



Leslie Gomez '95 addresses the crowd in Philadelphia

Celebrating the Past and the Future

Regional Bicentennial Events

In February 2024 Yale Law School kicked off a year-long celebration commemorating the institution's bicentennial with a gathering of alumni and friends in Naples, Florida. Later that same week graduates gathered at the home of **Roger Barnett '89** and Sloan Barnett in Miami for an evening of cocktails and camaraderie, along with a private performance by The Whiffenpoofs and remarks by Dean Heather K. Gerken.

When addressing bicentennial celebration guests in Naples and Miami, Dean Gerken spoke about our community's abiding love of Sterling Law Building, the place "where the traces of your memories are etched into the walls themselves, ready to come rushing back the moment you walk our halls again." She also reminded alumni of the qualities that have long defined Yale Law School: "our love of ideas and our love for our students. Both have fueled the magic of the place, enabling a tiny school to play a mighty role in the world."

This people-first ethos characterized the gathering of alumni at subsequent regional bicentennial events in Houston, Texas, at the home of hosts **Laura Arnold '00** and John Arnold, and in Dallas at the Adolphus Hotel.

In early April the bicentennial tour returned to the east coast for an evening with more than 800 alumni and friends at Cipriani 42nd Street. Attendees enjoyed remarks by **Travis Torrence '05** and a conversation between Dean Gerken and **Ronan Farrow '09**, who reflected on the impact the Law School has had on his career as a Pulitzer Prize- and Peabody Award-winning journalist.

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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



Dean Heather K. Gerken and Ronan Farrow '09



NAPLES



Linda Nighswander and Lea Pendleton '66

MIAMI



(top) Frank Jimenez '91, host Roger Barnett '89, Daisy Jimenez, and Associate Dean Mike Thompson; (bottom) Jon Kobriniski '08, Chiyel Hayles '17, Yeny Hernandez '12, Jason Wu '12

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HOUSTON



Laura Arnold '00 and Dean Gerken

DALLAS



(top) Guests in Dallas; (bottom) Courtney Carrell '10 and David Diamond

LONDON



(left) Dean Gerken chatting with Rosalyn Higgins '62 JSD and Terence Higgins; (right) Shashank Kumar '11 LLM with host Sagra Maciera de Rosen



PHILADELPHIA



(top) Logan Wren '21, Georgia Aziakou '21, Richard Zacharias '19, and Jeff Aziakou; (bottom) Miles Rittmaster '80, Melva Sanzon, Maria Pulzetti '06, Anna Durbin '76, and Sam Magdovitz '80



Dean Gerken and Jeffrey Rosen '91

CHICAGO



Allison Gorsuch '15, Henry George '13, and Aaron Wenzloff

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Later that month, the community assembled for cocktails and dinner at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. **Leslie Gomez '95** welcomed graduates to the evening's program and introduced Dean Gerken for remarks about the school and an exchange with the Center's President and CEO, **Jeffrey Rosen '91**.

In late April the dean and staff traveled to a bicentennial dinner in Chicago at the Chicago Athletic Association and later set off for 2024's only international celebration, hosted in London, England, at the home of **Ian Rosen '94** and Sagra Maceira de Rosen. The evening marked the first gathering of international graduates in roughly a decade.

After returning to the U.S., the bicentennial tour continued in Washington, D.C., with a dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, honoring retiring Associate Dean Mike Thompson. Dean Gerken and **Amber Koonce '17** provided remarks and helped unveil the portrait of Dean Thompson, which will be on display in Sterling Law Building. Also in June, our graduates and friends gathered in Los Angeles at Walt Disney Concert Hall and at The Hibernia in San Francisco for remarks by Dean Gerken and a conversation with Scott Shapiro '90, the Charles F. Southmayd Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy, founding director of the Yale CyberSecurity Lab and Special Government Expert to the Office of the Technical Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency, where his work focuses on AI security.

"It's incredibly inspiring to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime, year-long celebration and to see the spirit of Yale Law School alumni and the generosity of graduates eager to play a role in the important work at the school today and for the next two hundred years," said Kristen Rozansky, Associate Dean for Alumni Engagement and Development. "What's also been interesting is the extent to which these signature events have helped us open up conversations with graduates who may not have an existing connection to Yale Law School. That's really important for the long-term well-being of Yale Law School because our alumni are our very best ambassadors, advocates, advisors, and supporters. More than 2,000 law school graduates have joined us for our regional bicentennial celebrations as of June. We can't wait to see even more alumni in the second half of the year."

Return for a Special Alumni Weekend

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“It’s the community and the friendships that last a lifetime. You don’t leave Yale Law School without taking a piece of the place with you.” Professor **Guido Calabresi ’58**



Alumni Weekend 2024, held Oct. 18–20, will celebrate the School’s bicentennial with special events and speakers. Featured guests include: **Akhil Reed Amar ’84, Jose Cabranes ’65, Dabney Friedrich ’92, Pamela Harris ’90, Neal K. Katyal ’95, Randall L. Kennedy ’82, Leondra Kruger ’01, John Mulaney, Barrington D. Parker Jr. ’69, and Sonia Sotomayor ’79.**

Class events will be organized for classes ending in 4s and 9s from 1964 to 2019, and all Yale Law School graduates are welcome to attend.

We hope you will return to the Law School to reconnect and reminisce.



2024 REUNION VOLUNTEERS

As of May 17, 2024

1964

John K. Aurell
Edward L. Barlow
Frank C. Damrell Jr.
Stephen Fraidin
Paul Grossman
Charles R. Halpern
Gary W. Hart
Robert H. Horowitz
Alan D. Jacobson
Howard J. Kaslow
John A. Koskinen
John W. Lyon
Joseph D. Mandel
Luis Schuchinski
Alan G. Schwartz
Alan H. Silberman
Peter L. Strauss

1969

James R. Doty
Richard D. Marks
John M. McDonough
John L. Oberdorfer
David C. Oxman
Barrington D. Parker Jr.
David N. Rosen
Edward Shaw Jr.
Lee B. Spencer Jr.
Benjamin F. Stapleton
James S. Stokes
Edward L. Strohbehn Jr.
William W. Taylor III
Kirk Wickersham

1974

Carl E. Anduri Jr.
Dominic J. Campisi
Beverly W. Cutler
Richard F. Czaja
Nelson G. Dong
Patricia Geoghegan
Wayne G. Hawley
Marc Heilweil
David R. Jones
Randall K.C. Kau
Norma B. Levy
Siri S. Marshall
Charles W. Mulaney Jr.
Ellen S. Mulaney
Russell K. Osgood
John T. Sefton
Frank J. Silvestri Jr.
Arthur B. Spitzer
Frank G. Washington
Joan G. Wexler
Francis M. Wikstrom
James F. Wood

1979

Sheldon S. Adler
Michael J. Album
Rudolph F. Aragon
Susan L. Hoffman
Bruce Kraus
John J. Kulewicz
Thomas S. Leatherbury
Paul M. Smith
David J. Wohlberg

1984

Thomas H. Glocer
Cornelius J. Grealy
Martin J. Newhouse
Alysa Christmas Rollock
Bruce A. Wessel

1989

Peter E. Fisch
David R. Fontaine
Peter T. Gelfman
Martin W. Korman
Felicia F. Norwood
Michael S. Solender
Roslyn Tom

1994

Christine M. Adams
Ethan A. Balogh
Jacqueline Becerra
Carmine D. Boccuzzi Jr.
Subodh Chandra
Trish Diak
Jonathan A. Doft
Phyllis G. Epps
Eleanor B. Lacey
Linda M. Ricci
Ethan Schwartz
Sabrina M. Smith

1999

Joshua P. Galper
Harry Jho
David B. Lat
Michelle S. Riley
Jessica S. Sager
James M. Smyth Jr.
Gary A. Stewart
Mark N. Templeton

2004

Oluwaseun O. Ajayi
Jenny R. Chou
Kelly P. Dunbar
Rebecca G. Ebinger
Chandler B. Evans
David P. Evans
Lily M. Fan
Patrick W. Price
Lisa H. Rubin
Sarah R. Varet
Stephen I. Vladeck
Greta L. Wick

2009

Yahonnes S. Cleary
Jessica M. Karbowski Weare
Joshua C. Lee
Ilya O. Podolyako
William K. Spearman
Andrew Verstein
Victoria L. Weatherford

2014

Lukman S. Azeez
Elena Cima '14 LLM
Halley W. Josephs

2019

Vigjilence Abazi '19 LLM
Gurjot Kaur
Phillip Z. Yao
Xiuyi Zheng