

University of Miami School of Law

Alumnus of Distinction Award (Dinner Gala)

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

Hon. Dante B. Fascell, JD '38

Hon. Gerald Kogan, JD '55

Jeannette F. Hausler, JD '53, Dean of Students Emerita, Sprint 2006

Neal R. Sonnett, JD '67, President of the American Judicature Society, ABA House of Delegates representing the Criminal Justice Section, Spring 2007

Burton Young, JD'50

Robert J. Traurig, JD'50

Judge A. Jay Cristol, JD'59

Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award

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

Carolyn Lamm, JD '73, ABA President-Elect, 11/14/2008

Hon. R. Fred Lewis, JD '72, Chief Justice Florida Supreme Court,
June 22, 2007 in Orlando, Florida

Hon. Federico Moreno, JD '78, Chief Judge Southern District,
June 22, 2007 in Orlando, Florida (August 2007)

Hon. Adalberto J. Jordan, AB'84, JD'87, Lowe Art Museum, March 20, 2012

Hon. Robin Rosenbaum, JD'91, U.S. Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, Sabadell Bank, October 21, 2014

Alumni Achievement Awards
(may be awarded at any Alumni Receptions)

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

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

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

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

Rachel Kronick, JD '96 (California)

Paul Levine, JD '73 (California)

Jack Samuel Ring, JD '57 (Chicago)

Michael W. Sales, JD '77 (California)

Marshall Shapo, JD '64 (Chicago)

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

Gerald J. Hayes, JD '78, Baker & McKenzie LLP,
April 2007 in New York

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

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

Sam Dubbin, JD'81
2007

Michael R. Klein, JD '66, Chairman, Costar Inc.,
May 2007 in Washington, D.C.

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

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

Maj. Gen. Daniel V. Wright, JD '80, The Assistant Judge Advocate General,
May 2007 in Washington, D.C.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael J. Satz, JD'67

Dorian Denburg, JD'82, 2/15/2011, School of Law

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

Hon. John P. "Jack" Seiler, JD'88, 3/31/2011, Broward Judicial Reception

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

David I. Spector, JD'96, Alumni Achievement Award, Palm Beach Judicial Reception
2-25-2014

Arnold Grevior, JD'55, Alumni Achievement Award, Broward Judicial Reception,
March 18, 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Marlene Quintana, JD '96, President CABA 2008

Julie Braman Kane, JD'93, Miami Dade Judicial Reception, 10/5/2010
2009-2010 President of the Miami-Dade
Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Honorable Mayra P. Lindsay, JD'93, Mayor of Key Biscayne,
Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2015

The Honorable Lisa S. Walsh, JD'92, President, National Association of Women Judges
(NAWJ), Miami Dade Judicial Reception, October 21, 2015

Homecoming Breakfast Awards

Thomas Davison III Memorial Service Award

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

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

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

Henry Latimer Professionalism Award

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

Joseph H. Bogosian Student Leadership Award

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

Christine Job, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, October 20, 2012
Jenna Winchester, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, November 9, 2013
Sara L. Solano, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, November 1, 2014
Matthew Deblinger, SBA President, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015

Mary E. Doyle Leadership Award

Presented by Miami Law Women in recognition for outstanding service, scholarship and mentorship

Mary E. Doyle, Former Dean and Professor of Law, Homecoming Breakfast, October 20, 2012

Hon. Robin S. Rosenbaum, JD'91, Homecoming Breakfast, November 1, 2014

Professor Teresa J. Verges, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015

M. Minette Massey Moot Court Award

Patricia A. Redmond, JD'79, Homecoming Breakfast, November 6, 2010

Jaret L. Davis, JD'99, Homecoming Breakfast, November 5, 2011

The Honorable Federico A. Moreno, Homecoming Breakfast, October 20, 2012

Susan Fleischner Kornspan, JD'90, John T. Gaubatz Moot Court Competition Final Round, October 21, 2013

Roy Black, JD'70, Homecoming Breakfast, November 1, 2014

Frank Sardinha, III, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015

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

2008 – 2009: Alvin Lindsay, Peter Prieto & Harley S. Tropin

2009 – 2010: Jaret Davis

2010 – 2011: Jenea Reed

2011 – 2012: Adam Moskowitz & Scott Byers

2012 – 2013: Joanne Harvest Koren

2013 – 2014: Brian Toth

Professor David Abraham, Homecoming Breakfast, November 7, 2015

We are Proud of U Award

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