Dean Karen H. Rothenberg welcomed guests and remarked on the gratifying show of support alumni and friends brought to the occasion. The Hon. Andre M. Davis '78, who was presented with a gift on behalf of the law school, reflected on his year as Alumni Association president and acknowledged the successful partnership he has enjoyed with the law school as a volunteer. The business portion of the evening included introductions of the Alumni Association's new Board members and a summary of revisions made to the bylaws.

The Hon. Thurman W. Zollicoffer Jr. '88, Baltimore City solicitor, introduced his mentor, Wilbur D. “Woody” Preston ‘49, who was presented with the Distinguished Graduate Award. The Hon. Benjamin R. Civiletti ’61, former managing partner of Venable, Baetjer & Howard, commented on the many contributions John H. Lewin Jr. ’65 has made to the community. Lewin received the Benjamin L. Cardin Pro Bono Service Award.

Faculty also are recognized at the Honors Banquet. James R. Benjamin Jr. ’01, a representative in the Student Bar Association, described how a traditionally dry course can come alive when the professor is as dedicated and inspiring as Teacher of the Year, Professor Irving A. Breitowitz. Julia F. Callahan ’01, editor-in-chief of the Journal of Health Care Law & Policy, introduced Professor Paula A. Monopoli as the Outstanding Adjunct Professor of the Year. The award was particularly meaningful to Monopoli because she is a visiting professor and her husband, Marin R. Scordato, was honored as the law school's Teacher of the Year in 2000.

The individual successes of the School's students, faculty and graduates represent the collective success of the School of Law. The Honors Banquet offers the opportunity for the School of Law community to gather and celebrate these successes.