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Corning, New York,
Woman Freed
in Innocence Clinic's
Valedictory Case

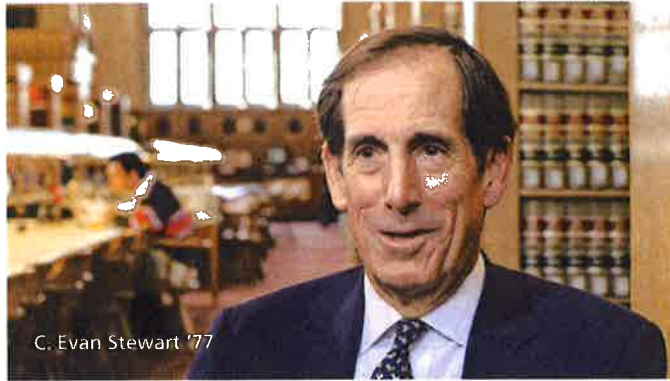
Farmworker
Legal Assistance Clinic
Concludes Highly
Successful First Year

Thomas Clement,
LL.B. '59
Leaves a Parting Gift

“Some of it was rough,” agrees **Howard Ignal '71**, Strauss’s Law School roommate, remembering the seven women who entered with the Class of 1971 and the three who graduated. “Not everybody from our class would say that, but I loved my three years here. Loved them. There was a camaraderie that came out of that shared experience, good and bad. It brought us close, and it’s kept us close all through these years. That’s the reason why we keep coming back.”

C. Evan Stewart '77 Receives Levy Award for Professional Ethics

Over the past thirty-eight years, **C. Evan Stewart '77** has done a lot of different things. His practice focuses principally on the financial services industry and handling litigation matters for domestic and international clients before federal and state trial and appellate courts and in arbitration forums, as well as before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and the U.S. Supreme Court. Stewart was featured by the *New York Law Journal* in the “Top Trials of 2005” for his successful representation of Theodore Sihpol, the first person in U.S. history to be criminally charged for “late trading” mutual funds. More recently, Stewart successfully represented Gary Prince against the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. In May 2013, after a three-week



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bench trial in federal court, the judge dismissed all six charges of securities fraud against Prince. Stewart has written more than 250 articles on law and legal ethics (he is a contributing columnist for the *New York Law Journal* and the *New York State Bar Association Journal*); and when he’s not at his desk, he’s teaching law at Cornell and Fordham.

For all those reasons—or for any one of them—Stewart was

honored with the 2016 Sanford D. Levy Award by the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Professional Ethics.

“Maybe it’s the sheer weight of everything I’ve published over the course of my professional life,” says Stewart, a senior partner at Cohen & Gresser who spends summers directing Cornell’s Prelaw Program in New York City. “Maybe it’s the cumulative effect of all those articles. Maybe enough people

who’ve read them think I’ve said something of value.”

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“The news that I’d won really came out of the blue,” says Stewart, who has been a trustee of Cornell University and currently serves on the Law School Advisory Council. “I was sitting at my desk when the phone rang and a very nice woman told me the committee wanted to give me this award. I said I was very surprised, but of course, I’d be delighted to accept it. She immediately interjected that I wouldn’t be required to give a speech. A simple ‘thank you’ would be sufficient. So that worked out well, and it was very gratifying to be joining one of my legal heroes—Roger Cramton—as a recipient of the award.”