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In keeping with the best traditions of the legal profession, the School of Law has long been committed to public service and public interest law. Many faculty are highly engaged in public interest work and scholarship in areas ranging from antidiscrimination law to civil rights, domestic violence, elder law, feminism, free speech, immigration, labor rights, and poverty law.

Each October we present lectures and career panels during Public Interest Law Week.

The School of Law is also an active member of Equal Justice Works, which awards fellowships to our students through its Summer Corps program.

Beginning in fall 2007, Western New England College School of Law will strengthen our commitment to public interest law and lawyering with a Public Interest Scholarship Program.

Up to six Public Interest scholarships will be awarded annually to those students who demonstrate a commitment to public interest law. The scholarship awards will be from \$15,000 to full-tuition scholarships. Scholarship awards will be based on the recipient's competitiveness with the other



Dean Arthur R. Gaudio

"A commitment to the public interest—*pro bono publico*—is deeply imbedded in our culture and curriculum at the School of Law."

applicants for the Public Interest Scholarship.

Each Public Interest Scholarship recipient will also receive a one-time stipend of up to \$3,000 for use for summer public interest work in an approved public interest law program in the summer after the student's first or second year of law school.

The Public Interest Scholarships and stipends are part of a robust and exciting program that could only be made possible through the commitment of our faculty and financial support of our alumni and friends. I thank you for your

support in helping the School realize this long-standing goal and I will keep you apprised of new developments.

I look forward to sharing more news of the School of Law with many of you celebrating reunion years ending in "1" and "6" at the Reunion, the weekend of October 13 and 14, 2006.

Sincerely,

Arthur R. Gaudio  
Dean and Professor of Law

## CLE Programs to Include General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Conference

Plans are underway for the upcoming year with eight Mass Bar CLE's scheduled. Topics to include our Fifth Annual Bankruptcy Seminar, "Representing the OUI Client," "Avoiding Malpractice in Domestic Relations," as well as a full day seminar entitled "General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Conference." For dates and details, please visit the School of Law website calendar [www.law.wnec.edu/alumni](http://www.law.wnec.edu/alumni).



# Reunion 2006

Classes ending in '1' or '6'  
Reunion Dinner  
October 14, 2006  
Basketball Hall of Fame  
For details and to see who is coming, visit our website  
[www.law.wnec.edu/alumni](http://www.law.wnec.edu/alumni)

## Tuscany Trip Launches Alumni Travel Program

Imagine traveling to the breathtaking countryside of Chianti ripe with miles of olive groves and lush vineyards. Picture yourself touring the historically dynamic city of Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance and home to the world's greatest architectural landmarks. These are some of the many rich treasures that distinguish Tuscany as one of the most beautiful tourist destinations in Italy and the world.

From July 2-10, alumni and their companions from Western New England College and several other New England area colleges took advantage of a new joint college travel program to sample the sites and sounds of Tuscany. School of Law alumnus Peter Bouchard '81 was among the group of 15 alumni from Western New England College.

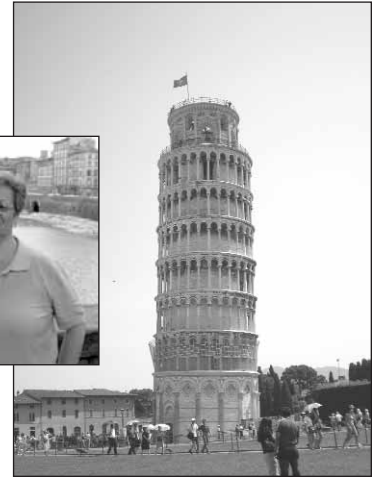
While Peter agrees that other alumni may enjoy traveling with fellow classmates, he felt right at home with his companions. Said Peter, "I'm not a group person, and I don't know if it always develops that way, but as different as everyone was, and they certainly were different in so many ways, it was a good group. I think we really connected overall and even if it was just for that week and never again."

Flying in to Florence, the group spent seven nights at the Tuscan Villa Tavolese, home of some of the finest vineyards for premium D. O. C. G. (Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita) Chianti wines so exclusive they can only be sold in Italy.

What made the trip unique from traditional tours was the educational aspect of the program. According to Barbara Campanella, Western New England College Vice President for Marketing and External Affairs, who accompanied the College's contingent, "People didn't know what to expect from the educational component, but it became one of the most popular parts of the trip. Everywhere you turn, Italy is history, and education is a part of the experience. We learned not only about Renaissance artists, architecture, gourmet cooking, and wine-making, but also about 21st century Italian culture. One night a sociology professor spoke to us on topics ranging from Italian customs to the legal system and social security. We were immersed in learning and many people took notes just for their own personal interest."



Barbara Campanella,  
Vice President for  
Marketing and  
External Affairs



Comparing this experience with other trips abroad, Peter Bouchard said, "When I was previously in France, there were places that were picture postcards of what you would anticipate to be there, but I never got the sense of welcoming and inclusion into the 21st century that I got in Tuscany."



Peter Bouchard '81 and Paula Spencer

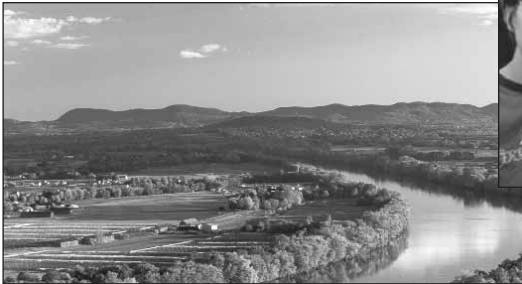
Guided excursions included travel to Chianti olive groves and vineyards; Colle di Val d'Elsa, center of Tuscan crystal blowing; the 14th century town of San Gimignano; the towns of Lucca and Pisa; a private tour of the

Castello di Monsanto; the city of Florence; and Siena, spectacularly situated atop three converging hills.

Campanella found the tour group a welcoming mix of travelers united by common bonds of their educational experiences regardless of when they earned their degrees. She said, "The 29-person group included people of all ages from their early '20s to their '70s. There was a mix of couples, friends, several mothers and daughters, and singles. One woman in particular used the experience as her first outing since being widowed and found the trip liberating in affirming to her that she can continue to enjoy even travel abroad on her own.

"Before the trip was over, participants were already asking when we would begin planning our next trip and where we would go. I encourage our law alumni to take some time out of your busy schedules to reconnect with fellow alumni and enjoy future travel program offerings. Meeting new people and experiencing different cultures brings a fresh perspective to our daily lives."

## Publication to Showcase Engaged Scholarship



William Childs



Jamie Colburn



Eric Gouvin



Rene Reich Graese



Barbara Noah



Jennifer Levi



Taylor Flynn



Katharine Van Tassel



Sam Stonefield

In the last five years, in addition to their public service and impact advocacy, our faculty scholars have tackled some of the hardest and biggest issues in the country, including gender identity, end of life decision-making, science in the tort system, the intersection of constitutional and environmental law, and corporate parent/subsidiary relationships. Their work has contributed nationally and locally to a more deliberative and productive dialogue, something law must always pursue.

This fall, the School of Law will publish our five-year report on faculty scholarship. This year's publication includes listings of law review, journal articles, chapters, books, supplements, and other legal publications along with profiles of several of our faculty scholars.

The publication will be available by contacting the Dean's office or it can be viewed on our website at [www.law.wnec.edu](http://www.law.wnec.edu). We invite you to take a look at what we have been doing and to share your thoughts and feedback with us. We think you'll agree: engaged scholarship is making a difference.

## Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship Announces New Series and Conference



Dennis Donovan '79, Executive Vice President, Human Resources, for The Home Depot, Inc.

This year, the Law and Business Center will present two lecture series: The Entrepreneurship Speaker Series which showcases entrepreneurs and success stories which features high-level business executives such as Dennis Donovan '79, Executive Vice President, Human Resources, for The Home Depot, Inc. and Nadine Thompson, cofounder and CEO of Warm Spirit spa products.

In addition, the Center will present a two-day "How to" Entrepreneurs Institute conference on October 27-28 featuring Keynote Speaker Dan Elias, News Anchor/ Reporter, NBC affiliate WWLP and president and founder of Zunafish.com, a media trading website. For speakers and dates this fall, see our Upcoming Events listing in this publication or visit [www.law.wnec.edu/lawand-business](http://www.law.wnec.edu/lawand-business) for more details.

## Law Alumni Association Board Ballot

*Note: Officers and Directors are elected to three-year terms commencing on October 14, 2006 at the Fall Annual Board meeting.*

I accept this slate of nominees

I do not accept this slate of nominees



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Please indicate your acceptance of this slate by checking the box and returning this to the Office of Law Alumni Relations no later than September 23, 2006.

**Archer B. Battista '77**  
Partner  
Lyon & Fitzpatrick, LLP  
Holyoke, MA

**Nina Daratsos '93**  
Senior Attorney  
New York State Dept. of Health  
Bureau of House Counsel  
Albany, NY

**Paul Mancinone '92**  
Owner/CPA  
Paul L. Mancinone  
Company, P.C.  
Springfield, MA

**Amy Megliola '02**  
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Siddall & Siddall, P.C.  
Springfield, MA

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## Upcoming Events Fall 2006

### September

- 12 Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship Speaker Series Nadine Thompson, Chief Executive Officer and President, Warm Spirit S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 MassBar CLE Seminar "Representing the OUI Client," 4-7:00 p.m.
- 21 Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship Speaker Series John Reed L'42/L'01, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Mestek, Inc. S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 **Waterbury Luncheon at The Poli Club in The Palace Theater**, 12 noon-1:30 p.m.

### October

- 10 Entrepreneurial Information Sessions/ Workshops, "Legal Entities" S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Alumni Association General Meeting at the Law School 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Reunion Dinner for the Classes ending in '1' or '6' Basketball Hall of Fame, 6:00 p.m. Alumni Association Board Meeting S. Prestley Blake Law Center
- 17 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner for Students and Alumni of Color at the Log Cabin Restaurant.
- 18 Dial-A-Lawyer 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- TBD Public Interest Law Week S. Prestley Blake Law Center
- 24 MassBar CLE Seminar "5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bankruptcy Seminar with Real Estate Issues" 4-7:00 p.m.
- 25 Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship Speaker Series Humera Fasshuddin, Principal, Edical May S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 5:30 p.m.

### October

- 26 **Hartford Reception at Day Berry and Howard**, 6-8:00 p.m.
- 27-28 "How to" Entrepreneurs Institute Keynote Speaker: Dan Elias Rivers Memorial Building

### November

- 3 Mental Health Law Conference 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 8 Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship Speaker Series Dennis Donovan '79, Executive Vice President, Human Resources, The Home Depot, Inc. S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 **Worcester reception at Club Maxine's with speaker, Stephen Abraham, Register of Probate**, 6-8:00 p.m.
- 14 Entrepreneurship Information Session/ Workshop "Intellectual Property" S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 MassBar CLE Seminar "Avoiding Malpractice in Domestic Relations" 4-7:00 p.m.

### December

- 5 **Albany reception at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker** 6-8:00 p.m.

## Incoming Class at a Glance

Number of applications: 1,858

Number of first-year students: 201

Full-time: 147

Part-time: 54

LSAT Median: 154

25th Percentile: 151

75th Percentile: 157

GPA Median: 3.1

Average Age: 26

Age Range: 21-54

Students of Color: 14%

States Represented: 27



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