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UM Law Ranked #1 In U.S. for Hispanics

The School of Law was ranked #1 for Hispanics by Hispanic Business Magazine in its annual ranking for the Top Ten U.S. Law Schools published in September 2005. This is the sixth consecutive year that the Law School has ranked among the top ten law schools, and the second time in the same period that it has ranked number one. “The University of Miami School of Law is undoubtedly one of the best schools for Hispanics and non-Hispanics to obtain a legal education,” said UM Law Dean Dennis Lynch. “We are very proud of our Hispanic graduates, several of whom are profiled in the pages of this Barrister. They occupy prominent roles as successful practitioners, members of the bench and leaders of the Bar.”

Message from the Dean

The 2005-06 academic year was especially exciting for our students and faculty. Among other important events, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer delivered a lecture to our students and faculty and spoke with many of us individually. An articulate and stimulating speaker, Justice Breyer addressed pressing issues of our democracy and the important role of lawyers in maintaining its vitality. We were honored to be his hosts.

As you many have read in my recent letter, there is a decline nationally in law school applicants. While such trends impact all law schools, our admissions office is doing a great job and our new class entering in Fall of 2006 will have exceptionally strong academic credentials and a fascinating variety of prior experiences.

The University of Miami School of Law is in the forefront of the nation’s law schools in our capacity to train legal professionals for their roles in the 21st century. As the world moves rapidly toward a truly global economy, we are well positioned to educate the lawyers of the future. We have one of the top faculties in the country, as measured by the volume of their scholarly publishing and the frequency with which their articles and books are cited by others. Our faculty members have an incredible range of interests and expertise, and they are recognized leaders in their fields who also play important roles in the legal profession and the community. They are an excellent teaching faculty and resource for our students.

Our distinctiveness is also a major asset, particularly with regard to our multicultural location, student body and faculty. UM Law is recognized as the place to study transnational law, and we are one of the main educators of bilingual law graduates. Geographically, we are situated at the main point of contact between the U.S. and Latin America, and our South Florida location also brings considerable legal interaction with Europe. Next year we will again welcome visiting faculty from Italy, England, France and Argentina teaching in the areas of transnational litigation, globalization, international arbitration, and the law of the sea.

International and comparative law are two of many areas in which our school excels. We are also renowned for our offerings in business and tax law, environmental law, professional skills training, and constitutional and public interest law. Our mission is to provide our graduates with both an excellent grounding in legal theory and the skills necessary for successful practice. Judging from the many accomplishments of our graduates, we are attaining our mission. To mention only a few, the Honorable R. Fred Lewis, JD ’72, was sworn in this June as Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court; the Honorable Federico A. Moreno, JD ’78, will become Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida; Sue M. Cobb, JD ’78, former Ambassador to Jamaica is now serving as Florida’s Secretary of State; Alberto J. Mora, JD ’81, recently received the 2006 Profile in Courage Award at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum; and the Honorable Laurel Merson Iscoff, JD ’82, recently became the first woman judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.

I’m sure you will agree that this is a most impressive roster of alumni. We know that many more of you are becoming leaders in the legal community. I hope that you will continue to inform us of your accomplishments, which inspire and encourage our students. We welcome you as role models and mentors.

I am happy to report that we continue to attract outstanding leadership for our Alumni Association. I am grateful to Barbara Perez, JD ’91, our outgoing President of the Law Alumni Association, for her hard work and dedication, and welcome Alvin F. Lindsay, JD ’93, a partner at Hogan & Hartson, as our incoming President. I urge you to become involved both locally and nationally in our many activities and programs. I look forward to greeting each of you personally as I travel and visit the cities where we have a concentration of alumni nationally.

Once again, I thank you for your support to our School and its mission.

Best regards,

Dennis O. Lynch
Dean
On January 26, 2006, more than 600 students, professors and judges gathered at Gusman Hall to hear U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer speak about the democratic process—a central theme of his recently published book, “Active Liberty: Interpreting Our Democratic Constitution.” During his lively 40-minute talk, Justice Breyer also touched on other issues, including privacy, the judicial confirmation process and the public view of the Supreme Court.

Justice Breyer came to the School of Law as part of the Robert B. Cole Lecture Series. Established in 1985 through the generosity of the former Miami law firm of Mershon, Sawyer, Johnston, Dunwody & Cole, the Lecture honors the late Robert B. Cole. Mr. Cole served as legal advisor to the University of Miami for more than two decades. He died in 1997 and the family continues to support the lecture series.

“The Lecture Series is a wonderful asset for the University,” said Mr. Cole’s son, Richard P. Cole, an attorney with Cole Scott & Kissane PA. “It gives students the opportunity to hear from distinguished jurists and public figures.”

Those who attended the Lecture appreciated the experience. Justice Breyer discussed timely topics, answered questions and revealed a witty sense of humor. “I found him entertaining and down-to-earth,” said David Marshall, 3L, editor-in-chief of the University of Miami Law Review. “It was exciting to have someone of that stature come through the law school.”

As part of his time at the School of Law, Justice Breyer also taught a class of 200 first and second year constitutional law students, addressed the Board of Trustees and spoke at a faculty lunch.

“I found him more revealing than expected,” said Professor Mary Coombs, who attended the lunch. The intimate nature of the setting allowed the faculty to interact closely with him and discuss issues. “I really had the sense that he tries to be aware of how the Supreme Court affects everyday life.”

Justice Stephen Breyer (right) autographs his books for DC Committee member, Robert G. Berrin, JD'76.

Justice Stephen Breyer delivered his lecture to a standing-room-only audience at the University of Miami’s Gusman Concert Hall.

(L-R) Richard Cole, Justice Stephen Breyer, George Cole and Dean Dennis O. Lynch had an opportunity to spend some time together during the informal coffee held at the Alma Jennings Foundation Student Lounge prior to the lecture.

(L-R) Professor Zanita Fenton with law students Jordan Dresnick and Isaac Gradman.

(L-R) Daniel Kreeger, The Honorable Judy Kreeger, JD’66 and Justice Breyer.

(L-R) Ayaj Rai, JD’06 and Justice Stephen Breyer.


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(L-R) Joseph H. Serota, JD’78, Paul Morris, JD’75 and our lecture sponsor, Richard P. Cole during the reception at the Lowe Art Museum.

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New Faculty

Ben Depoorter (Associate Prof. of Law) has a J.D. (1998) and Ph.D. in Law and Economics (2003) from Ghent Univ., a Master's in Law and Economics from the Univ. of Hamburg (1999), and an LL.M. (2004) from Yale Law School, where he also is completing a J.S.D. (expected 2006). Prof. Depoorter received a Fulbright Scholarship in conjunction with his LL.M. studies at Yale, during which he also served as an editor of the of the Yale Journal of Regulation and conducted research as a John M. Olin Fellow in Law, Economics, and Public Policy.

Prof. Depoorter's research focus is on the political economy of law, the role of litigation and settlements in society, and the impact of technological developments on legal change. He has authored over twenty scholarly publications, including recent and forthcoming articles in Duke Law Journal, Oregon Law Review, Supreme Court Economic Review, International Review of Law and Economics, and the Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics. His recent essays include an analysis of the political supply of and demand for disaster management before and after hurricane Katrina, settlements and legal demand for disaster management before and after hurricane Katrina, and an empirical assessment of social norm complications in copyright litigation.

Professor Depoorter has previously taught at the Univ. of Ghent and as a Visiting Professor at George Mason Law School. He will teach Cultural Property & Heritage in the Fall and Trusts and Estates in the Spring.

Stephen Urice (Associate Prof. of Law) has taught Trusts and Estates, Art Law, Museum Law and Cultural Heritage as an Adjunct Professor and Visiting Scholar at the Univ. of Pennsylvania and UCLA Law Schools. He lectures nationally and internationally on issues relating to cultural heritage law and policy and is author of a forthcoming legal textbook on that subject which will be the first in the field.

Prof. Urice got his B.A. in English (1972) from Tufts, and subsequently received a Master's degree in Biblical Archaeology (1975), a PhD in Fine Arts (1981) and a J.D. (1984), all from Harvard. He then practiced trusts and estates at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York and at Irell & Manella in Los Angeles. Subsequently, he served as the acting director of the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation in Los Angeles and then as the director of Philadelphia's Rosenbach Museum & Library. In 1998, he accepted a new position to plan and implement The Pew Charitable Trusts' new national culture program, a $50 million 5-year effort to assist nonprofit cultural organizations participate more fully in the development of cultural policies.

In 2003, Prof. Urice became director of the Project for Cultural Heritage Law & Policy, which seeks to promote the teaching of cultural heritage issues in law schools, schools of public policy, and departments of anthropology, art history, and related fields. In 2006-07, he will teach Cultural Property & Heritage in the Fall and Trusts and Estates in the Spring.

Visiting Faculty

Alison Barnes (Visiting Spring 2007) is a Professor of Law at Marquette Univ. Law School, where she teaches and develops curriculum in health law, administrative law, estate planning, and aging law and policy. Prior to joining the Marquette faculty in 1993, Prof. Barnes served as senior policy analyst for the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and the George Washington Univ. Health Policy Project. She has a B.A. in History and a J.D. from the Univ. of Florida College of Law, where she later spent four years as a scholar in residence. A member of the Florida Bar since 1986, she has served as Chairperson for its Committee on the Elderly (1988-90) and Vice Chair of its Commission on the Elderly (1991-93). From 1997 to the present, Barnes has been chair of the ABA Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section Committee on Guardianship and Alternatives, and has served as chair of the AALS Section on Aging and the Law (2001). Prof. Barnes' numerous publications on aging law and policy include Elderlaw, the first law text in the field. She will be teaching Elderlaw and Trusts & Estates.

Nan Hunter (Visiting Spring 2007) is a Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School. To see her Brooklyn web page, go to http://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/profile. She will teach Civil Procedure II and a seminar on Public Health & Emergency Response.

Dan Markel (Visiting Fall 2006) is an Assistant Professor of Law at Florida State University College of Law. To see his FSU web page, go to http://www.law.fsu.edu/faculty/dmarkel.html. He will teach Substantive Criminal Law and a seminar on Advanced Torts.

Michael McChrystal (Visiting Spring 2007) is a Professor of Law at Marquette Univ. Law School. He will teach Professional Responsibility and Privacy Law. To see his Marquette web page, go to: http://law.marquette.edu

Jan Paulsson (Visiting Spring 2007) is a partner with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Paris, where he is the joint head of the public international law group and head of the international arbitration group. Mr. Paulsson received his A.B. from Harvard in 1971, his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1975, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal, and a Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées from the University of Paris in 1977. He is currently the president of the London Court of Arbitration, a Judge of the World Bank Administrative Tribunal, and a Member of the Council for Commercial Arbitration. He is the author of numerous works on international arbitration and foreign investment. He will teach a five-week Workshop on International Arbitration.
Nicoló Trocker (Visiting Fall 2006) is a professor of law at University of Florence (Italy). Professor Trocker teaches Comparative Law, Civil Procedure, and Conflict of Laws at the University of Florence. He has published various books and numerous articles on these subjects. He received his legal education at the Universities of Munich (Germany) and Florence (Italy), where he earned his law degree (summa cum laude) and at the European University Institute where he received a Jean Monet fellowship. He will teach Transnational Litigation during the first 7 weeks of the Fall Semester 2006.

William Twining (Visiting Spring 2007), is a leading figure in British legal education. He has been Lecturer in Private Law at the University of Khartoum (1958-1961), Senior Lecturer in Law at University College, Dar-es-Salaam (1961-1965), Professor of Jurisprudence at the Queen’s University, Belfast (1965-1972) and Professor of Law at the University of Warwick (1972-1982). From 1983-1996 he was the Quain Professor of Jurisprudence at University College London, where he now serves as Research Professor. Professor Twining is Karl Llewellyn's biographer and the author of many books and articles on the law of evidence and on globalization and the law, and has become involved in work relating to human rights, criminal justice and preservation of legal records. He has been a consultant in Hong Kong, India, Tanzania and Uganda. In 1997, he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy. Professor Twining has taught on the Miami faculty for over twenty years, in the areas of legal process, analysis of evidence, globalization, and legal theory. He will teach Analysis of Evidence and a Globalization and Law Seminar.

Kenneth Williams (Visiting Full Year 2006-07) is a Professor of Law at Southwestern University. School of Law. To see his Southwestern web page go to http://www.swlaw.edu/faculty/faculty_listing/facultybio. He will teach Evidence in the Fall and both Criminal Procedure and Substantive Criminal Law in the Spring.

FACULTY NOTES

Professor Bernard H. Oxman Appointed to the International Court of Justice

Professor Bernard H. Oxman has been appointed to sit on the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, in a case concerning maritime delimitation in the Black Sea brought by Romania against Ukraine. Romania has asked the Court, which is based in The Hague, to determine the boundary dividing the offshore waters and seabed and subsoil whose natural resources are subject to the respective sovereign rights of the two nations. Professor Oxman was nominated by Ukraine to serve as judge ad hoc in this case, and Romania interposed no objection to his appointment. The Court’s Statute provides that a judge ad hoc “shall take part in the decision on terms of complete equality” with the fifteen elected members of the Court. While the elected members have always included an American, Professor Oxman is only the second American to be appointed as judge ad hoc in the sixty-year history of the Court. He is also the first, and to date the only, American to have served on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, having been appointed judge ad hoc of that Tribunal in a case between Malaysia and Singapore.

Professor William Widen Receives Grant from the American Bankruptcy Institute Endowment Fund

The American Bankruptcy Institute Endowment Fund has awarded a $22,000 grant to Professor William H. Widen to study the prevalence of substantive consolidation in large public company bankruptcy proceedings. Substantive consolidation is a judicially created remedy where the assets and liabilities of two or more entities are pooled, and the pooled assets are aggregated and used to satisfy the claims of creditors of all the consolidated entities.

Professor Edgardo Rotman Lectures on Terrorism and International Law in Costa Rica

Professor Edgardo Rotman gave a lecture on “International Criminal Law and Terrorism” at the Judicial School in San Jose, Costa Rica, to a large audience of judges, lawyers and law professors on April 25, 2006. The invitation from the Costa Rica Judiciary was based on Professor Rotman’s expertise in international criminal law and related publications.
Faculty Events

Professor Bruce Winick Lectures on Therapeutic Jurisprudence

The Third International Conference on Therapeutic Jurisprudence (a field co-founded by Prof. Winick) took place in Perth, Australia from June 7-9, 2006. Prof. Winick delivered the keynote address at the conference on "Future Directions in Therapeutic Jurisprudence" and participated in several panels throughout the conference.

Professor Zanita E. Fenton Keynote Speaker at New Jersey Caribbean Bar Association on June 15, 2006

Professor Zanita E. Fenton was the Keynote Speaker and Guest of Honor at the inaugural gala of the New Jersey Caribbean Bar Association on June 15, 2006.

Professor Fran Hill Writes Amicus Brief in US Supreme Court Case

Professor Fran Hill wrote an amicus brief in support of the Federal Election Commission in Wisconsin Right to Life, Inc. v. Federal Election Commission, which raises issues at the intersection of the Internal Revenue Code, the Federal Election Campaign Act, and the Constitution, particularly the First Amendment.

A symposium in honor of Professor D. Marvin Jones’ recent book: “Race, Sex, and Suspicion: The Myth of the Black Male,” took place at the Law School on February 17, 2006. Participating Panelists - Professors Linda Green from the University of Wisconsin Law School; Bryan Fair from the University of Alabama Law School; Kenneth Nunn from the Levin College of Law, University of Florida; Kathryn Russell-Brown from the University of Florida; and Jeremy I. Levitt from Florida International University. UM Law Professors Gudridge, Mahoney, Barnes and Fenton also participated.

A law school symposium on THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND HISPANICS IN FLORIDA, took place on Friday, April 7, 2006. Topics included the importance of the Voting Rights Act, its impact on political participation by Hispanics, and issues confronting minority language voters today. The event was organized by Professor Martha Mahoney and co-sponsored by the Daily Business Review and the Miami-Dade Election Reform Coalition.
On February 24th, the Student Editorial Board of Psychology, Public Policy & Law held its annual symposium on the topic of Wrongful Convictions. The speakers included Janet Reno, former U.S. Attorney General; Professor Gary Wells, Ph.D., from Iowa State University; and Juan M. Melendez, an exonerated former resident of Florida’s death row. Professor Bruce J. Winick, who teaches criminal procedure, constitutional law, and law and psychology at the Law School, served as moderator.

The symposium explored insights from science and psychology that can help minimize the potential of wrongful convictions. It also discussed needed legal and professional ethics reforms. More than 60 attorneys and law students attended.

The Symposium was co-sponsored by the University of Miami School of Law Wrongful Convictions Project, the University of Miami Ethics Programs, the University of Miami Institute on Law, Psychiatry and Psychology, the University of Miami Department of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences and the Law Activity Fee Allocation Committee.

This year the Law School joined with the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, the Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Miami, and the University of Miami Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy to host visits of two distinguished representatives of the European Union. These visits gave students at the Law School a wonderful opportunity to hear about the European Union from people who have dedicated themselves to the European project, and a chance to ask their own questions.

In January, John Gerard Bruton, currently the European Commission’s Ambassador to the United States, spoke over lunch to a group of consular officials, members of the University of Miami community and other guests. He spoke about relations between the EU and the United States and about the Constitutional impasse in Europe. In 2005, referenda in France and the Netherlands failed to approve the European Union’s draft Constitutional Treaty which was the product of a long period of complex negotiations. Press reports have tended to portray the failure to ratify the Treaty as a crisis. Ambassador Bruton’s discussion of this issue was more positive than some of the press reports have been. He pointed out that the failure to ratify the Constitutional Treaty had not had a significant impact on the EU’s powers as 95% of the Constitution was contained in the existing Treaties.

In April, Margot Wallström, Vice President of the EU Commission, and a former Minister of the Swedish Government holding portfolios for Civil Affairs, Culture, and Social Affairs, visited the Law School and gave a lecture with the title: Governance and Democracy for a Sustainable Europe. Ms Wallström is currently responsible for the Commission’s Communications Policy, and the recently announced Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate, which aims to involve Europeans in discussions of the EU’s future. In the Prodi Commission Ms Wallström was the Commissioner responsible for environmental policy. Ms Wallström’s lecture tied together these issues of environmental policy and governance, arguing that it is necessary for Europeans to reinvent governance in order to promote sustainable development, and to ensure human dignity, security and a future for generations to come.

Adjunct Professor Milton Hirsch, appeared in the film “After Innocence”, which made its debut on March 10th as part of the Miami Film Festival. The film is about the Prodi Commission’s Ambassador to the United States, spoke over lunch to a group of consular officials, members of the University of Miami community and other guests. He spoke about relations between the EU and the United States and about the Constitutional impasse in Europe. In 2005, referenda in France and the Netherlands failed to approve the European Union’s draft Constitutional Treaty which was the product of a long period of complex negotiations. Press reports have tended to portray the failure to ratify the Treaty as a crisis. Ambassador Bruton’s discussion of this issue was more positive than some of the press reports have been. He pointed out that the failure to ratify the Constitutional Treaty had not had a significant impact on the EU’s powers as 95% of the Constitution was contained in the existing Treaties.

Margot Wallström.
FACULTY PROFILE

Don’t let Stephen I. Vladeck’s baby face fool you. The 26-year-old associate professor with an easy laugh, and a passion for Star Trek, is an accomplished legal scholar. He is nationally recognized for his work on constitutional issues, especially those involving enemy combatants, national security and military tribunals.

Vladeck came to Coral Gables last fall after graduating from Yale Law School and clerking for the Honorable Marsha S. Berzon of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. He realized that working in a big law firm was not for him, preferring the intellectual freedom of the classroom. “I love to help people get their hands around the finer points of the law,” he said. “I also want to keep writing and working on the cases that interest me.”

His interests happen to be in some of the most noteworthy and precedent-setting cases in the post-9/11 landscape. Vladeck has been a consultant to the defense team for U.S. citizen Jose Padilla, who was arrested in 2002 and held as an “enemy combatant” for nearly three years before being charged. He also has worked on the case of Salim Ahmed Hamdan, who was charged with criminal offenses by military tribunals at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The legal team is challenging the use of military courts to try detainees. In April, Vladeck sat two rows behind the Attorney General Alberto Gonzales as the Supreme Court heard arguments in Hamdan vs. Rumsfeld. “It was a surreal experience,” he said unaffectedly.

A native of New York City, Vladeck grew up in a family of activists. His grandmother was a prominent labor lawyer, his two sisters spent time working on political campaigns and organizing laborers and his father served in the Department of Health of Human Services under then-Secretary and current University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala.

The decision to come to the School of Law fit perfectly with Vladeck’s legal vision. An unapologetic liberal, his focus may unnerve the more conservative elements around him. Vladeck sees the ensuing debates and discussions as part of the process. “I don’t need to be surrounded by people I agree with,” he said.

In the classroom, Vladeck uses his youth as an advantage. “I have an outgoing demeanor,” he said, “and because I share cultural connections with my students, I can make the materials accessible.” He also brings a sense of humor to civil procedure and federal courts. “I don’t take myself too seriously,” he said. “There is never something that can’t be laughed at.”

In more than five decades at the University of Miami School of Law, M. Minnette Massey JD’51, has taught alongside countless professors. The relationship with colleagues—the discussions and shared interests—has been one of the high points of her career.

The arrival of Stephen Vladeck has taken Professor Massey’s collaborative spirit to a new level. The two teach the same courses—civil procedure and federal courts—and have developed a friendship based on respect, intellectual synergy and healthy debate.

It is a surprising and unique bond. Vladeck has deep Northeastern roots, boyish charm and an activist heart. Massey came to Coral Gables in 1947 when she transferred from Lycoming College in Pennsylvania to finish her undergraduate work and earn her law degree. Except for post-graduate studies in Switzerland and at New York University, she has been here ever since. In the come-and-go population of South Florida, Massey is practically a native—even pronouncing the city “Miamah” like an authentic South Florida pioneer.

The professors share a deep commitment to their students and their subjects. “Professor Massey will come into my office and we bounce ideas off each other. She has a wonderful grasp of the changing field we teach,” Vladeck said. “She has a grace about her and such presence and experience.” And while the two sometimes have different foundations—Massey explores the black letter of the law first and Vladeck examines the theoretical concepts—they both appreciate the supremacy of the judiciary. “We share the same predilections about what is important,” Vladeck said.

As for Professor Massey, she sees a bit of herself in her young colleague. “Being around Professor Vladeck—his enthusiasm and ideas—takes me back to when I was his age,” she said. “The relationship relights a youthful fire.”
UM LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

On February 18, 2006, the University of Miami Law Review held its Annual Symposium, dedicated to the continuing legal and ethical issues highlighted by the case regarding Theresa Marie Schiavo. Entitled “The Schiavo Case: Interdisciplinary Perspectives,” the symposium addressed the judicial and ideological battles that made international news headlines during the fifteen years leading up to Schiavo's passing on March 31, 2005. Numerous scholars participated as panelists during the symposium, including:

- Mary I. Coombs, Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law
- Dr. Ronald E. Cranford, Assistant Chief in Neurology at the Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC), Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Dr. Kenneth W. Goodman, Co-director of The University of Miami Ethics Programs and Associate Professor, University of Miami Department of Medicine
- Dr. Leslie P. Francis, Alfred C. Emery Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah
- Patrick O. Gudridge, Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law
- Lili Levi, Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law
- Dr. James L. Werth, Jr., Professor of Psychology, University of Akron
- Bruce J. Winick, Professor of Law and Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Miami School of Law and School of Medicine

The Symposium addressed the issues of the Schiavo case from standpoints that included ethics, therapeutic jurisprudence, family law, Florida and United States constitutional considerations, economic implications, disability law, executive branch power, psychological impacts, media influence, medical issues, and government responsibility. The keynote speaker, George J. Annas, Chairman of the Health Law Department at the Boston University School of Public Health, took on a number of current issues of public concern in his address, “Terri Schiavo, Katrina, & Guantanamo: When Should the Government Intervene to Prevent Starvation?”

Composed of a healthy mix of members of the local legal and medical communities as well as UM students and faculty, the audience engaged the panelists in lively discussion throughout the day. Attendees considered the 2006 Annual Symposium to be a resounding success. The Symposium Issue on “The Schiavo Case: Interdisciplinary Perspectives” will be featured in Volume 61 of the University of Miami Law Review, and is likely to be published early in 2007. To see a webcast of the day’s events and learn more about the University of Miami Law Review’s 2006 Annual Symposium, please visit http://currentstudents.law.miami.edu/law-review/symposia.html.

MIAMI LAW WOMEN ART EXHIBIT & SILENT AUCTION

“Rebirth: A Child’s Artistic Quest to find Release, Identity and Vision”

For the first time in the history of the organization, the Miami Law Women hosted an Art Gala and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 4, 2006. The Gala was entitled “Rebirth: A Child’s Artistic Quest to find Release, Identity and Vision.” Over the course of the semester, the membership of Miami Law Women worked with the Gladstone Center for Girls, a Charlee House organization – for girls living in the foster care system. Themed art sessions were held every few weeks and the girls’ completed artwork was on display at the auction. Also on display was artwork donated by local artists for the auction.

The event raised considerable donations which will benefit both the Gladstone Center for Girls as well as the Girls Advocacy Project. The event was made possible thanks in large part to sponsorships from the Law Activity Fee Allocation Committee (LAFAC), the Alumni Association, and TotalBank. Liah Catanese, a second year law student, was the true “brain” behind the event. Her hard work, passion, coordination and determination were plainly evident as the artwork, music, space, and friendly faces all came together for this very special event.

ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS LAW SYMPOSIUM

Each year, the Entertainment and Sports Law Society hosts a legal forum for law students, alumni and local professionals to discuss issues in sports, entertainment, intellectual property, as well as the arts and the media. The symposium offers students a venue to meet and network with industry professionals working in the careers they would like to pursue. In addition, the event serves as an invaluable opportunity for alumnii and local firms to connect with aspiring entertainment, IP and sports attorneys as well as agents here at U M Law. This year’s panelists included: Scott Shapiro, U M Law Alumnus and Baseball Agent; U M Law Professor D. Marvin Jones; Derek Jackson, General Counsel for the Florida Marlins; the Honorable Gerald T. Wetherington; Brian F. Spector, U M Adjunct Law Professor and Firm Counsel at Kenny Nachwalter, PA; Brendon Ayanbadejo, Chicago Bears Linebacker; Erica W. Stump, U M Alumnus and IP Attorney at Feldman Gale, PA; Alan Eisenberg, Executive Director of Actor’s Equity Association; Steven Kozlowski, Entertainment Attorney at Kozlowski Law Firm, PA; Kenneth Hartmann, Intellectual Property Attorney at Kozlak, Tropin & Throckmorton, PA; Melissa Smith Levine, U M Alumnus and Associate Director at the Wolfsonian Museum; Edward Ristaino, Sports and Technology Attorney at Akerman Senterfitt, LLP; and Don West, Jr., Sports Attorney and Director of Football for Revolution Sports Management. In addition, baseball legend Dale Murphy served as Keynote Speaker. Mr. Murphy is a former Atlanta Braves outfielder, 7-time All-Star, 5-time Gold Glove Award Winner, and 2-time National League Most Valuable Player. He enlightened the audience of over 100 guests about the characteristics he advises young athletes to seek in his or her attorney and sports agent and shared words of wisdom from his new book, The Scouting Report.

INTER-AMERICAN LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

The Inter-American Law Review presented a symposium entitled “40 Years of the Cuban Adjustment Act: End of an Era?” The event took place April 7, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables. Distinguished speakers included: U M Law Professors David Abraham, Ricardo Bascuas, and Francisco Valdes; St. Thomas University School of Law Professor Lauren Gilbert; Washington University, St. Louis School of Law Professor Stephen Legomsky; Florida International University Professor Dario Moreno, PhD; The Center for International Policy Professor Wayne Smith; Lucie Tondreau, Activist and Haitian-American Talk-show Host; and attorneys Timothy Ashby, Ira Kurzban, Randall Sidlosca, and Grisel Ybarra.

BLSA BANQUET

The University of Miami Black Law Students Association held its annual banquet at the Colonnade Hotel in Coral Gables. The theme for the event was Celebrating the Past, Present and Future, a theme that was clearly embodied through the speech of distinguished guest speaker Judge Darrin P. Gayles. In addition to recognizing the graduating 3L’s, several awards were given to outstanding members of each class. Recognition was also given to the BLSA Advisor, Marcelyn Cox, the organizer of the Minority Mentoring Program, John Kozyak, and all the sponsors who made donations to the organization including:

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Kozlak Tropin & Throckmorton
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Incoming Executive Board from left to right - Taphaine Whitmore, Arnett Mumford, John Kozyak, Rashied McDuffie, Lisa-Marie Elliot, Dean Dennis Lynch, Forton Wimbush, Joycelyn Brown, and Christopher Lomax.

(L-R) The Outstanding 2L’s for 2005 - 2006 Nneka Uzodinma and Lisa-Marie Elliot along with Kizuwanda Stockdale and Serena Witter.

The Outstanding 1L for 2005-2006 Arnett Mumford.
On Saturday, April 1, the University of Miami School of Law held its annual Barrister’s Ball at the Wyndham Resort on Miami Beach. The night was a celebration of another year of hard work, bringing together faculty, students and alumni.

The night began with several cocktail receptions sponsored by student organizations, including the Student Bar Association. President-elect Mark Santi, began the evenings awards with this year's recipient of the Golden Apple award. This award is presented annually to the faculty member contributing the most to the student body both academically and in extracurricular activities. The award honors the late Richard A. Hausler who for 52 years was a beloved professor at the School of Law, inspiring legions of students to achieve the highest levels of excellence. This year's award was presented to Professor Michael Fischl for his continued dedication to the students and for his contributions to the UNICO strike.

The Roger Sorino Award, dedicated to the memory of Roger Sorino, a highly involved UM Law student who died suddenly in 1951, was awarded to 3L Elizabeth Marquette for her leadership, dedicated service to the law school and community. Additionally, Shelby Mathis, Bar and Gavel president, was recognized for her service to the organization.

In addition to the well-deserved awards, in accordance with tradition, Barrister's Ball served as the venue for the “passing of the gavel,” where each outgoing student organization president gives up his or her gavel to the incoming president in a fun and memorable way. This year was no exception.

The Barrister’s Ball was organized by the Society of Bar and Gavel, with the help of the Law Alumni Association and LAFAC.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR MICHAEL FISCHL

By: Liz Stack, Associate Director of Career Planning and Director of Judicial Clerkships

I graduated from UM Law School in May 1992. During my three years at UM I took three of Michael Fischl's classes. He is an excellent professor, one of my favorites. He was thoroughly engaging, completely in command of his subject matter and relaxed and approachable. He started each semester with an overview of the class, explaining the framework and then using the rest of the semester to fill in the details. In this way, he organized the syllabus and reading assignments for students in a manner that was understandable and not intimidating.

He also offered challenges to us throughout the semester to get us to think critically. His style was affable and inviting and when the time came to leave the classroom one always wanted to stay and discuss the minutiae with him.

His exams, though difficult, were always fair and covered the materials we studied in class. As such, he gained the respect of students for being a professor who meant what he said and said what he meant. His deadlines were always real which again earned him a good reputation with the students. Professor Fischl was always someone you felt you could talk to, whether in class or in his office. He was happy to assist with Law Review articles, help with research in one’s area of interest or dispense career advice.

For those of us in whom he ignited a passion for the law, he will surely be missed. When I think of my years at UM, I always smile when I think of Professor Fischl and I know that when I was in his class I was getting a world class education. Hats off to him!
Hoeveler Award presented to Janet Reno

On March 8, 2006, the Fifth Annual William M. Hoeveler award was presented to former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno in a ceremony held at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. Both Janet Reno and the Honorable Judge Hoeveler were lauded by their colleagues and friends: FSU President Emerita Sandy D’Alemberte, the Honorable Patricia Seitz, the Honorable Gerald Wetherington, activist Georgia Ayers, and Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. The Hoeveler Award is a “lifetime achievement award” for a lawyer whose career has exemplified the core values of the Center: ethics and public service. Janet Reno was chosen in recognition of her extraordinary character and service to our community and country. From 2003 to the present, she has been a Visiting Senior Fellow for the Center for Ethics & Public Service.

On April 11, 2006, over one hundred students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of HOPE came together to celebrate the dedication of student volunteers for the 2005-2006 academic year. This year, 240 volunteers performed over 3,200 hours of service around the South Florida area. Outstanding 1L, 2L, and 3L awards were presented to the students who performed the most hours of service to our community, along with recognition to the HOPE Project Leaders who have provided leadership in over twenty projects.

The 2006 Summer HOPE Fellows were announced, along with recognition of the law students who were awarded Equal Justice Works Fellowships and Florida Bar Fellowships. The Exemplary Service to the Poor Award was presented by Professor M. Minnette Massy on behalf of the Law School to Melissa Cardoza (3L). The night concluded with a special recognition of Assistant Dean Marni Lennon. She was awarded the Outstanding Law School Professional Award by Equal Justice Works in October of 2005.
Shinji Tajima is a long way from home. The 40-year-old LL.M. student hails from Tokyo, Japan, where he works for the National Tax Agency. He came to the University of Miami because of the reputation of its tax curriculum as well as the diversity of students and has found his year of study both challenging and enlightening. “I enjoyed learning about U.S. law and taxation,” said Mr. Tajima. “It was a good experience attending classes and talking to other students.” And while Mr. Tajima sometimes struggled with the language and cultural differences, he found the staff at the Office of International and Foreign Graduate Programs helpful in his adjustment. “They are very supportive of international students,” he said. “They are always accessible and that makes it easier when you are adjusting to a new country.” After completing the program, Mr. Tajima plans on returning to Japan and resuming his job with the National Tax Agency.

For Fulbright Scholar Annett Fleischhauer, the LL.M. program has been a time of both academic and personal growth. The 25-year-old German came to Coral Gables right out of the Free University of Berlin, where she is a juris doctor candidate. Her year at the School of Law—and the close relationships she developed with professors—broadened her interest in international law. “I have learned to appreciate different fields of study,” Ms. Fleischhauer said. “The small classes encourage dialogue and participation. It is easier to get to know professors here than in Germany. The active environment helped me to learn so much.”

Ms. Fleischhauer found support and comfort from the staff at the International and Foreign Graduate Programs office. “The people at the School of Law helped me get housing and a driver’s license—all the administrative things,” she said. “The networking events made me feel right at home. I even had the loneliness of being in a new country lasted about two days and then I felt very comfortable.”

The experience has given her more confidence. “I am a quiet person,” she said. “But Miami is a very international, very open city. The people are welcoming. Living here has helped me open up.”

Erna Hjaltested’s year in the LL.M. program has been a family affair. The 33-year-old Cobb Family Fellow and Fulbright Scholar came to Coral Gables from Reykjavik, Iceland. Her husband, Sigfus Sigmundsson, also spent the year at the University of Miami studying for his master’s degree in public administration.

The LL.M. program was Ms. Hjaltested’s first academic experience in the United States and she found her time at the School of Law to be an eye-opening experience. “I was surprised about how complex American society is,” she said. “Both my husband and I focused on studies that teach a lot about U.S. society and I received insight into how many of the processes work.”

She built close relationships with her professors and appreciated the school’s facilities, including law library and computer lab. “There is always someone to help you,” she said. “In the beginning I was unsettled about practical things such as telephones and driver’s licenses. I navigated it all with the help of the LL.M. administrative staff.”

Ms. Hjaltested plans on working in an international law firm. She leaves the LL.M. program with an in-depth understanding of American jurisprudence and an enriched world view.

Fulbright Scholarship recipient Daniel Schnabl brings an impressive academic record to the LL.M. program. Along with having graduated from his German law school as second best student in his state and completing his LL.M. in May, the 26-year-old German expects to earn his Doctor of Law (the German equivalent to the Ph.D.) this summer from the University of Leipzig. The degree will be an additional step in his legal career. During his time at UM, Schnabl also published two articles in major German law journals. His ultimate goal is to practice law in an international law firm and to work for some time in New York City.

Schnabl first learned about the University of Miami School of Law in 2003 when Professors Richard Williamson and David Abraham came to the University of Leipzig to teach a seminar. The interactive nature of the experience impressed him and Schnabl was excited to come to UM.

“I like that I have had courses taught by practitioners,” said Schnabl. “It has been a good addition of practical knowledge to academics.” He appreciates the openness and diversity of campus life, including the close relationships with professors and the varied extra-curricular activities. “It has been a great experience,” said Schnabl. “I enjoyed my required classes and elective courses and even got to teach a class together with the other German LL.M. students called ‘Introduction to German Law.’” The course, which Schnabl designed with guidance from Professor Williamson, was offered for the first time this semester.

“It was a very rewarding experience to reflect on issues in German law with the American students. I was very impressed with their interest in the subject matter and their participation,” said Schnabl. “I hope the course will be offered again and remain beyond my time at UM. The class is about creating mutual understanding, one of the main goals of the Fulbright program.”

Mauricio Gomm F. Dos Santos is not a typical law student. The 45-year-old LL.M. student arrived at the School of Law from Brazil with his wife, Denise, and two children, Luis Felipe, age 10 and Marina, age 8. Already an experienced litigator, Mr. Gomm F. Dos Santos wanted to broaden his expertise in international law.

The year of study has exceeded his expectations. Mr. Gomm F. Dos Santos has worked closely with Professor Keith Rosenn, an expert in Brazilian law, on a comparative analysis of arbitration. Miami’s international flavor made his family’s transition to America an easy one. “As a foreigner, it is easy to feel comfortable in Miami,” Mr. Gomm F. Dos Santos said. “The staff in the LL.M. program gave me everything I needed. They understood that international students have different problems and different issues.” They helped him Americanize his resume and improve his writing skills in English.

The family’s time in Miami has been so enjoyable that they are looking forward to staying another year while Mr. Gomm F. Dos Santos works for a law firm. “This has been a great experience for all of us,” he said.
As most of you read in recent alumni publications, more than three years after launching Momentum: The Campaign for the University of Miami, the University has surpassed the $1 billion goal—ahead of schedule and with unprecedented levels of giving from alumni and friends. With the impetus of this extraordinary success, the University has announced that it will raise an additional $250 million by the end of 2007.

We are delighted to report that as of June 1, 2006, the School of Law has obtained $16,856,780 in pledges and gifts. The funds raised by our Momentum Campaign committee will be used to help us attract and support outstanding students and faculty and to enhance our academic programs. Some of the funds received have been earmarked for the construction of our state of the art Skills Training Center Building. You will be hearing more about the building campaign in upcoming alumni publications.

We are grateful to the outstanding leadership of Hilarie Bass, JD’81 and Wayne Chaplin, JD’82, as well as the members of the School of Law’s Momentum Campaign Committee. A reception was held on May 10th at the home of Nelly and Mike Farra to recognize our volunteers for their service and generosity.
Former U.S. Senator John Edwards

On February 23, 2006, more than 100 lawyers and law school supporters heard former United States Senator and Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards discuss poverty and America’s responsibility to its less fortunate at the Dean’s Circle Luncheon at the Bankers Club of Miami. The subject is close to Edwards’ heart—forming the basis for his political life and his current work as director of the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

“Those who attended the luncheon really picked up on how important the issue is to Senator Edwards,” said James L. Ferraro, JD ’83. “It was an intimate setting that gave people a sense of the real [man].” A longtime Edwards friend and supporter, Mr. Ferraro arranged the visit. “I always enjoy giving back to the Law School,” he said.

Well-known for his charisma and charm, Senator Edwards answered questions, posed for photographs and animatedly engaged the crowd. “He came across as a real leader,” said 3L Vicky Rivas Vasquez, who attended the luncheon and drove Senator Edwards around Miami. Vasquez, a political veteran, served as assistant press secretary to President Clinton during his first term. “It was clear that he was passionate about his poverty initiative and he was able to articulate it to the group and one-on-one.”

Edwards’ visit fulfilled one of the goals of the Dean’s Circle to bring leaders from within and outside the community to the School of Law. “The Dean’s Circle offered an intimate interaction with a national leader who discussed his passion for the protection of the impoverished and less fortunate in our society” said Dean’s Circle Committee Co-Chair Richard Milstein, JD ’74.

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ARNOLD GREVIOR ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT FUND

In five decades of practicing law, Arnold Grevior, JD ’55, has worked in diverse areas – from prosecuting criminals to personal injury law to a municipal judge. As rewarding as his experiences have been, his most passionate cause involves the care and treatment of animals. Mr. Grevior has established an endowment fund to support animal advocacy at his alma mater.

A self-proclaimed animal lover, the Ft. Lauderdale resident has been active with the Humane Society of Broward County as well as a supporter of several animal-focused organizations. Mr. Grevior and his wife, Barbara, have always had at least two dogs, usually rescue animals, living with them.

The focus on animals will broaden the School of Law’s programs. “Students will walk away with a grasp of so many different areas of the law concerning animal advocacy,” said Mr. Grevior. “As an alumnus, I wanted to do something that helped the University and also find a way to educate our future legislators, judges and prosecutors as to the importance of animal advocacy. I hope other individuals, who feel as I do, will support this endeavor.”

HERITAGE SOCIETY

For Joan A. Berk, JD ’69, life has been about balance. The native New Yorker and mother of four has spent the past four decades balancing the demands of career and family—succeeding in the courtroom while answering homework questions.

When Ms. Berk attended law school, her children were all under the age of 10. “I learned the value of multitasking,” she said. After graduation, she worked as a plaintiff’s lawyer and ultimately returned to New York. She became the first woman partner at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman and Dicker in New York City. Today, she uses her legal experience to work with Settlement Funding Associates, Inc. on structured settlements in personal injury cases.

While she has spent most of her career in New York, Ms. Berk maintains strong ties to the University of Miami. She remembers her time in law school as one of juggling and sacrifice but of support as well. “I received a tremendous amount of encouragement while at UM,” she said. “They did not just hand me a diploma. Everyone at the law school did whatever was necessary to help me.”

She was inducted this year in the University of Miami’s Heritage Society. This society was created to recognize generous donors who include the University in their estate planning. Joan is an active member of the Alumni Association, working hard to promote the Law School, advising and mentoring students and urging other alumni to get involved. “I believe that we all have a responsibility to give back,” she said.
An estimated 70 percent of all U.S. households contribute to one or more charitable organizations each year. Yet, the number of people leaving a bequest in their wills hovers at a mere 6 percent. This type of charitable giving opportunity allows you to honor your name and your family's name and to be associated forever with a favorite cause—while reaping significant tax benefits in the process.

Charitable bequests enjoy unlimited deductions from federal and state inheritance taxes. A properly planned bequest can even result in a larger estate passing to your non-charitable beneficiaries.

Tax laws do vary from state to state, however. It is recommended that you seek professional advice on the tax benefits of making a bequest. Tax clauses may also come into play. Regardless of the tax implications, however, this form of philanthropy lets you leave a lasting legacy and offers tremendous benefits in personal satisfaction.

Bequests are simply gifts made through a will to provide long-term support for your favorite charity, including UM. You can leave a specific asset, a percentage of your estate or the remainder of your estate after you have taken care of other beneficiaries. Also, you may leave your bequest unrestricted or designate it for a specific use. Any bequest provision can be altered during your lifetime to change the legacy you will be creating.

Let's assume that you have decided to make a bequest and you have already chosen the charitable organization that will be your beneficiary. There are several bequest options to consider.

Specific bequest. Here, you give a specific dollar amount or a specific asset from your estate, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, antiques, art, mutual fund shares, etc.

Residuary bequest. This bequest directs that either all or a percentage of your estate's residue—what is left after the other terms of your will have been satisfied—be paid to the charitable organization.

Contingent bequest. This option designates that a charitable organization receives all or some of your estate dependent upon a specific condition. For example, you might state that the University of Miami will receive the residue of your estate only if you outlive your primary heirs. A contingent bequest protects the estate from litigation or distribution to unintended parties.

Restricted bequest. You may wish to restrict your bequest for a specific purpose or to support a specific program.

Bequests provide you with a number of avenues for charitable giving, though each avenue delivers you to the same destination: a legacy that defines your personality and commemorates your life.
This year Dean Dennis O. Lynch and Dean of Students Emerita Jeannette F. Hausler JD ’53, joined Assistant Dean for Alumni and Development Georgie Angones and the 2005-2006 President of the Law Alumni Association, Barbara Perez, JD ’93, as they traveled to Washington D.C., New York, Boston, California and Chicago. We extend our gratitude to those of you in these cities who hosted us and send our best wishes to our alumni, parents and friends who joined us for these receptions.

California

We extend our gratitude to Ellen Beck, the University’s regional representative for California, for her assistance in helping the School of Law establish a presence in California, and to Roderick G. Dorman, JD ’76, for graciously hosting the Law School delegation at the California Club in Los Angeles.

On February 21, 2006 Rod Dorman hosted a wonderful cocktail reception at the California Club which gave our LA alumni and friends a chance to get together and honor Dean of Students Emerita Jeannette F. Hausler and Dean Dennis O. Lynch. During the reception, Dean Hausler presented the 2006 Law Alumni Association’s Alumni Achievement Awards to: Rachel Kronick Rothbart, JD ’96; Paul Levine, JD ’73 and Michael W. Sales, JD ’77. The Law Alumni Association created this important recognition in an effort to highlight the accomplishments of our alumni nationally in their fields of endeavor.

We extend our gratitude to Kevin A. Dorse, JD ’87, who hosted a small informal breakfast meeting at his law firm, Jones, Day Reavis and Pogue in Los Angeles for the Miami delegation and to our former Assistant Dean, Patricia B. Ash, JD ’81, for her assistance during this trip!

Chicago

Law School Momentum Campaign Chair, Frank A. Citera, JD ’83, a partner at Greenberg Traurig, LLP hosted a wine and cheese reception on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at his firm. The Alumni Association honored Dean of Students Emerita Jeannette F. Hausler, JD ’53, our Alumna of Distinction for 2006, and Ira Bodenstein, JD ’80, recipient of the 2006 “Law Alumni Association’s Chicago Alumni Achievement Award” at the reception.

We also extend our gratitude to Andrew Glick, JD ’89, and Larry Glick, JD ’54, for hosting Dean Hausler and Dean Lynch for lunch at the Standard Club during the Chicago visit.
New York and Boston

Dianne Greenberg Penchina, JD’83 and DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP, hosted what has become our annual New York Law Alumni Reception and Continuing Legal Education Seminar on March 28, 2006. Professor Mary I. Combs delivered a timely and provocative lecture, “The Schiavo Case: The Road Not Taken.” The lecture was followed by a fabulous reception. We are grateful to Dianne and her firm for their ongoing generosity and support of the School of Law. Dianne is the Chair of the New York Law School Momentum Campaign Committee.

On March 29, 2006, Dean Dennis Lynch traveled to Boston to meet with friends and former students in the area. We extend our gratitude to William S. Wilson, JD’94, for hosting a Wine and Cheese reception for Dean Lynch at his law firm, Greenberg Traurig, LLP’s Boston office.

UM ALUMNI AWARDS

Congratulations to the Honorable Sue M. Cobb, JD’78, and Dean C. Colson, JD’77, Chairman of the University of Miami’s Board of Trustees. Sue was honored for her distinguished career in the public service and private sectors. Through her varied leadership roles including Ambassador to Jamaica and Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Miami, to her newest designation, Secretary of the Florida Department of State. She was presented the “Edward T. Foote, II Alumna of Distinction” award by the UM Alumni Association.

Dean Colson, JD’77 and President Shalala, were the recipients of the UM AAs’ “Outstanding Fundraiser” award. Their efforts have helped the University reach its goal of raising over $1 billion, ahead of schedule!
The Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning celebrated its fortieth anniversary last January in grand style. Over the years, the Institute has not only become the country’s leading continuing education program for estate planners, but has also emerged as a national convention for the estate planning team. There were over 2,500 estate planners at this year’s gathering, all of whom enjoyed a week of the finest continuing education available to the estate planning community. The attendees also had the opportunity to review the goods and services available from the nearly 120 exhibitors and sponsors that participated in the Institute’s exhibit hall. Finally, all of those in attendance enjoyed a week of greeting old friends and making new contacts at what has become the premiere annual event for the estate planning community.

The landmark 40th Institute will also be remembered as the final year that the meeting convened at the original Fontainebleau Hotel. The Fontainebleau, which closed in March of 2006 for much needed major renovations, has served as the Institute’s primary headquarters for seventeen years, since its move from its original home in the Americana Hotel (subsequently the Sheraton) in Bal Harbour. In recent years, with mounting registration totals, a burgeoning exhibit hall and an ever expanding program agenda, the Institute simply outgrew the Fontainebleau and its facilities. Thus, while we are nostalgic about the closing of the “old” Fontainebleau, we are also delighted to announce that the 41st Annual Heckerling Institute will be held at the World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida. The World Center offers first class, modern meeting space and hotel accommodations with nearly 1,800 sleeping rooms available to our registrants. This new facility will allow the Institute to continue to grow and develop as the nation’s largest and most significant educational meeting for estate planners.

The 41st Annual Heckerling Institute will be held on January 8-12, 2007, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. For further information please visit our Web site at www.law.miami.edu/heckerling or call 305-284-4762.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION / UM LAW NETWORKING EVENT

The UM Law Networking event, which took place on Thursday, February 9 during UM women’s basketball game against Florida State was a success! Many students, faculty, administrators and alumni showed up to mingle, share food and drinks and watch a great game of basketball. Many thanks to the Student Bar Association, Lewis B. Freeman and Associates, The Law Alumni Association, and The Career Planning Center for hosting this event.
The Law Alumni Association hosted their annual receptions in honor of the Judiciary on March 22, 2006 in Palm Beach at the Governor’s Club and on April 19, 2006 at the Tower Club in Ft. Lauderdale. We congratulate the chair of these events, Jeffrey D. Weinstock, JD ’96, LLM ’03, and President Barbara Perez, JD ’93, for two outstanding events.

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Alumni enjoying the reception and each other’s company.

(L-R) Arnold Grevior, JD ’55, with Dean Jeannette F. Hausler JD ’53, and Robert Dooley, JD ’53.
(L-R) The Honorable Julio Gonzalez with The Honorable Gisele Pollock, JD ’81.
(L-R) Charles Rowley, Jr., JD ’93, The Honorable Martin Dishowitz, JD ’75, Dean Dennis O. Lynch and Danid W. Matlow, JD ’00.
(L-R) Maria Elena Abate, JD ’80, with Law Alumni Association board member, Robin King, JD ’84.
(L-R) Dean Jeannette F. Hausler and Cynthia Van Buren, JD ’89, LLM ’97.
The members of the Class of 1956 reminisced as they enjoyed a great reunion weekend in Miami. The festivities commenced with a wonderful dinner at The Alma Jennings Foundation Student Lounge. They were entertained by members of the reunion committee and the Music of “Gemini”. During the Program, the members shared their recollections with the guests and were presented with reunion gifts. The following evening the members of the class were invited to participate in the School’s reception for the graduating 3Ls held at the Law School’s Quadrangle. The weekend culminated with a very moving commencement ceremony where members of the Class of 1956 were invited to robe and march with the faculty and the new members of the Class of 2006.

We extend our gratitude to the reunion committee: F.W. “Mort” Guilford, Chair, Donald M. Homer, The Honorable W. Thomas Spencer, Richard M. Sepler and Thomas D. Wood, Sr. who worked hard over many months (and also enjoyed themselves during our lunch meetings... lots of “war stories”!) to help make this reunion weekend special for their classmates.

We also wish to recognize the sponsors for this event: Bacardi USA, Inc.; Southern Wine and Spirits of America; Mort Guilford; James J. Linus; James H. Nance; Richard M. Sepler; and UM Trustee, Thomas D. Wood.

You can enjoy seeing some of the additional photos of this reunion and viewing the dinner program in our web page: www.law.miami.edu/alumni
Class of 1957

SONIA PRESSMAN FUENTES is featured in a documentary film, set for release in 2006, about the men and women who founded the second wave of the Women's Movement. Fuentes was also honored by the American Immigration Law Foundation for her contributions to the legal field, and is included in an online exhibit dealing with the feminist movement (www.jwa.org).

Class of 1959

Dr. BORIS KOZOLCHYK, president of the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade, dedicated the Victor and Vicki Folsom Library of Inter-American Law in Tucson, Arizona to honor the memory of two of the most respected Inter-American lawyers. Additionally, The Institute of International Banking Law & Practice has dedicated their 2006 volume Annual Survey of Letter of Credit Law & Practice to him in recognition of his many and various contributions to the field.

Class of 1960

The Honorable STANTON KAPLAN recently began his fortieth year on the bench as a Circuit Court Judge in Broward County.

Class of 1965

BENNETT H. BRUMMER was presented with a Freedom Award by the Coral Gables Latin Kiwanis Club at its annual dinner. This award recognized him for his record of dedicated public service during twenty-eight years as Miami-Dade County Public Defender.

RICHARD N. FRIEDMAN, practicing in Miami and popularly known as "The Singing Attorney," is an acclaimed performer of the National Anthem, which he has sung at numerous special events. He has also been the featured singer at concerts, charity and social functions, as well as on television and radio. Recently Friedman produced his third album, consisting of Broadway’s greatest show tunes.

Class of 1966

MARIO P. GODERICH, retired Third District Court of Appeal Judge, joined the Miami office of Gunster Yoakley & Stewart as an of counsel senior attorney. He was recently promoted to the position of partner. Goderich also recently spoke at the International Legal Conference in Rome, and has been honored for his outstanding professional ethics by the creation of the Dade County Bar Association’s Mario P. Goderich Legal Ethics Award.

Class of 1967

The Honorable EUGENE J. FIERRO, a Miami-Dade County Circuit Court Judge, has been awarded the Diploma of Judicial Skills from the American Academy of Judicial Education. Judge Fierro is administrator of Put Something Back.

Class of 1971

ALLEN FULLER recently lectured at the National Business Institute’s seminar “Remedies for Financial Exploitation of the Elderly.”

Class of 1972

CHARLES C. MAYS retired after 18 years of service to the City of Miami as an assistant city attorney. He will begin a new career as an independent counsel to the City of Miami’s civilian investigative panel.

DANIEL S. SCHWARTZ, a partner in the Miami office of Wilson Elser Moskowitz & Dick LLP has been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a civil mediator.

Class of 1973

The Honorable STANFORD BLAKE, Circuit Court Judge in the Criminal Division (see note under Fierro) for Miami-Dade County since 1995, has been elected Chair of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges. The group works to improve the judiciary as a whole.

BRUCE M. BOIKO was recently promoted to partner at Adorno & Yoss in Miami.

GEORGE F. KNOX was recently appointed by The Florida Bar Board of Governors to the board of directors of The Florida Bar Foundation.

PAUL LEVINE recently had his latest novel, a Solomon vs. Lord novel; bought by CBS for development as a television series. He was one of the recipients of the LAA Achievement Award in California.

THOMAS SCHWARTZ made his film debut with a supporting role in The Transporter 2, the top grossing film in America over Labor Day weekend.

The Honorable BERNARD S. SHAPIRO, Circuit Court Judge of Miami, was awarded the Diploma of Judicial Skills. In achieving this diploma, Judge Shapiro completed on-site intensive course work together with trial judges from throughout the country.

Class of 1974

GARY M. CARMAN was named a partner at Hahn, Loeser & Parks.

J. RICHARD DUKE was listed in the December 2005 issue of Worth magazine as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in the United States.

LEWIS B. FREEMAN was presented the 2005 Henry King Stanford Alumnus of the Year Award for his ongoing dedication to the University and active participation in several of its organizations.

Class of 1975

PATRICIA IRELAND, former president of the National Organization for Women joined the firm of Phillips, Richard & Rind, P.A. as Of Counsel.

VALORY GREENFIELD was recently recognized by the Human Services Coalition of Dade County for her ten years of continuous service to their Board of Directors.

BERNARD SIEGEL lectured at the World Parkinson Congress, the Association of American Law Schools, at the American College of Trial Lawyers, Bascomb Palmer Eye Institute and the World Congress for Freedom of Scientific Research in Rome. He is a leading advocate and policy expert in the field of stem cell research.

Class of 1976

JOHN GILLESPIE was promoted to partner at Broad & Cassel in Miami.
**CLASS OF 1976 (REUNION YEAR)**

ROBERT PANOFF was chosen to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council. The council advises the IRS on issues that have a substantive effect on federal tax administration.

THOMAS RINGEL was appointed chairman of the Palmetto Bay Charter Revision Committee.

**CLASS OF 1977**

KENNETH FELDMAN was recently named the first full time director of Community Outreach and Pro Bono Services at St. Thomas University.

BENEDICT KUEHNE welcomed the arrival of a grandson, Ezra Daniel, on November 3rd.

JOSEPH MANCILLA was promoted to partner at Becker & Poliakoff in Dania.

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M ichael Menard has been elected President of the Western New York Trial Lawyers' Association.

**CLASS OF 1978**

MARK C. ELLISON joined the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, which assists rural electric and telephone utilities in providing their surrounding areas with technology services.

DONALD NELSON IKSEN, a partner in the Wilmington law firm of Morris, Nichols, Arshe & Tunnel, was recognized in the 2005 edition of The Best Lawyers in America list.

The Honorable FEDERICO MORENO was the speaker at the School of Law's Commencement ceremonies in May of 2005.

**CLASS OF 1979**

BRUCE MEYERSON joined the New York office of Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP as a partner.

HOWARD TALENFELD received the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for the 17th Judicial Circuit, Broward County for his ongoing pro bono work with the state's abused, foster mentally ill and developmentally disabled children.

**CLASS OF 1980 (REUNION YEAR)**

MICHAEL LOZOFF was recently promoted to the position of partner at the firm of Adorno & Yoss in Miami.

STEVE MESSING has joined the firm of Berkowitz Dick Pollack & Brant Certified Public Accountants & Consultants, LLP as a Director of Real Estate Tax Services.

LAWRENCE A. SAICHEK was re-appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to the Mediator Qualifications Board for a term that extends through 2008. The board reviews and rules on complaints filed against certified mediators.

WILLIAM P. SKLAR recently joined the law firm of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge as Counsel in the Real Estate Department in the firm's West Palm Beach office.

**CLASS OF 1981 (REUNION YEAR)**

RICHARD A. BERKOWITZ has been installed as President of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a professional association representing more than 18,000 Florida Certified Public Accountants.

STEVEN BRODIE was recently installed as President of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a professional association representing more than 18,000 Florida Certified Public Accountants.

THOMAS DYE, a shareholder in the law firm of Steiner LLP as a partner.

BRUCE MEYERSON joined the New York office of Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP as a partner.

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**Class Notes**

Frank R. Angones, J D'76, has not forgotten his roots. The great grand-child of Perucho Figueredo, attorney and author of the Cuban National Anthem came to Miami more than four decades ago. He arrived as a 10-year-old boy escaping Fidel Castro's Cuba. He made the journey alone as part of the Pedro Pan program that brought unaccompanied Cuban children to America. His parents and two-year-old sister joined him a few months later and seeing the need, his parents became house parents for the program. His dad had been an attorney in Havana and his mother, a Spanish teacher; together once more, the Angones family forged a new life.

Frank spent his formative years in Miami surrounded by newly-arrived Cubans. He graduated with honors from LaSalle High School where he was elected president of the Student Council and was able to attend the University of Miami as a recipient of the Roberts Scholarship and the Fred Berens Scholarship, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1972.

While in college, he studied history and philosophy and developed a keen interest in Latin American politics. His time in law school was focused on his studies and his future. He participated in moot Court competitions and interned in the public defender's office. “In law school, I learned how to look at a problem, analyze it and solve it,” he said.

Today, Mr. Angones is a civil litigator at Angones, McCure & Garcia, P.A. He is past president of both the Dade County Bar Association and the Cuban American Bar Association and has served on the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the Southern District of Florida. He was sworn in as President-Elect of The Florida Bar in June, the first Cuban-American to hold the position. "It is a reflection of his principles and guiding philosophy. "I am grateful and very thankful to be in America," he said. "This great country opened its arms to me and my family. It is my responsibility to give back."
DAVID LAURENCE KREIDER, former general counsel for China Mobile Ltd. in Hong Kong, began working for Vodafone New Zealand as general counsel.

LAURENCE S. LITOW was promoted to partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson in Ft. Lauderdale.

JOEL E. MAXWELL retired from the City of Miami as its deputy city attorney. He worked in the city attorney's office for 25 years.

CLASS OF 1982

J. MICHAEL HARRISON (LLM) founder and shareholder of Davis, Mathews & Quigley, P.C., has been selected by his legal peers to be among Georgia Trend's "Legal Elite" for 2005.

The Honorable LAUREL M. ISICOFF is one of only 21 bankruptcy and insolvency professionals, from through the U.S. and two foreign countries, to be inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. Additionally, she was also recently sworn in as the first female bankruptcy judge in the Southern District of Florida.

R. Fred Lewis, JD’72. By unanimous vote, the Justices of the Florida Supreme Court elected Justice R. Fred Lewis as the 52nd Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. His inaugural ceremony was held June 30, 2006.

A native from Beckley, W. Virginia, and a star athlete in his youth, Justice Lewis received his undergraduate degree from Florida Southern College of Lakeland, in 1969, and his law degree, with honors, from the University of Miami School of Law in 1972. After a brief tour in the U.S. Army, Justice Lewis went into private practice in Miami, specializing in civil trial and appellate litigation. While in Miami he became an advocate in issues facing children and the handicapped. He often provided pro bono legal services to families with impaired children and cancer patients seeking proper treatment for multiple conditions. The late Governor Lawton Chiles appointed Justice Lewis to the Florida Supreme Court in December, 1998.

Justice Lewis is a volunteer in the Florida Law Related Education program working with Florida teachers and students. He is involved in a program of actively teaching and working in schools throughout Florida to promote a better understanding of government institutions and providing open access to judicial officers. Justice Lewis and his wife Judith have two children, Elle and Lindsay.

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CLASS OF 1983

JASON A. BERNSTEIN was elected to the board of directors of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. He also recently spoke on “Trademarks and Branding Strategies” at the annual conference of the Independent Community Bankers of America.

RICHARD BRENER joined the law firm of Ackerman Link & Sartory, P.A. in West Palm Beach.

RICHARD E. DEUTCH, JR. is a shareholder in the real estate department at Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. in the Miami office.

MARCOS D. JIMENEZ joined Kenny Nachwalter, P.A. in Miami as a shareholder.

ROBERT C. MAYER published “Disclaimer Statute May Permit Judgment Debtors to Deliver Money to Friends or Family With Nothing to Creditors, But Not Always in Florida” in the April 2005 issue of the Florida Bar Journal.

TIMOTHY MORELL spoke at the Southwest Dade County Association of Certified Public Accountants. He also gave a speech on identity theft for the American Association of Certified Public Accountants in Hawaii.

BERNARD B. PERLMUTTER was recently awarded the Miami American Civil Liberties Union 2005 C. Clyde Atkins Civil Liberties Award for his diligence in and dedication to the protection of the civil liberties of children.

MARK F. RAYMOND was promoted to partner at Broad & Cassel in Miami.

CLASS OF 1984

ROBIN J. KING was named a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Rutherford Mulhall.

ROBERTA MANDEL was promoted to partner at Houck Hamilton & Anderson in Miami.

WILLIAM M. PEARSON was named partner at Shutts & Bowen in Miami.

DIANA SANTA MARIA was recently appointed to the Broward County Bar Association’s Board of Directors. In addition, she also spoke on the topic of Trial Presentation of Past and Future Medical Expenses at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers’ Annual Workhorse Seminar in Orlando.

CLASS OF 1985

MARK D. ADAMS was named partner at Edwards & Angell in West Palm Beach.

KARRIN B. ALMAN joined Bay Area Legal Services in St. Petersburg, Florida.

ERVIN A. GONZALEZ co-authored the series The Practice Guide on South Florida Civil Procedure.

JAMES HELLER was a presenter at the Defense Research Institute’s “Fire and Casualty” in Chicago. The presentation addressed issues including strategies in the defense of smoke alarm litigation, and forensic investigation of smoke alarms after a fire.
Deborah Enix-Ross, JD ’81, is used to firsts. When she graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in broadcast journalism, she was the first member of her family to earn a college education. Her law school graduation was a remarkable accomplishment. “I still remember the feelings and expressions, of my family when I graduated,” Ms. Enix-Ross said.

When Ms. Enix-Ross becomes chair of the American Bar Association’s Section of International Law in August 2006, she will be the first African American to lead the group in its more than 100 year history. The position highlights an impressive career.

A veteran litigator, Ms. Enix-Ross currently manages the litigation practice group at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York City. She joined the firm after stints at the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland; at Price Waterhouse in its international litigation division; at the United States Council for International Business; at the Council of Better Business Bureaus in New York City; and at Legal Services in New York City. Her areas of expertise include intellectual property rights, international arbitration, internet law and products liability.

Ms. Enix-Ross’ University of Miami experience gave her the tools to prepare for such a diverse legal career. While in law school she attended a summer program at the London School of Economics and took classes in international law. “I benefited from the broad exposure,” said Ms. Enix-Ross. “I worked with students from all over.”

The law school environment fostered camaraderie and closeness amid the high academic expectations. “It was the most focused and challenged I have ever been,” said Ms. Enix-Ross, “but at the same time it was the most fun I have ever had.”

As Ms. Enix-Ross readies for a prominent role in the American Bar Association, she looks with pride to her alma mater. “It is amazing how the University has changed,” she said. “The reputation and stature have grown tremendously.”

Alex E. Ferrer started his courtroom show, Judge Alex in which he rules on small case matters. The show airs weekday mornings on CBS.

Kimberly Kolback moderated the panel “Thinking Outside the Box: New Avenues in Entertainment Law” during the Entertainment and Sports Symposium held at the Law School. Kolback also co-chaired the Steinway & Sons/BMI event. In addition, during both the Southern Regional Entertainment and Sports Law Conference and the Intellectual Property Law Institute Conference, she moderated the panel entitled “Sports Collective Bargaining Agreements and Government’s New Role.”

Maria L. Rubio has joined Ratzan & Alters, PA. as a partner.

Jeffrey Steinsnyder left the Manatee County Attorney’s Office as Chief Assistant County Attorney to become a shareholder with the law firm of Kirk Pinkerton, PA. in Sarasota, FL.

Robert C. White was recently promoted to the position of partner at the firm of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart.
LISA MAGILL was promoted to partner at Becker & Poliakoff in Miami.

ERICA BEECHER-MONAS joined the faculty of the Wayne State University Law School last fall after teaching for nine years at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. Her areas of expertise include corporations and evidence.

ROBERTO R. PARDO was named to the Board of Directors for the Cuban American Bar Association.

JOHN C. STRICKROOT was recently promoted to partner at Shutts & Bowen in West Palm Beach.

F. CHER TAYLOR recently launched his new private practice in Minneapolis, MN.

Class of 1989

GRETCHEN VON DWINGELO joined the Atlanta law firm of Powell Goldstein LLP as Of Counsel in its financial products and real estate area.

JOHN R. KELLER was promoted to partner at Ruden M Closky in Ft. Lauderdale.

NANETTE O'DONNELL recently joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner in the firm's health law practice/division.

GERALD T. RODEN was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as Chairman of the Early Learning Coalition Board for Indian River, Martin & Okeechobee counties.

RUSSELL C. WEIGEL III was recently promoted to partner at Carlton Fields in Miami.

J. EVERETT WILSON was recently promoted to partner at Shutts & Bowen in Miami.

Class of 1990

The Honorable MARTIN J. BIDWILL was recently appointed to the bench as a Circuit Court judge in Broward County.

DAVID F. FAMILARI was recently promoted to partner at Houck Hamilton & Anderson, A Professional Association in Miami.

MOSHE M. LEHRFIELD was named a partner at Greenberg Traurig in Miami.

CORA L “CORI” LOPEZ-Castro, a shareholder in Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, PA., was elected president of the Cuban-American Bar Association.

LAURA E. PRATHER leads the employment law practice Tampa office of Trenam, Kenker,

Alberto Mora, JD’81, the retired general counsel of the United States Navy has earned international attention for his three-year behind-the-scenes battle against the physical abuse and degrading treatment of detainees held at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Mr. Mora came to the Department of the Navy in 2001 and was inside the Pentagon during the September 11 attack. He supported the Administration’s war on terror and the invasion of Iraq. However, when Mora learned of the tactics used at Guantanamo Bay in the name of fighting terrorism—tactics that included prolonged isolation, sleep deprivation, light deprivation and physical humiliation—he could not reconcile the policy with the law. He worked tirelessly to change the Administration's view of what should and could be done to prisoners.

For the son of a Hungarian mother and Cuban father, both of whom fled repressive regimes, the position was about human rights and values. “There was never another side to the issue for me,” he said. “It was an easy moral choice.” The choice reflected Mr. Mora’s strong belief in the nation’s democratic principles and an intellectual commitment to those ideals.

Mr. Mora spent his childhood in Jackson, Mississippi, where his family lived after fleeing Castro’s Cuba. He graduated with a B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1974 and thrived in its intimate, academically challenging atmosphere.

While at the Law School, he edited the Inter-American Law Review, an experience that honed his analytic skills and helped him build relationships with other students. He participated in moot Court and the Trial Advocacy Program. “When I was in law school, I was pointing to a career as a trial lawyer,” he said. “UM prepared me well. I developed strong advocacy skills.”

After law school, Mr. Mora worked as a litigator in private practice. In 1989, he was appointed by President George H. W. Bush to serve as general counsel of the U.S. Information Agency and held the position for four years. He then returned to private practice before joining the Department of the Navy.

Today, Mr. Mora is vice president and general counsel of Wal-mart’s international operations. While he seems far removed from his political life in Washington, D.C., he is embracing the challenges at Wal-mart and finding satisfaction in overseeing the company’s international expansion.

As for the moral stand, he took by speaking out—nearly two years before the abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq became public—Mr. Mora is still amazed by the events and all the accolades. In May, he received the 2006 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

James V. Fazio has been named associate attorney in the law firm of Nason, Yeager, Gerson, White & Lioce, P.A. in West Palm Beach.

Mark E. Grimes formed Golden & Grimes in Miami with John D. Golden.

Lucinda A. Hofmann joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. as a partner in the firm’s Miami office.

Daniel S. Newman was promoted to partner at Broad & Cassel in Miami.

Hector C. Sainz (LLM) is director of corporate affairs for Kraft Latin America, which recently relocated from New York to
Miami. Through a promotion, Sainz moved back to Buenos Aires.

**DAVID TARLOW** was recently promoted to partner at Adorno & Yoss in Coral Gables.

T. SCOTT TUFTS joined Foriz & Dogali, P.L. as a partner in the firm’s Orlando office.

EDWARD ZEBERSKY is President-Elect of the Florida Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers for the 2005-2006 term.

**CLASS OF 1992**

MARJORIE A. BARON has become a panel mediator with Salmon & Dulberg Mediation Services in Miami. Baron is former assistant general counsel and special assistant to Chief Judge Joseph P. Farina of the 11th Judicial Circuit.

JOSEPH H. BOGOSIAN recently became the Assistant Administrator for International Aviation at the Federal Aviation Administration.

DAVID W. BRILL was promoted to partner at Downs Brill Whitehead in Pembroke Pines.

SCOTT J. BROOK was recently included in the Who’s Who in Finance and Business for 2006 and The Marquis Who’s Who Publications Board for 2007.

XAVIER CORTADA was commissioned by the Florida Department of State’s Division of Cultural Affairs to display an exhibition of paintings and works on paper. Entitled “Mangroves”, the works reflected Cortada’s Cuban roots, as well as traced the growth and development of the state of Florida.

The Honorable WILLIAM S. GALVANO serves as a member of the Florida State House of Representatives, District 68. He has been a partner at Grimes Goebl Grimes Hanks & Gladfelter, P.A., in Bradenton, Fla. He resides in Bradenton with his wife, Julie, and sons, Michael Saint and William Sterling.

GARY LESSER, managing partner of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, was named chairman of the business and profession division of the Cuban American Bar Association.

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JEREMY B. GLADFELTER, P.A., in Bradenton, Fla. He resides in Bradenton with his wife, Julie, and sons, Michael Saint and William Sterling.

JOHN C. MALLOY, III, was ranked 20th among the “Top 25 Attorneys” in the United States by Trademark Insider magazine. His law firm, Malloy & Malloy P.A. in Miami, ranked 56th among the “Top 100 Trademark Law Firms” in the nation by the same survey.

**CLASS OF 1993**

RAUL CHACON, JR. was named to the Board of Directors of the Cuban American Bar Association.

CHRISTOPHER M. DAVID announced the opening of a new law firm, David & Joseph, P.L. with his partner, Allan A. Joseph.

ANNE MARIE ESTEVEZ was a finalist for Hispanic Business magazine’s 2006 “Woman of the Year”. She was one of five finalists honored during an awards gala in May in Las Vegas.

MATTHEW K. MITCHELL has been promoted to partner at Green, Lundgren & Ryan in Cherry Hill, NJ.

ADAM T. RABIN was named a shareholder of Dimond, Kaplan & Rothstein, P.A. and will head its new West Palm Beach office.

THEODORE WALTERS was promoted to partner at the firm of Han, Loeser & Parks.

**CLASS OF 1994**

BEATRIZ AZCUY-DIAZ was elected to partnership at the international law firm Weil, Gotshal and Manges.

JEFFREY KAPLAN was appointed the chairperson of the Dade County Bar Association’s SEC litigation committee. The committee’s goal is to educate Miami-Dade lawyers about current and developing securities litigation issues.

LAWRENCE H. KOLIN and his wife, Karen, recently announced the birth of their first child, Dena Rose.

PHILIPPE E. LIEBERMAN was recently made a partner at the law firm of Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin in Miami.

PETER F. VALORI was recently elected to the 2006 Board of Directors of Educate Tomorrow, a group that provides mentors to at-risk youth.

**CLASS OF 1995**

(REUNION YEAR)

The Honorable ANTONIO ARZOLA was appointed to serve on the Miami-Dade County Court.

NELSON BRANDT with the law firm of Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge has been elected president of the South Florida Technology Alliance.

CHRISTOPHER D. BROWN was named partner at Shook Hardy & Bacon in Miami.

CARLOS FERNANDEZ joined the law firm of Abadin, Jaramillo, Cook & Heffernan. He has served on the board of directors for the Cuban-American Bar Association and the Dade County Bar Association.

PATRICIA A. LEONARD was named a top “Up and Comer” South Florida attorney by the 2006 South Florida Legal Guide.

KEVIN M. LEVY was promoted to associate at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart in Miami.

JOANNE S. LINLEY was promoted to partner at Tew Cardenas in Miami.

RICHARD C. LORENZO was appointed as a U.S. representative to the International Chamber of Commerce on Arbitration.

ELIZABETH WELCH is the Florida director of development for the Trust for Public Land—a national nonprofit organization.

KEVIN W. WHITEHEAD was named a partner at Downs Brill Whitehead in Coral Gables.

**CLASS OF 1996**

(REUNION YEAR)

JOYCE ACKERBAUM COX joined the law firm Baker & Hostetler LLP in Orlando, Florida.

LISA CLEMENTS is an associate with the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A. in Tampa, Florida.

RICARDO CORONA was recently promoted to partner at Levey Airan Roen Kelso Corona & Herrera in Miami.

MELANIE E. DAMIAN was honored at the Junior League of Miami’s 5th Annual Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon. She was chosen as an honoree for her long term dedication to child advocacy. She was also awarded the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Pro Bono Award for her volunteer service to disadvantaged individuals.

DAVID HAZOURI was named partner at Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod in Miami.

GARY H. LEIBOWITZ was recently named to The Baltimore Business Journal’s prestigious “40 Under 40” List for 2005, published annually to spotlight young professionals whose achievement in the workplace and public service involvement stand out among their peers. He was also elected Baltimore Assistant Chair of the Maryland bankruptcy Bar Association.

JEFFREY R. MARGOLIS was promoted to partner at Duane Morris & Heckscher in Miami.

MICHELLE OMS was promoted to partner at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart in Miami.

MARLENE QUINTANA was elected Vice President of the Cuban American Bar Association.

Representative MARCO RUBIO was named shadow speaker of the Florida House of Representatives for the 2006-2008 legislative session. Rubio is the first Cuban-American to hold the position in Florida.

**CLASS OF 1997**

JACQUELINE CALDERIN was named one of the “Top Up-and-Comers” in the South Florida Legal Guide. Calderin also recently spoke at the Lorman Educational Services CLE Seminar entitled “Bankruptcy in Florida”.

JUSTIN B. ELEGANT became a partner at the law office of William L. Petros, P.A. in Coral Gables. The firm is now known as Petros & Elegant.

BARBARA FERRER was recently promoted to partner at Akerman Senterfitt in Miami.

KENNETH A. GORDON has been recognized as being among the “Top Lawyers in South Florida” by The South Florida Legal Guide.

ALLISON K. HIFT was recently named partner at Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod in Miami.

TIFFANI G. LEE was named partner in Holland & Knight’s Miami office.

DEREK LEON has been promoted from associate to partner at Morgan Lewis’s Miami litigation practice.

MARK A. LEVY has been promoted from associate to partner at Brinkley, McInerney, Morgan, Solomon & Tatum, L.L.P.

ROBERT F. LEWIS was named partner at Holland & Knight in Miami.

JOHN M. STRONG is associate general counsel for TradeCard, Inc., a web-based supply chain solution provider.

HANNESSON MURPHY recently joined the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg LLP as an associate in the firm’s Indianapolis office.

SCOTT PODVIN (LLM ’97) is an associate in the real estate department at Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. in Miami.

RONALD P. PONZOLI was named a partner at Richman Greer Wel Brill Toma & Christensen, P.A. in Jupiter.

FRANCISCO RAMOS, JR. was named partner at Clarke, Silvergate & Campbell. Ramos currently serves on the editorial board of CABA Briefs for the Cuban-American Bar Association.

BRADLEY S. SHRAIBERG was recently named a partner at Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin in Miami.

SANDRA M. FERRERA was recently elected partner at Cole Scott & Kissane in Miami.

**CLASS OF 1998**

MIRIAM ALFONSO recently joined the law firm of Broad and Cassel in Miami as an associate. She will be working in the firm’s Corporate and Securities Practice Group.

BRET M. AMRON was promoted to partner at Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. in Miami.

LORI BARKUS recently opened Lori Barkus PA. The firm concentrates in the areas of civil mediation, marital and family law, Americans with Disabilities Act and fair housing litigation.

NATALIE CARLOS was recently promoted to partner at Adorno & Yoss in Miami.

ALEX ESPENKOTTER was promoted to partner at Ruden McClosky in Miami.

DIGNA FRENCH recently took the position of Counsel at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P. in Miami.

CHAD K. LANG joined the Miami office of Ford & Harrison, LLP, a national labor and employment law firm as partner.

CORALEE G. PENABAD was recently promoted to partner at Meland Russin & Budwick, P.A. in Miami.

THIERRY OLIVIER DESMET, after four and a half years as a litigation associate at Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, has joined the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission as an attorney in the enforcement division. He recently published “Pushing the Guidelines Envelope: When Loss Overstates the Offense,” in Criminal Justice, Volume 17, Number 3, fall 2002. His latest article “Sarbanes-Oxley: A Few Predictions in the Criminal Arena” has also been accepted for publication in Criminal Justice, the magazine of the ABA’s criminal justice section.

CARLOTTA ROOS recently took the position of Counsel at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P. in Miami.

MARNI ROSENBLATT joined Merck & Co., Inc., the global pharmaceutical company, as International Tax Counsel and Director of Tax Planning.

PAUL SILVERBERG, managing partner of Silverberg & Associates, expanded his law firm over the past year.

CHARLES A. VOLKERT III was promoted to executive director by Robert Half Legal in Miami.

**CLASS OF 1999**

JOHN D. COLEMAN was promoted to partner at Cole Scott & Kissane in Miami.

SANDRA M. FERRERA was recently elected as Treasurer of the Cuban American Bar Association. In addition, she was recently named partner at Meland Russin & Budwick, P.A. in Miami.

STUART I. GROSSMAN was recently promoted to partner at Tew Cardenas LLP in Miami.
Erica N. Wright, JD’97, was named Top 40 Under 40 by Success South Florida Magazine. Every year, Success South Florida magazine recognizes the region’s 40 most influential Black professionals under the age of 40.

“We honor the innovation, determination and ambition they have demonstrated, while showing us all what it means to follow our dreams and surpass our goals,” said Dexter A. Bridgeman, publisher.

Erica N. Wright, 34, is an attorney with Gunster Yoakley & Stewart who is a member of the Real Estate Department. She focuses her practice in the areas of land use development and governmental relations. Before joining Gunster, Wright was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Sunny Isles Beach and was appointed as its acting City Attorney.

Currently, Wright is President-elect of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association and serves as Treasurer on the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Dade County Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and was recently named “Member of the Year” by the Wilkie F. Ferguson Bar Association (Black Lawyers) and inducted into the “Lilies of the Valley” by City of Miami Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones and former U.S. Congresswoman Carrie Meeks.

Class Notes

Class of 1999

Marlynn Jones was recently appointed Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at Florida A&M University.

Bobbi L. Meloro was named associate at Lash & Goldberg in Miami.

Renaeh melted opened a full service real estate law firm in Miami Beach.

Jonathan M. Midwall was promoted to partner at Cole Scott & Kissane in Miami.

Robert M. Perez has joined Salas, Ed, Peterson & Lage, L.L.C. as an associate to specialize in the areas of products liability, maritime law and criminal defense.

Thomas Scoloro was promoted to partner at Leesfield, Leighton & Partners, P.A. in Miami.

Mark Sylvester was promoted to partner at Leesfield, Leighton & Partners, P.A. in Miami.

Class of 2000

Garrett J. Biondo was recently sworn in as President of the Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section. He serves as secretary of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Young Lawyers Section, as well as treasurer of Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.

Brad E. Coren, of Brad E. Coren, P.A. of Davie, Florida, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Weston. He also served as sponsor of the seventh annual Rotary Holiday Run and Family Festival. Additionally, he has been granted permission to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., making him a member of the Bar of the Court as well as an officer of the Court.

Joshua M. Kaye has been promoted to partner at McDermott Will & Emery in Miami.

Rachel Lopate Rubio was recognized by the South Florida Legal Guide in its 2006 edition as being among the top “Up and Coming” attorneys in the area.

Alexandria H. Heckler was named Top 40 Under 40 by Success South Florida Magazine. Every year, Success South Florida magazine recognizes the region’s 40 most influential Black professionals under the age of 40.

“We honor the innovation, determination and ambition they have demonstrated, while showing us all what it means to follow our dreams and surpass our goals,” said Dexter A. Bridgeman, publisher.

Erica N. Wright, 34, is an attorney with Gunster Yoakley & Stewart who is a member of the Real Estate Department. She focuses her practice in the areas of land use development and governmental relations. Before joining Gunster, Wright was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Sunny Isles Beach and was appointed as its acting City Attorney.

Currently, Wright is President-elect of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association and serves as Treasurer on the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Dade County Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and was recently named “Member of the Year” by the Wilkie F. Ferguson Bar Association (Black Lawyers) and inducted into the “Lilies of the Valley” by City of Miami Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones and former U.S. Congresswoman Carrie Meeks.

Class of 2001

Hilda Cenecharles was honored at the first Fellows Reunion and Leadership Conference as an Equal Justice Work Fellow who provides legal services for under-represented individuals, causes and communities.

Robert M. Chisholm was named to the Community Partnership for Homeless’ Board of Directors. Community Partnership for Homeless operates two Homeless Assistance Centers.

Robert T. Datore and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed the arrival of a daughter, Catherine Maria in October.

Class of 2002

Robert F. Cooke was recently named partner at George, Hartz, Lundeen, Fulmer, Johnstone, King & Stevens.

Carlos J. Gimenez joined Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod, in Miami, as an associate in the land use and government department.

Richard Gonzalez recently married Ms. Robin Kochie. The couple will reside in Staten Island, N.Y.
JOHN GRAVANTE recently joined the law firm of Broad and Cassel, in Miami, as an associate in their Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

JASON PATRICK KAIRALLA was presented with the 2006 John Edward Smith Child Advocacy Award, in May, by Lawyers for Children America, an organization that helps ensure that abused and neglected children receive quality legal representation.

JAMES M. MCNEEL (LLM) joined the firm of Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison and Tacle, Inc. in San Antonio, Texas as an associate in their estate planning and probate practice.

NEEMA R. NAIR joined Genovese Joblove & Battista, in Miami, as an associate.

LORENZ MICHEL PRUSS was named associate at Dimond Kaplan & Rothstein's Miami office.

BRYANT RICHARDSON received a 2006 Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award for his work in public schools.

ESPERANZA TILGHMAN, upon passing the California Bar exam, began employment with the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, and is now employed as a mediator by the Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

JASON TUCHMAN, of Cutler, Simeone, Triano in San Francisco, was appointed partner at the law offices of Martin F. Triano.

ALYSON (DION) INNES has joined the law firm of Killgore, Pearlman, Stamp, Ornstein & Squires, P.A. in Orlando.

JASON MYERS has moved back to Miami from New York City and is now practicing at Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod L.L.P.

MARISSEL PLANES is now practicing at Zuckerman Spaedler LLP in Miami.

JON POLENSBERG was appointed partner at the law firm of Wasserstrom Weinreb & Weallcatch in Hollywood, Florida.

TOM REGNIER was the keynote speaker at the conference of the Shakespeare Fellowship in Baltimore. He also received the Fellowship’s annual award for outstanding scholarship for his article, “Could Shakespeare Think Like a Lawyer?” Regnier has published articles on the death penalty and on the Fourth Amendment. He works in the Appellate Division of the Miami-Dade Public Defender’s office, and is in his second year of teaching Legal Research and Writing at UM Law.

MELODY SAINT-SAENS was recently hired as an associate at the law firm of Wasserstrom Weinreb & Weallcatch in Hollywood, Florida.

JUSTIN ZIEGLER has been voted one of the top “Up-and-Coming” attorneys in Florida Trend’s Florida Legal Elite. He has been elected to the board of directors of Prom N’ Aid, an organization that donates dresses to young women who otherwise would not be able to afford one for their senior prom. Ziegler has also recently been certified as a mediator by the Florida Supreme Court. Ziegler participated as a judge in the 2nd annual Invitational UM Mock Trial Tournament and received distinction as a donor to the Robert H. Waters Memorial Scholarship Committee.

ADAM C. BRANDON is a commercial litigation associate at The Barthelemy Firm.

ADAM H. BRYANT recently completed a clerkship with the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, and is now employed by KPMG Forensic helping companies develop, implement, and evaluate compliance and ethics programs to prevent, detect, and respond to the risk of fraud and misconduct.

EDUARDO E. DIEPPA III recently joined the law firm of Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. as an associate in the litigation department.

SABEEN KHAWAJA married Dr. Shehzad Choudry in December. The couple resides in Durham, North Carolina, where Sabeen plans on taking the North Carolina Bar in July.

M ARVIN V. PAVLOV recently announced his candidacy for State Representative for District 57 of Indiana.

JOHNSON ROSENFELD joined the law firm of Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A. in Miami as an associate.

MICHAEL S. SCHWAGER was recently appointed associate at Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A.

ADAM J. SHOLES was appointed as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Office.

MATTHEW J. ZIPAY has joined the trusts & estates practice section in the Naples office of Quarles & Brady LLP.

DARIEL J. ABRAHAM recently joined the law firm of Greenspoon Marder, P.A. in Ft. Lauderdale as an associate.

SARAH GOLDMANN was appointed associate attorney at Zumpano Patricios & Winker.

MELISSA KUJPERS was appointed to serve as the Chair of the Republican Trial Lawyers Caucus for the State of Florida. She lobbied in Tallahassee throughout the legislative session and chaired the first annual Republican Trial Lawyer Lobby Day, in April, in the state capital.

LISA LAUCK has been chosen by Equal Justice Works to be part of their fellowship class of 2005. Equal Justice Works is a national organization that works for social justice. Their fellowship program provides underserved nonprofit organizations with legal services and direct representation for two years in the form of graduate students.

NICHOLAS PYKA recently joined Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C. in their Dallas office.

KIRSTEN R. WATSON recently joined the Virginia law firm of Williams Mullen in the firm’s Norfolk office.
2006 Commencement

Anne Marie Slaughter, Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, and was the commencement speaker at the May 14th ceremony. A respected academician, accomplished author, and provocative commentator, Anne-Marie Slaughter’s varied and distinguished career vividly reflects the intellectual rigor and impassioned dedication she has brought to the study of international relations for more than two decades. For her educational leadership and energetic efforts to deepen and broaden understanding of urgent global issues, Anne-Marie Slaughter received the prestigious honor.

In Memoriam

DIMITRY ALEXANDER (JD ’74), passed away February 14, 2006 after a three year battle with cancer. He is survived by his son, two daughters, and two grandchildren.

ANTHONY JOSEPH BLATY (JD ’56), a solo law practitioner, passed away on March 3, 2006. He is survived by two sons, sisters, a niece and nephew, a great-niece and nephew, and many cousins.

STEVEN COHEN (JD ’96), passed away unexpectedly in early 2006. He is survived by his wife and young daughter.

Captain HYMAN GALBUT (JD ’53), passed away in January 2006. A retired Naval Captain and WWII veteran, he is survived by his wife, Bessie, four sons, 25 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

The Honorable HENRY LEYTE-VIDAL (JD ’80), passed away March 26, 2006 after a long battle with brain and lung cancer. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

BRIAN MATTIS (JD ’68), a retired private practice lawyer, passed away January 31, 2006. He is survived by his wife and daughters.

JOHN “JACK” R. RICE (JD ’53), a retired attorney for the Dade League of Cities, passed away February 28, 2006. He is survived by his wife, two sons, sister, and nine grandchildren.

SARA LAXSON SMITH (JD ’68), child advocate, passed away on April 3, 2006 as the result of an aneurysm. She was 67. She was predeceased by her husband, John Edward Smith. She is survived by her son, daughter, and grandson.

The Honorable JOSEPH NESBITT (JD’57), a longtime appeals judge who is remembered for his vast knowledge of and devotion to legal procedure, died Saturday, March 11, 2006 of a heart attack. He was 76. His judicial career, which spanned nearly 30 years, began when he was appointed to a circuit judge seat in Miami-Dade in 1970. He was appointed to the Third District Court of Appeals in 1979. “He was a fine judge, very cool, fair and open-minded.” said colleague Alan Schwartz.
Dear Friends,

When visiting our alumni around the country, I am constantly reminded of the incredible level of success that has come from the one thing we all have in common: the University of Miami School of Law. Whether it is by working at the foremost law firms, championing rights of the underprivileged, leading others in the military, managing government, running businesses, or deciding the legal issues of our time—the contribution made by our over 16,000 graduates, both nationally and internationally, is remarkable.

This is, of course, no accident. The administration that admits our students and the faculty that inspires them are second to none. Professor Rose’s Litigation Skills program, for example, has become a national model for giving graduates the tools that formerly took years of practice to acquire. That program (with your continued financial support!) will in a short few years be housed in one of the nation’s most state-of-the-art learning centers, complete with high-tech courtrooms and interactive video conferencing.

Dean Lennon recently received the Equal Justice Works Outstanding Law School Professional Award—one of the nation’s highest public-service awards—for her Helping Others Through Pro-Bono Efforts (H.O.P.E.) program which, like Dean VanderWyden’s Partnership For Professionalism and Professor Alifieri’s Center for Ethics & Public Service, has endowed our school with a reputation for producing graduates with the highest sense of professional responsibility.

Despite such remarkable achievements, the Law School is too modest in showcasing its excellence and strength. The remarkable and diverse examples of success that this institution has produced should not be such a well-kept secret.

Accordingly, your Alumni Association intends to recognize our excellence in every way possible. We will continue and expand upon our Regional Alumni Achievement Awards. These awards are decided by the local alumni in each major area of the country and are bestowed at our regional receptions that always provide a fun and memorable opportunity to get together with alumni and faculty friends, both old and new.

We will also be emphasizing the National Alumni of Distinction Award. As you may know, Dean of Students Emerita Jeannette F. Hauser, JD’53, just received only the third such award for, among other things, her commitment and dedication to guiding so many of us as an advisor, confidant, mentor and friend during over thirty years at the Law School. Individuals such as her who have achieved a lifetime of greatness deserve to be recognized—and the rest of us deserve the satisfaction of celebrating the collective success of our Law School community.

Thus, I encourage you to contact me at 305.459.6633 or by e-mail at AFLindsay@ahlaw.com to let me know the successes—of whatever kind—that our fellow alumni have achieved. We want to recognize that excellence.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope we have a chance to visit at one of the Law Alumni Association events in the coming year.

Very truly yours,

Alvin F. Lindsay, J.D. ’91
President, Law Alumni Association
Law Alumni Association Calendar of Events

SAVE THE DATE

2006

JUNE
22 LAA Planning Session—Boca Raton; 3:00 p.m.
Florida Bar Annual Meeting - LAA Alumni Reception at the Boca Raton Hotel & Club; 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m., 305.284.3470

AUGUST
11 16th Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop— Storer Auditorium, UM School of Business Administration
15-16 Law Parents and Partners Student Coffee - Law School Quadrangle
17 1L Dinner at the Biltmore Hotel, 305.284.4551
18 Law Parents and Partners Reception—Alma Jennings Foundation Student Lounge; 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
25 Installation of officers of the Alumni Association - All Schools, 305.284.2872
26 LAA Board Retreat at the School of Law—Faculty Lounge; 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER
12 Dean’s Circle Committee Meeting; 12:00 p.m.
Center for Ethics and Public Service - Luncheon Panel
20 Boca Raton Alumni Achievement Award Reception and Estate Planning Luncheon; Center for Ethics and Public Service Fall Reception
21 Dean’s Circle Reception

OCTOBER
5 H.O.P.E. Auction (305) 284-4551.
11 Miami- Dade County LAA Judicial Reception
17 Center for Ethics and Public Service Luncheon Panel
18 19th Annual Institute on Real Property Law:
The Boyer Institutes—Miami Airport Hilton & Towers, Miami, FL, 305.284.6276
19-20 31st Annual Institute on Condominium & Cluster Developments:
The Boyer Institutes—Miami Airport Hilton & Towers, Miami, FL, 305.284.6267
20 Luncheon for donors and recipients of special scholarships, the Alma Jennings Foundation Student Lounge, 305.284.3470

NOVEMBER
4 Fifty-eighth Annual Law Alumni Association
Homecoming Breakfast and Morning Spirits in honor of the Judiciary, elected officials and Reunion Classes, Law School Quadrangle
9-10 American Bar Association, International Law Committee events
16 New York Law Alumni Achievement Award Reception—Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P.

DECEMBER
1 LAA Estate Planning Luncheon and Reception in Naples, FL
14 LAA Holiday Reception, Key Biscayne, FL
17 Law School Commencement Ceremony, 305.284.4551

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JANUARY
8-12 LAA 41st Annual Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, Orlando World Marriott, 305.284.4498
10 LAA 41st Annual Alumni Reception during the Heckerling Estate Planning Institute, Orlando World Marriott
23 Dean’s Circle Luncheon
25 Tallahassee Law Alumni Achievement Award Reception

FEBRUARY
22-23 International Alumni Reunion—Miami, FL, honoring Professor Bernard Oxman. 305.284.5402

MARCH
8 Broward/Palm Beach LAA Judicial Reception
21/4/1 Law Parents & Partners Special Event - TBA
(NAFDSCA-100 Open Tennis Tournament in Key Biscayne)
27-31 ABA Accreditation Visit
31 Barristers Ball, 305.284.4551

APRIL
19 Dean’s Circle Cocktail Reception
26 Broward/Palm Beach Judicial Reception

MAY
3 Washington, D.C. Law Alumni Achievement Award Reception, Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P.
10 Alumni of Distinction Dinner, Miami, FL
18 Fiftieth Year Reunion Dinner: Class of 1957, 305.284.3470
19 Commencement Weekend Cocktail Reception: Classes of 1957 and 2007—Law School Quadrangle
20 Law School Commencement Ceremony at Bank United Convocation Center, Coral Gables Campus

JUNE
25-26 Orlando Law Alumni Achievement Award Reception, Orlando, FL
28 LAA Reception during Florida Bar Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL

HOPE Auction October 5th, 2006
HOPE sponsors over 25 community and advocacy projects each year, along with supporting over 15 Fellows in public interest work worldwide.

Interested in helping HOPE enhance public interest opportunities by donating an item or becoming a sponsor?
Contact umhope@law.miami.edu
305-284-2599 www.law.miami.edu/hope

“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever does.” - Margaret Mead
The Law Alumni Association in its quest to expand its reach into the national alumni community has established the “University of Miami Law Alumni Association Achievement Award.” Our goal is to recognize alumni on a national and international level, whose professional achievements, accomplishments and service to the communities at large have earned them the recognition of distinguished alumni.

We encourage your nomination of individuals who fulfill the criteria: “Individuals who are graduates of the University of Miami School of Law and who have excelled in his/her chosen profession, in the public or private sector, or in service to the legal community.”

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Mail to:
University of Miami, Law Alumni Association
P.O. Box 248087
Coral Gables, Florida, 33124
Or you may fax to: (305) 284-3968
Thank you!
From all reports, the most avidly read section of the Barrister (for both the printed and Web site versions) is “Class Notes.” The Law School’s more than 16,000 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing—about the awards they have received, high-profile cases they have 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 Law Alumni Office, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087, or classnotes@law.miami.edu.

*Please note: space limitations do not permit publications of every submission in its entirety. The editors reserve the right to edit when necessary.

**SHARE YOUR NEWS!**

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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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Mark your Calendars!

58th Annual Class Reunions & Homecoming Weekend
November 3-5, 2006

Planning for your class reunion is already underway, and you can be sure that a great time will be had by all. So get out your yearbook, clear your calendar, and buy your plane ticket! Your reunion is an opportunity to see the changes on campus, visit with former professors, get reacquainted with classmates, and party hearty! No doubt, you will also share fond memories and create new ones. If you would like to participate in planning your class reunion, call the Law Alumni Office at (305) 284-3470 and volunteer! Whether you join a committee or not, be sure to let your law school chums know about the upcoming reunion and encourage them to attend. The more the merrier!

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The Law Alumni Association's "2006 Alumna of Distinction" Gala, was held May 19th at the Biltmore Hotel, honoring Dean of Students Emerita, Jeannette F. Hausler, JD '53. More to come in the next issue of our Donor Report. To view additional photos see www.law.miami.edu/alumni