Dear Law Alumni,

On three occasions over the past 37 years of practice, I have served on the Marquette University Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. Although the Association’s archives are not clearly definitive, it appears that I can proudly proclaim to have been one of the youngest members of the Board in its history. More profoundly (or at least more recently), I now have to admit to having been one of the oldest Presidents of the Board in its history. A cynic could argue that it took me more than 30 years to ascend to the presidency.

Serving as President of the Board of Directors for the past year has been a revelation, a delight, and a nostalgic experience for me. It has been a revelation in that I have been amazed at the amount of volunteer work the Board of Directors has invested on your behalf and on behalf of the Law School, and at the amount of interest the alumni have in the Law School and the rate at which it is evolving. It has been a delight because of the unique opportunity it has provided for me to associate with the administration of the Law School and to be a small part of the large plan the school has for its enhancement on a national basis. It has been a nostalgic experience because of all the opportunities I have had to participate in Law School functions and to talk with many of you about the tremendous achievements your Law School has accomplished and the exciting future plans your Law School is developing.

I have had the privilege of watching Dean Joseph D. Kearney’s leadership team continue the work started by his predecessors to transform Marquette. He has attended all of the meetings of your Board of Directors and has been instrumental in assisting your Association in achieving its objectives. His dedication to legal education and the future of your Law School is very impressive.

I have also had the privilege of working with Christine Wilczynski-Vogel, Assistant Dean for External Affairs, who is consistently devoting far more than a normal workday to your Association. I encourage you to become involved in your Association by telephoning Christine Wilczynski-Vogel at 414-288-3167 or e-mailing her at christine.wv@marquette.edu to indicate your interest.

During the course of the year, your Association has had the following standing committees, all of which have been very active:

- Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Ray J. Manista
- Diversity Recruitment Committee chaired by the Honorable Derek C. Mosley
- Diversity Student Reception chaired by Patricia A. McGowan
- ACAN Mentor Program/Hiring Marquette Graduates chaired by the Honorable M. Joseph Donald
- Awards Committee chaired by the Honorable Claire L. Fiorenza
- Alumni Event Committee chaired by John L. DeStefanis
- Nominations Committee chaired by Catherine A. LaFleur
- Out-of-state CLE Planning Committee chaired by Thomas G. Schendt and Gregory M. Weyandt
In addition to committee reports and reports from Dean Kearney, we received reports at each board meeting from Terressa Batiste, the Student Bar Association representative from the Law School.

The following individuals agreed to join the Board of Directors in May:

- Jane E. Appleby, L’04
- Nicole M. Bostrom, L’04
- Laurence J. Fehring, L’83
- Peter Kujawa, L’02
- John M. Manion, L’93
- Luke A. Palese, L’91
- Michael A. I. Whitcomb, L’78

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank the following retiring Board members for their dedicated service to your Association and to the Law School:

- John L. DeStefanis, L’75
- Hon. Clare L. Fiorenza, L’83
- Catherine A. LaFleur, L’88
- Ray J. Manista, L’90
- Kathryn McGrane-Sargent, L’85
- R. L. McNeely, L’94
- Lee A. Riordan, L’79
- Roberta Steiner, L’87

Today, more than ever, we can take pride in the Law School’s accomplishments, the record demand seen in admissions, the highly respected scholarship authored by an international faculty, and, of great importance, its student-focused direction. Become a part of this wonderful trend and become active in your Law Alumni Association in the best way you see fit.

It is with great confidence that I have handed the baton to Genyne Edwards, L’00, who has succeeded me as President of the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

LARRY B. BRUEGGEMAN, L’69