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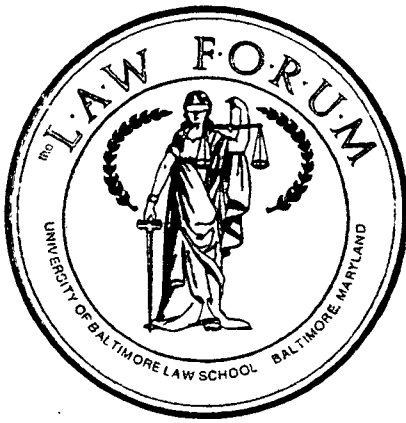
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DEAN'S FORUM

The Second Annual School of Law Awards Ceremony was held on April 14. The event honors our students, faculty and recent graduates for their achievements in the classroom, their success in co-curricular and student activities, and for their leadership in the School of Law and in the community. The keynote speaker was Pamila Brown, a UB alumna and Deputy Counsel to the Treasurer of the State of Maryland. She exhorted our students, as they enter the practice of law, to maintain high levels of professionalism and to become active in the community service efforts of the state and local bar associations.



A number of members of the 1995 Graduating Class were honored for their academic achievement. Robert L. Grabarek, Jr., received the C. Richard Martin Scholarship Award for graduating first in the class, and Deborah L. Sherwin Richardson was given the Scholarly Achievement Award for graduating second in the class. Those two graduates and thirty other members of the Class of 1995 were recognized as members of the Heuisler Honor Society, which honors those graduating in the top ten percent of the class.

Six students were honored for having the highest grade point average at the end of their first, second and third years in law school: Highest GPA at the end of First Year Day -- Laurel A. Albin and Dana Overton; end of First Year Evening -- Robin Bohnenstengel; end of Second Year Day -- Frank Mastro; end of Second Year Evening -- Vicki Wolfson; and end of Third Year Evening -- Bernard Codd. Clinical Excellence Awards were presented to two students, Judy Hamilton for her work in the Family Law Clinic and Stacy W. McCormack for the Criminal Practice Clinic. In addition, the students who received the highest grade in each course offered in the Spring, Summer and Fall 1995 terms were honored for their academic excellence.

Participants in co-curricular and student activities were thanked for their hard work and commitment to the School of Law. Those recognized included members of the staffs of the four journals sponsored by the School of Law, teaching assistants and members of the Moot Court Board, and members of ten moot court teams. Also recognized were the fellows and student associates of the Center for International and Comparative Law, and of the Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics, and the leaders of our many other student organizations.

Two student leaders were presented Dean's Citations in recognition of their extraordinary leadership and commitment. Danielle Gibbs was cited for her outstanding efforts as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review, and Susan Rodgers was recognized for her work over the past two years in founding and leading the Domestic Violence Advocacy Project.

Three faculty members also were honored at the Awards Ceremony. Professor Jane C. Murphy was presented the Outstanding Teaching Award for members of the full-time faculty, and Judge Joseph Murphy received a similar award as the Outstanding Teacher among our adjunct faculty. Professor Barbara A. Babb received the James May Award that the Student Bar Association presents to the person the SBA selects as the Outstanding Faculty Member for the year.

Our students and our faculty continue to excel in many ways. It is very important that we take opportunities such as the annual Awards Ceremony to honor and celebrate some of those who have contributed so significantly to the quality of life, and the excellence of our programs, at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

John A. Sebert
Dean and Professor of Law

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Volume 26.3 marks the end of my tenure as Editor-In-Chief of the *Law Forum* and the highlight of my experience at the University of Baltimore School of Law. With characteristic sentiment, I will miss the daily challenges and rigor of both the journal and law school. The *Law Forum's* new Editor-In-Chief, Pinelopi Makrodimitris, has already taken the reigns of power and is certain to continue the *Law Forum's* tradition of yearly improvement.

My job on the *Law Forum* was made easier by the extraordinary efforts of the Senior Editorial Board. Thank you: Andrea Holz, for your organization and attention to detail; Paul St. Hillaire, for your relentless drive for perfection; Kristin Woolam, for your disposition and willingness to do whatever it took to accomplish the task at hand; Michael Campbell, for your innovation and last minute availability to make changes; Chris Rahl, for your phenomenal people and editorial skills; Dorothy Guy, for your eagle eye for grammatical errors; Garret Glennon, for your drive to constantly improve Recent Developments; Karen Ardis, for your dedication to edit from the remotest corners of the planet (I mean this literally--she is a flight attendant for USAir). Your hard work and friendships will never be forgotten. Additionally, I would like to specially recognize and award Carole Roche' with the 1996 Staff Editor Award. Carole approached every assignment with enthusiasm and never failed to exceed every expectation. Finally, I would like to thank my beautiful wife, Anita, for her understanding of the long hours and weekends needed for the successful production of the *Law Forum* and for her constant encouragement.

In this issue, three articles explore diverse areas of the law. First, in *Battling Voices of Unreason*, local practitioner Amanda Stakem Conn criticizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development, charging that HUD's aggressive investigations of community associations chill First Amendment rights. The second article is written by one of the *Law Forum's* most dedicated and talented student editors, Robyn Scheina Brown. Mrs. Brown's article provides a thoughtful analysis of the Double Jeopardy implications of non-monetary civil sanctions. The final article, a commentary written by the Honorable Joseph F. Murphy, Jr., this year's recipient of the University of Baltimore's Adjunct Faculty Award, discusses the recent codification of the rules of Evidence in Maryland and notes issues that remain unresolved. Finally, Issue 26.3 is proud to spotlight the recent artwork of local artist Caroline Jasper. Although the black and white replicas cannot duplicate the brilliance of color and detail the original oil paintings display, you will recognize her amazing talent. If you would like to order a painting or commission a work, see the "About the Artist" section under the first graphic.

The *Law Forum* has achieved a number of goals in 1995-96: the establishment of our new Forum Faces section, the acquisition of a much-needed new computer system and the beginning of a reformatting process, the coming availability to access *Law Forum* articles on Lexis-Nexis, an increase in journal members and circulation, a recent move to a new office space, and the development of our home page. The primary mission of providing a timely, informational tool for Maryland practitioners remains unchanged. Your support of this mission is welcomed, whether it be through the submission of articles or comments, charitable donations, or through your encouraging letters.

David "Skip" Prichard
Editor-In-Chief