

## Dancy at the Helm of Alumni Association

Born and bred in Baltimore, the Hon. Bonita J. Dancy '81 intended to work in the U.S. Department of State and travel the world. In 1967, armed with a degree in history and a minor in foreign language from Morgan State University, she was determined to realize her goal. Instead just two years later, she was surprised to find herself back in school—on Baltimore soil no less. Dancy emerged from the University of Maryland School of Social Work with a master's degree in clinical social work in 1971, and, 10 years later, after returning to the University of Maryland, she graduated with honors from the School of Law.

This entrenched Baltimorean remains deeply involved with her alma mater. She's been an active member of the Alumni Association Board for 10 years and started her one-year term as president of the board July 1.

"We're excited to have Judge Dancy at the helm of the Alumni



Association this year," comments Dean Karen H. Rothenberg. "As we prepare to move into our new building next summer, Judge Dancy's vision will set the stage for the continued involvement of alumni in helping us educate lawyers in the 21st century."

After years of commitment to the School, she notes that this is a particularly exciting time. "The School has had national attention but is gaining even more; we have a new dean who is exciting as a person as well as a great drum major; and we are about to move into a building that will speak to the value we place on education, our community, our alumni," explains Dancy.

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Dancy is considering how the new building can further engage alumni in the life of the School of Law as a source of pride and as a place for graduates to gather and connect with each other as well as students and faculty.

As president, Dancy also will oversee the implementation of a newly developed structure for the Alumni Association. "We've gone through a time of transition in trying to enhance the connection between the School and its alumni," Dancy says. Last year the board drafted new bylaws that were completed and adopted. This year they'll put those new bylaws into action.

She chuckles as she notes the irony of this implementation phase, "It will be interesting to see how we as lawyers have governed and structured the board."

The Alumni Association's new structure features five more board members but three fewer officers. "We want to include a broader spectrum of alumni on the board in order to reach out to the entire state of Maryland. We need to be a little less Baltimore-based."

An interesting comment coming from Dancy, whose dreams of foreign travels have been realized only through vacations. Yet her wanderlust extends into her visions for the alumni. One of her plans is to hold alumni meetings across the country—with particular focus on the Maryland area. "The central issue is involving alumni with the School—as logistics allow," Dancy emphasizes.

Since 1996, Dancy has served as a judge on the Baltimore City Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, a trial court of general jurisdiction. She hears and

decides cases as assigned, including conducting jury trials. Among other administrative duties, she is the liaison to the Baltimore City and Maryland state offices of child support enforcement.

Her liaison status is a natural fit, as Dancy was the domestic equity master for the same court, where she heard and decided family law cases for 13 years. On paper, her career path seems a rather characteristic progression from social worker to attorney-advisor in family matters. Though her education was smooth in development, it was not planned. "As a little girl I certainly did not think I would be a social worker turned lawyer turned judge," Dancy remarks. "In some cases it was the serendipity of capturing the opportunities as they presented themselves."

While a social worker, Dancy had a clinical internship at Sinai Hospital

Adolescent Center. She also was an assistant professor at Coppin State College in the sociology department, where she taught a course on marriage and family relations. While Dancy attended law school at night, she held several positions—as an administrator for a community-based juvenile delinquency prevention project, Northwest Baltimore Youth Services, Inc., and as an adjunct faculty member at Morgan State University, where she was a field placement instructor.

As she looks back, she sees these specific stints as prophetic. "Those positions were stepping stones on my career path long before the path was lit for me," says Dancy.

And now, as president of the Alumni Association, Dancy looks forward to making the connection between alumni and the School as meaningful as it is for herself.

"I have known Bonita for more than 25 years," explains the Hon. Andre M. Davis '78, former Alumni Association president. "She has been a highly respected leader in the Baltimore community in several domains. Before going to law school, she was a strong voice in the professional social work community. After law school, she combined her professional training in the two disciplines to bring her good judgment and sensitive appreciation for issues of family dysfunction to bear on her work as a master for the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. She is a consummate professional in all her undertakings, and she is a remarkable role model for aspiring lawyers."

Dancy lives with her husband, Theron Whitaker, in Baltimore City.

*Patricia Young*

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1950s

1956  
**Edward O. Clarke Jr.** recently received the Alumni Laureate Award from Loyola College of Maryland.

1960s

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After almost 27 years of service, **The Hon. Paul Smelkinson** retired from his position as an administrative law judge for the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration.

1963  
**The Hon. Edward J. Angeletti** joined the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos to oversee the office's personal injury and malpractice units.

1964  
**H. Rutherford (Rud) Turnbull III** is chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, D.C.

1970s

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**James E. Gray**, a partner at Venable, Baetjer & Howard, LLP, is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1972  
**Anthony H. Gamboa** was appointed general counsel for the General Accounting Office.

1973  
**Glenn M. Cooper** is president of the Bar Association of Montgomery County (Md.). **Jerald B. Lurie** was elected chairperson of the Business Law Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association. **Estelle H. Rogers** is the executive director of Death with Dignity National Center, a non-profit organization founded to expand end-of-life choices for the terminally ill.

1974  
**Francis B. Burch Jr.** was named chairman of the Greater Baltimore Committee, an organization of business and civic leaders dedicated to improving the regional business climate.

1976  
**Paula M. Junghans** joined Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe, LLP, as a partner resident in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. Her practice focuses on civil and criminal tax controversies as well as other white-collar matters.

1977  
**Charles E. Rosolio** joined Venable, Baetjer & Howard, LLP, as a partner in the Towson office.

1978  
Saul Ewing, LLP, hired **Irving E. Walker** as special counsel to its bankruptcy and reorganization department.

1979  
**Joseph J. Dyer** recently received the 2001 Burton Award, presented by the Burton Foundation for excellence in legal writing among law partners and law students. **Patricia A. Price** was appointed chief counsel to the chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board.

1980s

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A private practitioner, **Ellyn L. Brown** was named to the Board of Governors of the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.

1981  
**Andrew D. Levy** was the guest of honor at a reception and dinner sponsored by The League for People with Disabilities, Inc. As coordinator for Baltimore City's two-year-old Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, **Romaine N. Williams** oversees the committee in addressing problems in the circuit court's criminal justice system.

1985  
**Cornelia M. Koetter** is associated with Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams, Chartered.

1986  
**Gary M. Brooks** was appointed executive vice president of the Baltimore Community Development Financing Corp. by **Mayor Martin O'Malley '88**. **Ava E. Lias-Booker** returned to Saul Ewing, LLP, as a partner in the litigation department.

1987  
**Caroline A. Griffin** recently joined with McDaniel & Marsh to create McDaniel, Bennett & Griffin in Baltimore. **Sharon S. Krevor-Weisbaum** joined Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP, as a partner. Her practice includes work with entities that provide housing and support services for individuals with disabilities. **Terri G. Letica** and her husband, Nick, were honored for their decade of leadership support and dedication to the Brooklyn Volunteer Lawyers Project in Brooklyn, N.Y. The project provides free legal services to the poor. **Ronald W. Peppe II**, vice president of legal services for Canam Steel Corp., was elected to the Board of Education of Frederick County (Md.). He serves as the board's president as well.

1989

**Mary Baker Edwards** returned to Ober Kaler Grimes & Shriver as a stockholder in the estates and trusts group.

**Mary Elizabeth Goulet** recently joined McGuire Woods, LLP, as counsel in the corporate services department, focusing primarily on patent matters. In her spare time, she recorded a CD, "Worlds Away: The Musical," featuring her original compositions for piano.

**Roseanne M. Matricciani** was elected partner at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP. Her practice is in health-care and corporate law.

## 1990s

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**Deborah L. Potter** was appointed by the Court of Appeals to the Standing Committee of Rules of Practice and Procedure. This committee drafts, supplements and amends Volumes 1 and 2 of the *Maryland Rules*. After working for Cook County Legal Assistance Foundation and then as a solo practitioner, **Michelle A. Thomas** joined the appellate division of the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender in Chicago, Ill. She is an assistant public defender. **Steven F. Wrobel** is a principal in the firm of Martin, Snyder & Bernstein, PA. His practice is concentrated in the areas of white-collar criminal defense, and commercial and contract litigation.

1992

**Maryann S. Cohea** is a partner at Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP. Her practice focuses on employment law. **Robert H. Ingle III** joined Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC, in the employment law group. **Elise Davison Morris** recently was elected to partnership at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP. Her practice centers on commercial and business litigation.

1993

**Michael J. Brown** is intellectual property counsel and technology transfer manager at The Institute for Genomic Research in Rockville, Md. **Joseph W. Hovermill** is a principal at Miles & Stockbridge. **Amy K. Malone** has joined Tydings & Rosenberg as an associate. She practices in the firm's family law department. **Michele L. Smith** is a senior partner at Godard, West, Adelman, Sheff & Smith, LLC, in Rockville, Md.

1994

**William S. Heyman** joined Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP, as an associate in the firm's litigation department. His practice includes all aspects of commercial and business litigation.

1998

**Marisa A. Trasatti** joined the law firm of Church & Houff, PA, as an associate.

1999

**Christopher B. Lord** joined Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, as an associate. He practices in the commercial and business litigation department.

## 2000s

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**Nicole N. Frush Munro** joined Hudson Cook, LLP, in Linthicum, Md., as an associate. **Brad Jacobs** joined the securities group of Perkins, Smith, Cohen & Crowe, LLP, in the Washington, D.C., office as an associate. **Sonja A. Mishalanie** joined the Washington, D.C., office of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, as an associate in the general litigation department. **Kelly Shubic Weiner** joined the firm of McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan & Kim, PA, as an associate. Her practice concentrates on business, real estate, banking and corporate law.

2001

**Maritere Morales** won second place in the ABA's Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest. She wrote about European copyright harmonization, under the supervision of former Professor Kim Moore.

## In Memoriam

Joseph P. Alcarese '52  
Edward J. Birrane Jr. '63  
Paul E. Burke '59  
The Hon. Noel Speir Cook '30  
Norman E. Cooper '38  
Delverne A. Dressel '56  
L. Robert Evans '53  
Harriet Granet '77  
Dr. Frank M. Jakobowski '49  
John F. Kelly '33  
Anthony F. Lang Jr. '53  
Edward P. McDermott III '56  
Richard F. McGrory '61  
Deborah D. Scott-Thomas '92  
Sheldon B. Seidel '50  
The Hon. James S. Sfekas '48  
William A. Smith Jr. '62



## San Diego

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**Photo 1:** Richard Sothoron and John Barrett '38; **photo 2:** Steve Poliakoff '90 and Dana Morris; **photo 3:** Donna Kaiser '78

## Florida

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**Photo 1:** William Pittler '59, Janet Gerber Steinberg, Dr. Murray Steinberg, Eleanor Rothenberg and Nancy Erikson; **photo 2:** Board of Visitors Chairman Joseph Hardiman '62 and Kathy Hardiman; **photo 3:** Phyllis Belman, Elizabeth Baker '73 and Denny Belman '65

## D.C./Young Alumni

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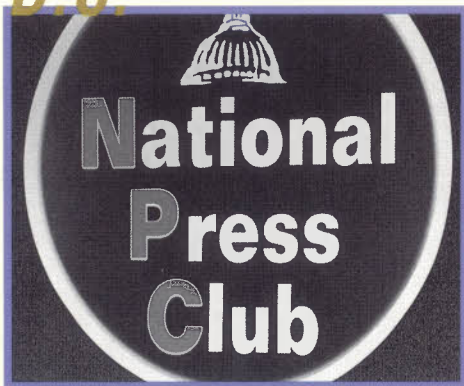


**Photo 1:** Friends join Tamika Langley '95 (center) at alumni happy hour; **photo 2:** Jeff Lear '91 and Kenneth Fang '00; **photo 3:** David Lewis '97 and Robin Schoeps Lewis '97



## D.C.

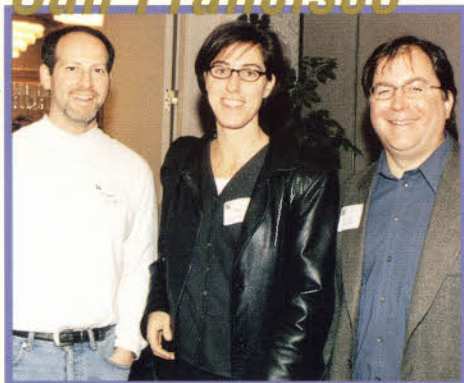
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**Photo 1:** The D.C. reception was held at the National Press Club; **photo 2:** Tonya Ellington Odom '87, Professor Larry Gibson and Felicia Williams Everett '87; **photo 3:** Debra Cheng '00

## San Francisco

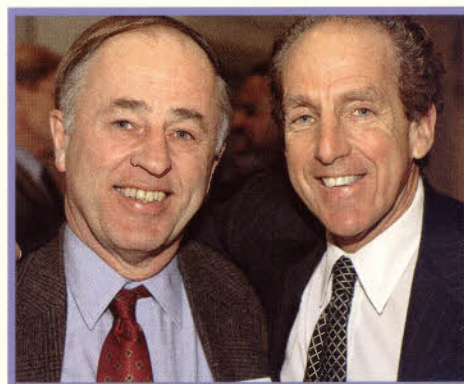
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**Photo 1:** Michael Aronoff '94, Amy Kerxton '92 and Doug Levy '96; **photo 2:** Associate Dean Alan Hornstein, John Cooke '97 and his wife; **photo 3:** Professor Judy Beckner Sloan '75, Professor James Kushner '68 and Professor Susan Leviton '72

## Baltimore/Center Stage

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**Photo 1:** Lisa Paavola, Matt Paavola '79, Neil Helfrich '64 and Carol Helfrich; **photo 2:** Susan Elgin, Professor Susan Leviton '72 and Judge Albert Matriciani '73; **photo 3:** Abell Foundation President Robert Embry and David Cordish '63



## Graduates Reception

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Class of 2001 alumni celebrate their graduation at the B&O Railroad Museum.

## Arnold & Porter Luncheon

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Alumni working at D.C. law firm Arnold & Porter attend a luncheon with Dean Rothenberg and Matthew Seiden '86 to learn about the latest developments at the School of Law.

## BLSA Reception

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**Photo 1:** Award recipients and presenters at the Black Law Students Association's (BLSA) Annual Awards Banquet; **photo 2:** William H. Murphy III, the Hon. William H. Murphy Sr. '46 and William H. Murphy Jr. '69

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### **The Class of 1970 Has Raised the Bar!**

The Class of '70 is challenging future reunion revelers to top their record-setting attendance at Reunion 2000. Prominent 1970 graduates were heard to say that they would don aprons and wait tables at the next reunion if any class outdid them in attendance. Mark your calendars NOW! Reunion 2001 will be celebrated over two events:

#### **Classes of 1956, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81 and '86**

Nov. 10

The Inn at Henderson's Wharf  
Baltimore, Md.

#### **Classes of 1991, '96 and '00**

Nov. 17

Victor's Café  
Baltimore, Md.

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for more information.



# 1951 – 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion



**Photo 1:** Frank Workman '51; **photo 2:** the Hon. Kemp MacDaniel '51 and the Hon. Miller Bowen '51; **photo 3:** the Hon. Joseph Ingolia '51 and Harry Shapiro '51



**Photo 1:** Class of 1951; **photo 2:** Paul Schlitz '51, Herbert Garten '51 and Jacob Miliman '51; **photo 3:** Jacob Miliman '51, Linwood Jarrell '51 and the Hon. Frederick Invernizzi '35



**Photo 1:** Class of 1951 group shot; **photo 2:** Arthur Rhoads '51



## Golden Graduates



**Photo 1:** Alumni at Golden Graduates Luncheon; **photo 2:** David Scrivener '40; **photo 3:** the Hon. Thomas J. Curley Jr. '49



**Photo 1:** Claude Callegary '50 and Col. Edwin J. Wolf '27; **photo 2:** Victor O. Laws '41, Herbert S. Garten '51 and the Hon. Meyer Cardin '29; **photo 3:** the Hon. Daniel Brewster '49 and Ernest Trimble '48



**Photo 1:** Richard Love '38; **photo 2:** Jane H. Simpson '46, Dorothy Jackson Miller '45 and Annarose Sleeth Bowers '44; **photo 3:** Richard H. Love '38, Claire and David Scrivener '40