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ONE FACET OF THE NEW SCHOOL OF LAW BUILDING WILL REMAIN UNSEEN BUT WILL NOT GO UNNOTICED—ITS UNLIMITED POTENTIAL.

In addition to what the building is designed to achieve right now, there are many things, as yet unimagined, that it will accommodate with ease. That is perhaps the new building's cornerstone—its adaptability to changes in the legal profession, legal education and academic technology.

"We are very excited at the prospect of being together again under one roof," says Dean Karen H. Rothenberg, "and are energized by the potential the new building offers." State-of-the-art technology in every classroom, special spaces for more interaction among the law school community, and a conference center with break-out rooms, for example.

"We are looking forward to being better able to bring the outside in and to send our message out," Rothenberg continues. "We are eager to experience things in our own home, whereas before, we had to beg and borrow space for conferences and symposia and adjust schedules to accommodate our limited physical resources."

Rothenberg is quick to rattle off a number of events planned for the new building in the coming year, beginning with a visit by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg for the dedication ceremony on Sept. 20. Other events include a conference in memory of late Professor Stan Herr in October, the inaugural *The Business Lawyer* Symposium in November, and a sitting of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in February.

According to Kate McManus, manager of construction and facilities for the School of Law, the move to the new building was much easier than the move to the temporary quarters because they didn't move furniture, shelving and file cabinets. "This time it was books and belongings, computers and crates," McManus notes.

The move began on June 17 with the Thurgood Marshall Law Library and the faculty and staff followed. With the exception of summer school and the clinic, everyone was moved in and the School was open for business on July 8.

No doubt McManus was relieved when movers carried the last box over the threshold of the new building. "It has been challenging, innovative and educational and the people with whom I've worked have been unbelievably supportive. The building is better than I ever imagined it could be."

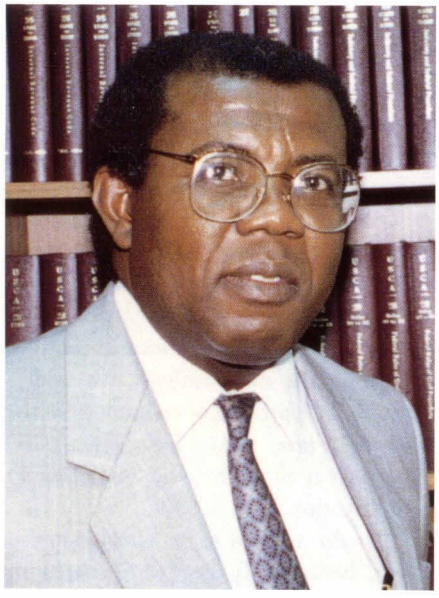
Even though the School of Law is housed in a better building, Rothenberg is quick to remind that "the building gives us tools, but people make the School."

Following are profiles of four such people who have helped to make the new law school building one of the best places in the country to learn the law.

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Abe Bailey '84

(Pictured below) For Abe Bailey, the School of Law will always be close to his heart—it's where he met his first wife, Phyllis Kilby '81, kind of at opposite ends of the law school spectrum. When they met, she was in her last year and he had just started law school. She was a full-time student who had time to serve as president of the Black Law Students Association; he attended school at night, while working full-time for the now-defunct Savings Bank of Baltimore.



They were married in 1982 and moved to Florida in 1984. She joined the Dade County State's Attorney's office, working under Janet Reno. He opened a private practice in Miami. In 1988, their twin daughters, Camille and Lilleth, were born.

Kilby, who had lupus, passed away in 1990. Janet Reno spoke at the funeral.

"We both thought a lot of the law school," says Bailey when asked why he chose to contribute to the new building. "We got a lot out of attending the School of Law," he continues. "Our professional successes are based on what we learned there."

Bailey attends School of Law regional events in Florida and returns to Baltimore often with his daughters to visit Kilby's family. He hopes at least one daughter will choose to study law, maybe even at her parents' alma mater.

Jackie McCurdy '58

(Pictured at right) Jackie McCurdy's legal career is punctuated by a number of firsts and one only—she was the only female in the Class of 1958, and she was the first female member of the Baltimore County Bar Association and the first female assistant state's attorney.

Her professional life also includes service in the legislature, representing Baltimore County; as an attorney for a trade association in Washington, D.C.; and first as associate general counsel and later vice president for state and industry relations at Seagram's in New York City. It was from this position that she retired in 1994 and relocated to Bonita Springs, Fla.

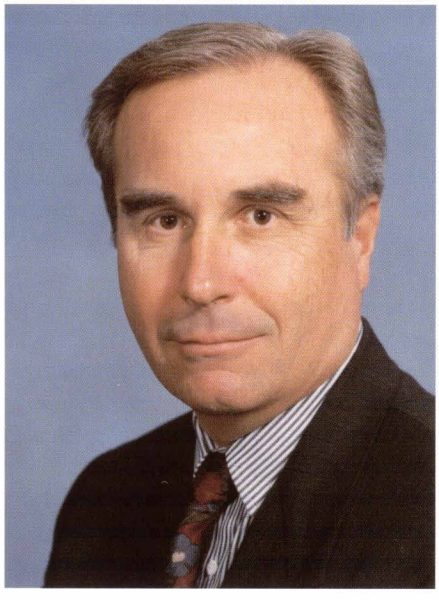
"I loved everything I ever did," McCurdy admits. And she has the School of Law, in part, to thank for it. "The School of Law made my life," she continues, "Maryland got me there."

In retirement, the Baltimore native is as busy as ever. She serves on numerous boards and committees, "doing things in the community and giving back," she explains. When she isn't donating her time and talent, she paints and plays golf, although "I've always been better at meetings than golf," she quips.

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Hamish Osborne '86

(Pictured left) A new member of the School of Law's Board of Visitors (see story beginning on page 56), Hamish Osborne has been involved in the life of the law school since he graduated. He has served on the boards of the Alumni Association and the now-defunct Maryland Law School Fund, and as a mentor to first-year students. He also has chaired the Maryland Law School Club.

"The School of Law was at a crossroads," Osborne explains. "Academically it was in the top tier of law schools in the country but it really needed a new facility to keep moving in the right direction."

Although he was on the *Maryland Law Review* as a student and so was tempted to name the *Law Review* office in the new building, he and his wife, Christine, wanted their contribution to benefit all students and be associated with classroom learning. They chose to name a classroom.

Osborne, a native of England, and his wife, a Californian, met at the University of Arizona. They live on a farm in Easton, Md., and are the parents of three children—Jennifer, a teacher and mother to Margaret and Caroline; Andrew, who is the educational director of the Lake Co. Forest Preserves in Antioch, Ill.; and Matt, who will matriculate at the School of Law in the fall.

Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP

Although Tydings & Rosenberg's contribution to the School of Law's new building has everything to do with the future, it also signifies a bit of the past.

Tydings & Rosenberg had contributed to the Technology Assisted Learning (TAL) Center in the old building, so it seemed logical that the firm's gift to the building campaign should name the TAL Center in the new facility. "We understand the importance of technology in the practice of law," asserts John Isbister '77, a partner at the firm who specializes in civil litigation.

"We also wanted to be involved in this effort because Tydings & Rosenberg employs a fair number of School of Law graduates," he continues. "The School serves as a source of legal talent, producing fine, quality lawyers. Investing in that is not only good for the School, but benefits our firm and the legal profession in general."

The School also serves as a valuable resource for the legal profession, Isbister explains. "The faculty's scholarly pursuits greatly influence the teaching and practice of law, not only in this country, but around the world."

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