



Dinner in D.C.

Alumni and guests dined together at the annual Washington, D.C. reception and dinner on Nov. 10 at the National Press Club. **Eugene Ludwig '73** joined Dean Heather K. Gerken for a “fireside chat” style discussion about Gene’s storied career and his deep connection to Yale Law School.



Throughout the year and in cities across the country, alumni gather for events organized by Yale Law School’s Office of Alumni Engagement and Development. Here is a sampling of the events that have taken place over the past six months.

NEW YORK

Corporate Law Alumni Breakfast

On Sept. 22, 2022, a Craig Wasserman '86/Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz Alumni Breakfast was held with the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law at The Century Association in New York. The Alumni Breakfast focused on sustainable or ESG investing and featured **Jill E. Fisch '85**, Saul A. Fox Distinguished Professor of Business Law and Co-Director, Institute for Law and Economics, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School; **Charles M. Nathan '65**, Consulting Partner, Finsbury Glover Hering; Robert H. Sitkoff, Austin Wakeman Scott Professor of Law and John L. Gray Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; and Leo E. Strine Jr., Of Counsel, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and Chief Justice, Delaware Supreme Court (2014–2019). Heather K. Gerken, Dean and Sol & Lillian Goldman Professor of Law, gave welcoming remarks; **Roberta Romano '80**, Sterling Professor of Law, introduced the panel, and **Nancy Liao '05**; John R. Raben/Sullivan & Cromwell Executive Director, Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law, was the moderator.



The Wasserman Breakfast took on the topic of sustainable investing in September.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Summer Cocktail Party

Alumni, current students, and incoming students gathered at the home of **John Firestone '85** and Sandra Miller on Aug. 6, 2022, in Martha's Vineyard for the 17th annual summer cocktail party.



Stacey Abrams '99 joined the attendees at the cocktail party in August.



(above) David Nierenberg '78, Dean Heather K. Gerken, Soledad Hurst '92, and Robert Hurst



Alphonse Simon '24

Margo Darragh '25

Celebration of Scholarship

Yale Law School's Celebration of Scholarships provided an opportunity for generous donors who support financial aid to meet and build connections with the students that their philanthropy supports. Donors, alumni, friends, and students gathered for the inaugural Celebration at The Pierre in New York City on Dec. 1, 2022. Dean Heather Gerken introduced the three founders of the Hurst Horizon Scholarship Program — Soledad '92 and Robert Hurst; David '75 BA, '78 JD and Patricia Nierenberg; and Gene '73 and Carol Ludwig — and recognized them for their transformational gifts to launch a program that provides full-tuition scholarships to eligible J.D. students with significant financial need.

Dean Gerken also introduced two current students, Alphonse Simon, a 2L from Oakland, California, and Margo Darragh, a 1L from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, to share remarks about the impact scholarship support has made on their law school experiences. Simon commented on how far-reaching the benefits of his scholarship are: "The Hurst Horizon scholarship has given me more than just financial freedom — it also has given me a stronger sense of belonging in an institution that for so many can be daunting. With this scholarship, I feel supported in a way I never thought possible."

The evening ended with inspiring remarks from graduate and scholarship donor Tom Leatherbury '79: "I know many of you were just like me and benefited from the generosity of past alums through the financial aid we received. We all value the fast friendships we made and the experience we had of living and learning in the inclusive Yale Law School community that our continued financial support makes possible. We have done a lot of good work for the Law School, but our work is not done. I hope you won't be bashful about sharing why you support financial aid and the Dean's vision to make law school accessible to all."