother a homemaker. The family moved to California when Lambert was young. During the Depression, he worked long days pumping gas to help make ends meet. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles earning a degree in political science and in 1936 won a Rhodes scholarship to study at Oxford University. He was UCLA's first Rhodes Scholar. Lambert graduated from Oxford with a First in jurisprudence in 1939, followed by a residence at Yale Law School as a Sterling Fellow. He began teaching at Stetson University Law School in Florida in 1940. And after only a year, he was made dean of the law school at age 26. He was the youngest law school dean in the history of legal education.

During World War II, Lambert entered the Columbia School of Military Government and later was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy. After the war, Lambert was chosen by US Supreme Court Justice Robert O. Jackson to join the trial team at the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. At the age of 30, he prepared the case against the Nazis. He wrote the US trial brief and was responsible for prosecuting Martin Bormann, Nazi party chief and one of Hitler's closest aides, in absentia.

Upon his return to America in 1946, Lambert taught at Boston University Law School. He then became editor in chief of what was then known as the National Association of Claimants' Compensation Attorneys, now the American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA). An expert on tort law, Lambert devoted 40 years of his professional life to writing and speaking for ATLA. His column, “Tom on Torts,” was widely read. He was also the author of 23 legal books.

In his personal life, Lambert was by all accounts fun to be with and funny. He and his wife, Elizabeth, frequented Boston's jazz clubs and restaurants. They loved poetry, literature and martinis and hosted evenings of intellectual conversation at their Beacon Hill home, River House. Lambert had an affinity for young people and shared in their youthful enthusiasm. Well into his 70s, he played pick-up basketball with colleagues a third of his age.

Lambert began teaching part time at Suffolk in 1972, and in 1980 he became the first to hold the Thomas F. Lambert, Jr., Chair. He taught at Suffolk until his death, proud of the fact that he taught children and even grandchildren of his original students.
Hear this all ye sisters and brothers
Our vision is from the shoulders of others.
And of all of those who bear these loads
Tom Lambert is the Colossus of Rhodes.
Hear his voice—stern, clipped, then mild,
"Where is the lobby for the unborn child?"
Or Expounding on a Samaritan Rescue,
Reciting lines from Eugene Ionescu.
Law Professors may blush unseen
And waste their voices on ears not keen
But Lambert's lectures—have no fear
Particularly when he gets in full gear,
And you listened to his rhythmic beat
It was like listening to Avon's bard,
I assure you—Homer wouldn't nod
"Whose were the deepest pockets" he'd muse.
Was there an insurance company to accuse?
And if a product were but a shell
Then he'd orate on Cardozo's Citadel.
Tom was great at being Socratic....
Woe to the answer that was dogmatic.
Facts were king; and theory was queen.
There was no average—there was no mean.
He saw the forest and he saw the trees.
He'd wax about beautiful injuries.
On Rylands v. Fletcher you try and cram
Because Tom knew how to give a damn.
The Grand Manner was Tom's way
Down Law's path he would not stray.
A seamless web; he wove each strand
Hoping to reach the promised land.
We loved you Tom for more than words
You lifted us like the song of birds.
Above all was the message you sent
The life's meaning was your precedent.
DEDICATION CEREMONY HELD

The John Joseph Moakley Law Library is named in honor of a man who has quietly devoted his life to serving the public good. Since 1956, when he graduated from Suffolk University Law School, he has been a steadfast friend of Suffolk.

"We are proud to name this library for one of our illustrious alumni, who has dedicated his career to serving his country and his fellow man," said President David J. Sargent. "Joe Moakley is the personification of the Suffolk University Law School tradition, a tradition of loyalty, service and dedication to the law, in his case as an effective lawmaker."

Many civic leaders representing the legal, education, government and business communities attended the dedication ceremony on January 13. US Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a longtime colleague and friend of Moakley, offered a warm and touching tribute.

"Joe has been a giant in our congressional delegation from the beginning," said Kennedy. "He's always stood tall for the people of Boston, for Massachusetts, and for the entire nation. Joe has also waged and won important battles for those who need our help the most...He fights the good fight—and more often than not, he wins."

Also speaking at the dedication was Rep. James P. McGovern, a former chief aide to Moakley. "It's altogether appropriate that Suffolk University Law School honor Joe Moakley. He represents everything that is good about government service—the fight for justice, peace and equality. Joe Moakley has forever transformed Boston, the city he loves. He has been a great friend and an invaluable mentor to me."

"Considering that a library is the heart of any law school, it is particularly appropriate that we have dedicated our library to Congressman Moakley," said Dean Robert H. Smith. "He is an individual of tremendous passion for the legal profession and it is fitting that law students and legal scholars will be inspired by this great man as they pursue their studies in the Moakley Law Library." During the ceremony, Moakley announced his intention to leave his papers to the Law Library.

Moakley was a state representative from South Boston while still a law student at Suffolk. He went on to serve in the state Senate, Boston City Council and US Congress. At 72, he is hardly ready to retire. His loyalty to the Law School is still evident today as he serves on the University's Board of Trustees.
LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR ALUMNI

If you haven’t visited Sargent Hall or seen the new library housed within it, come for a visit—you’ll wish you were in Law school again. Well, maybe not quite, but you will find it a warm and welcoming library with great resources for alumni.

The Moakley Library features leather chairs, beautiful mahogany study carrels and tables fully equipped for computer hookup. If you work in the Boston area and need a change of scenery, stop by with your laptop and get some work done in a fresh space.

To gain entry to the building, you will need to get an ID card at Sargent Hall. Just ask at the security desk when you first enter the building. A card will be issued while you wait.

Suffolk University’s libraries have always been open to alumni, but the location of Sargent Hall offers a beautiful view of Tremont Street, the Boston Common and the surrounding area, a scene quite unlike any offered by other Suffolk buildings.

The library is housed on the fifth, sixth and seventh floors of Sargent Hall. Its capacity far exceeds that of the Donahue building. A comparison:

Donahue: Pallot and Mugar Libraries
- shelving capacity=35,524 square feet
- 52 study carrels
- 502 non carrel seats
  (no data/power connection)

Sargent Hall: John Joseph Moakley Law Library
- shelving capacity=96,700 square feet
- 344 study carrels
- 536 non carrel seats
  (all wired for data and power connection)

Of course, the library is filled with books. The librarians maintain a leisure reading collection, books on managing law firms, building a practice, scholarly monographs and the ever-popular legal reference manuals. Any book that circulates may be checked out by alumni.

The explosive growth of the Internet seems to have been the source of a strange rumor that the new library would no longer house books. Betsy McKenzie, director of the Moakley Library and associate professor, quickly cleared up the misconception. "Books are in no way passé. We plan to have them on the shelves a good long time."

And just because you’ve graduated, don’t think the librarians are no longer willing to help you. "We welcome research calls from alumni," said McKenzie. She suggests calling the reference desk at (617) 573-8516, or email lawref@acad.suffolk.edu with your questions.

CAREER-RELATED BOOKS IN THE MOAKLEY LIBRARY:

- Careers for Legal Eagles and Other Law and Order Types
  Blythe Camenson (1998)
- Careers in Entertainment Law
  William Henslee (1990)
- Careers in Law
  Gary A. Munneke (1997)
- Changing Jobs: A Handbook for Lawyers in the New Millennium
- Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of your Dreams
- How to Get the Job You Want in a Law Firm
  Ann Turnicky (1997)
- A Life in the Law
  Brian Doan (1997)
McLaughlin Moot Courtroom Dedicated

The largest and most technologically advanced of Sargent Hall's moot courtrooms was named in honor of the late Honorable Walter H. McLaughlin, Sr., JD '31, DJS '71 (Hon.), LL.D '77 (Hon.), at a ceremony in October. More than 100 family members and friends were in attendance.

McLaughlin was the first Suffolk Law graduate to serve as chief justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. He and his family have many strong ties to Suffolk Law. McLaughlin served on the University's Board of Trustees from 1972 until his death in 1994. His son, Walter H. McLaughlin, Jr., is an adjunct faculty member at the Law School, and five other family members are Suffolk graduates: Leigh Lynch, JD '87, Walter K. McLaughlin, JD '90, Robert E. McLaughlin, Jr, JD '93, Beth McLaughlin, JD '91, and George A. McLaughlin III, JD '84.

Your Name Here

The Moakley Law Library, McLaughlin Moot Courtroom and Cameron Great Hall are just a few examples of "named" spaces in Sargent Hall. The new building offers a rare opportunity for donors to make a gift to the Law School honoring distinguished alumni, faculty and law firms. The chance to literally "carve your name in stone" doesn't come along very often. There are many naming opportunities still available in Sargent Hall. If you are interested in leaving a lasting tribute or another giving opportunity, please contact Deborah L. MacFail, director of development/Law School, at (617) 573-8455.

Where There's a Will...

Who is most deserving of your estate? If you don't specify, the government will decide. Suffolk University offers a wide variety of planned giving vehicles for donors who are interested in receiving tax benefits and income streams. Many people find that making a planned gift is an excellent way to benefit both themselves, their heirs and Suffolk University Law School.

One of the most popular ways of donating is to make a bequest to Suffolk in your will. You may state a specific dollar amount, or you can give a percentage of the residue of your estate after specifically providing for your family and friends. A charitable bequest will reduce the size of your estate and may save on the state and federal estate taxes your heirs must pay. If you include Suffolk in your estate plans, you will qualify for membership in the George Frost Society. Another alternative is to name the University as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, pension plan or IRA.

If you are interested in immediate tax benefits and lifetime income streams, charitable gift annuities, pooled income funds and charitable remainder trusts all offer income for life, tax deductions and the satisfaction of knowing that ultimately, you will be enhancing the educational experience of future Suffolk students. If you would like more information on the University's planned giving program, please call Barbara Coffey, planned giving officer, at (617) 573-8441.
Jeffery Atik was named to a NAFTA dispute resolution panel reviewing an order of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal in "Certain Copper Pipe Fittings." Atik, together with two other US panelists and two Canadian panelists, heard arguments in Ottawa, Canada, in February. Additionally, Atik was program chair of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) International Economic Law Annual Conference, held jointly in February with a workshop in International Business Transactions sponsored by the Association of American Law Schools. Atik is 1999–2001 chair of the International Economic Law Group, the largest section of ASIL.

Michael Avery coauthored the seventh edition of The Handbook of Massachusetts Evidence, published by Aspen Press in December. It is considered by many to be the authoritative treatise on evidence law in Massachusetts. Also, Avery published "Landry v. Attorney General: DNA Databanks Hold a Mortgage on Privacy Rights" in the January Millennium edition of the Boston Bar Journal. Additionally, Avery was a featured speaker, along with Judge William Young of the US District Court, at the annual William Hamans Lecture at the Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society in January. In the spring he lectured on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago and at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC.

Lisle Baker spoke about his research on mediators to the 27th Annual International Conference of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution in September in Baltimore, MD. His presentation was titled "How Mediators Think—Insights from the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® and a Survey of Some New England Professional Dispute Resolvers."

Karen Blum continues to be involved in the Section 1983 lecture circuit. She was a presenter at three national workshops sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center for federal district court judges. The workshops took place in San Francisco, Baltimore and Chicago last summer and fall. She also conducted a workshop in Washington, DC, for newly appointed federal magistrate judges. Blum is cooperating with the Federal Judicial Center in an experimental program that puts her extensive and regularly updated materials online for all of the federal judiciary. For the past three years, Blum has chaired the Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC. Her recent publications include: Police Misconduct, Law and Litigation (Avery, Rudovsky & Blum, Supplement 1999); "Municipal Liability: Derivative or Direct? Distinguishing the Canton Case from the Collins Case," 48 DePaul Law Review 687 (1999); "Local Government Liability Under Section 1983," Touro Law Review 1535 (1999); and Practising Law Institute: Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation. Litigation and Administrative Practice Course Handbook Series (1999).

Rosanna Cavallaro received a fellowship from CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) to develop interactive computer-based teaching materials in criminal law.


Tony DeMarco, Juvenile Justice Center director, presented a workshop at the National Association of Counsel for Children 22nd annual conference held in Portland, OR, in October. His workshop was titled, "Educational Advocacy: Pushing Open the Service Door." At the 3rd annual National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, in October, DeMarco addressed 40 delinquency attorneys from across the United States on "Effective Educational Advocacy," a primer on how to utilize IDEA and special education laws to benefit clients charged with delinquency in the juvenile court. DeMarco was also a presenter at a symposium, "Creating a Violence Free Society for the 21st Century," held in November at New England School of Law. His topic was "Suspension/Expulsion—Punitive Sanctions from the Jail Yard to the School Yard."
Victoria Dodd is the incoming chair of the Law and Education section of the Association of American Law Schools.


Steven Ferrey was in Uganda last November as the legal adviser on an international team of economists, engineers and policy makers working on privatization of aspects of the economy of this central African nation. He was a featured speaker at an international conference hosted by the presidents of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC, in March, attended by high-level finance and energy ministry officials from Asian, European and African nations. Ferrey’s fifth book, The New Rules: The Legal Guide to Electric Deregulation, is due for publication later this year. The fourteenth edition of his book The Law of Independent Power was published in late 1999.


Dwight Golann was named chairman of the Consumer Advisory Council to the Governors of the Federal Reserve. In December, Golann was elected vice chairman of the board of the Medical Professional Mutual Insurance Company (ProMutual). Golann is the consumer representative on ProMutual’s Board. In January, Golann moderated a program in New York City titled “General Counsel Perspectives on ADR in the Twenty-First Century.” In February Golann led a training seminar in Rome, Italy, on advanced mediation techniques, held under the auspices of the European Union and the Italian National Chamber of Commerce. It included 50 mediators nominated by the chambers of commerce of France, Italy, Belgium and Denmark. In March, Golann spoke to the ADR Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association in New Orleans. Also, he contributed a chapter on legal issues to the Consensus Building Handbook, Sage Publications, 1999. Golann co-directed and appears in a video created jointly by the Harvard Program on Negotiation and Suffolk Law School. Released by Harvard, the tape focuses on the mediation of a commercial warranty dispute and also features Linda Simard and Nathan Dee, JD ’99.

Marc Greenbaum, serving his second year as co-chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Boston Bar Association, moderated a program sponsored by the group in October. At the October education conference of the National Academy of Arbitrators held in Montreal, Canada, Greenbaum gave a presentation on the impact of public policy on the reinstatement of employees in the labor arbitration process. He is also one of three general editors for the second edition of Labor and Employment Arbitration, a two-volume treatise released in November.


Ken King, Juvenile Justice Center deputy director, spoke at the MCLE Juvenile Law Conference in October. He presented an overview of recent laws and legislation affecting juvenile delinquency matters and explored trends and emerging issues in juvenile law practice.


Linda Simard is serving on a merit selection panel to fill a vacant magistrate judge position in the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts and also serves on a bar committee investigating the effectiveness of the rules of discovery in Massachusetts courts.

Kirsten Solberg, Legal Practice Skills instructor, published "What Constitutes an ERISA Plan" in Probate and Property (July/August 1999).


Robert Wasson, Jr., was a panelist at the October Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education program, "Bankruptcy Law Conference '99." He spoke on implied rights of action existing under the bankruptcy section 524 discharge injunction in favor of debtors. As a professor and scholar in the area of sexual orientation and the law and past chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues, Wasson was invited by the Rhode Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil rights to testify in March before the Rhode Island Judiciary Committee in support of legislation recognizing same-sex marriage.


David Yamada published the first issue of "College Daze," a small, independent newsletter on higher education and social change in October. He spoke in January at "Workplace Bullying 2000: Redefining Harassment," in Oakland, CA, the first US national conference to examine the problem of emotionally abusive work environments from the multiple perspectives of psychology, law, labor studies, business management and human resources. In March, his article "The Phenomenon of 'Workplace Bullying' and the Need for Status-Blind Hostile Work Environment Protection," was published in the Georgetown Law Journal. To request a copy of the article, email Yamada at dyamada@acad.suffolk.edu
Dean Robert H. Smith's career as a legal scholar, professor and administrator has spanned 25 years, but he doesn't live in an ivory tower. Upon meeting new people, he introduces himself simply as Bob Smith. He relates as easily with first-year students as he does with visiting federal court judges. Perhaps his background in conflict resolution and mediation has shaped his inclusive management style. As new dean, he already has made his mark as a consensus builder and collaborator, open to change for the better. When Suffolk Law magazine checked in with him in April, he had only been on the job for six months. However, he already had some exciting ideas and goals to share. Still relatively new to Suffolk, here's what he had to say.
BORN
Maplewood, New Jersey, 1946

RESIDES
Newtonville, Massachusetts

FAMILY
Wife: Elizabeth Brereton Smith
Executive Director of the Hyams Foundation
Three adult children:
Matthew, Molly, Tom

EDUCATION
Wesleyan University
BA in philosophy, 1968
University of Chicago Law School
JD, 1972
Order of the Coif (top 10%)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Boston College
- Acting Dean
- Professor of Law/Co-Chair of Building Committee
- Director of Legal Assistance Bureau

University of Chicago Law School
- Supervising Attorney and Clinical Fellow, Mendel Legal Aid Clinic

Courses Taught
- Civil Procedure
- Mediation
- Supreme Court Seminar
- Civil Litigation Clinic
- Introduction to Lawyer and Professional Responsibility

AREAS OF RESEARCH
Voting patterns and media coverage of the US Supreme Court
Clinical education, mediation and conflict resolution
In your first six months as dean at Suffolk, what have been your priorities?

These first few months I've been getting to know the people, the programs and the school. I knew Suffolk somewhat from the outside, having taught and practiced in Boston, but realistically, I needed to spend some time meeting people. I've been finding out what they do, what their aspirations are and what resources they might need to achieve those aspirations. I've also been looking at the administrative structure, the alumni and development programs and beginning to consider ways in which we can do things better. And people have been great, both in filling me in on the history as well as where they think we should go in the future.

Would you talk about how you see Suffolk Law School changing and why?

Well, let me first describe my sense of what the Law School has been and then what it's becoming. In terms of the education we provide for students, I think Suffolk has a tradition of preparing highly competent, ethically sensitive, service-oriented lawyers. It's a great tradition that we want to maintain. However, the reputation of the school beyond New England hasn't really reflected the good things going on here. I want to make sure that applicants for admission and hiring partners in other parts of the country have a better appreciation of the kind of school we are and the training and preparation we provide. The new building and the quality that is reflected in its appearance and functionality make a statement about the aspirations of Suffolk to be recognized for excellence.

One of the things that I want to foster is this increased nationalization of the school. And that really includes all facets of the school. We'd like to draw students from throughout the country in larger numbers. We'd like to place our graduates who want to work in other cities. And we want our faculty to feel that their research and scholarship is supported.

In terms of what's driving the evolution of the school, I think there are a couple of things. Some of it is pride in what we do and wanting others--outside of Boston and New England--to recognize our achievements. Certainly in terms of admissions and demographics in New England, the number of college-age and therefore law school-age students has been diminishing for quite a few years now. We really can't rely on New England for our primary pool of applicants the way we traditionally have. In order to maintain the quality of the student body, we want to draw students from other parts of the country where this population has been increasing.

How do you plan to achieve greater national visibility for the Law School?

The building is obviously a great starting point in terms of its location, its appearance and the support that it provides for teaching. The design of the classrooms, the acoustics and the built-in technology allow professors to teach students using the cutting-edge issues of technology and pedagogy. The building also provides us with a place where students, academics, practitioners and clients can come together to talk about important legal and policy issues. We're already bringing in programs and conferences from across the country that provide us with greater visibility and a very stimulating intellectual environment.

Another important element of a national strategy is developing strong alumni chapters and networks in other parts of the country and marketing the school aggressively.

As this evolution takes place, will alumni and those familiar with the "old" Suffolk be able to recognize it in the future?

Absolutely. And that's important to me. I want alumni and employers to know that I appreciate the traditional reputation we have of educating and training excellent lawyers. We want to continue to integrate legal theory and practice. We want students to continue to feel that there's a real value added to the education they get at Suffolk. We want alumni and employers to continue to see our graduates as very well prepared to practice.

Suffolk has a tradition of providing an affordable education; will that continue?

One of the big challenges facing us is the cost of legal education. It's important that our constituents realize that we are a tuition-dependent law school. However, we can't continue to raise tuition at a rate that will pay for all the programs and improvements that the school really needs. So increasingly we're going to be looking to alumni and other benefactors to help us raise money for financial aid and academic programs. We received tremendous support during the capital campaign for construction of the building, and I think it was a great first step. I look forward to having contact with alumni and presenting to them ideas that I hope they will see as exciting enhancements to the school. My impression about alumni so far is that they are very loyal to Suffolk.
For the better part of the decade, the new building has been the focus at the Law School. Now that it's built, what's next?

I'd like to use the building as a platform from which students and faculty can achieve their goals. For students, I think a big piece of that is the cost of law school, as I mentioned. We need to increase financial aid, particularly for students with relatively modest means, a population that Suffolk has traditionally served. We also want to have rich curriculum offerings, speakers series and programs that relate to our academic concentrations, which will stimulate our faculty and students and bring in lawyers and academics from the outside.

Also, we want to reach out more to our alumni, both regionally and nationally. I want them to know that they can get involved in a variety of ways in our effort to nationalize the school. I hope alumni reading this magazine will consider attending alumni events, learning more about the changes going on at Suffolk, talking to prospective students and serving as mentors to current students. And simply, alumni should remember that their professional and civic accomplishments and activities make us look good. When they are participating in activities, I hope that they're proud to identify themselves as Suffolk graduates. This helps us with our national visibility.

Suffolk has not always fared well in national law school rankings. What is your opinion of the ranking system?

I think everyone in legal education is in agreement that the ranking system has very little if any significance in measuring legal education. They attempt to come up with quantitative, numerical ratings about things which are not quantifiable. In addition, they don't measure many of the things important to the quality of a law school. For example, the studies that I'm familiar with do not take into consideration a brand-new building with all its technology and functionality. So even though we can all say clearly that Suffolk has changed tremendously in this past year with the opening of the new building, that won't show up in the rankings because they don't evaluate the quality of the facility.

Having gone to the University of Chicago Law School and having worked at Boston College, I can say with confidence that the quality of education that we're providing at Suffolk is very high. We have an excellent faculty, and our students are getting the same training and education that students are getting at law schools ranked higher. The rankings are particularly misleading when they make what really are small distinctions between schools into what appears to be a tremendously large gap. Having said that, I think we still have to look at the reputation and the perceptions of the school, because they do affect students' decisions about whether to come here. My feeling, as dean, is that the rankings are only one piece of the whole picture of our reputation.

"I appreciate the traditional reputation we have of educating and training excellent lawyers."
As dean, you follow in the footsteps of some very distinguished men. How do you see yourself in this line of deans at Suffolk?

First let me say a few things about my appreciation for where the school is and for the people who helped get us here. David Sargent as dean and as president has been responsible for many of the changes and improvements at the Law School over the years. Dean Sugarman started the planning process for the new law school, and with the president and trustees had the vision many years ago to say: 'We need a new facility.' And then during Dean Fenton's deanship the plans were refined. Also, Professor Elias, as project manager, and Associate Dean, then Acting Dean Corbett were instrumental in both the planning and implementation of the project. I feel very fortunate to show up here a month after the dedication having the benefit of the building and the operations in place. So I feel I have inherited a law school that has done very well, is doing very well, but is poised to do more.

From the perspective of where I fit in—I'm someone who comes from the outside, probably more so than some past deans. I am an experienced academic and law school administrator who brings new ideas and approaches to add to the mix. My own style and approach to administration is one of inclusion and collaboration. Coming from the outside, it's been very important for me to hear from people who are affected by the decisions I make.

One thing that I want to emphasize is that the dean alone is not going to make the reputation of a school. The dean alone is not going to lead a school in some new direction. My role as dean is to work with the faculty, alumni, students and administration to achieve their aspirations. That includes bringing people together to implement the broad plans and raise the money to support the initiatives we want to make. And that's one of the attractions of being a dean, for me, working with the different constituencies and figuring out priorities.

Is there anything that has surprised you about Suffolk?

I knew Suffolk was a large law school, but after looking at the numbers of people I'd like to meet and get to know, it's bigger and more complex than I first thought. Also, I was pleasantly surprised to learn of the depth of the commitment that people have to Suffolk. There is a real sense of allegiance to the school, and that's tremendously inspiring to me. People come to me all the time and say: 'Look, I don't really know you yet, but my first priority is the school and I'll do whatever you want me to do to help.' That's been great.

The other big change for me is working in downtown Boston, which has been exciting. I really like being here in town, feeling that we're part of the greater legal community. And as you sit here in my office you can see Boston Common, Park Street Station, the steeple of the Park Street Church and the Granary Burying Ground, and you can hear the saxophone player on the corner. I really feel like I'm in the hub.
Damian Wilmot is one of those students who couldn't wait for class to begin.

"I love the law so much, I wanted to learn as much as I could," he said. "The professors I had were great; they definitely prepared me to be a good lawyer."

When he talks, his voice is filled with pride and confidence. He is still beaming about walking across the stage and receiving his degree on May 21 at the FleetCenter. It was clearly one of the highlights of his life, an accomplishment that he treasures close to his heart.

"I felt good knowing my family was there, because they've always been supportive of me to follow my dreams," said the 25-year-old Wilmot, who lives in Dorchester, Massachusetts. "You see, I've always wanted to become a lawyer. I remember writing a story about my future when I was in the third grade, and it was about my working as a lawyer. Well, now I'm on my way."

WILMOT CAME TO SUFFOLK UPON THE RECOMMENDATION of a 1983 graduate, Macey Russell. The two met in a mentor-student program at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, where Wilmot was working on a bachelor's in American studies. Russell also graduated from Trinity and encouraged Wilmot to attend his alma mater on Beacon Hill.

"I told Damian that Suffolk was a very good and respected law school and how he would be treated fairly by everyone," said Russell, a commercial litigator for Peabody & Arnold in Boston. "I also told him that Suffolk would provide him with opportunities that he may not get anywhere else."

As it turned out, Russell's advice was right on target. Ranked in the top third of his class and selected for Who's Who Among American Law Students, Wilmot certainly made a name for himself at Suffolk Law. He was production editor of the Suffolk Transnational Law Review and received the Book Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership Ability from the Massachusetts Black Judges Conference in 1999.

"I've taught law for ten years across the country, and Damian is one of the finest students I've ever had," said Associate Professor Cecil J. Hunt II. "He has a special quality that is hard to describe, but easy to recognize. He combines intelligence, perseverance and maturity with a healthy dose of curiosity. I feel Damian has a tremendously bright future in the profession."

"BESIDES BEING AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT, DAMIAN IS A leader among his classmates," said Dean of Students Bernadette Feeley. "He's involved in so many activities, (American Bar Association, Black American Law Students Association, Massachusetts Bar Association and Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association) and he's always willing to help others. He's such a wonderful representative of our student body and our school."

Wilmot is now preparing to demonstrate his knowledge and legal skills in the real world. In September, he will return to Hartford to become a clerk to Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Christine Vertefeuille. Although it is a prestigious and challenging position, he is confident in his ability to succeed.

"I'm extremely excited about this job and I know I can handle it," said Wilmot. "This will put me in an environment where I can become more intimate with the law, doing research, writing opinions and conferencing with the judge. I'm happy because I'll be able to learn more and improve my skills every day. You can't ask for more than that."
SAN FRANCISCO
Bay Area alumni gathered at the University Club on Nobb Hill for a reception in March.

NEW YORK (December)
New York alumni celebrated the holidays in December with the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall and a reception at the Marriott Marquis in Manhattan.

WASHINGTON, DC
More than 200 alumni and representatives from law schools across the country enjoyed a reception in honor of Dean Smith in January in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools.

You've Got Mail
Do you have an email address? Help us stay in touch. The Law School alumni office has been collecting email addresses for all Law School graduates. So far, it has had a great response but needs to hear from you. Join your classmates in the email database. Please email the Office of Alumni Relations at acambria@admin.suffolk.edu.

4s and 9s REUNITE
Sargent Hall was the site of the 1999 Law School Reunion for classes ending in 4s and 9s. The crowd of more than 500, from the classes of 1949 to 1994, enjoyed a dinner buffet and tours of the building.
NEW YORK (March)

New York alumni enjoyed their second reception of the year at the Tavern on the Green in March.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 14, 2000
7:00 PM
Suffolk University Law School
David J. Sargent Hall
120 Tremont Street, Boston

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL REUNION 2000

If your class year ends in 5 or 0, it's time to get ready for your reunion!

Join fellow alumni and classmates to share stories, make a Suffolk connection, meet the new dean and tour the new building.

If you are interested in serving on your class reunion committee, please call Kerry Campbell, director of alumni relations, at (617) 305-1904.

REGIONAL ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

LOS ANGELES

California alumni enjoyed a reception at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills in March.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Granite State alumni gathered for a winter reception in January at the Wayfarer Inn in Bedford, NH.

Suffolk Alumni, We Want You!

The Office of Alumni Relations is currently seeking class agents to: serve as a liaison for the Law School magazine's Class Notes, assist in identifying and involving alumni volunteers for reunion committees, and encourage participation at alumni events. If you are interested, please call (617) 305-1999 or email alumni@admin.suffolk.edu.

Class agents are needed for the following years:
- 1950 to 1957
- 1959 to 1967
- 1969 to 1972
- 1974
- 1982
People today rarely stay with one company for 20 years. But Deborah Marson, who grew up in Belmont, Massachusetts, is one of those people.

Marson is Senior Corporate Counsel at Gillette and has recently been charged with heading up worldwide legal strategy for the oral care side of the company. This is no small feat, as this part of the business generates $1.2 billion in sales a year. It includes such well-known brands as Oral-B and Braun.

In her new position, Marson has to set the legal strategy for the oral care business and combine it with a business strategy. "In many companies, corporate counsel are looked upon as naysayers. I've always said, 'Let's be creative and see what we can do,'" she said.

Marson's walls are covered with photos of her and her colleagues on various business trips throughout the world. In most of the photos, she is the only woman in a sea of 10 or 20 people. "It was always just the men and me," Marson explained. "All of these guys are my friends—I know their spouses and kids. This job has always been fun, but we work hard and face many challenges together."

For 10 years, Marson was the only woman on one of Gillette's operating committees. Slowly, other women moved up and joined her rank. Eventually, she and five other senior women, with top management's backing, founded a women's network at Gillette. Now, many other women join Marson in senior management positions.

Like many businesses, Gillette has experienced phenomenal growth in overseas markets in recent years. "Email has become essential for me. I need to be available to people in Australia, Asia and Europe, and this is how we conduct business on a daily basis," she said.

As a single parent with two children, ages 15 and 11, Marson faces added challenges. Like any good parent, she worries about her children's happiness. "I don't like to put an excessive amount of pressure on them. They get solid grades, and my daughter is a star athlete playing varsity basketball as a freshman. I tell them I can give them two things—love and education," she explained.

Marson keeps from getting stressed out with daily exercise, reading a book-a-week and doing volunteer work. She's on the board of the Anti-Defamation League, chaired fundraising events for her daughter's ninth grade class, is a member of The Boston Club (a club for executive and senior professional women) and is an Overseer at Colby College, where she was an undergraduate.

Recalling what she learned in law school, Marson said, "It was difficult and incredibly time consuming, but in the end, it was worth it. The way we were taught to think about and analyze issues is incomparable to anything I've ever studied. We learned critical thinking in law school, which I utilize in all aspects of my job."

Marson is proud of Suffolk Law School's growth. "I hear a lot about Suffolk's enhanced reputation and the benefits of the new building. It makes me proud to be a graduate," she said.

Marson said that today's law school students need to learn much more about the day-to-day business aspects of working in a company, especially those interested in working in a corporate law department. She also advises students to study the "political issues" that abound in any business. Courses in organizational behavior and business are essential. "I tell aspiring lawyers to read the Wall Street Journal. You've got to understand what's going on in the business world," she advises.
Sergio Mendez, JD '84

Sergio Mendez was two when he left Cuba for the United States. He's never been back.

Sergio's father, Luis, an attorney, worked for Pan American Airlines. He traveled easily between Cuba and the United States. Using his connections, he frequently helped fellow Cubans flee to America. In 1962, at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Luis decided it wasn't safe to go back to Cuba. He stayed in Miami and arranged for his wife and son to join him.

Sergio says his family would like to visit their homeland someday, but not now. "We're not in agreement with the present system," said Sergio. "Cuba is a place that's basically frozen in time in terms of technology and development. Three generations have gone by since Castro took over—people are different there now."

ALTHOUGH HE HAS NEVER REVISITED HIS BIRTHPLACE, Sergio's ties to the Cuban-American community remain strong. His father set a good example.

Luis Mendez went to law school for the second time in 1969, this time at the University of Miami to learn the American legal system. He opened a solo practice in 1972, and Sergio joined him in 1984. There was never a question in Sergio's mind about his career; he knew he would follow in his father's footsteps. For more than a decade, father and son worked side-by-side at Mendez & Mendez in Coral Gables, Florida, specializing in real estate law and commercial litigation. Luis continued to practice into his 80s. He retired at the end of last year for medical reasons, but Sergio has taken up where his father left off.

Luis Mendez co-founded the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) in 1976. Last year, Sergio was president of the organization and continues to serve on the board. CABA is one of the largest voluntary bar association in the country, with more than 1,300 members.

"We've grown to be an influential voluntary bar association," said Sergio. "We promote minority applicants to judiciary positions, and the governor looks to our group for input in filling those positions."

THIRTY YEARS AGO THERE WERE NO HISPANIC JUDGES IN Miami-Dade county courts. Today, thanks in part to CABA, there are about 15. Among other issues they advance, the group lobbied for improved counting methods in this year's national census.

Sergio combines work and family in other ways—he shares office space with his wife, Marisa Tinkler-Mendez, also a Suffolk graduate. They met in the library. Marisa, who worked at the reserve desk, was dumbfounded when Sergio came up to check out a Sports Illustrated magazine. As an overwhelmed first year, she couldn't believe he had time for recreational reading. As is turned out, Sergio, a second year, was just procrastinating. When they started dating, his study habits improved dramatically. "I went to the library a lot more because she worked there," he recalled.

Marisa graduated a year after Sergio and joined him in Miami. She worked for Roy Black of Black & Furci for seven years before launching her own firm. Today she specializes in criminal appeals. The couple agrees that Miami is ripe with professional opportunities.

"Miami has to be one of the most exciting places to practice law," said Sergio. "So many things are happening in Latin America and South America that affect the people who live here."

MOST PEOPLE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SAGA OF THE 6-year-old Cuban boy Elian Gonzalez, but his case is not unique, says Sergio. There are many stories like his. "These types of issues, because of Miami's geographic location and its makeup, make it a very interesting place to practice," he said.

One of Sergio's recent clients, a doctor from Colombia, came to him for help in finding a way to stay in the United States. In her country she and her three daughters live in fear of kidnapping and violence. Sergio is more than willing to advise her on how to establish her medical practice in the United States, so that she can secure a visa and stay legally.

Like his father 40 years ago, Sergio is committed to helping Hispanic families stay together and find freedom and opportunity in the United States.
56  Rudolph A. Sacco, JD, retired probate court judge, received the Golden Lion Award from the Massachusetts chapter of the Sons of Italy.

58  Class Agent
Francis McDermott
home: Three Wyndmere Road
Milton, MA 02186-0002
phone: (617) 698-1445

Peter R. Beatrice, BA '56, LLB, is semi-retired, doing real estate consulting.

Eugene Beaulieu, JD, is a retired judge and US Magistrate. He served on the Penobscot Superior Court in Maine.

Tim Bentas, JD, is semi-retired, working in his firm in Lowell one or two days a week. He lives on Lewis Wharf in Boston.

Paul A. Colbert, JD, has retired from the federal government and is living in Scituate.

Aram K. Conragan, JD, retired in 1996 after 38 years of practicing law and has moved from Winthrop to Naples, Florida, where he plays golf and tennis. He enjoys traveling with his wife, most recently to the Scandinavian countries. Look for him on Cape Cod in the summer months.

Roger Ducey, JD, retired as the Massachusetts claims manager for Shelby Mutual of Shelby, Ohio. He is living in Plymouth with his wife, Barbara.

Frank McDermott, JD, is retired from the firm of McDermott and Padowski in Milton. He was an active member of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys and served on the Milton Personnel Board for 25 years, 16 years as chairman. He is playing golf and traveling.

William Evans, JD, was town counsel for Topsfield for 25 years and served six years as a selectman. A member of Evans & Evans, he confines himself to estate planning, bank representations and general practice.

John Evans, JD, is working part-time at Evans & Evans in Topsfield. He served two terms as a Topsfield selectman.

61  John M. Xifaras, JD, associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, received the Thomas More Award from the Fall River Diocese.

64  John F. Cicilline, JD, was awarded the Richard M. Casparian Award by the executive board of the Rhode Island Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

68  Class Agent
Frederick Golder
bus: 230 Broadway, Suite 104
Lynnfield, MA 01940
phone: (781) 592-4000 ext. 305

Mark I. Berson, JD, was appointed chairman of the Clients Security Board of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Nicholas Buoniconti, JD, LLD '93, was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston's Legends Night in October. Proceeds from the dinner went to the Miami Project, an organization funding research and treatment for spinal cord injuries. It was founded by Buoniconti after his son, Mark, was paralyzed from an injury suffered in a college football game. Buoniconti played for the New England Patriots and Miami Dolphins.

L-R) Boston Globe columnist Will McDonough, Nicholas Buoniconti, Suffolk Sports Information Director Lou Connelly and former Patriots wide receiver Jim Colclough.

Dawn-Marie Driscoll, JD
DHL '89, an executive fellow at the Center for Business Ethics at Bentley College in Waltham, co-authored Ethics Matters: How to Improve Values-Driven Management, published in April 2000.

Andrew L. Mandell, JD, was nominated as associate justice of the Fitchburg District Court.

Charles A. Murray, JD, was elected to the Board of Governors of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys.

74  Thomas C. Horgan, BSBA '70, JD, was nominated to the Boston Municipal Court.

Paul F. LoConto, JD, was appointed first justice of the Fitchburg District Court.

Alfred O'Donovan, JD, was elected to the board of trustees at Dean College in Franklin.

75  Reunion: October 14
Class Agents
Paul Kelly
home: 5 Dix Terrace
Winchester, MA 01890
bus.: 279, Rotman & Coleman
11 Beacon Street, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02108
phone: (617) 742-0208
fax: (617) 742-2187

Richard Cuffe
bus.: Gordon, Moore, Primason et al
2 Central Avenue, Suite 510
Lynn, MA 01901
phone: (781) 595-2050

Dyanne Klein, JD, was appointed first justice of Newton District Court.

Michael McLaughlin, JD, president of Capitol Insights Group of Concord, NH, was named local counsel for the National Association of Independent Insurers. He is a member of the law firm of Smith-Weiss, Shepert & Durmer of Manchester, NH.

Jacqueline Nolan-Haley, JD, is a recently tenured professor at Fordham University Law School in New York City. She is the daughter of Suffolk Law Professor Jack Nolan, JD '55.

Kenneth Vacovec, JD, of Winchester was elected president of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Massachusetts Bar Association. He is a founding partner in the Newton firm of Vacovec, Mayotte and Singer, which concentrates its practice in tax law.
NEWSMAKERS

Robert Ward, Jr., JD '78, is dean of Southern New England School of Law in Dartmouth. Ward, who took the post in July, is the only African-American who currently serves as dean of a law school in New England. Ward was a professor at New England School of Law for 17 years. He was formerly adjunct professor and minority student coordinator at Suffolk Law School.

Coleman Walsh, JD, was promoted from director to vice president of employee relations at Cendant Mortgage in Mount Laurel, NJ.

Benjamin Fierro, JD, a partner in the Boston firm of Lynch & Fierro, has been named to the advisory board of Banker & Tradesman.

Anne Lang, JD, joined Winchester Hospital as vice president of human resources.

Paul M. Vrabel, JD, was appointed associate justice in Northern Berkshire District Court.

80 Reunion: October 14

Class Agent
Edwin Wallace
home: 11 Herrick Street
Winchester, MA 01890
phone: (617) 729-4941

Robert R. Berluti, JD, a principal in the firm Berluti & McLaughlin in Boston, was awarded an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Kenneth A. Johnson, JD, has joined the Boston firm of Burns & Levinson.

Raymond A. Pacia, JD, of Pacia & Pacia in Pawtucket, RI, was elected president of the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association for the 1999-2000 term.

Mary Ann Sahagian, JD, was named circuit judge of the Probate and Family Court.

Stanley Silas, JD, was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Probation. Previously he was senior legal counsel for the Massachusetts Port Authority.

Class Agent
Sheila Tracey
home: 7 Sonnel Street
Woburn, MA 01801-5250
phone: (617) 933-0838

Janice A. Healy, JD, was appointed chief of the Western Massachusetts Division of the Attorney General’s Office in Springfield.

Joyce G. Perocchi, JD, has opened a law office, Perocchi & Fernandez, in North Andover.

Class Agent
Philip Mulvey III
home: 152 Adams Street
Milton, MA 02186
phone: (617) 698-4594
email: admulvey@msn.com

Robert J. Griffin, JD, a partner in the firm Krokiday & Bluestein of Boston, was appointed a member of the board of directors of South Shore Cooperative Bank.

Gerald C. W. Heng, JD, was named to Who’s Who in America—Law, eleventh edition.
Joining the Supreme Court Bar is family affair. Three sisters were part of a contingent of 48 Suffolk alumni sworn in as members of the US Supreme Court Bar in April in Washington, DC. Merita Hopkins, JD ’79, corporation counsel for the city of Boston, and her sisters Marybeth Hopkins, JD ’83, and JoAnne Hopkins, JD ’88, of Hopkins Law Offices in Wrentham, were sworn in together. It was perhaps the first time three sisters were sworn in on the same day, in keeping with the family spirit, the Suffolk delegation also included a husband and wife, sister and brother, and a father and daughter.

Jeremy Silverfine, JD, was appointed chief of the Special Prosecutions Unit for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. Also, he was elected as secretary to the executive board of the New England Chapter of the High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA).

Lynn Thomas Johnson, JD, has relocated his law office to downtown Boston at One Boston Place, 5th floor.

84

Class Agent
Mario Iglesias
bus.: Adams, Gallinar, Iglesias et al
Colonial Bank Centre, Suite 9
1200 Brickell Avenue
Miami, FL 33131
phone: (305) 416-6830
email: miglesias@agimlaw.com

Francis J. Bedard, JD, was named partner of tax services for Deloitte & Touche, in the Nashville, TN office.

Michael Giunta, JD, has been elected a partner of the Boston firm of Burns & Levinson.

85 Reunion: October 14

Class Agent
Michael Callahan
home: 247 Humphrey Street
Marblehead, MA 01945
bus.: NSTAR Service Co.
Prudential Tower
800 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02199
phone: (617) 424-3801
fax: (617) 424-2733
email: michael_calahan@NSTARonline.com

Andrew White, JD, was elected a partner in the business area of the law firm Bingham Dana.

86

Class Agents
Mark Barnett
home: 158 Norman Road
Brockton, MA 02302
phone: (508) 584-7164

Donald Pinto
bus.: Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster
One Financial Center
Boston, MA 02111
phone: (617) 951-1118
email: drp@rackemann.com

Joe Wadland
bus.: Wadland & Associates
160 State Street
Boston, MA 02110
phone: (617) 557-6050
email: jwadland@iaol.com

Doug Sears
bus.: P.O. Box 669
Tewksbury, MA 01876-0669
email: dwsear@mediaone.net

Susan M. Callahan, JD, has been appointed city solicitor for Somerville.

Gary Ciavola, JD, is the vice president and business development officer for Predictive Networks, Inc.

France A. Lopez, JD, was appointed chairwoman of the Massachusetts Civil Service Commission.
Marsha Kazarosian, JD '82, won a five-year battle with the Haverhill Golf and Country Club when a Suffolk Superior Court jury awarded her client $1.97 million in November. The unanimous jury found that the club systematically discriminated against nine women members by denying them certain memberships and restricting their tee times. Kazarosian, practices at Kazarosian Law Offices in Haverhill. She is on the executive committee of the Board of Governors of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, an Essex County delegate for the Massachusetts Bar Association and treasurer of the Essex County Bar Association. In a December issue of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, she was named a "Lawyer of the Year."
Rachel E. Sheridan, JD, joined the Women's Law Project as an attorney. She is based at the shelter for domestic violence victims in Burlington County, NJ.

Neil F. Splaine, JD, joined Pepe & Hazard as an associate in the corporate department of the firm's Boston office.

Melanie S. Weaver, JD, joined Healy & Rocheleau.

95 Reunion: October 14

Class Agent
Ray Lyons
home: 125 Hayden Road
Groton, MA 01450
phone: (978) 692-7000
e-mail: attylyons@aol.com

Michael Palladino
bus.: UMass Donahue Institute
10 Tremont Street, 4th fl.
Boston, MA 02108
phone: (617) 367-8901
fax: (617) 367-1434
e-mail: palladino@donahue.umassp.edu

Eileen O'Connor Bernal, JD, joined Devine, Millimet & Branch as a member of the corporate department.

Edward A. Frado, JD, an ERISA attorney at New York Life, married Sali-Jane Christiani. They are living in Waltham.

Arthur G. Gatzoulis, JD, an assistant county attorney with the Hillsborough County Attorney's office, married Sarah E. Hopkins. They are living in Manchester, NH.

Tara O'Donnell, JD, joined Donoghue, Barrett & Singal as an associate in the firm's government relations department.

Laura Silver Traiger, JD, an attorney with Margolis & Cohen, sends word that she and husband Richard Traiger welcomed a daughter, Shari, in April 1999. They are living in Worcester.

97

Class Agents
Jacqueline M. Bossiere, JD, an assistant US attorney for the district of New Hampshire, married USMC Capt. Richard M. Burke.

Sheelagh Cronin Corcoran, BS '94, JD, reports that she is an associate in the Braintree office of David M. Shaw. She married Paul Corcoran in February 1999 and lives in Braintree.

Laura L. Hancock, JD, joined the Worcester firm of Healy & Rocheleau.

Kimberly A. Kozemchak, JD, an associate at Holland & Knight in Boston, married Bradley L. Paster. They are living in Brookline.

David P. Martland, JD, an attorney with Silva and Associates of Middletown, RI, married Tricia E. Polen. They are living in Newport, RI.

Heather L. Murray, JD, has joined Donovan & O'Connor, in Adams, as an associate.

Allison R. Quinn, JD, joined the Worcester firm of Fletcher Tilton & Whipple.

NEWsmakers

Jeffrey Shapiro, JD '97, was named chief of staff in March by Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly. Shapiro, of Medway, has worked with Reilly for nine years in the offices of Attorney General and Middlesex District Attorney, and most recently was Reilly's deputy chief of staff for administration and finance. Reilly said, "We are fortunate to have someone of Jeff's experience and dedication serving this office as chief of staff."

Ray Lyons
home: 125 Hayden Road
Groton, MA 01450
phone: (978) 692-7000
e-mail: attylyons@aol.com

Michael Palladino
bus.: UMass Donahue Institute
10 Tremont Street, 4th fl.
Boston, MA 02108
phone: (617) 367-8901
fax: (617) 367-1434
e-mail: palladino@donahue.umassp.edu

Laura Silver Traiger, JD, an attorney with Margolis & Cohen, sends word that she and husband Richard Traiger welcomed a daughter, Shari, in April 1999. They are living in Worcester.

97

Class Agents
Jacqueline M. Bossiere, JD, an assistant US attorney for the district of New Hampshire, married USMC Capt. Richard M. Burke.

Sheelagh Cronin Corcoran, BS '94, JD, reports that she is an associate in the Braintree office of David M. Shaw. She married Paul Corcoran in February 1999 and lives in Braintree.

Laura L. Hancock, JD, joined the Worcester firm of Healy & Rocheleau.

Kimberly A. Kozemchak, JD, an associate at Holland & Knight in Boston, married Bradley L. Paster. They are living in Brookline.

David P. Martland, JD, an attorney with Silva and Associates of Middletown, RI, married Tricia E. Polen. They are living in Newport, RI.

Heather L. Murray, JD, has joined Donovan & O'Connor, in Adams, as an associate.

Allison R. Quinn, JD, joined the Worcester firm of Fletcher Tilton & Whipple.

A Anton R. Reinert, JD, is an associate in the probate litigation group of the Boston firm Burns & Levinson.

Elizabeth A. Sabilia, JD, opened a law firm, Sabilia & DeSants, at One Whale Oil Row in New London, CT.
Keith K. Fuller, JD, is an associate member of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission.

Russell A. Gaudreau, III, JD, a law clerk for Judge Richard M. Berman of the US District Court in Manhattan, NY, has married Erin Burke.

Jodi L. Higgins, JD, married Christopher L. Hubacz. They are living in North Brookfield.

Benjamin Kafka, JD, an attorney for the Norfolk County District Attorney's office, married Kimberly Wasserman. They are living in Boston.

Jennifer J. Lynch, JD, married Jerome C. Buckley III. They are living in Boston.

Jennifer F. McNally, JD, joined the Boston firm of Burns & Levinson as an associate.

Scott Robillard, JD, a retirement plan specialist at Fleet Bank in Boston, married Nancy DiVacri. They are living in Melrose.

Barbara D. Weninger, JD, joined the Manchester, NH, firm of Devine, Millimet & Branch as a member of the insurance defense department.

Todd D. Fenniman, JD, joined Wilson & Orcutt in Acton as an associate specializing in municipal law and commercial real estate conveyancing.

▲ David C. Fietze, JD, was named an associate in the corporate department of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton.

Marcia E. Fowler, JD, is director of investigations for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

Arthur C. Kalos, JD, an attorney with Hale & Dorr in Boston, married Christine L. Morin. They are living in Swampscott.

George J. Lough III, JD, married Michelle J. Barbieri. They are living in Cumberland, RI.

Reunion: October 14

Class Notes

Kristin Cole
phone: (617) 722-0854
e-mail: colekristin@hotmail.com

Kathleen Delaplain
e-mail: del05255@acad.suffolk.edu

Jennifer Gnazerale
phone: (617) 884-2913
e-mail: jenng007@hotmail.com
Karen Bridget McLaughlin, director of Continuing Legal Education for the Boston Bar Association, died April 27 from melanoma in Brattleboro Memorial Hospital in Vermont. She was 44.

McLaughlin, of Newton, attended graduate school at Boston College and earned an LLM in taxation from the School of Law at Boston University in 1991. Prior to her position at the Boston Bar Association, she was a chief editor and administrator for several national bar review courses. In this capacity, she wrote and edited bar review and legal materials for tens of thousands of law students and attorneys.
In 1970 Suffolk graduates were few and far between at the elite downtown law firms. Russell Gaudreau was one of the first to break into Ropes & Gray, opening the doors for future alumni. Gaudreau not only proved that Suffolk graduates could do the work as well as anyone, he revolutionized a segment of the profession.

Today, Gaudreau is a partner at the venerable Boston firm, where his career has been synonymous with the evolution of ERISA (the Employee Retirement Insurance Service Act passed in 1974). Convinced that pension benefits was a high-growth area, Gaudreau pioneered the expansion of Ropes & Gray's practice in 1985 by bringing in non-lawyer employee benefits consultants. It was a major change for the long-established firm, which had to gain approval from the Massachusetts Bar Association to become one of the first law firms in the United States to hire non-lawyer professionals. With actuaries and consultants on board, the Ropes & Gray benefits consulting group became a one-stop shop for counsel and services. Trusting his instincts on combining law and business, Gaudreau saw the ERISA practice take off.

"Lawyers always saw themselves as delivering one service," said Gaudreau. "But I saw the services as interrelated." Today, the department employs some 23 professionals. Gaudreau's contributions to the field extend beyond his own work. In 1979 he founded the New England Employee Benefits Council and began teaching, lecturing and writing on employee benefits issues. He was becoming known as an authority.

Throughout his career, Gaudreau has demonstrated a keen sense of how law and business work together. In fact before he applied to law school, Gaudreau wanted to go to business school. But the influence of his grandfather and uncle—both lawyers—won out.

The next generation seems to be following both paths as well. Gaudreau's son Russell "Chip" Gaudreau III, graduated from Suffolk Law in 1998, and is a law clerk at the US District Court in Manhattan, New York. His younger son, Seth, is studying business at Denison University. Regardless of what they study or where, Gaudreau says it's up to them to distinguish themselves.

"What law school you go to is no indication of how successful you'll be as a lawyer. If you go to a prestigious school, it just means you're smart, but can you do all that is required?"

Gaudreau recalls his law school days as a pivotal stage in his life. He was third in his class and the first student-selected editor of Law Review.

"My strong feeling about the Law School derives from what it did for me. I got a great education and foundation in not just the technical side of the law. I developed a good blend of academic ability and practical ability. I feel I should support the school."

Gaudreau has been true to his words. His latest gift, to the Sargent Hall building campaign, was designated to the Clinical Programs Library, which bears the name of Gaudreau and his wife, Elizabeth. He says candidly of the donation: "I believe the right thing for a lawyer to do is give back to the community. Suffolk gave something to me and I wanted to give something back."