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Foreword

The Law School Community mourns the loss of Professor Barbara Salken, one of our most loved and revered teachers. Professor Salken died on October 17 at the age of 49, following a long illness. Professor Salken joined the faculty of Pace University School of Law in 1983. On three separate occasions over a seven-year period, most recently at the School's 1996 commencement, the graduating class voted her Outstanding Professor of the Year.

A graduate of Skidmore College and Brooklyn Law School, Professor Salken practiced law with the Legal Aid Society in New York City, first as a trial lawyer in the Criminal Defense Division and later as an Associate Attorney and then Director of the Special Litigation Unit, where she was responsible for all law reform work and class action litigation that the Criminal Defense Division initiated. She participated in several landmark cases that changed the manner in which the criminal justice system handles youthful offenders.

On November 21 more than 350 members of the Law School community gathered in the Moot Court Room to celebrate and remember the life of Professor Barbara Salken. The speakers included Deans Richard Ottinger and Michael Mushlin; alumni Thomas Kapp and Barbara Wolfert; Barbara's colleagues at New York University, Ellen Schall and Harry Subin; current students Joseph Mazel and Janet Paganelli; and Professor Bennett Gershman. Their remarks follow.