University of Miami School of Law

Alumnus of Distinction Award (Dinner Gala)

This award is presented to a distinguished alumnus/ae for bringing honor and recognition to the University of Miami School of Law for a lifetime of outstanding personal or professional achievement. (The award may not be presented to active members of the judiciary, nor may it be awarded posthumously.)

Hon. Dante B. Fascell, JD ’38
Hon. Gerald Kogan, JD ‘55
Jeannette F. Hausler, JD ’53, Dean of Students Emerita, Sprint 2006
Neal R. Sonnett, JD ’67, President of the American Judicature Society, ABA House of Delegates representing the Criminal Justice Section, Spring 2007
Burton Young, JD’50
Robert J. Traurig, JD’50 – November 3, 2011
Judge A. Jay Cristol, JD’59 – May 10, 2016

Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award
(award may be presented at a Cocktail Reception hosted by Dean of the School of Law or at an Alumni Association Board Event)

Carolyn Lamm, JD ’73, ABA President-Elect, 11/14/2008
Hon. R. Fred Lewis, JD ’72, Chief Justice Florida Supreme Court, June 22, 2007 in Orlando, Florida
Hon. Federico Moreno, JD ’78, Chief Judge Southern District, June 22, 2007 in Orlando, Florida (August 2007)
Hon. Robin Rosenbaum, JD’91, U.S. Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, Sabadell Bank, October 21, 2014
Alumni Achievement Awards  
*(may be awarded at any Alumni Receptions)*

This award recognizes alumni nationally who have excelled in their chosen profession and in service to the University of Miami and the legal profession.

Hon. Eugene J. Fierro, JD ’67, Homecoming 1999

Mara S. Bloom, JD ’94, Health Care Administrator New York-Presbyterian Hospital, February 2005 in New York

Marco Rubio, JD’96  
Guest Speaker of the Dean’s Circle Luncheon in 2005  
Ira Bodenstein, JD ’80 (Chicago)

Rachel Kronick, JD ’96 (California)

Paul Levine, JD ’73 (California)

Jack Samuel Ring, JD ’57 (Chicago)

Michael W. Sales, JD ’77 (California)

Marshall Shapo, JD ’64 (Chicago)

Deborah Enix Ross, JD ’81, Debevoise & Plimpton, April 2007 in New York


Jamie N. Colby, JD ’83, Anchor/Correspondent, Fox News, April 2007 in New York

Dennis L. Curran, JD ’75, Senior Vice President, National Football League, April 2007 in New York

Sam Dubbin, JD’81  
2007

Carolyn B. Lamm, JD ’73, White & Case LLP, May 2007 in Washington, D.C.

Richard Hauser, JD ’68, President National Legal Center for the Public Interest, May 2007 in Washington, D.C.


Bennett Brummer, JD ’65, Miami-Dade Public Defender, 10/3/2007 @ Miami-Dade Judicial Reception

Mark E. Brodsky, JD ’68 (Washington, D.C.), October 2007

Robert Ades, JD ’73 (Washington, D.C.), October 2007

George N. Jahn, JD ’48, January 2008 in Orlando

David B. Schwartz, JD ’97, Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium, February 2008 in Miami

Hon. Mark E. Polen, JD ’69, March 2008 at the Palm Beach Judicial Reception

Hon. Mark R. Dishowitz, JD ’75, April 2008 at the Broward Judicial Reception

Hon. Alexander L. Paskay, JD ’58, May 2008 50th Reunion in Miami

Linda C. Hertz, JD ’73, 10/14/2008, Miami-Dade Judicial Reception

Hon. Victor Tobin, JD ’74, 3/12/09, Broward Judicial Reception

Carlos J. Martinez, JD’90, Miami Dade County Public Defender, Miami Dade Judicial Reception October 21, 2009

Elizabeth F. Schwartz, JD’97, Lavender Law Conference, August 28, 2010

Hon. Peter Blanc, JD’78, 3/9/10 Palm Beach Judicial Reception

Hon. Jose E. Martinez, JD’65, 10/5/10, Miami-Dade Judicial Reception

Michael J. Satz, JD’67
Dorian Denburg, JD’82, 2/15/2011, School of Law

Hon. Paul G. Hyman, Jr., JD’77, 3/24/2011, Palm Beach Judicial Reception


Hon. Kathleen M. Williams, JD’82, 10/18/2011, Miami-Dade Judicial Reception

Hon. Stanton S. Kaplan, JD’62, 3-21-2012, Broward Judicial Reception

Donald C. McClosky, JD’60, (1926-2011) 3-21-2012, Broward Judicial Reception

Robert A. Bertisch, JD’70, Alumni Achievement Award, Palm Beach Judicial Reception 4-18-2012

The Honorable Laurel M. Isicoff, JD’82, Alumni Achievement Award, Miami Dade Judicial Reception 10-2-2012

The Honorable Richard J. Suarez, JD’81, Alumni Achievement Award, Miami Dade Judicial Reception 10-2-2012

The Honorable Walter Colbath, Jr., JD’65, Alumni Achievement Award, Broward Judicial Reception 3-7-2013

Kirk W.B. Wagar, JD’93, Alumni Achievement Award, Washington, DC Appointed Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Singapore 9-4-2013

The Honorable Bertila A. Soto, JD’89, Alumni Achievement Award, Miami-Dade Judicial Reception 10-22-2013

The Honorable Jonathan Goodman, JD’83 Alumni Achievement Award, Miami-Dade Judicial Reception 10-22-2013

Saif Y. Ishoof, JD’00, Alumni Achievement Award, Miami-Dade Judicial Reception 10-22-2013

Michelle Diffenderfer, JD’94, Alumni Achievement Award, Palm Beach Judicial Reception 2-25-2014

David I. Spector, JD’96, Alumni Achievement Award, Palm Beach Judicial Reception 2-25-2014
Arnold Grevior, JD’55, Alumni Achievement Award, Broward Judicial Reception, March 18, 2014

Francis A. Citera, JD’83, Greenberg Traurig, Chicago Law Alumni Reception, Alumni Achievement Award, October 10, 2014

Carolina Garcia Jayaram, JD’04, United States Artists, Chicago Law Alumni Reception, Alumni Achievement Award, October 10, 2014

Hon. Robin S. Rosenbaum, JD’91, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, LAA Holiday Reception, December 17, 2014

Hon. Beth Bloom, JD’88, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, LAA Holiday Reception, December 17, 2014

The Honorable Melvin B. Grossman, JD ’68, Broward County Circuit Judge (Ret.), 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Broward Judicial Reception, Alumni Achievement Award, February 11, 2015

Bruce M. Lyons, AB ’64, JD ’67, Law Offices of Bruce M. Lyons, Broward Judicial Reception, Alumni Achievement Award, February 11, 2015

Jay A. Martus, JD ’85, President, MFAL, LLC, Broward Judicial Reception, Alumni Achievement Award, February 11, 2015

Horacio Gutierrez, JD’98, Corporate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at Microsoft, Dean’s Circle Luncheon, Alumni Achievement Award, March 26, 2015

Susan Fleischner Kornspan, JD’90
Chair, Charles C. Papy, Jr. Moot Court Board Alumni Advisory Board,
Palm Beach Judicial Reception, April 28, 2015

Lawrence P. Rochefort, JD’88, Partner and Chair, National Litigation Practice Group, Akerman, LLP, Palm Beach Judicial Reception, April 28, 2015

The Honorable Stanford Blake, JD’73, Associate Administrative Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2015

The Honorable Kevin Emas, JD’82, District Judge, Third District Court of Appeals Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2015

Abigail Price-Williams, JD’84, County Attorney, Miami Dade County Attorney’s Office
Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2015

Marc Trestman, JD’82, Offensive Coordinator, Baltimore Ravens
Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium, April 8, 2016

The Honorable Martin J. Bidwill, JD’90, Administrative Judge, Criminal Division 17th Judicial Circuit court of Florida
Broward Judicial Reception, March 23, 2016

Howard M. Talenfeld, BBA’74, JD’79, Managing Partner, Talenfeld Law, Founder & President of Florida’s Children First, Recipient of the Florida Bar “President’s Award of Merit” in 2010 for his advocacy of children’s rights
Broward Judicial Reception, March 23, 2016

Ervin A. Gonzalez, JD’85, Partner, Colson Hicks
Miami Dade Judicial Reception, September 21, 2016

The Honorable Carroll J. Kelly, JD’89
Administrative Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
Miami Dade Judicial Reception, September 21, 2016

Adam M. Moskowitz, JD’93, Partner, Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton
Miami Dade Judicial Reception, September 21, 2016

Michael J. Mullaney, JD’89 – Chief, Counterterrorism Section, National Security Division, US Department of Justice

John M. Hogan, JD’77, Litigation Section Chair, Holland & Knight
LAA Holiday Reception - December 13, 2016

The Honorable John W. Thornton, Jr., JD’77
Circuit Court Judge for Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
LAA Holiday Reception - December 13, 2016

Nicholas Christin, JD’74; LLME’78, Managing Partner at Wicker Smith O’Hara McCoy & Ford, P.A.
Heckerling Institute Luncheon in Orlando – January 11, 2017

The Honorable Susan Lebow, JD’74, Senior Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida
Broward Judicial Reception – March 29, 2017
Todd S. Payne, JD’89, Managing Partner of Zebersky Payne
Broward Judicial Reception – March 29, 2017

Laura B. Zebersky, JD’93, CCO of Jazwares, Inc.
Broward Judicial Reception – March 29, 2017

Judd A. Zebersky, JD’93, CEO of Jazwares, Inc.
Broward Judicial Reception – March 29, 2017

Alumni Leadership Medallion Award
(may be awarded at any Alumni Reception)

This award was instituted during the presidency of Alvin Lindsay and recognizes excellence, but specifically in the area of leadership.

Frank R. Angones, JD ’76, President Florida Bar 2007-2008,
LAA Holiday Party December 2006

Corali Lopez-Castro, JD ’90, President CABA 2007,
LAA Holiday Party December 2006

Edward J. Atkins, JD ’51, Former President Florida Bar from 1976-1977,
Florida Bar Annual Meeting Alumni Reception, 6/22/07

Tod N. Aronovitz, JD ’51, Former President Florida Bar from 2002-2003,
Florida Bar Annual Meeting Alumni Reception, 6/22/07

Edith G. Osman, JD ’83, Former President Florida Bar from 1999-2000,
Florida Bar Annual Meeting Alumni Reception, 6/22/07

Sam Smith, JD ’60, Former President Florida Bar from 1981-1982,
Florida Bar Annual Meeting Alumni Reception, 6/22/07

Burton Young, JD ’50, Former President Florida Bar from 1970-1971,
Florida Bar Annual Meeting Alumni Reception, 6/22/07

Holmes Russell Troutman, JD ’58, Former President Florida Bar,
Florida Bar Annual Meeting Alumni Reception, January 2008

Dean Colson, JD ’77, Past Chair UM Board of Trustees,
Homecoming Thirtieth Reunion Class of 1977, 11/1/07

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Marlene Quintana, JD ’96, President CABA 2008
Julie Braman Kane, JD’93, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, 10/5/2010
2009-2010 President of the Miami-Dade
Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers

Steven P. Befera, JD’83, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, 10/5/2010
2009-2010 President, Dade County Bar Association

Stephan L. Carman, JD’01, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, 10/18/2011

Steven W. Davis, JD’82, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, 10/18/2011

Jordana L. Goldstein, JD’94, Alumni Leadership Award, Broward Judicial Reception, 3/21/2012

Gary S. Lesser, JD’92 Alumni Leadership Award, Palm Beach Judicial Reception, 4/18/2012

Alexandra Bach Lagos, JD’06, Alumni Leadership Award, 10/2/2012

Jane Muir, JD’09, Alumni Leadership Award, 10-22-2013

Stacey Schulman, JD’02 Alumni Leadership Award, Broward Judicial Reception, March 18, 2014

Olanike Adebayo, JD’97, Past President, Gwendolyn S. Cherry, Black Women Lawyers Association, Miami-Dade Judicial Reception Sabadell Bank, October 21, 2014

Victoria Mendez, JD’00, City Attorney, City of Miami and Past President, Cuban-American Bar Association, October 21, 2014

William Simonitsch, JD’09, Past President, Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2014

Pamela Guerrier, JD’95, Director, Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity, Palm Beach Judicial Reception, April 28, 2015

Sandra M. Ferrera, JD’99, Immediate Past President, Cuban American Bar Association (CABA), Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2015

The Honorable Mayra P. Lindsay, JD’93, Mayor of Key Biscayne, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2015
The Honorable Lisa S. Walsh, JD’92, President, National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2015

Anna Marie Hernandez, JD’01, Partner, Holland & Knight
President, Cuban American Bar Association (CABA)
Miami Dade Judicial Reception, September 21, 2016

Rebecca A. Ocariz, JD’98, Partner, Shook Hardy & Bacon
President, Florida Association for Women Lawyers, FAWL, Miami-Dade Chapter
Miami Dade Judicial Reception, September 21, 2016

Mindy Reinstein, JD’08 – Deputy Director, Government Relations, Advocacy and Community Engagement, Anti-Defamation League

Ardith Bronson, JD’00 – Of Counsel, DLA Piper
LAA Holiday Reception, December 13, 2016

Michael J. Higer, JD’85, Florida Bar President
67th Annual Florida Bar Convention – June 22, 2017
Homecoming Breakfast Awards

Thomas Davison III Memorial Service Award

This award is presented annually at the Homecoming Breakfast to an alumnus/ae who has worked on behalf of the Law School in a quiet, behind-the-scenes kind of way. This person is typically someone who does not seek the spotlight, but works in a dedicated fashion to benefit the School.

This Special Law Alumni Award was created by the Law Alumni Association to honor the memory of former President of the Law Alumni Association and UM Trustee, Thomas Davison, III, JD ’49. Tom was a dedicated volunteer, who led by example and was always ready to step in and help. He was very much admired by all who knew him always had a kind word for everyone. Upon his death in 1976, the Association created this special recognition to honor those individuals who work behind the scenes to make a difference.

Charles Crowder (deceased)  
Ben Kuehne, JD ’77  
Allen Helfman  
Hon. Theodore Klein, JD ’64  
Neal R. Sonnet, JD ’67  
M. Minnette Massey, JD ’51  
Richard Milstein, JD ’74  
Ron Ravikoff, JD ’77  
Hon. A.J. Cristol, JD ’59  
Meryl L., BED’77 and Brian F. Spector, JD’78, Homecoming 2006  
Elizabeth S. Katzen, JD ’88, Homecoming 2000  
Todd S. Payne, JD ’89, Homecoming 2000  
Hon. Carroll J. Kelly, JD ’89, Homecoming Breakfast 2001  
Robin Schard, JD ’90, Assistant Library Director for Public Services, Homecoming Breakfast 2006  
Hon. Ronald M. Friedman, JD ’67, Homecoming Breakfast 2004  
Paul Dee, JD ’77, Athletic Director, Homecoming Breakfast November 3, 2007  
Barbara Perez, JD ’93, Chair Dean’s Circle Committee, Homecoming Breakfast November 3, 2007  
Gregory M. Cesarano, JD ’76, Homecoming Breakfast 2008  
Patricia A. Redmond, JD’79, Homecoming Breakfast 2009  
Richard C. Milstein, JD’74, Homecoming Breakfast November 6, 2010  
Marjorie Baron, JD’92, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2011  
The Honorable Stanford Blake, JD’73, Homecoming Breakfast, October 20, 2012  
Elizabeth B. Honkonen, JD’98, Homecoming Breakfast, November 9, 2013  
Jerry M. Markowitz, JD’74, Homecoming Breakfast, November 9, 2013  
Jeff M. Fine, AB’64, JD’67, Homecoming Breakfast, November 1, 2014  
Detra Shaw-Wilder, JD’94, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015  
The Honorable Bertila A. Soto, JD ’89, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2016
Henry Latimer Professionalism Award

George F. Knox, Jr., JD ’73
Hon. Sue M. Cobb ’78, Homecoming Breakfast 2006
H.T. Smith, JD ’73, Homecoming Breakfast, November 3, 2007
Hon. A. Jay Cristol, JD ’59, Homecoming Breakfast 2008
Hon. Peter R. Palermo, JD’50, Homecoming Breakfast 2009
Robert H. Traurig, JD’50, Homecoming Breakfast November 6, 2010
Hon. Philip Bloom, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2011
Hon. William M. Hoeveler, Homecoming Breakfast, October 20, 2012
Hon. Federico Moreno, JD’78, Homecoming Breakfast, November 9, 2013
Sharon L. Langer, BED’69; JD’79, Homecoming Breakfast, November 1, 2014
The Honorable Gill S. Freeman, JD’77, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015
Francisco R. Angones, JD’76, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2016

Joseph H. Bogosian Student Leadership Award

Student Leadership Award – created 2012 by former SBA President, In recognition of outstanding leadership and service to the University of Miami School of Law it provides a small cash award to a student for their leadership and service; the dean of students recommends along with the Dean of the School of Law.

Christine Job, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, October 20, 2012
Jenna Winchester, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, November 9, 2013
Sara L. Solano, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, November 1, 2014
Matthew Deblinger, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015
Elise Haverman, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2016
Mary E. Doyle Leadership Award
Presented by Miami Law Women in recognition for outstanding service, scholarship and mentorship

Mary E. Doyle, Former Dean and Professor of Law, Homecoming Breakfast, October 20, 2012
Hon. Robin S. Rosenbaum, JD’91, Homecoming Breakfast, November 1, 2014
Professor Teresa J. Verges, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015
Professor Tamara Lave, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2016

M. Minette Massey Moot Court Award

Patricia A. Redmond, JD’79, Homecoming Breakfast, November 6, 2010
Jaret L. Davis, JD’99, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2011
The Honorable Federico A. Moreno, Homecoming Breakfast, October 20, 2012
Susan Fleischner Kornspan, JD’90, John T. Gaubatz Moot Court Competition Final Round, October 21, 2013
Roy Black, JD’70, Homecoming Breakfast, November 1, 2014
Frank Sardinha, III, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015
David T. Coulter, JD’15, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2016

Daniel E. Murray Distinguished Service Award presented by the Miami Law Review

2008 – 2009: Alvin Lindsay, Peter Prieto & Harley S. Tropin
2009 – 2010: Jaret Davis
2010 – 2011: Jenea Reed
2011 – 2012: Adam Moskowitz & Scott Byers
2012 – 2013: Joanne Harvest Koren
2013 – 2014: Brian Toth
Professor David Abraham, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015
Steven C. Marks, JD’85, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2016
We are Proud of U Award

Jeffrey D. Fisher, JD’80, Dean’s Forum, September 21, 2015

Ellen C. Freidin, JD’78, Center for Ethics & Public Service and Children and Youth Law Clinic 20th Anniversary Celebration, September 23, 2016

Burton Young, JD’50, Past President, The Florida Bar, Children & Youth Law Clinic – 20th Anniversary, September 23, 2016