Westminster Hall was the scene of the Fourth Annual Honors Banquet in April as alumni, friends and faculty gathered to honor Distinguished Graduate Award recipient Roy Hoffberger '50. Judge Albert J. Matricciani '73 received the Benjamin L. Cardin Pro Bono Service Award. The School of Law was especially honored to have the late William Canby's ('58) wife Judy and his children Nancy Lee and Bill present to receive a plaque in honor of Bill's leadership at the School of Law and his dedicated service to the state of Maryland. Members of the 1995-96 Alumni Association Board were inducted and charged with their duties for the upcoming year. UMAB President David Ramsay and wife Anne and University of Maryland System Chancellor Donald Langenberg and wife Pat also attended. The audience honored and serenaded President Ramsay in celebration of his birthday.

Hoffberger was honored for his outstanding legal skills and his longstanding philanthropic involvement and commitment to Baltimore. His wife Rebecca and children (Jack, Douglas, Belina and Athena) were there to see him receive the Alumni Association's most prestigious award. He has been deeply committed to making this law school one of the nation's best. He is the founder and catalyst for the Access to Justice Project at the School of Law. It's but one of his many contributions to the school and the community.

Judge Albert Matricciani '73 received the Benjamin L. Cardin Pro Bono Service Award for his long involvement in professional and civic activities. In particular, the Alumni Association recognized his efforts as an advocate of fair representation and treatment for all, regardless of race, sex or creed.

John Isbister '77 and managing partner J. Hardin Marion accepted a plaque in recognition of Tydings & Rosenberg's $75,000 gift to the School of Law. To recognize this generous commitment, the school will rename its student computer resource center, the Tydings & Rosenberg Technology Assisted Learning (TAL) Center. This center helps students keep abreast of the latest technological advances through the use of worldwide data bases and prepares students with hands-on experience.

Gallagher, Evelius & Jones received a plaque welcoming them as the first members of the 100 Percent Club. Steve Goldberg '76, Saul Gilstein '76 and Tom Lewis '76 accepted the plaque on behalf of the firm. All members of this firm have pledged to the University of Maryland School of Law. Goldberg issued a challenge to other firms to join them!

Claude Edward Hitchcock '77, was the keynote speaker. He commented on a brighter picture for Baltimore business in the wake of the city receiving a multi-million dollar grant from the Clinton Administration toward the Empowerment Zone.

Carol Thompson
J. Hardin Marion and John Isbister ’77 of Tydings & Rosenberg with Dean Donald Gifford at the Honors Banquet. Tydings & Rosenberg was honored for a generous gift to the School of Law.

Outgoing Alumni Association President Bruce E. Friedman ’84 chats with Distinguished Graduate LeRoy Hoffberger ’50 at the 1995 Honors Banquet.

Steve Goldberg ’76 and Tom Lewis ’76 of Gallagher, Evelius & Jones accept a plaque from Dean Gifford in recognition of the firm’s 100 percent participation.

Class of ’95 President Dan Goldman, Student Bar Association President Rudy Brioche, Maryland Law Review Editor-in-Chief Teresa LaMaster and Maryland Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues Editor-in-Chief Marc Hertzberg—now alumni.

The Hoffberger family with Dean Donald Gifford at the Honors Banquet.