Dennis O. Lynch, professor and dean emeritus at the University of Denver College of Law and prominent expert on Latin American law, is the new dean of the University of Miami School of Law.

He succeeds Mary Doyle, who had been interim dean since the May 1998 resignation of Samuel C. Thompson, Jr., and who joined the faculty as professor of law in 1974 and served as associate dean in 1983–86, moved to Colorado in 1990, and then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rejoined the faculty as professor and dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1994, then rej...
Loyalty, C challenge, Potential Bring New Dean to U M Law

In early August, soon after he officially became U M Law’s dean, Dennis Lynch talked with The Barrister about his decisions to accept the position and about his expectations for the Law School.

Barrister: Why did you decide to accept the University of Miami School of Law’s offer to return as dean?

Lynch: There were a number of reasons.

On a personal level, the University of Miami is the school that gave me the opportunity to be a legal scholar and educator. It was very good to me and gave me plenty of support, both professional and personal. It is an institution for which I have a lot of professional loyalty, so the opportunity to come back and lead the school is very gratifying.

Moreover, it’s exciting to lead a school with such potential. We have one of the most productive and scholarly law faculties in the country, and we’re located in the most dynamic, international city in the U.S. The faculty, the city, a strong legal community, a carefully selected and culturally diverse student body, a superb library—they’re all here. The potential has never been fully realized, which presents us with a wonderful opportunity.

Barrister: How do you think that potential can be realized?

Lynch: We need to build on the quality of our educational programs—get the message out to the local and national bars of just how good they are.

We should make more use of a variety of ways for presenting or marketing our message to potential students, as well as to members of the legal and international communities. These will include not just brochures, media releases, and other written material, but also more face-to-face meetings.

Barrister: Do alumni play a major role in your plans?

Lynch: Absolutely. Alumini are our ambassadors to the world—to potential students, to the legal community to other alumni. It’s very important that we keep them informed, involved with students, and proud of their school.

Barrister: It may be too early in your tenure to be asking this question, but how do you think the Law School’s relationship is with its alumni at this time?

Lynch: In terms of financial support, it’s obvious that we’re not at the level we need to be. Private law schools that are reaching their potential are receiving greater financial support from their alumni.

However, we do have good support from our alumni in terms of involvement in school activities. They are involved with our students in a number of ways, such as mentoring, participating with moot court activities, and helping students find jobs. We need to take even more advantage of the legal expertise to be involved in those ways.

Aiso, we need our alumni to have confidence in our educational mission. It is important that they understand how much our faculty cares about educating students. A alumni should take pride in the quality of our faculty and their commitment to teaching.

Barrister: What do you think are other strong assets of U M Law?

Lynch: The most obvious is our faculty. We have the top faculties in the country, as measured by the volume of their publishing and the frequency with which their articles and books are cited. Others. The faculty has an incredible range of interests and expertise, and they are especially strong in the areas of international law and social justice. Moreover, we have an excellent teaching faculty.

Our distinctiveness is a major asset, particularly in regard to our multicultural location, student-body, and faculty. This is the place to come to study transnational law, and we are one of the main educators of bilingual law graduates. Moreover, not only are we at the main point of contact between the U.S. and Latin America, our South Florida location also brings us considerable legal interaction with Europe.

Barrister: What are the primary challenges facing the Law School?

Lynch: At this point, the most important challenges are probably financial—taking the School through this period of student body downsizing, with its accompanying drop in revenue from tuition. It is crucial that we be able to maintain a good student-faculty ratio to ensure that students can have the interaction they need with faculty members.

We need to generate strong financial support from sources other than tuition to maintain and build on the strength of our programs. This requires convincing alumni and other members of the legal and business communities of the importance of our goals.

Other challenges are to take greater advantage of our faculty’s wide-ranging legal expertise and to ensure that our students and graduates have excellent job opportunities.

The challenges are significant, but they pale in comparison to our potential. As the world moves rapidly toward a truly global economy, we are in a far better position than most law schools in our ability to capitalize on that evolution.
As the new president of the Florida Bar Association, Edith Osman, Class of '83, is a woman with a mission: to protect the nation’s legal system by helping restore what it needs most to survive— the confidence of the people.

“Our legal system survives only because the people let it. If we lose the confidence of our citizens, we run the risk that lawyers and self-help will slowly erode the rule of law,” she warned.

In a speech to U M Law’s first-year students during orientation in A ugust, Osman pointed out that “our profession has faced much ridicule in last two decades. The Florida Bar is working very hard on many fronts to re-educate the public about who lawyers are and what we are here to do, and to restore to our profession the respect it deserves.”

Osman was installed as president of the 63,325-member bar in June, after serving a year as president-elect. She is the second woman to hold the position. (The first was Patricia Seitz in 1993.)

“As attorneys, we are the guardians of the laws that define our society” she said, “we swear to uphold, and to restore to our profession the respect it deserves.”

According to Osman, surveys show that 80 percent of the public perceives the U.S. legal system to be the best in the world. Furthermore, she said, the people perceive the U.S. legal system as the envy of the world. “We have had the last contact with the legal system,” she said, “who know us best, like us best, and who claim to dislike lawyers most.”

In 1998, she said, Florida lawyers contributed nearly one million hours in pro bono work and nearly $2 million in legal aid funding. In addition, nearly 15,000 Florida lawyers provided more than 1.5 million hours to local boards, schools, churches, synagogues, charities, civic groups and other organizations.

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Fourth other U M Law Alumni Have Headed Florida Bar

In addition to Edith Osman, the current president of the Florida Bar Association, four other U M Law alumni have headed the organization, including: Burton Young, Class of 1950; Edward J. A tkins, ’51; H. Russell Troutman, ’58; and Samuel S. Smith, ’60.

As Florida Bar President, Osman Aims to Improve Lawyers’ Image

A third educational tool is the creation of media teams of local lawyers, who will write op-ed pieces for their hometown newspapers and respond to letters to the editor. Team members will sit down with editors and broadcasters to discuss coverage of legal issues. Moreover, the nearly 800 lawyers who have volunteered for the Bar’s speakers bureau will also help carry the message to civic groups and into the public schools.

A nother important Bar initiative is the recently-established Commission on the Legal Needs of Children, which will study how the justice system treats children.

Chaired by Circuit Judge Sandy Karlan, the commission has 28 members, including Bernard Perlmutter, director of U M Law’s Children and Youth Law Clinic.

A sked what the Florida Bar will be dealing with this year, Osman replied, “The multi-disciplinary practice question is the biggest issue on the horizon. The ABA has proposed a rule change to allow professionals to share fees with non-lawyers (such as accounting firms). This raises some ethics questions and could have a major effect on the way we practice law. The Florida Bar has proposed keeping the status quo until the issue has been more fully explored.

We have a committee in place to study the issue before deciding whether to support the ABA’s proposal or any other potential rule change.”

A shareholder of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler P A., Osman practices commercial litigation and family law in the firm’s Miami office. She joined the firm in 1986, after running her own practice for five years.

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Burton Young

A partner in the North Miami Beach law firm Young, Berman & Karf, Y oung was president of the Florida Bar Association in 1970-71 and served as president of the Florida Bar Foundation from 1975 to 1977. He also has chaired the 1977 Chief Justice’s Advisory Committee of the Florida Supreme Court, the Florida Supreme Court’s Select Committee to Study the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, the Florida Bar’s Committee on the Rules Committee in June 1985, an article in Town & Country magazine included him in its article on “The Bar’s Best.”

Similarly, The Best Lawyers in America, 1993-94, an annual reference guide polling lawyers nationwide on the top practitioners in their field, named him one of the best divorce and family lawyers.

In 1998, at the Florida Bar’s annual meeting, he was honored with the Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor for his service and dedication to the public and for his administration of justice.

Edward J. A tkins

President of the Florida Bar Association in 1976-77, Atkins has served as a member of the association’s board of governors for the 10 preceding years.

He presided over the Dade County Bar Association in 1965-66 and was a member of the Federal and American Bar Associations as well as the International Association of Insurance Counsel.

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H. Russell Troutman

When Troutman was president of the Florida Bar (1977-78), the American Bar Association conferred its Project Excellence Award upon the organization for its creation of the first internet on line trust account program for the funding of legal services to the poor. In 1968-69, when he was president of the Orange County Bar Association, the Florida Bar Association named him its Outstanding Local Bar Association. He also was on the board of governors of the Florida Bar and chaired the Florida Bar’s Court Nominating Commission. He is a founding partner of Troutman, W illiams, Irving, Green & Helms in Winter Park and Oviedo, Florida.

Samuel S. Smith

President of the Florida Bar Association in 1981-82, Smith also was president of the Florida Bar Foundation in 1989 and secretary of the American Bar Association from 1993-96. Prior to assuming the presidency of the Florida Bar, he served on the association’s board of governors for eight years. A partner in the Miami law firm Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, Smith was a nationally known probate litigator and law office management expert. He was instrumental in establishing Dade County’s matenal guardianship program and devoted countless hours of community service, usually benefiting programs helping children. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at U M Law. Shortly before his death from cancer early this year, the Florida Bar Foundation recognized his many contributions when it bestowed upon him its annual Medal of Honor, the Foundation’s highest award for service to the public and profession.
(Continued from page 1) million pages of documents and a million frames of microfilm, along with several hundred megabytes of scientific data, deposition transcripts and database information. Interspersed among formal legal documents such as pleadings, consent decrees, and hearing and deposition transcripts are maps, photographs, and reports, providing insight into the nature of the Everglades and its integral place in Florida's history and development.

One of nature's unique and most varied ecosystems, the Everglades has been recognized worldwide for its haunting beauty. The largest federal wilderness area in the east, the Everglades National Park is of international significance, having been designated as a World Biosphere Reserve in 1976, a World Heritage Site in 1978, and a Wetland of International Importance. It is the only wetland in the Western Hemisphere to receive these multiple designations.

Decades of governmental and private intervention in the form of drainage projects for food control and agricultural development and increased urbanization, however, have diminished the primeval everglades to half its size. Today the Everglades is one of the nation's most fragile and threatened ecosystems. Human intervention in this century has also disrupted the quality, timing, and path of the vital water flow through its remnants. The collection's materials come primarily from documents filed and produced in a lawsuit that was initiated by the United States in 1988 and from subsequent litigation spawned by that lawsuit, some of which continues to this day. In the original lawsuit, the United States sued the South Florida Water Management District and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, alleging that they had violated state water quality laws and contributed to the degradation of the Everglades National Park and the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

The Everglades case spawned thousands of pleadings, hundreds of depositions, and over a million pages of documents. A few years of bitter litigation, the case was settled in 1992, when Judge William H. Oeverer entered a settlement agreement between the federal and state parties, recognizing the severe harm the Park and Refuge had suffered and would continue to suffer if remedial steps were not taken. The agreement set out in detail the steps the State of Florida would take over the next 10 years to restore and preserve water quality in the Everglades. It was founded on the Margerie Stoneman Douglas Act, Ch. 80, Laws of Florida, 1980, dealing with the involvement and consent of agricultural interests.

The settlement agreement, however, allowed affected non-signatories to pursue state administrative remedies. Agricultural interests filed several such challenges, alleging that they were substantially affected by the agreement's remedial program, i.e., the SWIM (Surface Water Improvement) Plan by the district and D&R. These SWIM challenges were later consolidated into one lawsuit, C. Civil Action No. D.O.A.H. 92-3038. The United States intervened on the district's side. Thirty-six collateral lawsuits were filed throughout the agricultural companies.

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Web site visitors tend to be more diverse than in-person visitors. A representative sample of site visitors would include: law firms involved in complex environmental actions, scientists seeking documents related to remediation and environmental impacts of legislation, environmentalists and graduate students writing reports on Everglades hydrology. The site has gotten “hits” from as far away as Taiwan. While it may not be possible to put all of the collection's materials online, staff members are identifying pleadings, depositions, hearings, exhibits, and other materials that will provide researchers and the general public with an understanding of the issues involved in the long line of Everglades water quality litigation.

A side from presenting as much of the collection's contents online as possible, the staff intends to gather and make available pleadings and other documents from recent litigation, along with new legislation and links to news articles. Researchers can also request hard copies of materials not available online but listed in indices. Indices and bibliographic databases cover a large percentage of the collection's holdings.

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Providing access to the collection's contents through the Internet has become a major focus of the Library's goal of reaching as wide an audience as possible. The collection's Web site was debuted in April 1997 after a conference on Everglades litigation was held in the Law Library. Since then the site has broadened the scope of its holdings on the Internet making available hundreds of pleadings and deposition and hearing transcripts.
New Generation of Lawyers

Arango’s crew, including her grandchildren, center that provides safe shelter for residents of Miami Bridge, a youth service center. Friends played sports and ate pizza with stories, while Betsy Goldsmith and Al DiLorenzo and friends brightened the days of families of hospitalized children to a day of food and fun. Project leader Ami Goldsmith and his beach patrol cleaned up the beach from 1st to 6th streets on South Beach. A Cecilia Hughes led a group of enthusiastic volunteers to the Ronald McDonald House, where they treated families of hospitalized children to a day of food and fun. Mona, DiLorenzo, Goldsmith, A range, Rice, and Hughes all are second- and third-year law students. Many of the volunteers were first-year law students. In addition to its volunteer activities, H.O.P.E. is raising funds to establish a fellows program that will allow students to continue their efforts in legal advocacy and community outreach throughout the school year. H.O.P.E. invited members of the Law School and South Florida communities to support the fellows program by participating in a September 30 fundraising auction at the University of Miami Faculty Club. Local businesses and individuals donated a large number of attractive items for auction, ranging from BAR/BRI bar review courses to theatre and concert tickets, rounds of golf, meals at various restaurants, weekends in resorts, museum passes, health club memberships, car rentals, and software. Individuals who would like to make monetary donations to the H.O.P.E. fellowship fund can do so by calling Dean Mami Lennon at 305-284-2599. Naming opportunities are available to donors interested in sponsoring specific fellowships.

A associate Dean W. Williamson is an expert on disarmament and international environmental law. Prof. Keith S. Rosen, the School’s senior expert in comparative law and one of America’s leading experts on Latin American law, holds the Inter-American Jurisprudence Prize from the Inter-American Bar Association for his “distinguished contribution to the development and clarification of law” in the Americas. Prof. Bernard H. Oxman, the Law School’s senior expert on public international law, is the director of the Law of the Sea Institute and frequently advises the U.S. State Department and foreign governments on international law issues. Prof. Irwin P. Stotzky has been an advisor to elected Haitian Presidents Aristide and Preval and to Argentine President A. Irunson. He is one of the world’s leading experts on the transition from dictatorship to democracy. Prof. Alan C. Swan is the Law School’s senior expert on private international law and international trade and the author of the most widely used text on international business transactions. Prof. Elizabeth M. Igleias and Prof. Francisco Valdes are driving figures in the “LatCrit” movement and co-directors of U.M. Law School’s Latin American Law and Caribbean Law and of the Schools’ highly popular Summer in Spain program.

The Law School also attracts visiting faculty from around the world, as well as adjunct faculty with experience in international transactions, adding even greater depth to the international and foreign programs.

A frequent visitor is Prof. Hugo Caminos, a judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, in Hamburg, Germany. He is professor of law at the University of Buenos Aires, former Argentine ambassador to Brazil, and former general counsel of the Organization of American States.

With the international expertise and involvement of its faculty, its location at the Gateway to Latin America, and its multi-cultural student body, the University of Miami School of Law has become known as one of the nation’s best places to study international and foreign law.

School Reflects City’s ‘Gateway Role’

University of Miami School of Law students started the new school year by offering a day of community service to six different Miami-Dade County agencies.

H.O.P.E. (Helping Others through Pro Bono Efforts) is a U.M. Law School program that offers opportunities for law students, faculty, staff and alumni to participate in a myriad of community outreach and legal advocacy projects. On Saturday, August 28, approximately 45 H.O.P.E. volunteers spent the day brightening the lives of individuals in the Miami-Dade community. Groups of volunteers went to the Esperanza Center, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Miami Bridge, Camillus House and South Beach to do various service projects, from a beach clean-up to visiting residents and providing cheer with games, food and fun.

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UM Law Students Offer Day of H.O.P.E.

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The Law School’s Spring 1999 Hooding Ceremony saw the beginning of a new tradition, as several alumni who had children in the graduating class hooded them themselves.

In the photo above, Caroline Soret receives her hood from her mother, Assistant Dean for External Affairs Carol Cope, JD ’80. Other hooding attending parents and their graduating children included: Nathan P. Diamond, JD ’72 and Peter Diamond; Gary Carman, JD ’74, and Jennifer Carman; Sandor F. Genet, JD ’73, and Sol Genet; and Paul T. Dee, JD ’77, and Tid Dee.

Overall, UM Law conferred 400 JD’ s and 87 LL.M. degrees at the May 16 ceremony at the Knight Center in downtown Miami.

Major B. Harding, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, was the keynote speaker.

Following a June 7 luncheon in his honor, former Dean Mary Doyle thanks James H. “Booby” Nance, ’56, for his $100,000 gift to the School of Law. In gratitude for his generosity, the Law School has dedicated its courtyard fountain to him.

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As an expert on cyberlaw, Prof. Michael Froomkin continues to be quoted in article after article on the topic. For instance, the Washington Post (August 21), CyberTimes 10-day (July 21) and the South Florida Sun-Sentinel (July 11) all sought his opinion for major features on encryption issues.

On the controversy surrounding the new regulatory powers assumed by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Washington Post (July 22), the New York Times (online version, June 7), and The Industry Standard (July 9) turned to him.

Articles in Intellectualcapital.com (June 10) and Internet.com (June 22) on "cybersquatting" (basing up various versions of domain names that someone else might be willing to pay a premium for at a later date) quoted him.

And, both the Wall Street Journal (front page, June 21) and the Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition (August 31) published articles about a paper ("The Next Economy") that he co-wrote with economist historian J. Bradford DeLong of the University of California at Berkeley. The article in the Interactive Edition called it "some of the most provocative thinking I've yet seen about the ways in which the Internet is going to change the world."


A few for a Florida jury ruled against the tobacco industry in the first class-action lawsuit by ailing smokers to come to trial, the media turned to Prof. Bernard S. Nussbaum as saying that another mass trial from each side could come only with Fidel Castro's blessing. If "he makes it clear at any time that people can just leave the island, then you will have an exodus."

A September 6 column in the Miami Herald carried the headline "UM Reopens JFK Case" and focused on "Evidentiary Issues" and a law professor's role in the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy," a course being taught this semester by Prof. John Hart Ely. The columnist, Joan Fleischman, noted that, 35 years ago, Ely served as one of 17 staff lawyers on the Warren Commission. And, in a letter informing Alfieri of his award, the Center's work in providing training and service to the profession, best supported and exemplifies the organization's mission.

The commission created the annual award recently to recognize a faculty member in one of Florida's law schools who, through teaching, scholarship, and service to the profession, best supports and exemplifies the organization’s mission.

During the last year, the Center for Ethics and Public Service received the American Bar Association's prestigious E. Smyth Gambrell Professionalism Award.

The Center is an interdisciplinary project focused on teaching the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in the practice of law. Staffed by Law School student fellows and interns performing under Alfieri's supervision, it provides training in ethics and professionalism both within the Law School and to the University as well as to Floridians, civic, educational and legal communities.

The Center recently accepted an appointment as legal ethics advisor to The Alliance for Ethical Government, a countywide consortium of public and private leaders from selected business, civic, educational, and legal communities.

The Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism has selected University of Miami School of Law Professor A nthon y Alfieri as the winner of its 1999 Professionalism Award. Presented at the judicial law lunch held during the Florida Bar Association's annual meeting in Boca Raton June 24, the award is a tribute to Alfieri's work in developing the Center for Ethics and Public Service at U M Law and to the Center's work in providing training to law students, the business and legal communities, and the general public.

The Center for Ethics and Public Service was established in 1985, to provide ethics education to law students, bar members, and the general public. It offers a variety of ethics training opportunities, including seminars, institutes, and courses on a wide range of topics, including conflict of interest, attorney-client privilege, and the legal aspects of professional conduct.

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A author, Company Founder—She’s Off to Fast Start

After many years in the workforce, most people would be proud to state that they had formed a company and published articles in three journals. Renae Meltzer had done that even before she finished law school.


The new company and the magazine articles had their genesis less than two years ago, when she was working part-time for a Fort Lauderdale law firm (A Atlas, Pearlman, Trop and Borkson), where she was responsible for researching how to offer securities over the Internet. Through her research, she met Leo Feldman, president of IPO.net, a company that handles Internet security offerings. In 1998, she joined IPO.net as director of business relations. She and Feldman formed Rule506.com as a subsidiary of IPO.net to complement the parent company’s security offering program; they are awaiting final SEC approval to conduct business.

Her work with those two companies was the basis for the three articles. “The articles explored a very timely issue—the offering of securities over the Internet—that was relevant to an examination of legal concerns and specialties,” she commented. Meltzer has accepted an associate position in the Koger office of Gunter Yoakley, Valdes-Fauli, and Stewart.

In Memoriam

The dean, faculty, students, and alumni of the University of Miami School of Law honor the following alumni and friends of the School of Law who have died during 1999.

We are grateful for their participation in the development of UM Law, and we extend condolences to their family members and friends as they mourn their loss. While these friends will always be a part of the School of Law, we will miss their presence among us.

Jane R. Hoade, JD ’53
George Griffith Graham, JD ’54
Albert Alton Gordon, JD ’69
Arthur J. Franza, JD ’54
Jose A. Fernandez, JD ’91
Leonard R. Fels, JD ’60, LL.M. ’72
Charles Louis Dean, JD ’51
S. James Cohen, JD ’52
Charles Louis Dean, JD ’51
Merrill L. L. M. ’72
Jose A. Fernandez, JD ’91
Arthur J. Franza, JD ’54
Ibert A. Iton Gordon, JD ’69
George Griffith Graham, JD ’54
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91% of 1998 U M Law Grads Found Jobs Within 9 Months

Ninety-one percent of the Law School’s spring 1998 graduates found jobs within nine months of graduation. This hiring level is a sharp increase over that reported to the National Association for Law Placement for the previous year’s bankruptcy class. Kozak has contributed a considerable amount of time and effort to help UM Law students compete in a national bankruptcy court competition, arranging a local competition, raising funds, and accompanying students to New York City for the national event.

Last fall, the firm gave UM Law $50,000 as the lead gift for the Friends of the Litigation Skills Program endowment fund. In recognition of that gift, the litigation skills center is now known as the Kozak, Tropin and Throckmorton Office Suite. For many years, firm members Arley Tropin, Paul Huck, and Kenneth Hartmann have been active instructors in the Litigation Skills Program.

In addition, Laurel M. Iscsoff (partner) and Debra Shaw-Wilder (associate) serve on the board of the Law Alumni Association, and members of the firm volunteer to help in student recruitment and serve as mentors for minority students.
Message from President, Law Alumni Association

Greetings to My 14,000 Fellow Alumni:

Yes, believe it or not there are more than 14,000 alumni of the University of Miami School of Law. I sometimes wonder what all of you are up to in your careers and in your lives. I recently spoke to the incoming 1Ls at the Dean’s Welcome Dinner, and it was fun reporting some of the successes of members of my class, the Class of 1972. Of course every graduating class has its own honor role of alumni who have had wonderful careers and who have had special achievements in their lives.

The Law Alumni Association is putting together a plan to recognize our most distinguished graduates, celebrating the achievements of UM Law alumni from our School’s founding 71 years ago to the present. What we have in mind is evidence of high achievement, such as landmark legal victories, election to high public office, appointment or election to the judiciary leadership in major corporations, awards recognizing outstanding professionalism or public service, etc. However, our plan is still in the formative stage, and we welcome your ideas for what criteria we should use and who should be honored.

For the project to be a success, we will need help from a large number of people, from every class that has ever graduated from UM Law. A long with your ideas, we need to hear from you about your successes and those of your classmates and alumni friends. Please send your comments to me by e-mail at alumnipres@law.miami.edu.

A new and excellent communication tool is the 1999 Law Alumni Directory, published this summer by the School of Law. Listing all 14,000 alumni by name, class, geographic location and areas of specialty is a wonderful book (or CD Rom) that can help us locate and reconnect with one another. In case you forgot, a limited number is still available by calling the publishing company at 1-800-982-1590.

A long with the e-mail addresses listed in the directory, we continue to collect new e-mail addresses and update others. If you would like to be added to an e-mail list to receive Law Alumni event information or to participate in Law Alumni e-mail discussion forums, please let us know by contacting me at the e-mail address above or the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations at any of the addresses listed in the masthead on page 2.

A great opportunity for rekindling our relationships with the School of Law will be our 51st Annual Homecoming Breakfast, on Saturday, November 20, preceded by the ever-popular “Morning Spirits” party on The Bricks. It is a wonderful tradition and a tremendous amount of fun.

I look forward to seeing you there.

The Law Alumni Association is pleased to welcome Dennis Lynch as our new Dean of the Law School. He is an outstanding choice, selected from well over 100 highly qualified candidates. It is a new beginning, and our new Dean of the Law School will be our 51st Annual Homecoming Breakfast— the last such breakfast to occur this century— will take place on Saturday, November 20, on the Coral Gables campus.

The Hon. R. Fred Lewis, JD ’72, who was recently appointed to the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, will be the keynote speaker. New UM Law dean Dennis O. Lynch, will address the audience during the program. This year’s master of ceremonies will be Ted Klein, JD ’64, who will delight and amuse the crowd with his lively sense of humor.

Plan to join fellow alumni, friends, and members of the South Florida judiciary and School of Law faculty beginning at 8:00 a.m. with everyone’s favorite happy hour, “Morning Spirits,” on the Law School Courtyard (the Slab). The Homecoming “power” breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the newly renovated W Hitner U niversity Center Foo d Court (the old “Ibis Cafeteria”), a short stroll away.

Don’t miss the Law Alumni Association’s preeminent event of the year and the opportunity to renew your support for the University of Miami School of Law. Homecoming is a good time to recognize this great institution we are all affiliated with and to acknowledge the valuable contributions UM Law has made to the South Florida community.

Continuing Legal Education 1999-2000 Schedule

L itigation Skills Series:

- A Day on Trial—A advocacy for the New Millennium
  September 17, 1999
  Sheraton Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL

- What Jurors Are Saying Behind Closed Doors
  October 14, 1999
  Sheraton Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL

A lumni Luncheon Series*

- *Ethical Government . . . an Oxymoron? Can Attorneys Help?*
  Speaker: Gerald Kogan, JD ’55
  President, Alliance for Ethical Government
  Former Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court
  September 16, 1999
  Faculty Club, Coral Gables, FL

- Preparing Tomorrow’s Lawyers—The Challenges of Legal Education
  Dennis O. Lynch
  Dean, University of Miami School of Law
  October 21, 1999
  Faculty Club, Coral Gables, FL

- Legal Ethics and Common Sense
  Speaker: Gerald Kogan, JD ’55
  Former Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court
  President, Alliance for Ethical Government
  Former Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court
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4 0th Annual Institute on Condominium and Cluster Developments
  November 3–5, 1999
  Miami Airport Hilton, Miami, FL

3 0th Annual Institute on Tax Considerations in Mergers & Acquisitions
  November 12–13, 1999
  Sheraton Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL

M 3rd Annual Institute on Mergers & Acquisitions
  February 24–25, 2000
  Sheraton Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL

3 0th Annual Institute on Real Property Law
  Twenty-Fourth Institute on Condominium and Cluster Developments
  November 3–5, 1999
  Miami Airport Hilton, Miami, FL

2 4th Annual Institute on Tax Considerations in Mergers & Acquisitions
  February 10–11, 2000
  Miami Airport Hilton, Miami, FL

2 3rd Annual Institute on Mergers & Acquisitions
  January 10–14, 2000
  Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers, Miami Beach, FL

F irst Annual Institute on Mergers & Acquisitions
  February 9–10, 2000
  Miami Airport Hilton, Miami, FL

Fourth Annual Institute on Mergers & Acquisitions
  February 10–11, 2000
  Sheraton Biscayne Bay, Key Biscayne, FL

T hird Annual Institute on Tax Considerations in Mergers & Acquisitions
  February 24–25, 2000
  Sheraton Biscayne Bay, Key Biscayne, FL

*The Alumni Luncheon Series provides UM Law Alumni with the opportunity to enjoy lunch with classmates and colleagues, hear a fascinating speaker, and earn one free CLE ethics credit hour—all for the cost of lunch ($15.00). This ongoing series is monthly.

For information contact:

T he Center for Continuing Legal Education at 305–284-6276
Dean's Circle Members Tops Among U M Law Benefactors

Membership in the University of Miami School of Law Dean's Circle reflects a high level of commitment to the School and a shared vision for ensuring excellence in legal education.

By making annual gifts of $1,000 or more to the Law Annual Fund, members place themselves at the head of a partnership of alumni, parents, and friends who, with the dean, students, faculty, and administrations, are dedicated to ensuring that the School takes its place among the nation's leading law schools. Each year, the Law School holds several events especially for Dean's Circle members.

Current members include:

- Emerson L. Altsworth, Esq., '52
- Terence J. Anderson
- Susan H. Arpin, Esq., '82
- Arthur A. Arnsen Foundation
- David T. Berger, Esq., '63
- W. James Berger, Esq., '75
- Richard A. Berkowitz, Esq., '81
- Howard J. Berlin, Esq., '79
- Mark Bidner, Esq., '86
- *Roy Black, Esq., '70
- Donna R. Blaustein, Esq., '95
- Ian Barry Blaxberg, Esq., '77
- William B. Black, Esq., '78
- David R. Elder, Esq., '78
- Richard J. Essen, Esq., '63
- Marsha Barbanel Elser, Esq., '75
- Ira M. Elegant, Esq., '66
- James H. Nance, '56
- *Andrew Needle, Esq., '77
- Robert Paul, Esq.
- Leo Fornero, Esq., '54
- Edwin J. Fitzpatrick, Esq., '76
- Glenn Phillip Falk, Esq., '73
- Hon. A. Jay Cristol, '59
- Carol Soret Cope, Esq., '80
- Albert N. Cohen, Esq., '53
- Sue M. Cobb, Esq., '78
- Ian Barry Blaxberg, Esq., '77
- Donna R. Blaustein, Esq., '95
- Mark Bidner, Esq., '86
- *Committee Members
- *Deceased

The University's Fiscal Year ends May 31.

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Class Notes

**Class of 1949**

The Class of 1949 will hold its 50th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Julian Benjamin, 49, on 305-670-9954 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

**Class of 1952**

BURTON A. LANDY received the Lifetime Membership award at the Dade County Bar Association for his many years of active practice as a member of the association. Landy practices at the Miami office of A & Kerman Sertfitt.

**Class of 1953**

JACK A. CERMAN was awarded the Palm Beach County Bar Association Professionalism Award on May 27, 1999, for “Excellence in Practicing Professionalism in Palm Beach County.” He lives and practices in Palm Beach.

AL PALMER and his wife, Connie, spent most of the year at their home in Robbinsville, N.J., where they are close to their children and grandchildren who live in Kna, Fla., and Highland, Calif. Al and Connie return often to Miami, where he is still associated with Palmer, Palmer & Mangiero, P.A.; on South Dixie Highway, he continues his volunteer work with the Archdiocese of Miami.

IRA H. WEXLER is a New York Supreme Court Justice in Manhattan where he has served as judge of the district court and county court of Nassau County since 1995.

**Class of 1954**

The Class of 1954 will hold its 45th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Allegra Ferdi, 54, on 305-445-3557 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

SAMUEL B. HORNSTEIN serves as secretary of the Bucks County (Pa.) Bar Association and a certified mediator. He maintains mediation suites throughout Dade County and Broward counties, and has a website at www.mediate.com/ruberg.

**Class of 1959**

The Class of 1959 will hold its 40th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact the Hon. A. Jay Cristol, 59, on 305-536-3058, Alvin H. Wexler, 59, on 305-284-4935, or 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

**Class of 1961**

EDWARD P. AHRENS, JR., retired in 1993 from Florida & Light Company as its senior attorney and its assistant corporate secretary. He now devotes his time to circuit mediation and helps other attorneys in criminal and civil courts. He has been an investor in commercial real estate, when he and the family are in New York City. He and his wife, Betty, have four children and eight grandchildren.

**Class of 1964**

DAVID N. NISSENBERG introduced the second edition of his book, The Law Enforcement Officer’s Guide to: Tackling Damages to Persons and Property, published by Lexis Publishing last year. It is widely used throughout the country by attorneys involved in truck accident litigation. In the past three years, Nisenberg has presented CLE seminars on this subject in 40 states. He is a partner in the law firm of Friedman, Schiffman, Lurie, LLP, a national firm based in San Diego that represents victims of catastrophic truck accidents. He can be reached at 800-292-5855.

**Class of 1965**

BENNET H. BRUMER, public defender for Miam-Dade County received the prestigious Criminal Justice Award of the Dade County Bar Association presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the criminal justice system in Miami-Dade County. During Law Week 1999, he received the “Pro Bono Attorney of the Year” award from the Miami-Dade County Bar. He is a graduate of North Miami Senior High School, and he practiced as a litigation attorney in New York City before returning to Florida to practice in the fields of criminal and property law.

**Class of 1968**

The Honorable EUGENE FIERRO received the American Bar Association’s Section of Family Law Pro Bono Award for his efforts in providing pro bono legal assistance to the poor and to victims of abuse. Judge Fierro is administrator of “Put Something Back” and has authored several legal publications, including “The Lawyer’s Trial Book—A Guide to the 1977 Amendments to the Rules of Florida Civil Procedure.”

**Class of 1971**

ROBERT A. DULBERG is a diplomat with the Florida A cademy of Professional Mediators and is celebrating its 10th year as a certified mediator. He maintains mediation suites throughout Dade County and Broward counties, and has a website at www.mediate.com.

**Class of 1973**

SAMUEL B. HORNSTEIN serves as secretary of the Bucks County (Pa.) Bar Association and a certified mediator. He maintains mediation suites throughout Dade County and Broward counties, and has a website at www.mediate.com.

**Class of 1974**

The Class of 1974 will hold its 25th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Louis B. Freeman, Jr., on 305-374-7700 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

**Class of 1976**

PHYLIS DOUGLAS retired as a teacher of the legal aspects of civil, human and social services at New York City Public Schools with plans to relocate with her husband, Grail Douglas, a lawyer, to the state of Texas, a place they discovered while attending the city’s year-round Shakespearean festival. Douglas has served as a legal advisor to constituents; she advised school officials on how to handle the large number of sexual and drug-related cases and navigated the first labor agreement that gave public school teachers collective bargaining powers in the early 1970s.

**Class of 1978**

GARY J. KELLY has a successful family practice, Kelly & Hammers, the Divorce Firm in Santa Monica, Calif., where he preaches the gospel of “positive law.” He maintains several courses in the business of law at the University of Southern California.

**Class of 1990**

The Class of 1990 will host its 10th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact the Hon. J. Michael Kelly on 305-670-9954 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

**Class of 1994**

The Class of 1994 will hold its 10th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact the Hon. J. Michael Kelly on 305-670-9954 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

**Class of 1998**

The Honorable STANLEY L. GOLDSTEIN was elected judge in 1983 and became the nation’s first “drug court” judge in 1989. There are now approximately 600 such courts in the United States. Judge Goldstein retired in December 1998.

**Class of 1999**

J. Michael Kelly has a successful family practice, Kelly & Hammers, the Divorce Firm in Santa Monica, Calif., where he preaches the gospel of “positive law.” He maintains several courses in the business of law at the University of Southern California.
trials, arbitrations and lobbying and negotiating corporate transactions. Heobbies in Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami Commission for various community projects, including retail space issues at Miami International Airport and other matters.

RICHARD C. MILSTEIN was recently honored by the Dade Bar Association and “Put Something Back” pro bono program for his continued dedication to public service. His name is also a recipient of the T obias Milstein Excellence Award, a former recipient of the Tobias Milstein Award.

Wife and Pratt’s practice partner, LuAnn M. Pratt, was successful before the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in expanding the en banc’s sentencing eligibility to include gender identity. She is survived by her husband, STEPHEN T. MAHER, JD ’79, and two daughters, Meghan Wolffe Maher and Caitlin Wolffe Maher.

WILLIAM M. RICHARD BLOOM has the same first name, middle initial and last name as WILLIAM ROBERT BLOOM, JD ’77, who practices in Mimi. William Richard Bloom moved to Portland, Ore., immediately following his graduation from U M, where he practiced family law until earlier this year, when he hung up his judicial robe. He is now back in school full-time in pursuit of a master’s degree in computational finance at M B A. He expects the skills necessary to engage in an interdisciplinary and challenging second career in the high-tech industry. His studies should be complemented by the class reunion in 2002, at which time he expects to renew friendships with his law school classmates.

The Honorable JOHN A. HUSTON serves as a federal magistrate in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, where the court’s busy docket is largely driven by immigration cases. Before his appointment last year, Judge Huncan served for 10 years in the U.S. Attorney’s office in San Diego.

Benedict P. Kuehne has just completed his second year of his appointment as a magistrate in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He is currently supervising an adult services program for the District of Columbia.

Rudy M. Brown practices in a small office in Brooklyn, N.Y., with one other attorney, where he is mainly involved with civil rights litigation. He has written a number of articles in the areas of child maltreatment and violence on maltreated children, published several book chapters on the effects of violence on maltreated children, and is currently working on a grant proposal for the National Institute of Justice.

Charles W. Edgari, III, currently serves as president of the Gulf Stream Council of the Boy Scouts of America and as a director of the West Palm Beach firm of Kason, Yaeger, Gerson, Wite & Liss, P.A., a law firm that has represented the Florida Bar in public policy and judicial matters.

The Honorable ERNST E. MAYO was appointed judge of the municipal court of W arren, R.I., on April 23, 1999. He is also a member of the board of directors of Johnson & W alles U niversity in Providence.

GEO RGE D. PERLMAN joined the law firm of H ollland & Knight LLP as counsel, where he will practice tax law with a focus on international transactions and foreign trusts. He was formerly a sole practitioner, with offices in both M iami and London. He is also a member of the tax committee of the Florida Bar, as well as the American Bar Association, International Taxation, and the New York Bar.

MICHAEL S. SALES is vice-president, associate general counsel and general patent counsel at U C High-Tech Electronics in E n Segundo, Calif.


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BRIAN ZIEGLER was recently elected to the House of Delegates for the E astwood Board of Directors. Brian Ziegl is also a member of the E astwood Board of Directors and is involved in various community organizations.

The Honorable MICHAEL J. JONES authored the book, Sports Law, and is the author and editor of the Prentice-Hall imprint of Simon & Schuster. Judge Jones is also a tenured professor of law and public policy at the University of Miami and an appellate court judge for the Florida Supreme Court.

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LANE BAUMGARTEN was recently elected to the board of trustees of A Museum. He is managing director of Muni-based Credco, Inc., where he focuses on arranging commercial mortgage financing.

ANA LANDA-GOLDBERG is in-house counsel for Aereole International, Inc., an aircraft leasing and sales corporation in Aspen, Colo.

JEREMY A. SPECTOR, of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP, was appointed chair of the American Bar Association's Tax-Exempt Financing Committee of the Section of Secured Transactions. The firm of the American Bar Association for a two-year term. Spector heads Blank Rome's public finance tax practice and counsels clients in all areas of tax law relating to municipal bonds, including governmental, utility transportation, housing, health care, industrial and infrastructure development obligations and tax benefits.

The firm is a full-service law firm of more than 280 attorneys headquartered in Philadelphia, with offices in Media, Aitontown, Cherry Hill, Trenton, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, and Boca Raton.

MAureen D. CAMERON is a partner in the New York City office of Latham & Watkins, where she focuses her practice on corporate and securities matters, with a particular emphasis on transactional work.

SHELDON L. SJOINER, a partner in the firm of colleges, has a new office in Dallas. He is a former associate professor at the University of Texas and has been a member of the faculty of the University of Virginia School of Law for the past 20 years.

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LISA C. BERRY is general counsel at Juniper Networks, a leading provider of enterprise networking solutions.

ANITA SHAW, a lawyer who specializes in all areas of employment law, has a new office in Las Vegas.

KEVIN A. DORSE practices trial and appellate law in the firm of Baker & Hostetler, where he represents clients in a wide range of litigation matters.

JONATHAN E. ROSE is a partner in the law firm of Sidbury & Rose, where he specializes in intellectual property and technology law.

IAN COMISKY is a partner and chair of the ebusiness and e-commerce practice of the law firm of Baker & Hostetler, where he represents clients in a wide range of litigation matters.

JAN COMISKY is a partner at the law firm of Baker & Hostetler, where he represents clients in a wide range of litigation matters.

DIANA SANTA MARIA was re-elected to the board of directors of the American Bar Association.

TAMMY FOX-ISICOFF has been elected to the board of directors of the American Bar Association.

ANNA LANDA-GOLDBERG is in-house counsel for Aereole International, Inc., an aircraft leasing and sales corporation in Aspen, Colo.

ometrics: An initiative to increase access to the internet and e-mail and access to the internet. The goal is to provide internet security solutions to individuals and businesses.

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Vannoy, PLLC, in North Wilkesboro, N.C., practicing in the areas of personal injury, property damage, and real estate law.

K. Clark is an insurance defense attorney at kissinger & cohn, p.c., in New York City, having been with the firm for more than 30 years. In his practice, he represents insurers and policyholders in a wide range of insurance coverage matters, with a focus on professional liability defense.

Derek M. Scott, J.D., 1997, formerly associated with Hayden & M. Ikkilinen, has relocated to San Diego, Calif. The West Palm Beach firm is now known as ro.y. a partner, Scott represents clients in a variety of civil matters, including real estate, commercial transactions, admiralty and maritime law, as well as antitrust defense and appellate work in all areas.

A NNA SELDEN works for a private firm in W ashington, where she does administrative law and litigation support for the Depa rtment of Justice. She resides in Arlington.

WILLIAM C. SML AL has relocated to the University of Hong Kong. A ngeles megalopolis and is currently a successful worker’s compensation defense attorney for the mid-daze office of San Francisco & Cognia in Los Angeles.

C A R R I O LO T T A G O R R A G O I s in charge of contract compliance and negotiation for the outsourcing agreement for information technology at Ryder Systems, Inc., in Miami.

H E N R I K A D A M E N (L.M. in Comparative Law) has begun as counsel with law firm of Bertel Rasmussen & Fialin, a member of the A dvocates Society of law firms which is a loose association of about 50 law firms throughout Denmark. A damans main area of work is general practice, including litigation, corporate and private law, and international and sports law. He resides in Sweden, Denmark.

C H R I S T I N E L. A G N E W recently joined the H osten office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, where the practices in the tax department, focusing on corporate and partnership tax law.

D I A M E L D E C A S T I L L O has joined the law firm of Holl and & Knight, L.L.P., as an associate in the commercial litigation section. Prior to joining the firm, Schwarz was an associate at Alpion & Roberts, P.A., in Miami. He is licensed to practice in both Florida and California.

D AV I D M. S C O T T, J.D., 1997, associated with D A R E V O R T, J.D., 1996, in the West Palm Beach firm, is now known as ro.y. He resides in Miami, where he practices in a wide range of areas, including real estate, commercial transactions, admiralty and maritime, as well as antitrust defense and appellate work in all areas. Scott was formerly with Hayden & M. Ikkilinen, P.A., in insurance defense firm in Miami.

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R O B E R T S. M. G O R M A N has joined the firm of Lekach Kutzner & Cognia in Los Angeles, New York, San Antonio, and has more than 670 attorneys in more than 85 areas of law. The firm is now known as Roy & Associ- ates, handling general civil litigation, including real estate, commercial transactions, admiralty and maritime, as well as antitrust defense and appellate work in all areas. Scott was formerly with Hayden & M. Ikkilinen, P.A., in insurance defense firm in Miami.

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S T E P H E N R. A S T L E Y (J.D. in Taxation) has joined the firm of Gaskins, Harkins & Vannoy in San Diego. He is currently a tax attorney at Davenport & Company, working on federal and state income tax.

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**CLASS OF 2000**

**VICTORIA MENDEZ** founder 1999 summer employment in the Dade State Attorney's office through the Litigation Skills Clinical Placement Program. "The experience I gained was great. She said, "I represented the State on the State and county level. In the county level, I practiced in Baker A ct and n M arahm an A ets A ls. I also performed research, attended depositions and attended court on a daily basis I strongly encourage students to participate in the clinical program."

**KATHLEEN PHANG** wa rrants A ppointment to the 1999 summer seminar during the Spring semester. The award is given every semester to the law student in the Litigation Skills Program who best exemplifies the devotion to high standards and ethical conduct followed by Tom Easte.

**VALDOSTON SHEALEY** received the K yoko T ropin & T hrockmorton scholarship from the Litigation Skills Program. Established in 1995 by one of M aimi's leading law firms, the third-year full scholarship is awarded to a third-year minority law student with an interest in trial advocacy. **DON WEST** spent the summer as an intern for a sport agent, Leung Steinberg in Newport Beach, Ca. He performed a wide range of duties, including devising and managing an agent registration program to comply with regulations in 20 states, and he prepared documents for Steinberg's clients and learned what much of the industry insiders already knew. **W EST** was selected as the president of the Student Bar Association, as vice-president of Iron Row Society and as an active member of the Society of Bar and Gavel.

**KEELY M. WRIGHT** spent the summer of 1998 as an intern for the St. Paul's Tax Court in Phoenix, Ariz. She researched and prepared with the team members for researching diverse bank and liability. "I had a fantastic experience. I interviewed more than 5,000 beneficiaries of IRA 5s and other qualified plans. "It was a terrific experience. The interviewers were cognizant of the IRS and the federal courts."

**ANDREA E. WIT** is interested in public and international law and has been working for Holland & Knight in Washington, D.C. She said her most impressive task was conducting research on a public land use issue involving right of way for the D.C. government. "Andrea E. WIT" also conducted research on the implications of D.C. environmental regulation to determine possible penalties for failure to disclose underground storage tanks on property that has been put up for sale in various locations. She has performed research and international arbitration law under NAPA.

**STEVE HELFAND** and JASON WIESS each received the Florida A ssociation of Criminal Defense Lawyers award through the Litigation Skills Program as the top two second-year law students who show great promise in the practice of criminal litigation. **BROOKS HOLCOMB** was a 1999 summer associate in the tax and estate planning department of D. C.affairs. **A HENDER- son, K ILLINGWORTH & Beshers, P.A.,** a full service firm of approximately 150 attorneys in Phoenix, Ariz. He researched and drafted memoranda of law on the following Projects: Estate tax valuation discounts for LLC operating agreement restrictions in lieu of I.R.C. C hapter 14. **ADAM HOROWITZ** obtained a profile in the Arizona community property with respect to survival of death, and researched and drafted several letters to courts in Arizona.

**TORENCER, PHILIPS** received the American Bar A cademy award for law school's Eleventh Judicial Circuit C ourt program for 1Ls. "I made valuable contacts, which I believe were recommended to newly appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge **A NNA MINA**. For a second-year minority law student, the award is given every semester to the law student in the Litigation Skills Program who best exemplifies the devotion to high standards and ethical conduct followed by Tom Easte. **W EST** was selected as the president of the Student Bar Association, as vice-president of Iron Row Society and as an active member of the Society of Bar and Gavel.

**ELLEN VON GEYS** (JD '98, LL.M. '96 in Comparative Law) married a Mr. AnderWidmer, a portfolio manager at a BNA M RO Bank in M aimi. Ellen is a for- mation attorney practicing business, real estate and immigration law at Friedman & Hydekday, P.A. in M aimi. 4 The couple resides in Key Biscayne.

**BARBARA DIAMOND** has joined the M aimi office of H inshaw & C uberton as an associate, M innesota, M omissa and Iowa. She handles commercial litigation, and real estate and other industries.

**SUSAN A ESCALERA-GREEN** published in the August issue of G amon law magazine with her touching story, "Siblings, Separated for Life," that tells the story of the 35,000 siblings worldwide who are split up by foster-care and adoption proceedings. Green is working in the office of the public defender for the 17th judicial circuit in Broward County.

**JACK TRAVIS GODWIN** is associated with the firm of Shear, Newhouse & T ropin, A. Burt, B. Lamb, in downtown T ampa.

**WALT MATHEWS** is associated with the M aimi admiralty firm of P aull & Squire, P.A., a full service firm of approximately 150 attorneys in Phoenix, Ariz. He researched and drafted memoranda of law on the following Projects: Estate tax valuation discounts for LLC operating agreement restrictions in lieu of I.R.C. C hapter 14. **ADAM HOROWITZ** obtained a profile in the Arizona community property with respect to survival of death, and researched and drafted several letters to courts in Arizona.

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## Law Alumni Association Calendar of Events

### October '99
- **Tues., 10/5** A luncheon breakfast at the 54th Annual Florida Bar Workers Compensation Conference, Dean Dennis Lynch, Guest speaker 8:30 – 9:00 a.m., Clarion Plaza Hotel, Salon 11, Orlando, FL
- **Thurs., 10/21** A luncheon CLE Luncheon Series II Dean Dennis Lynch, Guest Speaker 12:00 noon, Faculty Club, U M Campus
- **Thurs., 10/28** Friends of the Law School Luncheon 12:00 noon, Miami-Dade County Courthouse

### November '99
- **Tues., 11/9** Law Alumni Association Full Board Meeting 5:30 p.m., Downtown Miami Location TBA
- **Thurs., 11/18** Homecoming Reunion 1999 Weekend Class of 1949 50th Reunion Luncheon 12:00 noon, School of Law, Faculty Meeting Room, Coral Gables
- **Fri., 11/19** Class of 1954 45th Reunion Event – TBA Class of 1959 40th Reunion Dinner The Forge, Miami Beach Class of 1969 30th Reunion Event – TBA Class of 1974 25th Reunion Party Home of Jeff and Elaine Berkowitz Class of 1979 20th Reunion Party 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Faculty Lounge, 4th Floor Law Library Class of 1989 10th Reunion Event 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at the home of Gail & Joe Serota Class of 1990 10th Reunion Event 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the home of Gayle & Joe Serota Class of 1991 10th Reunion Event 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Faculty Lounge, 4th Floor Law Library Class of 1994 5th Reunion Party 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., location TBA
- **Sat., 11/20** Annual Alumni Homecoming Breakfast 8:00 a.m., Morning Spirits, Law School Courtyard 9:30 a.m., Breakfast, Whitten University Center/Food Court

### December '99
- **Sun., 12/5** Law Alumni Association Annual Holiday Party 6:00 p.m., Location TBA
- **Sun., 12/19** Hooding Ceremony 2:00 p.m., Location TBA

### January '00
- **Thurs., 1/6** A luncheon/Faculty Reception 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Washington, DC
- **Wed., 1/12** A luncheon at the 34th Annual Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning 12:30 p.m., Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

### March '00
- **Thurs., 3/16** Law Alumni Association Full Board Meeting 9:30 p.m. 4th Floor Law Library Faculty Conference Room

### May '00
- **Sun., 5/21** Hooding Ceremony 2:00 p.m., James L. Knight Center, Hyatt Regency Miami

### June '00
- **Thurs., 6/1** Fourth Annual Broward Judicial Reception/ LAA Installation Ceremony

## Law Alumni Association Needs Class Agents

The Law Alumni Association is expanding its class agent program and needs representatives from each class year and from all areas of the country to help strengthen ties between classmates and the School. Among the ways class agents can help are:
- Calling and/or writing to classmates to encourage participation in upcoming events such as reunions, homecoming, and special receptions;
- Contacting companies about sponsoring School of Law events;
- Collecting information from classmates on careers, marriages, births, etc., to use in the “Class Notes” section of the Barrister;
- Donating School of Law events;
- Encouraging participation in upcoming events.

Alumni interested in serving as class agents should contact Elizabeth Katz or David Hope, co-vice presidents/class agents in care of the Law School’s Alumni and Development Office at 305-284-3470 (telephone); 305-284-3968 (fax); or alumni@law.miami.edu (e-mail).

## Miami Law Alumni Want to Know

From all reports, the most avidly-read section of the Barrister (for both the printed and the Web site versions) is “Class Notes.” The Law School’s more than 14,000 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing—about the awards they’ve received, high-profile cases they’ve won, law firms or cities they have moved to, pro bono activities they have undertaken, spouses they have married, etc. It’s easy to ensure that your news gets into the communications network: just fill out the form below and send it (along with a photograph of yourself, if you like) to John Burch, Director of Law Publications and Communications, School of Law, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087.

If you would like to comment on a Barrister article or on an issue of importance to other UM Law grads through a letter to the editor, please send that submission to John Burch, as well.

### Information for “Class Notes”:

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Would you like your e-mail address included in a directory available on UM Law’s Web site? Yes ☐ No ☐

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