A NEW ERA BEGINS

The dedication of the Nathan Patz Law Center was a transforming moment in the history of the School of Law.

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To those assembled for the Sept. 20 dedication of the new School of Law facility, Dean Karen Rothenberg asserted that the event, "requires us to take stock, to examine how we got here, to thank those who made it possible and to consider what next—what this day makes possible."

Attendees couldn't help but to do that. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, city and state officials, and friends of the School of Law gathered with a sense of pride and accomplishment, appreciation and gratefulness, hope and excitement as the ceremony ushered in a new era.

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In addition to Rothenberg, University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, then Gov. Parris N. Glendening and Joseph R. Hardiman '62, chairman of the School of Law's Board of Visitors, offered remarks.

Rothenberg then introduced the honored guest, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The dean noted that Ginsburg was a particularly appropriate participant in the dedication because before ascending to the bench, she was a law school professor, first at Rutgers University School of Law and then Columbia Law School.

Following the dedication ceremony, a reception was held in the atrium and courtyard of the Patz Law Center.

(Clockwise from far left) Honored guest Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Dean Rothenberg and then Gov. Parris N. Glendening cut the ribbon while Justice Ginsburg looks on; members of the Patz family and University System of Maryland Chancellor William E. Kirwan; and University President David J. Ramsay.
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