Dear Fellow Graduates and Friends,

As President of the University of Maryland School of Law Alumni Board, I can assure you that there's been no better time than now to become involved with our Law School. The School's leadership is taking advantage of new technology to reach out to us in unprecedented ways, and seeking our participation and counsel more than ever before.

Under the dynamic leadership of former President **Debbie Potter '90**, the Board significantly improved its operating policies and procedures, providing a sustainable structure that will last for many years to come. One such improvement was opening Board applications to all alumni, and at the same time enhancing the Board's nominations process for selecting new members. Debbie also worked with **Justin Browne '08** to create a Recent Graduate Pilot Committee that will strengthen ties among UMDLaw's newest alumni.

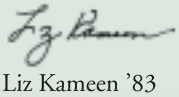
My goal as President is for our Board members and other graduates to connect with the most recent members of our community: current students. Their feelings about our Law School as alumni start from the moment they arrive at UMDLaw. To ensure those feelings are good, I hope graduates will engage with students in as many ways as possible: participating in the mentoring and "Lunch with a Lawyer" programs; speaking at conferences and less formal student organization gatherings; attending meet-ups and other networking opportunities; and responding positively when the Law School or Alumni Board calls upon you to help.

I also encourage you to take advantage of UMDLaw's use of social media, making it easier than ever to share information with friends and stay up to date on the latest Maryland Law news (see next page). I find the monthly email summary of news and events particularly convenient and recommend you subscribe, if you haven't already. I assure you that the School is very judicious about not filling up your inbox with unwanted messages.

Finally, please consider making a gift to the Law School this year. Especially if you haven't given in the past, I hope you will consider making a donation, either in recognition of what UMDLaw did to prepare you for professional and personal success, or what it continues to do in educating the next generation of leaders in law and society.

These are exciting times at Maryland Law. Don't be left out!

Sincerely,



Liz Kameen '83
Alumni Board President, Member, Maryland Law School Club

Alumni Board Welcomes New Members

IN ADDITION to naming **Elizabeth Kameen '83**, Principal Counsel to the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education, as President of UMDLaw's Alumni Board, the group welcomed 11 new members:

- **Steven V. Adler '07**
  Administrative Commissioner, District Court of Maryland
- **Richard Bloch '71**
  Partner, Shiling, Bloch and Hirsch, P.A.
- **James "Trey" R. Hart III '09**
  Associate, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- **Kathryn "Kate" Christensen Mills '02**
  Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Congressional Relations
- **Brett D. Rogers '02**
  Brown Advisory
- **David A. Roth '85**
  Partner, Grenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis LLP
- **Bryan K. Saxton '09**
  Associate, Tydings & Rosenberg LLP
- **Reena K. Shah '07**
  Staff Attorney, Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.
- **Indira K. Sharma '06**
  Associate, Saul Ewing LLP
- **Cori M. Shepherd '08**
  Associate, McGuire Woods LLP
- **C. Diane Wallace Booker '96**
  Executive Director, U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.

The 2009-2010 Alumni Board with Dean Phoebe Haddon (center, seated). See Page 72 for a full listing of members.

Joel D. Fedder '58 Joins Board of Visitors

JOEL D. FEDDER '58 has been invited by the Board of Visitors to join its ranks for the 2010-11 academic year. Mr. Fedder is Of Counsel at Fedder and Garten, where his extensive knowledge of real estate development, taxes, and estate and business planning has benefited clients for decades. Fedder's staunch commitment to environmental issues led him to establish the Fedder Environmental Fund at the School of Law in 2007, which has made it possible for top international and national public interest lawyers to visit the Law School to give public annual lectures that address emerging issues in environmental law. The Fund will make it possible for the UMDLaw to host the 2012 Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, a worldwide network of university-based environmental law centers and faculties, working together to promote the development of environmental law.

New Alumni Website Provides Enhances Features

WONDER WHAT'S GOING on with a law school study partner? Trying to find a fellow alumnus with a specific legal expertise? Looking for a job lead in a certain practice area or geographic location?

Visit www.UMDLaw.net today!

Among the features of UMDLaw's new alumni site, **www.UMDLaw.net**, is a new online alumni directory offering expanded search functions. Graduates can search for friends using criteria like student activities, academic programs, practice area, and maiden name.

"We're really happy about this feature of the alumni website," said Erik Fulwider, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. "The number one thing alumni tell me they want is a searchable directory with contact info."

To access the directory, alumni will need their UMDLaw.net ID. Your UMDLaw.net ID is a 10-digit number that appears on printed materials you receive, including this magazine, as well as emails from the Law School. Look for "UMDLaw.net ID" to find your number, or email **alumni@law.umaryland.edu**, or call 410-706-2070.

The new site will also enable you to post your own class notes and search for updates about other alumni. Other website features include:

- **Facebook Connect** enabling creation of a single login for Facebook and the alumni website. See an event posted on Facebook, and register without having to log in again.
- **New event registration** displaying a list of attendees and allow alumni to automatically update their Facebook status as attending.
- **Blog feeds** in "Blog" section letting visitors see postings from alumni, faculty, students and legal professionals.
- **Event and other photos** posted by the Law School and individual alumni.
- **Listing** of alumni in public office and serving on the bench.

"Our goal is to continually gather feedback and improve our website into what alumni want," said Fulwider.

Board of Visitors Helps Shape UMDLaw's Future

PUBLICLY ADVOCATING for UMDLaw and offering private counsel during controversy over the Environmental Clinic. Envisioning the Law School of the future and shaping the strategic direction needed to achieve it. Gathering with friends and fellow graduates for events on campus and at Caves Valley. It's been a year of hard work and great fun for members of the School of Law's Board of Visitors.

"The guidance of the Board of Visitors was invaluable during my first year at the Law School," says Dean Phoebe Haddon. "Every time I called upon the Visitors, they were unfailingly generous in providing their time, insight and support. And they played in a vital role in connecting me with our community."

The Board of Visitors is comprised of distinguished alumni and friends who advise the Dean on topics ranging from proposals for new academic programs to the hiring of senior administrators to political issues affecting the Law School. In addition to individual meetings with UMDLaw leaders throughout the year, the full Board met twice.

In fall, Pauline Schneider, a member of the UMB Foundation and a partner and head of the Public Finance Group in the Washington office of Orrick, gave a presentation on the implications of changes in law practice. Schneider serves with Dean Haddon on the Council of the ABA's section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, the official accrediting body of law schools. The Visitors also participated in an interactive session on strategic planning, discussing where they saw UMDLaw in five years, and outlining the steps it would take to achieve those goals.

The spring meeting began with a dinner hosted by Board Chairman Paul Bekman '71 at Caves Valley, with professors Peter Danchin and Don Gifford discussing their new books. The following day Donna Wiley of fundraising consultant GG+A spoke about her work to help UMDLaw increase private support.

More information about the Board of Visitors is available at www.umdlaw.net/boards.

(above) Members of the Class of 1960

Celebrating Golden Graduates

ON APRIL 13, the Law School welcomed more than a dozen members of the Class of 1960 to a luncheon celebrating the golden anniversary of their graduation. Judge Thomas I. McKnew, Jr. '60 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court addressed his classmates as well as 36 members of classes who had already celebrated their 50th graduation anniversary, including Marvin Mandel '42, Constance Putzel '45, The Honorable Elsbeth Bothe '52, and Mary Katherine Scheeler '53. Keith A. Shebairo '10 also extended greetings on behalf of the Law School student body.

(above) Keith A. Shebairo '10

(right) Dean Phoebe Haddon with Ed Feingold '58

(top) U.S. Senator Ben Cardin '67, with students Jason Brooke '10 and Caroline Farrell '10, received the Program's Lifetime Achievement Award; (above, from left) Program Director Diane Hoffmann, FDA Principal Deputy Director Joshua Sharfstein, and Board of Visitors member Joanne Pollak '76

Law & Health Program Celebrates Silver Anniversary

FROM THE DEBATE OVER HEALTH CARE REFORM to H1N1 to the war on drugs, to embryonic stem cell research and beyond, health law issues are at the center of our nation's political, social, and economic life. Health law has become one of the legal profession's most vital areas, and its importance will only increase in the years to come.

But that was hardly apparent 25 years ago, when visionary UMDLaw educators Karen Rothenberg and Diane Hoffmann helped established and nurtured the groundbreaking Law & Health Care Program (L&HCP). In the late 1980s, a vision for the Program's future was articulated in *JD* magazine, including the vital need for "a stronger health law collection in the library, more health-related student placements, continuing education programs, assistance to the state legislature, and perhaps even a master's program or specialty track in health care law at the Law School."

All of those dreams have been realized. U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin '67, who spoke about health care reform efforts and the Program's leading role at the national level, was presented with the L&HCP's first Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, FDA Principal Deputy Commissioner, offered opening remarks.

Barbara Fuller '96, Ellen Callegary '78, Joanne Hawana '07, Erin Hopwood '99, David Meyerson '06, Lisa Ohrin '94, and Delora Sanchez '06 helped the Law School plan the celebration. Photos of the celebration and a historical timeline created by L&HCP Director Diane Hoffmann are available at http://www.law.umaryland.edu/25thanniversary.

BLSA Observes Responsibility to Underserved Communities

SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS, ALUMNI AND FACULTY gathered Feb. 19 for the annual Black Law Students Association Banquet, dedicated this year to the theme "Young, Gifted and Black: Honoring our Responsibility to Underserved Communities."

"In the 35-year history of this gathering, it is my great honor to be the first Dean of this law school who was also once a student member of BLSA," said Dean Phoebe Haddon. "I know firsthand how much BLSA adds to student life at every law school where it exists. But Maryland's chapter has had a particularly powerful impact, extending from its founding until today."

John Oliver, publisher and CEO of the *Afro-American* newspapers, delivered the keynote address. Judge Andre Davis '78 was named Alumnus of the Year, and Franklin Lee '80 of Tydings & Rosenberg was named Practitioner of the Year. The Impact Award, given to members of the Law School community who have contributed a significant amount of time and assistance to help in the furtherance of BLSA's programming and overall goals, was presented to Clinical Law Program Managing Director A.J. Bellido de Luna '04 and Director of Student Recruiting Michele Hayes.

A Celebration of Leadership

MORE THAN 150 ALUMNI AND FRIENDS gathered at the School of Law on April 8 for "A Celebration of Leadership," the Alumni Association's 19th annual Honors Banquet. This year's Distinguished Graduate Award was presented to Paul Bekman, Esq. '71, who is one of the most respected trial attorneys in Maryland and Chair of the Law School's Board of Visitors. Maryland Court of Appeals Judge Joseph F. Murphy, Jr. '69, who has served on the state trial bench for 25 years, received the Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award. Mary Katherine Scheeler '53, a member of the Law School's Board of Visitors, received the Star Award in recognition for her lifetime of contributions to the Law School and thegreater community.

(above, from left) Nancy Oyedele '10, James Benjamin '01, and Reena K. Shah '07

(top right) Mary Katherine Scheeler '53 and Paul Bekman '71

(bottom right) The law students from Legally Sound performed a capella for the audience.

Dean Phoebe Haddon with Board of Visitors member Stuart Salsbury '71 (center) and Alumni Board member Stanley Rohd '66

(above, from left) Dean Phoebe Haddon, Mary Katherine Scheeler '53 and Alumni Board President Deborah Lynne Potter '90

(above) Alumni Board members (from left) Cori Shepherd '08, Jonathan Kucskar '08 and Heather Doherty Clark '98

(left) Alumni Board members J. Manuel Ocasio '02 and Elizabeth "Liz" Kameen '83