

Alexandra C. Epsilanty **Class of 1992**

Standing in the ceremonial courtroom of the College of Law, onlookers sense the size, significance and grandeur of the space. It is but one part of the incredible Dineen Hall, where our law school's students, faculty, and administration now work, study, and learn together in ways and dimensions that few of us could have imagined twenty-five years ago. Indeed, this facility is a far cry from the College of Law classrooms in which Alexandra Epsilanty studied for her Syracuse law degree in the early 1990s. We owe Epsilanty the highest debt of gratitude for having tended so effectively and successfully to the process that allowed the vision of her colleague, Dean Hannah Arterian, and the leadership of the College of Law, to become a reality: a teaching facility rivaled by few other law schools in the United States.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree, cum laude, from Boston University's Questrom School of Business in 1982, Epsilanty worked in sales and sales management leadership positions at Xerox Corp. But it was only after graduating from our College of Law in 1992 and practicing law with a firm in Philadelphia that Epsilanty became, quite simply, a quintessential member of the Orange.

Epsilanty returned to Syracuse in 1994 to join the staff of the College of Law as Assistant Dean of Career Services. For the next twenty years she devoted her professional life to the success of our law school and its students, holding a series of key administrative positions: Assistant Dean of Career Services, Senior Director of Annual Programs, and Director of Alumni Affairs. Epsilanty then served as Assistant Dean of Advancement for the College of Law, working in close tandem with Dean Arterian and the Board of Advisors to manage the successful \$40 million campaign for that made possible the construction of Dineen Hall.

Epsilanty's nominator describes her incredible commitment to the success and well-being of the students, in particular, who ultimately benefit from her work:

I have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing Alex for nearly 20 years, since I was a first-year law student and she was the Assistant Dean for Career Services. She has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the professional success of every law student she came to know. And, as a friend to many students and alumni, that meant relentlessly working to help us secure purpose-filled careers.

She has an unrelenting work ethic and treated every student and graduate with the same level of care and respect. There are not many other faculty, administrators, or staff who so uniformly inspire the loyalty that those who have worked with Alex feel toward her.

A SULAA board member describes Epsilanty as the most connected person she ever met, as if a human rolodex with a perfect memory for names and literally every personal detail about a given College of Law graduate.

With her incredible string of successes on our turf, it was only a matter of time before some new opportunity would call her away from the College of Law. In 2016, Epsilanty was selected to serve as Syracuse University's Associate Vice President for International Engagement. Her portfolio includes the creation and implementation of strategies for the cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of Syracuse alumni, friends, parents, and donors located primarily outside of the United States. We could not think of a better candidate for that role.

Amid those busy professional parts of her life, Epsilanty still found time to marry Dan Jonas, raise two accomplished daughters (one a graduate of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, and one currently a student at Hamilton College), serve her community as a member of the board of trustees of the Manlius Pebble Hill School, and engage in other pursuits, (such as rowing on Cazenovia Lake and, for a number of years, rock climbing).

In recognition of her distinguished service to our College of Law and our University,
Syracuse University College of Law is proud to honor
Alexandra C. Epsilanty
with the Syracuse Law Honors Medal.