

# Honors Banquet 1999

The Alumni Association continued its tradition of hosting the annual Honors Banquet on Tuesday, April 13. For the eighth consecutive year, alumni, faculty, staff and guests gathered in Westminster Hall to pay tribute to several members of the law school community.

After the social hour, Anne Kelly Laynor, immediate past president of the Alumni Association, was presented with a gift on behalf of the law school.

Professor John Brumbaugh delighted the audience with his quips about the 1999 Distinguished Alumnus, Judge Alan M. Wilner. The sincerity of the lifelong friendship was clearly evident between former U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti '61 and Herbert Belgrad '61, recipient of the Benjamin L. Cardin Pro Bono Service Award. Associate Dean David Bogen spoke glowingly of Professor John Ester, who retired at the end of this academic year after 39 years in the classroom. The high regard in which Professor Ester is held is universal and undisputed. Second-year student and president of the Clarence Darrow Society, Lee Hall, paid tribute to Professor Gordon "Greg" Young as he was presented with the 1999 Teacher of the Year Award. Finally, Maurice "Mo" Drayton, president of the fourth-year evening class, made a swift and entertaining presentation for the Adjunct Professor of the Year Award to Judge Frederic N. Smalkin. Unfortunately, at the last moment, the honoree was unable to attend the banquet due to a family emergency. Drayton accepted the award on behalf of Judge Smalkin.

Traditions such as the annual recognition of alumni and faculty tie the law school community together. Special thanks to those who make these events possible.

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*Clockwise, from top left:*

*The 1999 National Trial Team*



*Judge Alan Wilner '62, Judge Ellen Heller '77 and Judge Ellen Hollander*



*Maurice Drayton '99, President of Fourth-Year Evening Division, accepted "Adjunct Professor of the Year" award on behalf of Judge Frederic Smalkin*



*Herbert Garten '51, Judge Allen Schwart '63, Jay Blumenthal '62 and Irwin Caplan '61*

