

## UM Law Mourns Death of Prof. Richard Hausler

For 52 years, Prof. Richard Hausler was a beloved, and sometimes intimidating, fixture at the University of Miami School of Law, inspiring legions of students to achieve the highest levels of excellence.

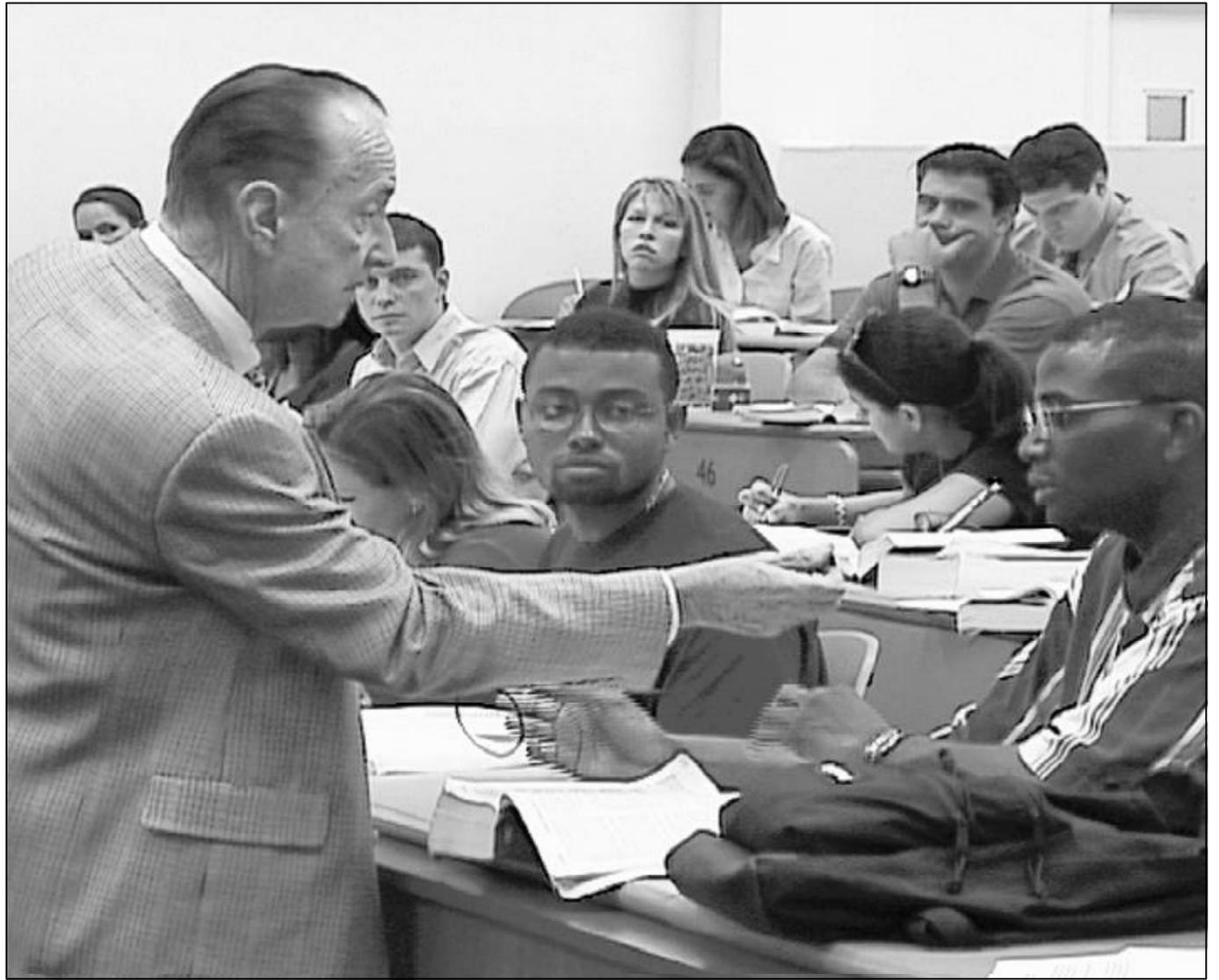
His remarkable tenure and highly productive life came to an end Saturday, March 18, when he suddenly collapsed in the office of his wife, Jeannette Hausler, UM Law's dean of students.

Employing a classroom trial by fire known as "the Socratic Method," progressively questioning and probing students, Prof. Hausler taught generations of students to appreciate the subtle beauty of promises and conditions embodied in the Uniform Commercial Code, contracts, commercial law, and conflict of laws. His former students fill the ranks of the nation's distinguished jurists and corporate leaders.

Prof. Hausler came to the University of Miami School of Law in 1948 to help establish a graduate curriculum in taxation. Driven by an urge to bring an ethical and moral content to the law, he believed the fields of taxation and estate planning held the most promise for reform in the post-war world. The School's graduate program in taxation is now considered to be one of the top six in the country.

In 1996, in recognition of Prof. Hausler's contributions, the School of Law named its first endowed chair in his honor.

University of Miami President Edward T. Foote II, speaking at the March 24 funeral mass, described Professor Hausler as "a gifted, powerful, inspiring teacher who taught from the heart as



"The Doctor's" teaching style is remembered as dramatic, demanding, involving, and very effective.

well as from the mind, with a love for law and for his students that would not allow him to expect less than the best from them."

He noted that "It is impossible to think of Richard without thinking of Jeannie (Dean of Students Jeannette Hausler), his wife." Foote said the

Hauslers were among the first people he met when he was introduced to University of Miami leaders before  
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The Honorable Miguel Pinedo Vidal, president of the Senate of Colombia (at right), congratulates Prof. Keith Rosenn after presenting him with Colombia's Order of Congress Award. Also shown are a delegate from the Colombian delegation and Associate Dean Richard Williamson.

## Colombian Senate Bestows Order of Congress Award On Prof. Keith Rosenn

The Congress of Colombia has bestowed its Order of Congress award—in the degree of "Caballero"—on the University of Miami School of Law's Prof. Keith S. Rosenn in recognition of "his accomplishments and professional conduct."

The Honorable Miguel Pinedo Vidal, president of the Senate of Colombia, presented the award to Rosenn in a ceremony at the School of Law February 11.

[Editor's Note: Immediately following his visit to Miami, Pinedo Vidal traveled to Europe to join other delegates from Colombia's government in meeting with a group of senior members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) to attempt to establish a framework for a plan to end Colombia's long-running war, which has claimed more than 35,000 lives in the past decade.]

An internationally recognized authority on Latin American law, Rosenn is the author of numerous books, monographs, and law review articles and a prolific lecturer at conferences throughout the Americas. He is especially well-known for his books: *Law and Development in Latin America*, *Law and Inflation*, *Foreign Investment in Brazil*, *A Panorama of Brazilian Law*, and an annotated translation of the Brazilian constitution. His latest new book—*Corruption and Political Reform in Brazil: The Significance of the Downfall of Fernando Collor de Mello*—which he co-edited with Richard Downs of the University of Miami's North-South Center, was published in 1999.

He frequently is called upon to provide expert testimony and to serve as a consultant on Latin American law.

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## Message from the Dean

Dear Friends,

It was 52 years ago that Prof. Richard A. Hausler joined the University of Miami Law faculty. He arrived in Miami with a law degree from the University of Minnesota and an LL.M. in taxation from New York University. He could have joined a law firm and received a much higher salary, but instead, he chose to join the faculty at our Law School and to pursue a career that would make him a legend in his own time.

According to Professor Hausler: "When I came here, the people were dreamers. They did fabulous things because they dreamed great dreams, the right dreams." Our many alumni who had "the Doctor" as a professor will be forever grateful that he decided to be one of the School's early dreamers.

At 25 years of age, Richard Hausler was both an expert on taxation and an idealist who believed strongly in the law as a means to achieve just and ethical results. He not only held to that belief throughout his long, productive career, he instilled it, along with a wealth of legal knowledge, in the legions of UM Law students who took his classes from 1948 until his death on March 18 this year.

Professor Hausler was still the heart and soul of our Law School at 76 years of age. For him the classroom was his stage. He carefully prepared and choreographed every class. He created a mystique by quickly memorizing each student's name and details about their backgrounds. He would pace the aisles and sit down between students while questioning them. These were just a

few of the many techniques he used to capture and retain the undivided attention of his students. Everyone was always alert and prepared for Professor Hausler's class.

While he constantly employed the Socratic method of teaching, he conveyed a concern and commitment to the success of his students. For Professor Hausler, it was pure joy to hear his students expressing their own ideas and thinking on their own. He always sought to do much more in the classroom than simply convey legal knowledge.

Professor Hausler loved the classroom and his students, and in turn, they cherished him. The 35 "Hauslerween" skits put on by students, satirizing Professor Hausler's classes, are a memorial to the pride his students felt in being in his classroom. Professor Hausler was always the main character in Equity Playhouse. Almost every alumnus with whom I speak has a Hausler story. Many of them also describe how he kept in touch with them after graduation. He was always eager for news about the careers of his former students, and he would write them notes of congratulations.

These same students gave back to Professor Hausler and to the School by making it possible for us to establish the Law School's first endowed chair in his name. As one who was a colleague of Professor Hausler for many years, it makes me proud that the School, our graduates, and the South Florida legal community established the Chair while Professor



Hausler was with us to witness the outpouring of gratitude for his many contributions to our School's educational mission. I have also been proud to see the many recent contributions that have been made in his memory to help establish the Professor Hausler Endowed Scholarship. The chair and scholarship are fitting memorials to a man who was a giant among legal educators.

Of course, in a very real sense, "the Doctor" is still with us, and he always will be. His legacy of personal and professional standards will be with our School and our alumni forever. Through his legend, he remains the heart and soul of our School. We will miss him dearly, but we will always cherish his memory.

Sincerely,

Dennis O. Lynch  
Dean

### To the Editor:

Much has been said and written about "the Doctor," the University of Miami School of Law's legendary and classic academic treasure.

All who knew him and know of his accomplishments will agree that there may be little that remains unsaid about this truly exceptional and inspirational individual: lawyer, scholar, legal educator, coach.

Part of that which, up to now, has been unwritten is an expression of heartfelt gratitude and friendship by those of us who have been fortunate to be a part of our noble teacher's eternal legacy. The time to pay homage is at hand.

If the value of a man is measured by the quality of his heart, the depth of his soul, and the caliber of his conscience, then Professor Hausler fulfilled all criteria. He lived his life with tenderness, integrity, dignity, profound benevolence, and as he loved to say, "all that jazz." He encouraged his students not only to do justice, but more importantly, to do right. The Doctor was a living testament that morality and law can and must coexist. His mission was to transform legal novices into future esquires of character and substance.

Principle guided his every word, action, and decision. Every day, in his law school lectures and office meetings, he reminded many a disheartened student that no obstacle is insurmountable and no fear is unconquerable, with God on your side and the power of love to see you through. As for the Doctor's extraordinary sense of humor, it was, in his words, "Abbott and Costello all over again."

Yara Zakharia  
Class of 1999



#### DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN IN RESIDENCE

The Hon. George Mitchell, former majority leader of the U.S. Senate and chairman of a recent series of talks aimed at bringing peace to Northern Ireland, speaks with students in Prof. Patrick Gudridge's Constitutional Law class. Mitchell spent April 10 at UM Law, meeting with students and faculty. He was also at the Law School for three events in March of last year, delivering the Cole Lecture (in the James L. Knight Center in downtown Miami) and meeting on campus with students and the Dean's Circle.

## 1980-99 Yearbooks Available

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## Former Dean Mary Doyle Named to Two Major Posts



**P**rof. Mary Doyle—former dean, currently on leave of absence from UM Law—has been appointed acting assistant secretary of the interior for water and science.

“Mary Doyle is extremely qualified for this position, not only by her high legal stature, but also by her high level of commitment to the Department of the Interior and to protection of the environment,” Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt emphasized, as he announced her appointment. “Mary Doyle has a proven track record in water policy, science, law, conservation, and other areas critical to this position.”

In addition to her duties as acting assistant secretary, Doyle also has been named to head the intergovernmental panel that is coordinating a new 20-year, \$7.8 billion effort to restore the Ever-

glades and ensure a long-term water supply for South Florida.

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, which includes representatives from federal, state, local and tribal governments, is charged with securing the cooperation of nearly two dozen government agencies.

Doyle’s late husband, Jim Webb, an environmental attorney, was a Wilderness Society activist and well-known champion of the Everglades restoration effort. He died in 1997.

Doyle, who took a leave of absence from the Law School last summer to accept the position of counselor to Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, was dean of the Law School in 1986–94 and served as interim dean in 1998–99.

As an academician, she has specialized in property law and water law.

Prior to her tenure at the University of Miami School of Law, she was dean-in-residence at the Association of American Law Schools in Washington, D.C. Her expertise involved legal education and the development of an environmental law curriculum in Russia and the Ukraine.

During the 1980s, Doyle was a professor of law at the University of Arizona College of Law, specializing in water, land use, local government and property law. She also was associate dean for academic affairs.

From 1979 until 1981, she served as an attorney at the Department of Energy, as associate general counsel, then as deputy general counsel at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Doyle is a graduate of Radcliffe College and received her law degree from Columbia Law School. †



Haiti’s first democratically elected president—Jean-Bertrand Aristide—discussed “Globalization and Democracy in Developing Countries” with students, faculty, and friends of UM Law April 7. Held in one of the large classrooms, the event was so popular that it had to be transmitted by video to overflow crowds in two other classrooms. In the photo at left, Prof. Irwin Stotzky, advisor to Aristide and current president Rene Preval, introduces the honored guest. In the other photo, Aristide speaks with Natasha Pierre, third year student.

## Fla. Supreme Court Justice Speaks at Spring Hooding

**F**lorida Supreme Court Justice Harry Lee Anstead delivered the keynote address at the University of Miami School of Law’s Spring 2000 Hooding Ceremony May 21 in the James L. Knight Center in downtown Miami.

Altogether, 432 candidates received their hoods at the ceremony, including 333 candidates for the Juris Doctor degree and 99 for the various graduate LL.M. degrees. The graduate degrees included 30 in taxation, 23 in comparative law, 20 in estate planning, 18 in real property development, 7 in ocean and coastal law, and 1 in inter-American law.

Associate Dean Richard Williamson and Associate Dean and Dean of Students Jeannette F. Hausler presented the degree candidates, who then received their hoods from Dean Dennis Lynch.

Continuing a popular University of Miami School of Law tradition, several alumni had the opportunity to hood their children who are members of the graduating class. The hooding parents and their graduating children include: Alan S. Becker, J.D. 1969, and Mami-Jo Becker-Avin; Jorge Sanchez-Galaraga, J.D. 1973, and Elena S. de la Vega; George R. Harper, J.D. 1970, and G. Douglas Harper; and Kenneth Nelson Rekant, J.D. 1962, and Nicole Robin Rekant.

The May event is the larger of two hooding ceremonies the University of Miami School of Law holds each year. In the December 1999 ceremony, the School awarded degrees to 71 J.D. candidates and 7 candidates for LL.M. degrees. Newly appointed U.S. District Judge Adalberto Jordan, a 1987



Florida Supreme Court Justice Harry Lee Anstead

alumnus of UM Law, was the keynote speaker at that event. †

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Rosenn has studied inflation in Argentina, Brazil and Chile under a grant from the Social Science Research Council and twice has been a Fulbright lecturer in Argentina. He is the recipient of Colombia’s Order of Democracy Award, the Bogota Bar Association’s Order of Law Award, the University of Miami Inter-American Law Review’s Lawyer of the Americas Award and the Inter-American Bar Association’s 1998 Inter-American Jurisprudence Prize.

At UM Law, he chairs the Master of Laws in Comparative Law Program and the Master of Laws in Inter-American Law Program and teaches courses in constitutional law, comparative law, Latin American law, and doing business in Latin America. †

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accepting the university's top position 19 years ago.

Henry King Stanford, president emeritus of the University of Miami, noted that "Richard combined a profound knowledge of the law with two profound teaching strategies: deep interest in his students and a surefire classroom methodology."

"No student of Professor Richard Hausler will ever forget the electricity in his class nor the anxiety when caught unprepared, all of which was mingled with the certainty that he really cared for us all," said Carlos de la Cruz, Sr., a former Hausler student and member of the Class of 1979 who is chairman of the University of Miami's Board of Trustees.

Prof. Bernard Oxman described him as "an outstanding teacher who had a unique style, an unmatched memory for names and faces, and an extraordinary interest in the welfare of his students and former students. . . . He was one of those rare individuals who was a defining personality for the Law School. It's extremely difficult to imagine the Law School without him."

Senior U.S. District Judge Lenore C. Nesbitt, Class of 1957, told the Miami Herald that "To this day, even though I'm a federal judge, I'll still come across a method of approaching a case that he taught us. He inspired us not to go for the obvious, but to be imaginative and creative, to go further."

Prof. Jonathan Simon expressed awe at his colleague's teaching ability. "What a sense of artistic craft Dr. Hausler brought to the classroom," he said. "I always had the feeling from him that there couldn't be a better position for him . . . the joy and enthusiasm for bringing out the best in students.

"You understood that he felt it was an honor for him to be right here in Miami teaching our students, and he made you feel the same way. He saw the classroom as life in its most interesting and attractive form. The kind of passion he brought to teaching encouraged students to bring the same passion to their work as lawyers. And, he kept that going for 52 years."

Prof. M. Minnette Massey was a freshman (as 1Ls were called in 1948) when she took one of the first classes that Prof. Hausler taught at UMLaw. "He was an inquirer even then," she said.

She noted that Professor Hausler will be long remembered for "his enthusiastic love for the Law School and the people herein—from staff to faculty to students.

"There was not a soul on the faculty who did not know him from the moment we arrived on campus. He was a role model—as a dedicated, caring colleague—to all of us. He had a positive attitude and a willingness to assist. It was like losing a lifeline.

"He is sorely missed. We expect at every turn to see him and speak with him. And, it will be that way for a long time."

The March 24 funeral mass for Prof. Hausler was held at the Church of the Epiphany in South Miami, followed by a reception for students, faculty, alumni, and friends in the School's Student Lounge.



Speakers at the April 7 service celebrating the life and accomplishments of Professor Hausler included, from left, Dean Dennis Lynch; Don West, Class of 2000; Former Dean Mary Doyle; Provost Luis Glaser; Prof. John Hart Ely; University of Miami President Edward T. Foote; Dean C. Colson, Class of 1977; the Honorable Lenore C. Nesbitt, Class of 1957; Joseph P. Klock Jr., Class of 1973; and the Rev. Tomas Marin, Archdiocese of Miami. Professor Hausler's family attending the celebration included from left, his granddaughter Madeleine Hall, daughters Jennie Hausler and Ellen Hausler, son Donald Hausler, and widow Dean Jeannette Hausler.



On April 7, at a memorial service in Gusman Hall celebrating Professor Hausler's life and accomplishments, John Hart Ely, the School of Law's Richard A. Hausler Professor of Law, commented that "I don't believe I've ever in my life had someone become a friend so close so fast." He joked of Professor Hausler's habit of calling everyone "Doctor." "I never expected Richard to die," he said. "I never knew a man who knew so many doctors."

Professor Emeritus Daniel Murray commented that the loss of professors

Hausler and Clifford Alloway within a few months' time had been a real loss for him personally and especially for the University of Miami School of Law. "These teachers were totally dedicated to the welfare and success of all their students and to the success of the law school," he said in a letter read at the memorial service.

Another of the 11 speakers at the memorial service, Prof. Mary Doyle, the U.S. Department of the Interior's new Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, pointed out that Professor

Hausler "was discerning, yet deeply loving," and that he had an uncanny way "of knowing people—listening and watching and delving to discover each person's hopes and dreams and drawbacks—not judging, but understanding the subtleties of each heart."



## '94 Alumna Fights Discrimination Against People with Mental Disabilities



Judith Klein with children at institution in Transcaucasia for children with mental disabilities.

Judith Klein knew from the time she entered law school that she wanted to practice public interest law, but it wasn't until her third year of law school (1993-94) that she decided to focus her efforts on making life better for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

"That was the year I was a research assistant to Prof. Susan Stefan and also took her class in mental health law," she said. "Both the class and the opportunity to work closely with Susan, who is a leading expert on mental health and disability law, opened my eyes to the possibilities for a truly fulfilling career."

Fluent in Hungarian, Klein was asked by Mental Disability Rights International to serve on two delegations sent to Hungary in March and September of 1994 to assess human rights conditions and advocacy needs of people with mental disabilities. Following those visits, she helped develop a national advocacy plan to challenge discrimination against people with mental disabilities in Hungary, and she drafted a grant proposal to fund the project.

The grant proposal was accepted by the Open Society Institute, New York,

and in 1995, she became the director of the newly formed Central European Mental Disability Advocacy Project (CEMDAP). As a project of the Open Society Institute, CEMDAP identifies both governmental and non-governmental organizations that are helping provide community-based alternatives to institutionalizing people with mental disabilities. It then determines which organizations should receive funding from the Open Society Institute. The goal is to set up community-based model projects that can be replicated within countries and across Central Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Successful pilot projects show both communities and governments that people with mental disabilities can and should live, work and participate in society as equal citizens. Hungary, Romania and Croatia were the original focus countries, but since 1997, Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Macedonia, Moldova, Slovakia, Ukraine, the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia), the Baltics (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), and the Central Asian republics of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

have been included in the program. "In the region, mental disability tends to be defined much more broadly than in the West, and there is a culture of massive over-institutionalization," Klein said. "People with a diagnosis of epilepsy could spend their entire lives in institutions. . . . Doctors commonly tell parents they'll never be able to care for a child and they should just send him or her away. Often the institution is so far from home that the family loses contact." CEMDAP supports alternatives that enable people with mental disabilities to live in small group homes, in supported apartments, or with their families, and to attend school, obtain jobs, and become active members of the community at large.

Klein's job involves extensive travel "Because of the expanded geographic spread of the program, I spend more than seven months of the year in the region," she said. "We have never given a 'sight unseen' grant to any organization. I have met numerous times with all of our grantees and am familiar with the details of their projects. It is only by being in a country that we are able



Because civil war has cancelled commercial flights between Armenia and Azerbaijan, Judith Klein travels between the two countries on a United Nations World Food Program airplane.

to target the most progressive organizations and give them the hands-on support they need."

Since 1997, CEMDAP has forged partnerships with The Hamlet Trust, a UK-based organization; the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability; and the Toronto-based Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

"The support of local and national governments is critical for the long-term sustainability of the pilot programs that we fund," she emphasized. "We have consistently met with heads of ministries of social care and welfare, and ministries of health and labor at the national level."

"After five years of supporting the first projects in Hungary, we are really beginning to see the fruits of our efforts and of the efforts of our grantees all over the region. In many countries both local and national governments are adopting, as part of official policy, the alternative programs that our grantees have developed. So while we began with support of grass roots efforts from the bottom up, policy is now being changed in positive ways from the top down."

A first generation Hungarian-American, Klein is fluent in Hungarian and French. Her parents escaped from Hungary during the 1956 revolution and moved to New Jersey, where she was born. She spent her pre-kindergarten years in Libya, elementary and middle school in New Jersey, and high school and first year of college in London, England. Prior to law school, she was a grass roots organizer for the National Organization for Women in Washington, D.C. (1988-1990) and the co-owner and operator of a restaurant in Paris, France (1986-1987). While in Paris, she also enrolled in courses at the American College in Paris. She completed work on her bachelor's degree at American University in Washington, D.C.

Klein graduated from the University of Miami School of Law cum laude in May 1994. While a law student, she was associate editor of the *Inter-American Law Review*, and author of *Comment: Constitutional Court or Pseudo Legislature: The Hungarian Constitutional Court as a Reviewer of Abstract Norms* (January 1993). Klein earned first place in the spring 1992 Moot Court Competition, and was selected for the Law School's 1992 Summer Honors Program and American Bar Foundation Public Interest Fellowship Award. During the Summer Honors Program, she analyzed the application of U.S. immigration policy to children in the foster care system. †

## Hall Named Clerk of Fla. Supreme Court

The Florida Supreme Court has named Thomas D. Hall, a 1980 graduate of UM Law, as its 20th clerk of court since the office first was created upon Florida's admission to the Union in 1845.

Hall, who had been a staff attorney at the First District Court of Appeal, assumed office May 1, succeeding Sid White, who retired from the post after more than 35 years.

Describing Hall's wide-ranging experience, Chief Justice Major B. Harding said: "Tom not only knows the Florida courts system well, but also has eight years' experience practicing law in complex matters in Miami and more than 10 years' experience as a staff attorney, administrator, and supervisor with a



Thomas D. Hall

state appellate court. He has been involved with many of the organizations

that are helping steer the judicial branch's long-range planning."

In his career as a lawyer and administrator, Hall has served as an independent consultant on appellate court operations to the National Center for State Courts, has taught at UM Law and St. Thomas University School of Law, and has served as staff to committees working on long-range planning for the Florida state courts system.

He is editor of the 1999 and 2000 editions of the Florida Bar's Reporter's Legal Handbook, is active in many bar-related committees, and has chaired the Bar's Government Lawyer Section. †

## Civil (Comparative) Law Society Draws High-Profile Speakers



With speaker Salvador J. Juncadella (fifth from left) are the Civil (Comparative) Law Society's 1999-2000 officers, from left: Douglas Hiller, secretary; Anita Rius, vice president, special events; Karyna Gonzales, president; Zel Saccani, vice president; Juncadella; Prof. Enrique Fernandez-Barros, advisor; Desiree Ortiz-Cruz, vice president, public relations; and Guillermo Cuadro, treasurer.

UM Law's one-year-old Civil (Comparative) Law Society—which supports students' interest in comparative law through meetings, panel discussions and lectures—has brought two well-known speakers to campus this academic year.

In September, Salvador J. Juncadella, former president of the Inter-American Bar Association and currently an international consultant for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, discussed opportunities for lawyers in comparative and international law.

He emphasized the importance of the Summit of the Americas, held in Miami in 1994, in which the heads of state of 34 nations set out a plan of action for creating uniformity in inter-American law by the year 2005. Juncadella noted that the International Convention of International Arbitration will replace litigation in many aspects of interna-

tional transactions and that concepts of both civil and common law have been introduced in the Convention, which thus far has been ratified in 16 countries.

At a Civil (Comparative) Law Society event on March 23, the Honorable Carlos Romero Barcelo, resident commissioner to the U.S. Congress and the former governor of Puerto Rico, explained the dual system of Puerto Rico and emphasized the value of a legal education encompassing both the civil and common law traditions.

He pointed out that Puerto Rico's civil law tradition—which has no concept of using cases as persuasive legal precedent—is based upon its heritage as a former Spanish colony. However, when the civil code does not have the answer, lawyers on the island now refer to Puerto Rican or American case law. Thus, he said, the Puerto Rican legal system

has been able to reconcile and integrate the two differing legal traditions.

Commenting on the value of the Civil (Comparative) Law Society, Karyna Gonzalez Rabagh, outgoing president, remarked, "Aside from the obvious benefit to having contact with well-known international legal authorities, our members gain a great deal from interacting with each other.

"We've been especially intent on forging relationships between students in our foreign graduate programs who already have received law degrees in countries that follow the civil law system, and J.D. students who are interested in the civil law tradition. These relationships not only are good for exchanging information and ideas, they also are an excellent basis for future ties."

## Prof. Oxman Receives Provost's Award



Prof. Bernard Oxman

The winners were nominated by the deans of their schools or departments and selected by a committee that included previous winners.

Oxman joined the University of Miami School of Law in 1977 after having been Assistant Legal Advisor for Oceans, Environment and Scientific Affairs in the U.S. Department of State. From 1973 to 1982, he served as U.S. Representative and Vice Chairman of the U.S. delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

The School of Law's senior expert on public international law, Professor Oxman is the director of the Law of the Sea Institute and of the LL.M. program in ocean and coastal law. He teaches international law, law of the sea, civil procedure, conflict of laws, and torts.

"Professor Oxman built on his experience with the State Department and the U.S. delegation to become the foremost United States legal scholar in the law of the sea," Dean Dennis O. Lynch said when nominating him for the award.

"The body of his scholarly productivity in this field since 1972 is unmatched

by any other legal scholar. His work regularly influences the way the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea is being interpreted and applied. I can think of no other legal scholar who has had such a significant impact on the development of international policies designed to foster cooperation among nations on a subject of such critical importance. The Law School can be very proud of his accomplishments."

Immediately following the conference, Oxman dealt extensively with issues impacting ratification of the Convention by different nations. He later shifted his focus to analyzing the development of a body of customary international law norms embedded in decisions interpreting the Convention and the institutional arrangement for the settlement of disputes among nations.

"Throughout the '90s, he continued his contributions by examining the way the new international law norms apply in specific contexts. His work is widely cited by all international law scholars who write on the Law of the Sea," Lynch said. †

## Miami Team Reaches National Semifinals

A team from the University of Miami School of Law placed among the top four teams nationally in the American Bar Association's first advocacy in mediation student competition.

At the national competition in early April in San Francisco, the team of Shannon McKenna and Robert Hanreck lost by a split decision to a team from the University of Missouri that went on to take the championship. Eight teams competed at the national level.

McKenna and Hanreck won their trip to the nationals by beating all other teams (by a wide margin) at a regional competition in New York in March. The other UM Law team in the regional competition—Keith Nichols and Alex Sirulnik—came in fourth out of ten teams.

"Winning the regional competition was in itself a real accomplishment, not only because the region includes many top law schools but also because it includes many that have strong, well-known programs in alternative dispute resolution," pointed out Prof. Clark Freshman, who coached the teams and accompanied them to the competitions.

Competitions were between two teams of two students each, negotiating their positions through use of a mediator. In each round, one student from each school played the client, and the other student play the attorney. The students switched the roles of attorney and client in different problems in different rounds.

"Because mediators can use vastly different styles, I set up practice sessions with four different mediators before taking our teams to the competitions," Freshman noted.

"Mediation is becoming more and more an integral part of the American legal system," he said. "It is especially important here in Florida, which has more mediation than any other state. Other states also have rules that require parties to try mediation, but Florida is unique in actually enforcing those rules."

[Editor's Note: Freshman, who teaches introductory courses in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and advanced courses in ADR policy and in arbitration, has published widely in the field and has spoken to the ABA about teaching negotiation using methods from meditation and writer's workshops.]

The two UM Law teams were selected for the regional competition by being the top two teams in the Law School's negotiation competition organized by the Moot Court Board last fall.

Following the regionals, Nichols and Sirulnik agreed to continue to practice with McKenna and Hanreck to help them prepare for the nationals. "Their continued involvement—which meant four more mediated practices of more than three hours each plus a great deal of preparatory research—was a major factor in our success in San Francisco," McKenna said. †

## UM Law Professor Selected For Soros Senior Justice Fellowship



Prof. Jonathan Simon

The Center on Crime, Community and Culture has selected UM Law's Prof. Jonathan Simon for a Soros Senior Justice Fellowship, to be awarded in August 2000.

The fellowship program is designed to "inspire talented individuals in law, public health, community development, and other professions to develop innovative responses to the problem of crime; to strengthen or expand successful criminal justice programs within existing organizations; and to promote substantive, nonpartisan debate on complex criminal justice issues."

Simon, a nationally recognized expert and author in the areas of criminal law and penology, said he will use the \$65,000 award to support turning some of his published and unpublished essays on "Governing Through Crime" into a

book and media information initiative aimed at shifting the national debate on crime control policies.

"My central argument is that American public opinion on crime policy is driven by fears and frustrations with government, not with crime, and that we need to shift the discussion from how to combat crime to how to govern," he explained.

Simon said the award will fund an unpaid leave of absence from his teaching responsibilities at the University of Miami School of Law for the Fall 2000 semester and that he plans to also take off the Spring 2001 semester in order to complete his book. During that time, he will continue to reside in Miami and take an active role in the intellectual, advising and administrative functions of the Law School.

Among the 20 previous holders of the Soros Justice Senior Fellowship have been law professors David Cole of the Georgetown Law Center, Herman Goldstein of the University of Wisconsin, James Liebman of Columbia University, and Wesley Skogan of Northwestern University. Other fellows have included social scientists, journalists, and medical professionals who work on a range of issues, including the epidemiology of gun violence, police reform, violence and fear of violence, the impact of welfare reform on children whose mothers have been incarcerated, and race and criminal justice.

The Center on Crime, Communities and Culture is an arm of the Open Society Institute, George Soros' international foundation devoted to democratization. †

## Alumnus J.B. Spence Makes National, Local News

J.B. Spence, a 1951 graduate of UM Law, has made news headlines several times over the past year: when the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association has named him honorary president, when the American Research Corporation selected him as one of America's Leading Attorneys in the area of plaintiff personal injury in medical and professional malpractice cases, and when Gov. Jeb Bush appointed him to Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council.

Spence, who is of counsel at the Miami law firm of Leeds & Colby, has won more than 100 cases resulting in awards of a million dollars or more for clients in personal injury and malpractice throughout his career as a trial lawyer.

In conferring the honorary presidency, the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association recognized his "tireless effort, service and dedication in the pursuit of justice."

As ombudsman, his role is to investigate and resolve complaints made by, or on behalf of, patients in long-term care facilities. The job, for which he receives no pay, is to ensure that residents receive fair treatment and high-quality care. It

entails investigating and resolving complaints; visiting each facility at least annually to evaluate conditions; ensuring that residents receive the legal, social, rehabilitative, and other services to which they are entitled; acting as moderator between residents, family members and facility staff and educating them about residents' rights; providing information to the public about long-term care facilities; assisting with the establishment of resident and family councils; and representing residents' interests before state and federal government by working to change laws, regulations, and policies that affect them.

In addition to a successful practice, Spence is active in the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the Law Science Academy, and he is a founding member of the prestigious Inner Circle of Advocates. He has served on the Nominating Commission of the Third District Court of Appeals as well as the Medical Malpractice Committee of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. †



### GRADUATING STUDENT LEADER RECEPTION

Donald West, 1999–2000 president of the Student Bar Association, Sabrina G. Ferris, editor-in-chief of the *University of Miami Law Review*, Carolyn Bugh, JD '94, Prof. Terence Anderson and Dean Jeannette Hausler enjoy themselves at the 4th Annual Graduating Student Leader Reception, held April 25, 2000, at Dean Lynch's home in Coral Gables.



### ANNUAL LAW REVIEW RECEPTION

Professor John Gaubatz presents the Daniel B. Gaubatz Memorial Award to this year's recipient, Santiago Gatto, at the Annual Law Review Alumni Reception, April 13. Criteria for the award include "concern for others," "sense of humor," and a "substantial contribution to the *University of Miami Law Review*."

## Florida Bar Honors Center for Ethics, Public Service



Prof. Anthony Alfieri

The School of Law's Center for Ethics and Public Service and the Dade County Bar Association will be co-recipients of the seventh annual Florida Bar professionalism award.

The award—which comes with a \$1,000 cash prize—will be presented to representatives of the two organizations at the Florida Bar's annual meeting, to be held June 22 at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club.

Accepting the award for the Center for Ethics and Public Service will be Prof. Anthony Alfieri, the Center's founder and director.

Competition for the award was open to federal, state and local bar associations, voluntary bar associations, inns of court, judicial organizations, and law school associations. Reviewed under the

direction of the Florida Bar Professionalism Committee, the candidate's programs were judged on the basis of overall quality, replicability by other interested groups, likelihood of continuation, substantive strength in the area of professionalism, success, number of attorneys involved or affected, and uniqueness, creativity, or other distinguishing features.

Alfieri was the winner of a 1999 Florida Supreme Court Faculty Professionalism Award that recognized a faculty member in one of Florida's law schools who, through teaching, scholarship and service to the profession, best supported and exemplified the organization's mission.

In 1998, the Center for Ethics and Public Service received the American

Bar Association's E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award.

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

Since its founding in 1996, the Center has reached out to help educate more than 2,000 people by sponsoring workshops and symposia and presenting continuing legal education courses. +

## 51st Annual Homecoming Breakfast—November 1999



Florida Supreme Court Justice R. Fred Lewis, J.D. '72, addresses the crowd at the 51st Annual Homecoming Breakfast, held on campus in the new Ibis Cafeteria.



J.B. Spence, J.D. '51, Benedict Kuehne, J.D. '77, Michael Blynn, J.D. '77 and Prof. Lonnie Rose are dressed for the occasion.



Alumni, faculty, students and friends enjoy the traditional Morning Spirits reception. Besides enjoying the refreshments, guests viewed current faculty publications and bought recently published books by UM Law alumni including Roy Black, J.D. '70, who signed his new book, *Black's Law*.

## Media Seek Perspectives On Elian Situation

Ever since Thanksgiving Day, when six-year old Elian Gonzalez was found floating on an inner tube in the Atlantic Ocean, the news media has been beating a path to the doors of UM Law professors.

With well-known expertise in many fields of law, UM Law's faculty appear frequently in newspapers and magazines and on radio and television news programs to give legal perspective to stories on immigration, crime, homelessness, discrimination, Internet law, and other subjects. However, since the story of the tiny Cuban rafter grabbed the public's attention in late November, media requests for expert opinion have been nonstop.

The child was one of only three persons to survive the capsizing of a boat in which they were fleeing Cuba. His mother and 10 others drowned. Since then, he has been the center of an international tug of war, with the leaders of Miami's Cuban community insisting that he should stay with his relatives in the U.S. and the Castro government demanding that he be returned to his father in Cuba.

Many faculty members—including professors Anthony Alfieri, Terence Anderson, Mary Coombs, Patrick Gudridge, Bernard Oxman, Robert Rosen, Irwin Stotzky, and Bruce Winick—have been featured in news articles on the topic. However, the bulk of the media requests for interviews have come to Professor David Abraham, an expert on immigration law, and Bernard Perlmutter, director of the Children and Youth Law Clinic. Both have become familiar to readers, listeners and viewers throughout the world as they state their opinions that U.S. immigration law points to returning the boy to his remaining parent—in Cuba.

For instance, Abraham has appeared on or in National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*, NBC *Nightly News*, CNBC, CNN *Crossfire*, ABC *Nightline*, Minnesota Public Radio, *Newsday*, *The New York Times*, the *New York Daily News*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *The Miami Herald*, the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, the *Orlando Sentinel*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Washington Post*, BBC *World Services*, the *Australian Broadcasting Company*, German TV Channel 1, the *London Free Press*, *The Independent* (London), the *Canberra Times*, the *Ottawa Sun*, the *Edmonton Sun*, the *Toronto Star*, the *Evening Chronicle* (Newcastle, UK), the *Straits Times* (Singapore), *India Today*, *Bath Chronicle*, and news media throughout the U.S. that are served by the *Associated Press*.

Perlmutter has generated a similar stack of news clips. In one two-week period, he was asked to comment on the family law and immigration law aspects of the case by reporters from *The Miami Herald*, the *Sun-Sentinel*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the

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## Faculty in the News

Although the Elian Gonzalez saga has generated an unprecedented number of quotes by UM Law's faculty in the news media in recent months, faculty members made the news on many other topics, as well. For instance:

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Prof. Michael Froomkin has continued to garner extensive coverage, generally in relation to his Internet law expertise. In January, an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* was based on his prediction that virtual law schools will become common in the future and that price competition will force all but the best private law schools to choose between becoming little better than extended bar prep courses, converting to an executive education model, or risking extinction. A week later, the same publication ran an article about him and four other law professors (from the University of Montreal, Temple University, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst) forming one of the first organizations to arbitrate disputes over Internet domain names entirely online. He has also been quoted recently in *The New York Times* (at least three times), the *Washington Post* (at least twice), the *National Post* (Canadian), *MSBC News*, the *Toronto Star*, the *Houston Chronicle*, the *National Journal of Technology Daily*, *CNET News*, the *Electronic Commerce and Law Report*, the *Florida Lawyer* and the *ABA Journal*.

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In February, in a special section on "1999's Most Noteworthy Cases" of the *Supreme Court of Florida*, the *Miami Daily Business Review* quoted Prof. Donna Coker as saying that in *Weiland v. State*, the Supreme Court had acknowledged that requiring a woman to leave an abusive spouse "was completely out of step with all current social science understanding and legal understanding of the situation."

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A feature by David Cay Johnston in the February 27 *New York Times* about the nation's complicated income tax system discussed Prof. Elliott Manning's and former student Lawrence M. Andress's "exhaustive study of how . . . phase-out rules, which critics call 'clawbacks,' increase the real tax rates that people pay."

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The November 30 *Miami Herald* carried "Affirmative Action Clears Wall of Racism," an article by Prof. Donald Jones, in which he stated, "Affirmative action produced no unfairness to whites as a group; it only gave blacks a ladder to get to a playing field still tilted statistically toward white males."

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Prof. John Hart Ely's class—"Evidentiary Inference and Advocacy: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy"—was the topic of a feature article in *The Palm Beach Post* in February. A junior member of the Warren Commission staff, which in-

vestigated the 1963 assassination, Ely is one of just a few professors nationwide to teach an in-depth course on the topic. He told the *Post* reporter that, although he enjoys teaching the course, he probably will not offer it again because he does not like teaching anything twice.

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Carolyn Salisbury, associate director of the Children and Youth Law Clinic, was quoted extensively in a November *South Florida Sun Sentinel* article about her client, a 15-year-old boy who was sent to a locked residential treatment center after running away from his foster homes. Pointing out that if the boy had been an adult he would have been entitled to a hearing in which the state would have had to prove that he needed commitment, Salisbury said in the article, "The whole thing is scary. I think where children are placed is not guided by their needs but the state's resources and what placements they have available." The Supreme Court of Florida is reviewing the case.

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Prof. Mary Coombs was the authority cited in the *Miami Herald's* "Action Line" in March in response to a reader's question about how changes in child support amounts are determined. Coombs said Florida Statute Chapter 61.30 provides a structure for determining the amount of child support a parent must pay, based on the incomes of both parents and the needs of the child or children. †



Prof. Michael Froomkin and students from his Internet law class pose for a photographer from *U.S. News & World Report*.

## Future Lawyers Reach Out to Help Local Community

Pro bono service and community outreach work are on the rise at the University of Miami School of Law. During the 1999–2000 academic year, more than 300 students participated in a myriad of public interest advocacy efforts and community outreach efforts impacting individuals and agencies throughout Miami-Dade County.

"It is wonderful to see that this generation of future lawyers understands the obligation to the public that comes with the privilege of a legal education," said Marni Lennon, assistant dean of students.

Many of the School's student voluntarism activities are coordinated through H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Through Pro Bono Efforts). Under Lennon's direction, the project centralizes and maximizes student pro bono and community outreach efforts. Since its inception in 1998, the project has launched more than a dozen community outreach projects, including recurring events such as the 'Canes Carnival for children living in shelters in Miami-Dade, "Law-Related Education Projects" in area middle schools, and H.O.P.E. Day (a day of service each fall to encourage students to get involved in one of more than 10 simultaneously occurring service projects).

One of the most popular programs sponsored by H.O.P.E. has been the "Books and Buddies" program. Started last summer, the program pairs elementary school students with students from UM Law for a six-week period. Buddies are each given the same book to read, and they exchange a series of letters about the book, thus encouraging the elementary school student to not only enjoy reading but also to improve his or her writing and analytic skills. This program has been successfully repeated three times, with each session

targeting a different school with children whose reading skills are below average. Most recently, a classroom of 35 fourth-grade students at Tropical Park Elementary benefited from the program, which has been made possible by a donation of books from Book Horizons, a Coral Gables book store.

On several occasions over the past year, UM Law students worked with One Nation, an immigration project that provides assistance with naturalization and application for permanent residency status.

During the 2000–2001 academic year, H.O.P.E.'s ongoing community service and advocacy projects will include working with the Alliance for Justice on the national First Monday program, which targets gun violence. In addition to the traditional First Monday program, H.O.P.E. intends to launch a legal education project geared toward the prevention of gun crimes among youths.

H.O.P.E. fellowships enable UM Law to support extraordinary alumni who are working to make a difference in the lives of others. For instance, Caryn Vogel (J.D. '96) has been assisted by several student volunteers each year since she formed H.E.L.P. (HIV, Education and Law Project) in 1996. Initially, H.E.L.P. was funded by an echoing green fellowship, and recently, it received a large grant from Miami-Dade County to continue its extraordinary efforts to help HIV-positive community members with their legal plights. H.E.L.P. volunteers enable Vogel to serve hundreds of clients even though hers is essentially a one-woman operation. Recently, the Florida Bar Association Young Lawyers Division recognized Ms. Vogel for her selfless effort in helping those in need.



UM Law students and staff help renovate a home for Habitat for the Humanities, a H.O.P.E. outreach project.

NAPIL (National Association of Public Interest Law) Fellowship Award winner, Jack Wallace (J.D. 2000) is looking forward to receiving help from H.O.P.E. volunteers when he begins his work on the Asylum Relief Action Network Association (ARANA) project, a program he designed to identify and assist the lost population of immigrants who are waiting in jails as they seek political asylum. This was the first time that a University of Miami student has received a NAPIL fellowship, and much of his application was based upon the

work he was able to do as a student volunteer at UM Law.

By partnering with existing efforts and supporting current students in their drive to do public interest work, the H.O.P.E. Project supports students, alumni and the South Florida community. "We hope to create a link from the classroom to the community by increasing the opportunities for involvement for our students, and we are proud of the dedication and public-mindedness we are seeing on our campus," Lennon said.

H.O.P.E. is fueled solely by volunteerism and donations and has been growing quickly since its inception in 1998. Fundraising efforts, including the H.O.P.E. Auction, scheduled for Thursday, September 21, support the H.O.P.E. Fellows Program. H.O.P.E., which awards fellowships to law students who work in public interest law positions for which they are not otherwise compensated. By providing a stipend to dedicated students who are performing work in the public interest, the School of Law is able to increase the number of students who are able to work in the public sector.

Anyone interested in learning more about the H.O.P.E. project or in suggesting ideas for H.O.P.E. programs should contact Assistant Dean Marni Lennon at 305-284-2599. †

## 'Who's Who' Names Marlynn Jones 1999's Outstanding Law Student

**Who's Who:** American Law Students has named Marlynn R. Jones, a 1999 graduate of UM Law, its "1999 Outstanding Law Student of the Year."

Criteria for selection includes distinction in one or more of the following areas: (1) the study of law, (2) service to the law school community, (3) service to the larger community, (4) pursuit of a law career in spite of prohibiting factors, and (5) some other area worthy of recognition.

The Outstanding Law Student of the Year is differentiated from her peers listed in *Who's Who: American Law Students* in the extent and degree of her contributions in these areas. Jones was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who: American Law Students* in 1997, 1998, and 1999.

A leader of many student organizations during her three years at UM Law, she was awarded the 1999 Roger Serino Award as the outstanding third-year law student and was inducted into Iron Arrow, the University of Miami's highest honor, last spring.

While a law student, Jones was an active member of the Society of Bar and Gavel, the Black Law Students Association, Phi Delta Phi international

legal fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Lambda national honor fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society, and participated in the American Inn of Court Eugene Spelman Chapter. She also maintained membership in the Black Coaches Association, the Women's Sports Foundation, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Sports Lawyers Association, and the ABA Forum Committee on Communications Law.

As the ABA Law Student Division's liaison to the Forum Committee on Entertainment and Sports Industries for two years (1997–99), she served on the committee's governing council and was the only student speaker at its annual meeting both years. She operated the committee's speakers bureau, assisting other law schools in obtaining speakers in the areas of entertainment and sports law. Additionally, she made presentations on behalf of the committee at the ABA Law Student Division's 5th Circuit meetings.

Also at UM Law, Jones served as editor-in-chief of *Amicus Curiae*, the School's year book; vice chair of the Student Bar Association's Speakers Committee; student recruiting ambassador for the Office of Admissions and



Marlynn R. Jones

Student Recruiting; recruiting chair for the Black Law Students Association; student member of the Faculty Admissions, Scholarship and Financial Aid Committee; the Student Bar Association's chair for 1999 orientation; and president of the Entertainment and Sports Law Society.

Jones holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Journalism and a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Mass Communications. She has been admitted to the Florida Bar and is eligible for membership in the Washington, D.C., Bar as well. †

## Media Seek Perspectives On Elian Situation

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St. Petersburg Times, the Associated Press, Reuters, Der Spiegel, the New York Post, El Nuevo Herald, USA Today, Court TV Online, CNN Online, and numerous others. He has appeared on the ABC Evening News, Good Morning America, the CBS Evening News, the Early Show with Bryant Gumbel, and on National Public Radio's All Things Considered, NPR's The Diane Rehm Show, Dateline NBC, and others.

Like Abraham, Perlmutter has been forced by time constraints to decline some requests for appearances on broadcast programs. †

## UM Alumnus Champions Franchisees

Since earning his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 1985, Robert Zarco has established a reputation as a champion of franchisees throughout the world, including the United States, Mexico, France, Holland, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean.

"Despite the fact that franchising is a great method of doing business and has many positive virtues, it also lends itself to allowing abuse by the franchisers against the franchisees," he said.

"This is more evident among the more mature systems, which tend to have contracts with terms and conditions that are overwhelmingly in favor of the franchiser and presented to the franchisee on a 'take it or leave it' basis.

"Although as a matter of law all of these contracts are required to be performed in good faith by both parties (so that each can reap and enjoy the fruits of such contracts) that principle frequently is overlooked and disregarded by the franchiser," Zarco pointed out. "It is my goal—and my cause—to help level the playing field."

He has represented franchisees in court against such major franchise systems as McDonald's, Burger King, Dunkin' Donuts, 7-Eleven, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Tony Roma's, Coca-Cola, Decorating Den, Miami Subs, T.G.I. Friday's, Manhattan Bagel, Blimpie's, Pepsico, Kenny Rogers Roasters, Holiday Inn Hotels, Best Western Hotels, Quality Inn Hotels, Ramada Hotels, Johnny Rockets, T.C.B.Y., Little Caesars' Pizza, and Hot N' Now.



Robert Zarco

Zarco also has provided expert testimony before various state legislatures and actively lobbies both state and federal legislators, representing franchisees' interests and promoting enactment of fair franchising legislation.

While he primarily represents franchisees, he also represents new or developing companies that wish to franchise their business concepts.

Frequently cited by the media as an "international franchise expert," he has appeared on numerous radio and television programs, including CNBC's "Minding Your Business" and "How to Succeed in Business," PBS's "Your Financial Future with Jonathan Pond" and "The Judy Jarvis Show," and CBS's "Eye to Eye with Connie Chung."

## Law Alumni Association Calendar of Events

### May 2000

- Wed., 5/16 Law Alumni Association Executive Board Meeting  
5:30 p.m., UM Law School
- Tues., 5/16 Law Alumni Association CLE Program by Atticus  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., UM Law School
- Sun., 5/21 Hooding Ceremony  
2:00 p.m., James L. Knight Center, Hyatt Regency, Miami

### June 2000

- Thurs., 6/1 Bankruptcy CLE Program  
UM Law School
- Thurs., 6/8 Fourth Annual Broward Judicial Reception  
5:30 p.m., The Tower Club, Ft. Lauderdale
- Mon., 6/12 Dean's Circle Annual Reception  
6:00 p.m., Home of Dean Dennis and Carol Lynch
- Thurs., 6/22 Alumni Reception at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Bar  
6:30 p.m., Boca Raton Resort, honoring Justice Gerald Kogan

### November 2000

- Fri., 11/3 Class Reunion Parties and Events  
Classes of '50, '55, '60, '70, '75, '80, '90, '95  
Contact the Alumni Office or your Class Director for more information.
- Sat., 11/4 52nd Annual Homecoming Breakfast  
8:00 a.m., Morning Spirits, 9:00 a.m., Breakfast

## Message from President, Law Alumni Association



Until 10 years ago, the extent of my involvement with the Law School was to attend the Homecoming Breakfast with my dad each year. He was proud of his son, the lawyer, enjoyed talking to other lawyers and judges and liked the guest speakers.

One year he looked at the program and said "How come your name isn't listed here." I said, "Well, I'm really not that active with the Law School." Then he said "Well here's a list of all the class agents.

Didn't you graduate in 1972? There's no class agent listed for 1972, why don't you get your name put on this list?"

Then I asked an attorney friend of mine, Blair Zimmet, where and when the Law Alumni Association met. I knew that he was on the board of directors and would be able to provide me with this information. He told me that the Law Alumni Association doesn't have full membership meetings but that I was welcome to come to a board meeting if I wanted to become active.

I went to my first meeting when Sam Smith was president and was surprised to discover that the association was actively involved with the activities at the Law School and often had functions where all local alumni were invited.

I signed up as a class agent, became a director and held several vice-presidential positions and started attending the Law Alumni functions. These functions included Friends of the Law School luncheons; alumni-sponsored CLE courses; university sporting events; student leadership receptions at the Dean's house; alumni-faculty receptions; dedications of buildings; judicial receptions; student scholarship receptions; telephone fund-raising campaigns; banquets celebrating the chairs established in honor of professors Hausler and Massey; graduations; the Cole Lecture Series; alumni reunions; funerals; holiday parties; Thursdays on the Bricks; fundraising auctions; memorials; interviews of candidates for Law School dean; professionalism dinners with students, lawyers, judges and faculty members; moot court competitions; and the list goes on and on.

What I have learned from this is that we are fortunate to be graduates of a fine law school, with one of the finest faculties in the nation, teaching very bright students to be the leaders of the legal and business world of tomorrow. Dean Dennis Lynch, the administration, the faculty and many generous alumni have made the Law School an exciting and vibrant place. It has truly been an enjoyable experience to be actively involved with our alma mater.

Every great law school in our nation has loyal, active and generous alumni who truly care about and cherish the institution that educated them and launched them into their careers. I encourage and invite all of you who are not currently active with the Law School and Law Alumni Association to come back into the fold and get involved. I assure you that it will be a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Det. H. Joks

LAA President, 1999-2000



### CELEBRATING JUDGE JORDAN'S INVESTITURE

Adalberto Jordan, J.D. '87, speaks with two of his former law professors, Mary Coombs and Tony Powers, at a November 16 luncheon celebrating his appointment to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

## Fond Memories Predominate at Class of '49 Luncheon



Members of the Class of 1949 gather at their 50th Reunion luncheon held at the Law School on Nov. 18, 1999. From left to right: Stanley H. Spieler; Albert Barkin; Ralph Franklin Miles; Hon. Ray H. Pearson; Rear Adm. Julian Benjamin; Richard J. Thornton; Hon. Jack Block; Waldo Rothenberg; Martin Fine; Herman D. Staiman; Daniel E. Murray; Lloyd Bates

A half-century after receiving their J.D.s from UM Law, 11 members of the Class of 1949 and their spouses and guests gathered for a luncheon at the Law School November 18 to reminisce about the old days and catch up on each others' careers.

Despite the fact that the classmates have had substantial success in their careers, the memories of Law School predominated.

For instance, Jack Block, who served eight terms as mayor of South Miami and later sat on the bench, remembered how he, Tom Ferguson, Tom Wills and an unnamed fourth used to hang out behind the "Cardboard College" and play bridge between classes.

Martin Fine noted that he had been Ray Pearson's campaign manager when Pearson successfully ran for class president. Still practicing law full time, Fine started the firm Fine, Jacobson & Block before moving to his present firm, Holland & Knight. One of his ongoing pro bono interests has been to secure affordable housing for the poor.

Ray Pearson recalled his days at UM Law as "the happiest three years of my life." Contrasting the School in 1949 to the present version, he observed that "the greatest difference is that we had only two women in our class, and now I see them all over the place. This looks a lot better." On a sadder note, he said, "It's startling to me how many of our classmates are gone. They were great lawyers and great friends." Looking around the table, the former judge said, "I'm grateful for the friendship and fellowship of all of you here today."

Lloyd Bates, who said he toured Europe playing tennis and soccer following World War II, noted that tennis was the reason he chose UM Law. "All of the best tennis players came here in the winter, so I'd always be able to get a good match." Following graduation, he took the Connecticut bar exam, placing second out of 200, behind a graduate of the University of Chicago. "Considering that many of the exam-takers were from Harvard and Yale, schools that I couldn't have gotten in to, it's clear that

even back then, Miami was a good law school."

Stanley Spieler, who has a law practice specializing in real estate finance and condominium development, said he was unsure what he wanted to study when he went to college following his discharge from military service. "There were two pretty young girls standing near a School of Law sign. When I asked them 'What do I have to do to get in,' they replied, 'Nothing. You're admitted.' If they had been in front of a veterinary medicine sign, I could just as easily have become a veterinarian."

Richard Thornton, referred to by his classmates as "a heck of a trial lawyer," pointed out that he began the study of law at Indiana University before transferring to UM Law. He said he thoroughly enjoyed his legal practice and had done a lot of work for the Bar Association before his retirement 12 years ago.

Herman Staiman had been a science and math major before his military service, but he found he was no longer

interested in those fields when he returned to civilian life. Some of his friends from the service were planning to go to law school, and he followed their lead. In one class, where the professor had a strictly enforced no-talking rule, they found they could communicate with each other by blinking their eyes in Morse Code. Stamen joined the U.S. Civil Service Commission in 1951 and eventually became chairman of the Board of Appeals and Review. He retired in 1977.

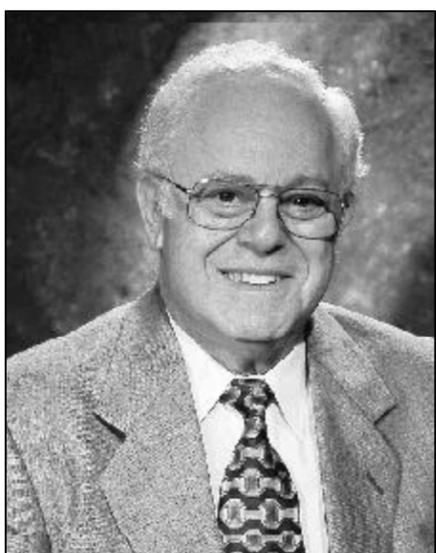
Frank Miles had an engineering degree and military service behind him when he came to UM Law. "I look forward to it every time we come back to the University of Miami," he said. "I think of all the good times, and that's a great feeling." He noted that he had "enjoyed every minute" of his 50 years in the practice of law.

During military service in Alaska, Julian Benjamin received a letter from a friend who was planning to go to law school, and he decided to do the same. The letter writer also told him which books were used in the law school, and Benjamin found them in the base library. He finished the first two years worth of reading in six months and was admitted to UM Law on a probationary status. He later pursued his career in the U.S. Navy, becoming a rear admiral and the Navy's senior lawyer before his retirement in 1984. He said he now works "part-time (60 hours per week)" for his son. Benjamin is a former member of UM Law's adjunct faculty.

Al Borkin dropped out of law school, moved to Michigan, and got married, then returned to UM Law, finally ready to study. An avid scuba diver and photographer, he said that some of his underwater photographs are on display at Epcot Center and that his photos have been published in major magazines.

Daniel Murray, who is professor of law emeritus at UM Law, told how he began wearing his trademark bowties. "Dean Rasco had a rule that you had to have a tie in class. There was no air-conditioning at the school in those days, and buttoned-up shirts with ties could be hot. I found that clip-on bowties offered a way to comply with his rules and still be half-way comfortable. I've been wearing them ever since." Murray also emphasized, "I've never forgotten the education I received here. It's a damned good law school." †

## ACLU Honors Kogan With Nelson Poynter Award



The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida has presented its highest award, the Nelson Poynter Award, to Gerald Kogan, former chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court and a member of UM Law's Class of 1955.

Named for the former crusading editor and publisher of the *St. Petersburg Times*, the Nelson Poynter Award is given annually to people who show commitment to the cause of civil liberties in Florida.

Kogan, who retired from the Supreme Court in December 1998, heads the new Alliance for Ethical Government, headquartered at UM Law, which promotes integrity in local government.

The ACLU chose him for the award because he has been "courageous in defending a wide range of individual rights."

"Always the courageous judge, Justice Kogan used his years on the bench to defend a wide range of individual rights," the ACLU of Florida proclaimed. As examples, the organization cited his dissent from the majority decision in *Kirscher v. McIver*, which held that a terminally ill patient had no right to self-determination in the manner of his own death, and a series of articles authored by Kogan calling for the state to re-examine use of the death penalty.

Throughout his career—which has included service as a circuit judge in Florida's Eleventh Judicial Circuit and as administrative judge of the Criminal Division—he has served as an adjunct faculty member of various law schools, including UM Law, teaching criminal evidence, trial advocacy, and professional responsibility.

Kogan also has served as chair of the Florida Supreme Court's Gender Bias Study Commission and the Judicial Council and as vice chair of the Bench/Bar Commission and chair of that body's Implementation Commission. †

## echoing green Enables Alum to Help Disadvantaged Teens

In August, two years after he established Soul Builders with the help of a grant from the echoing green foundation, David Daniel will close down his innovative public service organization.

"The project was designed to make a difference in the lives of some of our most disadvantaged children and to call attention to their plight," Daniel commented. "We have had a positive impact on the lives of our clients, and we've played a role in making the legal community and the public more aware of the difficulties faced by children who have been labeled 'mentally disabled.' So, I do feel that we have accomplished what we set out to do."

A member of UM Law's Class of 1998, Daniel set up Soul Builders to provide legal representation for minors who were alleged to have mental disabilities, to educate those clients in legal matters, and to encourage their self expression. Primarily a one-person operation, Soul Builders has been hosted by UM Law's Children and Youth Law Clinic, which has provided office space and some administrative support.

"There is an excellent fit, a commonality of purpose, between Soul Builders and the Children and Youth Law Clinic," Daniel pointed out. "While we both represent poor children in South Florida (especially those caught up in the foster care system), Soul Builders focuses on children—generally ages 13–18—who have been labeled mentally disabled."

"At this time I have 12 clients. Eight are foster kids, two fall under Florida's CINS (Children in Need of Services) statute, three are special education cases (and the only ones in which I have been able to work extensively with parents), and one had been charged with delinquency," he said.

"Probably, one of the most important things I have been able to accomplish is to make them see that an adult cares about them, will listen to them, and stick with them. These kids have a problem with trust and a feeling of impermanence."

In court hearings, he has been able to help ensure that his clients get the full attention of attorneys and judges. "Often, these kids are either angry or shy, and I've been able to help them shape what they want to say and communicate their thoughts more effectively," Daniel noted. "Plus, the fact that they have an attorney representing them gives added weight to their concerns."

In addition to educating his clients about the legal system, he also educates the outside world about them. By participating in seminars for teachers, social workers, mental health professionals, and the legal community, he has helped bring attention to the issues faced by his clients.

"These kids live in what is almost a secret world," Daniel explained. "They are protected by confidentiality laws, but that protection can be a mixed blessing. People just don't know what's going on in these kid's lives or understand the problems they face."

One of the goals of the Soul Builders project has been to encourage the children to express creatively—in writing or through art—the way they feel about Florida's mental health system. "Although we've had some success with this, it has been difficult," he said. "Often their primary concerns are such basic needs as getting something to eat and a place to stay, and creative expression is not foremost in their minds. However, there have been some notable exceptions, and Soul Builders is involved with a new project ('Girl Speak')



involved with a new project ('Girl Speak') funded by the Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County that will encourage girls to write about their experience in the juvenile justice system and will publish the best of their efforts on the Internet."

Following his work with Soul Builders, Daniel and his fiancé, Pamela Entzel, who also is a 1998 graduate of UM Law, plan to enter the Peace Corps and be assigned to a nation in the South Pacific, where they will work in the area of health education. Entzel is currently completing work on a master's degree in public health at the University of Miami.

"I don't think my law degree will come into play very much in this next assignment," Daniel noted. "However, my day-to-day Soul Builders work with the children and the experience I gained in dealing with public officials should translate well to the new environment."

[Editor's Note: Daniel's \$30,000 grant from the echoing green foundation, which received the maximum one-year renewal for a second year, was the fourth of the highly competitive fellowships that have gone to recent UM Law graduates since 1995. A non-profit foundation, echoing green applies a venture capital approach to philanthropy, providing seed money to social entrepreneurs starting innovative public service organizations.

Other UM Law recipients have included Virginia Coto in 1997, to fund LUCHA: A Women's Legal Project, a program to help low-income immigrant women overcome domestic abuse and empower them to become active in the greater community; Caryn Vogel in 1996, to establish H.E.L.P. (H.I.V. Education and Law Project), which focuses on safeguarding access to the courts and providing equal and fair representation of the disenfranchised; and Carolyn Salisbury in 1995 to begin UM Law's Children and Youth Law Clinic.]†

### Help Us Celebrate

Alumni and friends of the University of Miami School of Law are invited to a reception to celebrate completion of the Gerald Kogan Endowed Scholarship Fund, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22, during the annual meeting of the Florida Bar Association at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

Please RSVP no later than June 16 by calling 305-284-4945 or by sending a fax to 305-284-3968. †

### Kogan Scholarship To Help Recruit The Best Students

UM Law is honoring Gerald Kogan, former chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court and member of the Class of 1955, with an endowed scholarship in his name.

When fully funded at \$50,000, the Gerald Kogan Scholarship will support the studies of law students who demonstrate the integrity, scholarship, and devotion to public service characterized by Justice Kogan's exemplary career in the law.

With tuition at UM Law and other high-quality private law schools at unprecedented heights, scholarships are an increasingly important factor in helping UM Law recruit the best students.

Alumni and friends who would like to contribute to the scholarship should mail their checks to the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations, University of Miami School of Law, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087. †



#### BAR & GAVEL'S 50TH

UM Law students and members of Bar & Gavel, Elba Martin, Abe Breslin, and Mike Daly, pose at a March 9 reception in the Law School courtyard celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Society of Bar and Gavel.

## Harvey Sepler Wins U.S. Supreme Court Case



Harvey Sepler

Harvey Sepler, assistant public defender for Miami-Dade County, argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court this year and came away with a unanimous decision in favor of his position that an anonymous tip about a concealed gun is not reliable enough to authorize police to stop and search a person.

Sepler, a 1984 graduate of UM Law and a member of the Law School's adjunct faculty, argued the case—*State of Florida v. J.L.*—in defense of his client, a teenage boy. The State of Florida sought review of a Florida Supreme Court decision that Miami-Dade police officers acted unconstitutionally when they searched and arrested a 15-year-old boy, identified as J.L., for carrying a concealed weapon.

The arrest occurred in 1995 after Miami-Dade police received an anonymous telephone tip that several young black males were standing by a bus stop in front of a pawn shop and that one of them, the one wearing a plaid-looking shirt, possessed a gun. The tipster described each of the males but gave no indication of how he or she knew there was a gun. Other than describing the subjects and their location, the tip provided no predictive or suspicion-generating details.

Six minutes after being dispatched, two police officers arrived at the bus stop, found three black males matching the description and immediately stopped them and frisked their outer clothing. Under the plaid shirt, police found a gun. The officers testified that the tip was the sole basis for making the stop.

The Supreme Court of Florida held that the police lacked reasonable suspicion to stop and frisk the subjects. Even though the plaid-shirted male was later discovered to be a juvenile, police did not indicate that they knew this at the time of the stop. The Court held that the corroboration of details of identification does not elevate an anonymous, otherwise non-confirmed, tip to reasonable suspicion.

"In so holding, the Court elected not to follow a growing trend in federal criminal law—and to a lesser extent, state criminal law—recognizing a firearms exception to the Fourth Amendment," Sepler pointed out.

"According to that exception," he continued, "an anonymous tip about the presence of a gun shifts the balance in a totality of circumstances analysis in favor of forcible intervention. This case raises an important constitutional concern: whether the reasonable suspicion standard should be tempered by the degree of danger alleged in an informant tip."

Urging that guns implicitly expose the public and the police to danger, the State of Florida petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for certiorari review and, on February 29, the Court heard the case.

In his argument, Sepler cautioned that, absent a showing of actual and immediate danger, the mere allegation of a gun in an anonymous tip, coupled with the corroboration of innocent details (but lacking "meaningful corroboration") does not constitute reasonable suspicion. "To hold otherwise would not only expose innumerable innocent people to the humiliation of a police search but would materially alter the fundamental relationship between police and citizens in our society," he emphasized.

Although a decision had not been expected until June, it arrived far sooner—in late March. The quick decision plus the unanimity of the justices indicate the importance the U.S. Supreme Court attached to the issue, Sepler suggested. In an article about the decision, the *New York Times* noted that, of the 11 previous criminal cases brought before the U.S. Supreme Court earlier in the session, all had gone against the defendant.

Writing in support of the Florida Supreme Court's position that a search based on an anonymous tip that firearms are present would constitute an exception to established rules, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote that "such an exception would enable any person seeking to harass another to set in motion an intrusive, embarrassing police search of the targeted person simply by placing an anonymous call."

In a separate concurring opinion, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote that an anonymous tip might lead to a lawful search if there is supporting reliability, such as specific information that can help an officer observe a suspect before making a search.

Ginsburg also wrote that some situations, such as a potential bomb, present a greater threat to the public and may allow the police more leeway for a search under the Fourth Amendment, which forbids unreasonable searches and seizures.

At UM Law, Sepler coaches the state and national moot court teams and teaches substantive and practicum appellate law courses. †



### CELEBRATION

Along with keynote speaker U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno (third from left) at the Florida Bar's May 25 gala dinner in Bal Harbour celebrating Florida's first 150 women lawyers, are, from left, Rosemary Barkett, judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit; Barbara J. Pariente, justice, Florida Supreme Court; Reno; Major B. Harding, chief justice, Florida Supreme Court; and Edith Osman (J.D. 1983), president, Florida Bar.

## Family Establishes Scholarship in Memory Of Mariel Spencer

Mariel Spencer passed away Dec. 8, 1999, due to complications associated with acute leukemia. She is deeply missed by her family and husband, who have established a scholarship fund in her name at UM Law.

Along with her husband, Kevin Spencer, she began law school in 1993. A member of the *Inter-American Law Review*, she graduated cum laude in 1996, then returned to UM Law to work on an LL.M. degree in taxation, which she received in 1998. She began her career working for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Miami as a state and local tax consultant.

The Mariel Melissa Saunderson (Smith) Spencer Scholarship will be awarded to a second- or third-year female J.D. student or a female LL.M. student who has at least a 3.0 grade point average, has an interest in practicing tax law, and demonstrates financial need.

Mariel Spencer's family plans to begin the scholarship with a gift of \$2,500, which will be awarded to a student for the 2000–2001 academic year, followed by similar contributions in each of the following four years. Either prior to or during the fifth year of the scholarship, the family has pledged to make a gift sufficient to endow the fund at the level of no less than \$50,000, which will permit the School of Law to award at least \$2,500 annually in the future.

Classmates and friends of Mariel Spencer are invited to help endow the scholarship; any amounts contributed to the scholarship fund will be greatly appreciated. For information on how to contribute, please call Kelly Toole, assistant dean for development, on 305-284-3506. Or, send checks to her attention at the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations; University of Miami School of Law; P.O. Box 248087; Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087. †

## Save This Date

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2000—UM Law's 52nd Annual Homecoming Breakfast

In addition to the Breakfast, reunions are being planned for the Classes of '50, '55, '60, '70, '75, '80, '90 and '95 during Reunion 2000 Weekend, November 2–4.

For more information, or to volunteer for a reunion planning committee, please call Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations on 305-284-3470, send an e-mail to [alumni@law.miami.edu](mailto:alumni@law.miami.edu), or visit UM Law's website at [www.law.miami.edu](http://www.law.miami.edu).

## Obituaries

### Prof. Clifford C. Alloway, J.D. 1950

Clifford C. Alloway, who taught at UM Law from 1951 until he retired in 1993, died in late October from kidney failure.

A constitutional law scholar, he was the author of a text on U.S. constitutional law and a casebook and articles on Florida constitutional law. Along with U.S. and Florida constitutional law, he taught evidence and contracts to the approximately 14,000 students who took his classes at UM Law.

In 1962, graduating seniors and alumni voted him "Outstanding Teacher of the School of Law," and the Law Alumni Association honored him with a "Distinguished Faculty Member" citation in 1997.

Along with his teaching responsibilities, Alloway chaired the School's curriculum committee for 25 years and was a member of the appointment and tenure, academic standards, and admissions committees.

He was faculty advisor to the University of Miami Law Review, faculty representative on the Board of Trustees, vice chair of the Faculty Senate, and a member of the Faculty Charter Committee.

Additionally, he was on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Standards for Jury Instruction in Criminal Cases, and Legal Services of Greater Miami. He was also a consultant to the Commission on Florida Constitutional Law Review and to the Circuit Court Judges Association on Evidence. †

### William R. Colson, J.D. 1948

William "Bill" Colson, one of the nation's most successful personal injury attorneys and one of Miami's most honored citizens, died in October from a heart attack.

A champion of justice for minorities, women, and immigrants as well as a highly successful litigator, he received nearly every honor that the nation's trial lawyers and Miami's business community could confer on him.

In the mid-1960s, while still in his 30s, he was elected president of the 50,000-member American Trial Lawyers Association and, as leader of that organization, lectured in 150 cities, all 50 states and 30 universities.

He was a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, past president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar Board of Governors, a fellow of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, and a member of the American Bar Association.

His civic involvements also were many, including being president of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (in 1976-77), a trustee of the University of Miami, a member of the Orange Bowl Committee, a member of Governor Askew's Economic Development Advisory Council, and numerous others.

In 1965, as it presented him with an award it has given only once, the American Trial Lawyers Association cited him as "that American lawyer who has made the most significant contribution to the cause of justice for the ordinary citizen of the United States of America."

Among his numerous other awards are Outstanding Young Man of Miami (1960), Outstanding Young Man of Florida (1961), the Florida Junior Bar's "Award to the Most Outstanding Past or Present Member" (1966) (from the organization that the American Bar Association cited as the "Most Progressive Junior Bar in the U.S. for 1965, the year he was its president), the Leonard Ring Champion of Justice Award (1995), and the Miami Herald's Charles Whited Spirit of Excellence Award (1997).

An enduring testament to his concern for social justice is the "Bill Colson Scholarship" for African-American students at the University of Miami School of Law. Approximately 20 Colson Scholars already have graduated from UM Law and become members of the bar. †

### Rita Peterson

Rita Peterson, former assistant dean for administration at UM Law, died March 3. She was 81.

Dean Peterson was the Law School's first administrator to receive a decanal appointment. The position was created in 1979 to reflect the responsibilities she had acquired over the preceding nine years and to take advantage of her diplomatic, as well as her administrative, skills. She retired in 1985. †

### Homer L. Marlow, J.D. 1953

Homer Marlow, a 1998 recipient of UM Law's Alumnus of Distinction Award for his support of the School, died April 12.

Marlow founded and built into prominence the law firm of Marlow, Connell, Valerius, Abrams, Adler & Newman. He specialized in insurance defense cases, including the representation of physicians, attorneys, architects and other professional, and his clients included some of the nation's leading law firms.

Throughout his career he was a mentor to many young lawyers.

Marlow was past chairman of the Florida Bar's Judicial Nominating Committee and its Grievance Committee.

In 1942, at age 17, Marlow went to Aviation Mechanics School, joined the Marine Scout Bomber Squadron 243, and was soon deployed to the South Pacific, where he was first a plane captain of a dive bomber and later became a rear seat aerial gunner. Among his decorations was the Asian Pacific Ribbon with Three Battle Stars. †

## Law School Holds Alumni, Recruitment Events In Latin America



Janet Stearns in Buenos Aires with (at left) Dr. Daniel Castro, from the law firm of Le Pera and Lessa, who was a visiting professor at UM Law in 1986, and Dr. Alfredo Wilensky, a UM Law alumnus (MCL 1972).

Initiating a series of alumni and recruitment events to be held around the globe, Janet Stearns, director of international and foreign law programs, was in Argentina and Chile in April to meet with UM Law alumni, friends, and potential LL.M. students.

Stearns, who became director in October of 1999, is a former visiting professor at the University of Chile Law School.

In Buenos Aires, 40 alumni and other friends of the University of Miami gathered for a reception at the Alvear Palace Hotel, which featured a video with Dean Dennis Lynch discussing his global vision for UM Law.

During her visit, Stearns had the opportunity to meet with Mónica Pinto, academic secretary of the University of Buenos Aires Law School, Dean Martín Bohmer of the University of Palermo Law

School, and Dean Horacio Spector of the DiTella Law School, among others.

While in Santiago, she spoke with University of Chile Dean Antonio Bascuñan and met with law students interested in studying law in the United States. A reception in Santiago included alumnus Bernardo Nun (MCL, 1971) and approximately 30 other friends of UM law.

In both Buenos Aires and Santiago, Stearns made presentations to major law firms about UM Law and discussed opportunities for student and faculty exchanges.

Alumni outreach and student recruitment are the major priorities for Stearns in the next year. "UM alumni are our ambassadors around the world. I look forward to working with our global alumni community." †

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The Hon. A. Jay Cristol, JD '59

The Hon. Martin R. Dishowitz, JD '75

The Hon. Pedro Echarte, JD '79

The Hon. Margarita G. Esquiroz, JD '74

The Hon. Alejandro E. Ferrer, JD '86

The Hon. Eugene J. Fierro, JD '67

The Hon. Ronald M. Friedman, JD '67

The Hon. Norman S. Gerstein, JD '73

The Hon. Carroll J. Kelly, JD '89

The Hon. Alan Kornblum, JD '54

The Hon. Jeffrey Rosinek, JD '74

The Hon. Michael Samuels, JD '72

##### PAST PRESIDENTS

\*1942 James E. Abras

1943 Samuel I. Silver

1944 Dixie H. Chastain

\*1945 Amos Benjamin

\*1948 Victor Levine

\*1949 David P. Phillips

\*1950 John H. Boyer

1951 Louis M. Jepeway

\*1952 Victor Levine

- 1953 M. Sam Jennings  
 1954 Douglas D. Batchelor  
 1955 Richard E. Gerstein  
 \*1956 Raymond G. Nathan  
 \*1957 Marco Loffredo  
 1958 Arthur C. Massey, Jr.  
 1959 James H. Earnest  
 1960 Helen Tanos Hope  
 \*1961 Karl J. Leib, Jr.  
 1962 Herbert P. Benn  
 1963 Armando Maraio  
 1964 Robert L. Koeppl  
 \*1965 William T. Kruglak II  
 1966 Max M. Hagen  
 1967 Lawrence V. Hastings  
 1968 Leland E. Stansell, Jr.  
 1969 Harold P. Barkas  
 1970 Thomas E. Lee, Jr.  
 1971 Arden M. Siegendorf  
 1972 Charles J. Crowder  
 1973 John Gale  
 \*1974 Thomas Davison III  
 1975 Donald I. Bierman  
 \*1976 A. John Goshgarian  
 \*1977 Sidney M. Weaver, Jr.  
 \*1978 Edward J. Atkins  
 1979 Neal R. Sonnett  
 1980 Thomas R. Spencer, Jr.  
 1981 Theodore Klein  
 1982 George R. Harper  
 1983 Rhea P. Grossman  
 1984 Charles Kantor  
 1985 Hon. A. Jay Cristol  
 1986 J.B. Spence  
 1987 Joseph P. Klock, Jr.  
 1988 Emerson Allsworth  
 \*1989 Samuel S. Smith  
 1990 Todd Aronovitz  
 1991 Benedict P. Kuehne  
 1992 George T. Yoss  
 1993 Alan Atlas  
 1994 Ronald Ravikoff  
 1995 Joseph Lowe  
 1996 Jay Martus  
 1997 Richard Milstein  
 1998 Harlan Gladstein  
 1999 Det H. Joks

\* deceased (15)

## LAA Sets Up System of Class Directors

The Law Alumni Association has created a system of "class directors" in which alumni can serve their classes by acting as primary contact persons, overseeing the class agent volunteers, gathering current information about classmates, and disseminating information about the Law School.

Alumni interested in serving as class directors or class agents for their classes should contact David Hope, J.D. '96 at 305-375-5623 or [dsh2@metro-dade.com](mailto:dsh2@metro-dade.com) or Elizabeth Katzen, J.D. '88, at 305-596-2000 or [groveattorney@msn.com](mailto:groveattorney@msn.com).

Class directors already appointed include:

#### Class of 2000

Mario Garcia  
 305-349-5830  
[mariojr@mariogarcia.net](mailto:mariojr@mariogarcia.net)

#### Class of 1999

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# Class Notes

## CLASS OF 1950

The Class of 1950 will hold its 50th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935 with their ideas and suggestions.

## CLASS OF 1953

IRA H. WEXLER is a New York Supreme Court justice in Mineola, N.Y., where he has served as supervising judge of the district court and county court of Nassau County since 1995.

## CLASS OF 1954



DONALD D. ROWE served as a lecturer on the UM Law faculty from 1956-1960 and taught courses in legal method, research and writing and brief writing and oral argument. Heeding a call to full-time service, Rowe entered the ministry in 1961, from which he retired in 1985. He was involved in various ministries, including world missions administration, fund raising and church academia. In the latter activity, Rowe was associated for many years with Lee University, assisting in developing an accredited department of business, where he served as chairman. In 1976, he was elected to serve as a delegate to the Tennessee State Constitutional Convention, where he served as chair of the style and drafting committee and wrote a significant portion of that state's constitution. Rowe resides in Lakeland, where he enjoys reading the Class Notes section of the Barrister. He reports, "It is marvelous to observe the great contributions and successes of my former colleagues and students."

## CLASS OF 1955

The Class of 1955 will hold its 45th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

## CLASS OF 1957

STEVE LACHEEN celebrated 42 years of practice with publication of *Annals of Justice*, relating some of his most interesting cases, including two victories in the United States Supreme Court. Lacheen practices in Philadelphia.



SONIA PRESSMAN FUENTES has written her memoirs, *Eat First—You Don't Know What They'll Give You: The Adventures of an Immigrant Family and Their Feminist Daughter*. Written with warmth and humor, her memoirs reveal how she went from being a five-year-old immigrant from Germany in 1934 to becoming the first woman attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in 1965, one of the founders of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in 1966, the highest paid woman at the headquarters of two multinational corporations, GTE and TRW, and an international speaker on women's rights for the United States Information Agency. The book will be published soon; information is available from [http://www.erraticimpuls.com/~feminismhtmlsonia\\_](http://www.erraticimpuls.com/~feminismhtmlsonia_)

pressman\_fuentes.htm and can be ordered in paperback from bookstores.

## CLASS OF 1960

The Class of 1960 will hold its 40th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

## CLASS OF 1963

ARDEN M. SIEGENDORF is the recipient of this year's seventh Excellence in Conflict Resolution Award, presented by the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium. This award recognizes the contributions made by outstanding mediators in resolving public disputes.

Siegenderf is recognized as one of the most accomplished circuit court mediators and has developed a well-deserved reputation for helping to settle complex public disputes relating to growth, development, transportation and environmental issues. The Conflict Resolution Consortium also recognized Siegenderf's work as chair of the Mediation Grievance Committee of the Florida Bar. Based in Tallahassee, Siegenderf has served as an arbitrator and mediator since 1989. In 1992, he founded and became president of Tallahassee Mediation Center, Inc., after serving in Miami-Dade County as both a circuit court and county court judge.

## CLASS OF 1964

DAVID N. NISSENBERG introduced the second edition of his book, *The Law of Commercial Trucking: Damages to Persons and Property*, published by Lexis Publishing last year. It is widely used throughout the country by attorneys involved in truck accident litigation. In the past three years, Nissenberg has presented CLE seminars on this subject matter in 40 states. He is a partner in Truck Injury Lawyers, LLP, a national firm based in San Diego that represents victims of catastrophic truck crashes. He can be reached at 800-292-5855.

## CLASS OF 1965



BENNETT H. BRUMMER, public defender for Miami-Dade County, was honored by the Association of Retarded Citizens of Florida for his long-standing legal and social advocacy for people with mental retardation and development disabilities. On March 30—at a conference of more than 300 attorneys, judges, social workers and police officers from throughout Florida and the U.S.—Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas issued a proclamation honoring him as a national leader in violence prevention. Last October, as part of National Crime Prevention Month, Brummer also addressed more than 300 educators and business leaders in Miami about his innovative Anti-Violence Initiative (AVI). The AVI consists of numerous partnerships between the Public Defender's Office and governmental and community organizations that are directed toward identifying clients' problems and addressing them effectively.

RICHARD N. FRIEDMAN spearheaded the successful fight in opposition to a proposed 1 percent increase in the sales tax for Miami-Dade County only, primarily to be used to expand the Metrorail system. The special referendum vote on July 29, 1999, turned out 28 percent of the

registered voters, who voted their landslide disapproval of the mayor's Penny Tax Plan by a 68 percent to 32 percent margin.

In 1976, in 1990 and in 1991, Friedman also successfully led overwhelming voter opposition to proposed 1 percent sales tax increases in Miami-Dade County for Metrorail. Also, in 1987, Friedman led the successful statewide fight to repeal the infamous services sales tax statute, which became effective July 1, 1987. After a ferocious political battle, the governor and the legislature capitulated to public opinion and repealed the tax on Dec. 11, 1987.

Friedman serves his professional athlete clients as CEO of All-Star Sports Agents, Inc. Friedman is also known as "The Singing Attorney" and is a songwriter and record producer. On July 4, 1996, All-Star Music Corporation released a music album in CD and cassette formats, *For Love of Country*, consisting of 15 of America's greatest patriotic songs, performed by Friedman, and a 28-page booklet written by him containing the history and lyrics of each song. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the album is donated to the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, and Girl Scouts of America. Two new music albums performed by Friedman are currently in production.

#### CLASS OF 1967



The Honorable EUGENE J. FIERRO received the "Alumnus of Distinction Award" from the UM Law Alumni Association at the

51st Annual Homecoming Breakfast, which featured Justice R. Fred Lewis of the Supreme Court of Florida as its keynote speaker. Judge Fierro has served in the civil, criminal, family and appellate divisions of the 11th Judicial Circuit. He is administrator of "Put Something Back" and has authored several legal publications, including *The Lawyer's Trial Book—A Guide to the 1977 Amendments to the Rules of Florida Civil Procedure*.

BRUCE M. LYONS is the chair of the ABA Criminal Justice Council. His practice, Lyons & Sanders, Chartered, is based in Fort Lauderdale.

#### CLASS OF 1968

THOMAS E. CHAMBERS recently retired from practice in Miami-Dade County. He now resides in Fall Branch, Tenn.

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

J. MICHAEL KELLY has a successful family practice, Kelly & Hammers, the Divorce Firm, in Santa Monica, Calif., where he preaches the gospel of "positive divorce." He also teaches courses in the business of law at

the University of Southern California.

#### CLASS OF 1970

The Class of 1970 will hold its 30th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

#### CLASS OF 1971

ROBERT A. SCHATZMAN is partner with the Miami law firm of Adorno & Zeder, where he specializes in bankruptcy and insolvency matters. He was formerly a shareholder at the Miami firm of Schantz Schatzman Aaronson & Perlman.

#### CLASS OF 1973

STUART GROSSMAN's name was written into the script of CBS's "Jag," on its May 2, 2000 episode. One of the show's writers, best selling novelist, PAUL LEVINE, JD '73, wrote Grossman's name into the script as an attorney who represents a submarine salvage company. Grossman and Levine are longtime friends from UM Law. Grossman practices at Grossman and Roth, P.A., a firm with offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton and Sarasota. The firm concentrates in the areas of medical malpractice, vehicular negligence, admiralty and maritime, aviation products liability law, as well as insurance consumer rights litigation and commercial litigation.

GEORGE KNOX was recently named to the board of directors of the Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit land conservation organization that specializes in conservation real estate and applies its expertise in negotiations, public finance, and law to protect land for public use and enjoyment. Headquartered in San Francisco and with 28 offices nationwide, including Tallahassee and Miami, the Trust has helped protect more than one million acres of land for public use. Knox is currently of counsel to the Miami firm of Adorno and Zeder, where he specializes in public finance, land use and local government law. He has been an active volunteer in Miami for many years, serving on the boards of United Way of Miami-Dade County, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Florida Memorial College.

CAROLYN B. LAMM, partner in the Washington, D.C., law firm of White & Case, was elected to the council of the American Law Institute (ALI) for an interim term until the Institute's 2000 annual meeting, when her name will be submitted with the recommendation that she be elected by the membership to a regular term. Her practice concentrates in international, commercial, arbitration and trade matters, and she has substantial experience in federal court litigation, administrative law, and government contracts. Lamm has served as counsel in many significant international arbitrations. She was appointed by President Clinton to the U.S.

Panel of Arbitrators for International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) arbitration, she is on the American Arbitration Association's international list of arbitrators and is a member of the Secretary of State's committee on private international law.



HENRY LATIMER, managing partner of Eckert Seamans, has been awarded the Margaret Roach Humanitarian

Award by the Urban League of Broward County for providing pro bono legal services for clients who could not afford representation and for his contributions toward enhancing race relations in Broward County. Latimer is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel.

#### CLASS OF 1974

JOHN BASTEK retired as captain from the U.S. Coast Guard after 30 years of service. He now works as vice president of the International Council of Cruise Lines in Washington, D.C.

GARY CARMAN, a senior litigation partner and head of the litigation group of the Miami office of Broad and Cassel, will serve as president of the Law Alumni Association in 2000-2001. Carman practices in the areas of civil trials, arbitrations and lobbying and negotiation of corporate transactions. He lobbies before Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami Commission for various corporations regarding zoning, retail space issues at Miami International Airport, and other matters.



RICHARD C. MILSTEIN was recently honored by the Miami-Dade County Bar Association and "Put Something Back" pro bono program for his continued dedication to public service. His name is attached to one of the service awards, the Richard C. Milstein Excellence Award, presented at the 11th annual awards luncheon. Milstein is a former recipient of the Tobias Simon Award presented by the Florida Supreme Court, and he practices at the Miami office of Akerman Senterfitt.

#### CLASS OF 1975

The Class of 1975 will hold its 25th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.



JUDE BAGATTI is a licensed massage therapist in Miami. In May 1999, she completed a two-year certificate program in spiritual companionship at St. Thomas University in Miami, and in August of last year successfully

climbed the Machame Route to Uhuru (Freedom) Peak, which at 19,344 feet is the summit of Tanzania's Mt. Kilimanjaro and the "Roof of Africa." Bagatti was named "Photographer of the Year" for the fifth time by Kendall Camera Club, and she also won "Best Black & White Print of the Year" for her image "Grasshopper."

#### CLASS OF 1976

The Honorable BONNIE LANO RIPPINGILLE was selected as a Woman of Impact by the Community Coalition for Women's History for 1999 for making a significant impact through community service and professional activities that address women's issues and needs. She was honored at a reception at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida on Feb. 29, 2000. Her portrait and biography will become part of the official records of the Historical Museum.



ALAN ROSENTHAL joined the law firm of Adorno & Zeder, P.A., as a shareholder in the commercial litigation department. He specializes in civil litigation, intellectual property, domestic relations, banking and lending issues, communications law, libel, privacy and First Amendment matters for broadcast and print media. He is also a certified family mediator and has been an active volunteer for 30 years with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and the Miami-Dade Public Health Trust. He resides in Pinecrest.

#### CLASS OF 1977

WILLIAM RICHARD BLOOM has the same first name, middle initial and last name as WILLIAM ROBERT BLOOM, JD'77, who practices in Miami. William Richard Bloom moved to Portland Ore., immediately following his graduation from UM Law, where he practiced family law until earlier this year, when he hung up his briefcase. He is now back in school full-time in pursuit of a master's degree in computer science and an MBA. He expects to learn the skills necessary to engage in an interesting and challenging second career in the high-tech industry. His studies should be completed prior to the class reunion in 2002, at which time he expects to renew friendships with his law school classmates.

The Honorable JOHN A. HOUSTON serves as a federal magistrate in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, where the court's busy docket is largely driven by immigration cases. Before his appointment last year, Judge Houston served for 17 years in the U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego.

The Honorable ERNEST G. MAYO is judge of the municipal court of Warren, R.I., and is also assistant professor of legal studies at Johnson & Wales University in Providence.

MICHAEL SALES is vice president, associate general counsel and general patent counsel at Hughes Electronics in El Segundo, Calif.

MARTIN W. WASSERMAN is partner at the Miami law firm of Zack Kosnitsky, where he practices real estate law. He was formerly a partner at the Miami Beach law firm of Galbut Galbut Menin & Wasserman.

#### CLASS OF 1978

PAUL FAHRENKOPF joined the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg in the Washington, D.C., office after 20 years with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). The firm has over 300 attorneys, with offices in Indianapolis, Chicago, Washington, South Bend, Elkhart and Fort Wayne. While at the PTO, Fahrenkopf was most recently the trademark spokesperson, the administrator for communications and quality in the office of the assistant commissioner for trademarks, and the trademarks curator of the Patent and Trademark Museum. Prior to that, he was a trademark managing attorney for 12 years and the trademark examining attorney for over three years. He and his wife, Terry Holtzman, now a judge with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, reside in Alexandria, Va.

The Honorable MICHAEL E. JONES authored the book, *Sports Law*, published in 1999 under the Prentice-Hall imprint of Simon & Schuster. Judge Jones is also a tenured full professor of legal studies and economics at the University of Massachusetts—Lowell, where he teaches sports law. He sits on the Salem District Court in Salem, N.H.

JIM LANARD formed a partnership with former New Jersey governor Jim Florio to assist clients in the areas of government and community relations, strategic planning and communications. The firm, FLG Strategies, LLC, and the Florio Group, LLC, have offices in Philadelphia. Lanard resides in Cherry Hill, N.J.

ELIZABETH K. RUSSO and Philip D. Parrish have formed the Russo Parrish Appellate Firm in Miami. Russo is managing partner, and Parrish was formerly partner with Stephens, Lynn, Klein & McNichols.



MARCELA "MARCY" B. STRASS joined the Washington, D.C., office of Thompson Coburn, LLP, as partner in the

firm's immigration and international trade practice. Her background includes more than 20 years in business immigration, import-export international trade issues and customs law. She has lobbied and advised on trade legislation and negotiated and drafted international business agreements. Thompson Coburn has 272 attorneys nationwide, with offices in St. Louis, Mo.; Washington, D.C.; Billings, Mt.; and Belleville, Ill.

JEFFREY A. TRINZ joined the litigation practice group in the Miami office of Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., after

over four years as associate regional director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He resides in Pembroke Pines with his wife, Marilyn, and their son, Noah.

#### CLASS OF 1979

**HOWARD BERLIN**, managing shareholder of the law firm of Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin, P.A., and the chair of its bankruptcy and creditors' rights department, has served as chair of the 4000-member Business Law Section of the Florida Bar. Berlin has concentrated his law practice in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights since 1980 and has represented corporate debtors, secured lenders, creditors' committees and individual creditors in various proceedings as well as out-of-court workouts and debt restructuring negotiations. He has extensive experience in business reorganization proceedings and has successfully reorganized several publicly owned enterprises. He is a resident of Bal Harbor.

**ROBIN S. BUCKNER** is partner at Buckner & Shifrin, P.A., an AV-rated firm established in 1991, focusing on insurance coverage and defense litigation and matrimonial law. She received the Ray H. Pearson Guardian Ad Litem Award from the family court bench of the 11th Judicial Circuit, and she has taught several seminars and workshops in civil litigation and pro bono guardian ad litem work.

**HOWARD A. KUSNICK** (LL.M. '79) has been reelected to serve on the board of directors and elected to the executive committee of the Broward Alliance. Kusnick has his own firm in Fort Lauderdale.

The Honorable **CINDY S. LEDERMAN** received the 1999 William E. Gladstone Award at a gathering in Orlando of nearly 1000 judicial leaders and those involved in children's cases statewide. Florida Supreme Court Justice Major B. Harding and Governor Jeb Bush, in presenting the award, noted Judge Lederman's vast experience and her reputation in leading the efforts to address and solve the growing needs and impact of children in the courts.

**ANNETTE STAR LUSTGARTEN** and her husband relocated five years ago to beautiful Sedona, Ariz., from Mount Dora, Fla. She commutes daily to Flagstaff, where she practices family law and government law at Mangum, Wall, Stoops & Warden. The couple have their first grandchild, Joshua Alexander Book.

**CHRISTINA M. O'NEILL** resides in Laconia, N.H., where she has served the surrounding communities in the judiciary. From 1987 to the present, she has served as probate judge in Belkrap County, and since 1993 she has been the presiding justice. She has also served as acting justice in the Rockingham County Probate Court and as family court judge in Grafton County. "I would like to publicly thank the Honorable Catherine Pooler, who was my inspiration throughout law school," she said.

**ABIGAIL WATTS-FITZGERALD** left the law firm of Steel Hector & Davis, LLP, to start a corporate practice for the new Miami office of Hunton & Williams, a Richmond, Va., firm. The Miami office of the firm has 12 lawyers. Watts-Fitzgerald has done much work for the National Football League on their stadium agreements and represented the NFL in local negotiations for Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami last January.

**BRIAN ZIEGLER** is justice for the village of Woodsburgh, N.Y. He is a corporate partner at the East Meadow law firm of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, where he provides counsel to corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies in all areas of law. A lifelong resident of the five towns area, Ziegler resides in Woodsburgh with his wife, Andrea, and their daughters, Jeri, Carly and Ali. Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, known also as "The Personal Lawyers with the Firm Commitment," has grown into one of Long Island's largest full-service law firms, with more than 60 attorneys.

#### CLASS OF 1980

The Class of 1980 will be the honored class at Homecoming 2000, holding its 20th Reunion Celebration. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

**JOY A. BARTMON** received the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award on February 4 in a ceremony before the Florida Supreme Court. After seven years of practice in pension, tax and administrative law, she became Palm Beach County's first guardian ad litem program attorney, providing representation to children in legal proceedings. Bartmon has recruited, trained and supervised 50 pro bono attorneys and has volunteered many hours annually to the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. She practices family law with her husband, Richard, in Boca Raton. They have two daughters, ages 10 and 14.

**ANDREW CAVERLY** has opened a practice in Andover, Mass., specializing in antitrust and trade regulation. He had previously been head of the Federal Trade Commission's New England regional office and a trial attorney at the antitrust division of the Department of Justice in Washington.

**HOWARD S. MITCHELL** is currently CEO of the Jamaica Lottery Company, Ltd., now one of the most successful lotteries in the Caribbean. Mitchell practiced as an attorney for 25 years and established the firm of Mitchell Henson & Co., to which he remains a consultant. He co-authored "Doing Business in Jamaica" for the Centre for International Legal Studies in Salzburg, Austria, and is chair of the St. Patrick's Foundation, which maintains centers for the upliftment of the poor. He resides in Kingston.

#### CLASS OF 1981



**BRUCE A. BLITMAN** is president of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, a professional association

organized to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, information and ideas among professionals in the field of mediation and alternative dispute resolution, and to promote the process of mediation as an effective and efficient tool for dispute resolution. He is a certified county, family circuit and federal mediator with offices in Miami, Pembroke Pines, Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, and Palm Beach County.

**DENNIS C. KAINEN** is president of the Miami-Dade County Bar Association. He practices at Weisberg and Kainen in Miami, concentrating in tax controversy and criminal defense.

**JEFFREY MARCUS** was appointed assistant general counsel of Hay Group, Inc., a management consulting firm headquartered in Philadelphia with offices worldwide. Marcus is responsible for contracts and intellectual property, as well as counseling the E-business unit. He is married with two sons, ages 4 and 2, and resides in Villanova, Pa.

#### CLASS OF 1982

**MARK R. ANTONELLI** was elected 33rd president of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association at their annual meeting last September. He practices at the law firm of Gaebe, Murphy, Mullen & Antonelli, with offices in Coral Gables and West Palm Beach.

**JEFFREY S. BENJAMIN** is partner in Roth, Rouso and Benjamin, P.A., where he is head of the litigation division. The firm has offices in South Miami and Aventura and specializes in personal injury, commercial litigation, immigration, real estate and business law. **JULIAN R. BENJAMIN, JD '49**, Jeff's father, is of counsel to the firm. Jeff is married to Donna and has three daughters, twins Hailey and Rachel, 5 ½, and Sarah, 2.

**ERIC BUERMANN** was appointed by the Republican Party of Florida as its first full-time general counsel. Buermann has been active in Republican politics since 1975 on both the state and national levels, most recently serving in the 1994 and 1998 campaigns of Governor Jeb Bush. He previously served for six years as commissioner and vice-chair of the Florida Elections Commission in Tallahassee, enforcing Florida's elections and campaign finance laws. He had also been in private practice in Miami, where he remains on the boards of various business, community, and charitable organizations.

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

**SUSAN REISS** is senior counsel for the Walt Disney Company in

Anaheim, Calif. She resides in Marina del Rey.

**JAMES SILVER** joined Feldman Gale & Weber as a partner in the Miami firm's bankruptcy practice. He was formerly a partner at McDermott, Will & Emery.

#### CLASS OF 1983

**MICHAEL B. AXMAN** is partner at the Miami firm of Adorno & Zeder, where he specializes in taxation.

**LISA C. BERRY** is general counsel at Juniper Networks, Inc., a Mountainview, Calif., firm engaged in Internet infrastructure solutions. She resides in Saratoga.

**MICHAEL DENNIS**, after practicing law for 13 years, fulfilled a life-long dream of owning and operating a summer camp for children, Spring Mountain Camp in Lower Gwynedd, Pa.

**CAROL L. SCHOFFEL FABER** is partner in the Miami office of Akerman Senterfitt, where she specializes in real estate law. She was formerly a shareholder with Perlman & Faber.

**PATRICIA KIMBALL FLETCHER** is partner in the Miami firm of Zack Kosnitsky where she specializes in real estate matters.

**JEFFREY GILBERT**, a shareholder in the litigation department in the Fort Lauderdale office of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., was appointed to the board of trustees for the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Broward County and reelected for a second year as vice president of the Jewish Museum of Florida. The mission of the foundation is to build an endowment that helps establish a permanent emergency fund for world Jewry and preserves Jewish culture and education. Gilbert practices commercial litigation, complex commercial foreclosures, defense of lender liability claims, receiverships, probate and estate law and has represented investment advisors in SEC enforcement actions and SEC and NASD registered corporations in administrative and court proceedings.

The Hon. **WENDELL GRAHAM** was appointed in 1994 by Governor Lawton Chiles as county court judge for Miami-Dade County. He has served in the civil and criminal divisions, as well as on temporary assignment to the circuit court in the civil, criminal and juvenile courts. After leaving UM Law, he served in the State Attorney's Office under Janet Reno from 1983 to 1988, followed by solo private practice until 1994. He married Janice Fields of Nassau, Bahamas, in 1997, who teaches at the Cushman School in Miami. She has a daughter from a former marriage, Kristen, age 10, and Graham has two sons from a former marriage, Robert Scott Graham, 13, and Kyle Foster Graham, 11.

**WILLIAM E. GREGORY** has been practicing workers' compensation law, representing both claimants and employer/carriers, since graduating from UM Law. Gregory recently got together with another Class of 1983

alumnus, **ROBERT C. MEYER**, who handles bankruptcy and taxation matters, to purchase the building located at 2223 Coral Way, where they have their separate law firms. Gregory took over the handling of defending all workers' compensation cases in the State of Florida for AMS Staff Leasing out of Dallas, Tex., and Pacesetter Adjustment Company, headquartered in Baton Rouge, La. This has provided him with an opportunity to handle cases in many different jurisdictions and to appear before various judges within the workers' compensation system. If any classmates are in the area, both Gregory and Meyer invite them to stop by.

**MOHAMED A. TUMI** (LL.M. in Comparative Law) is an attorney and legal consultant with the firm of Moh'd Tumi & Partners in Tripoli, Libya. After leaving UM Law, Tumi received an LL.M. with highest honors from George Washington University.

#### CLASS OF 1984

**DANIEL F. BEASLEY** recently moved from Miami, after 14 years with Fowler, White, Burnett, Hurley, Banick & Strickroot, P.A., to join the firm of Lanier Ford Shaver & Payne, P.C., in Huntsville, Ala. This move places him, his wife, Tammy, and their two boys, Adam and Luke, closer to their extended family and a family farm. Beasley continues to practice civil litigation.



**IAN COMISKY** participated in several institutes and professional meetings: the 16th annual National Institute on Criminal Tax

Fraud last November in Washington, and in December in San Francisco and the Bankers' Hotline 6th annual Security Officers Workshop in May. In February, Comisky appeared and testified at a hearing regarding proposed money laundering legislation before the Subcommittee on Crime of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee in February. Comisky is a partner in the law firm of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP, where he concentrates his practice in the area of white collar criminal defense of corporations and individuals, including criminal and civil tax litigation. Comisky is a former assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and practices in the Philadelphia and Boca Raton offices of the firm. He is co-author of Tax Fraud & Evasion, a two-volume treatise, and is a member of the American College of Tax Counsel.

**JEROLD P. DORNBUSH** was elected partner of Dornbush Mensch Mandelstam & Schaeffer, LLP, effective Jan. 1, 2000, specializing in real estate and corporate law. The Manhattan firm is a general practice firm specializing in corporate and commercial matters. Dornbush resides in East Hills, N.Y.

**LAURIN D. QUAIT** was elected partner in the Denver office of Baker & Hostetler, LLP, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of construction litigation,

including suretyship matters and commercial and domestic litigation. Baker & Hostetler is among the nation's largest law firms, with more than 500 attorneys in offices in Beverly Hills, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Houston, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Orlando, and Washington.

#### CLASS OF 1985

**MARSHALL I. FARKAS** is a general master in the family law division of the 13th Judicial Circuit in Tampa. He resides in Brandon.



**ERVIN A. GONZALEZ** is partner in the Miami law firm of Robles & Gonzalez, P.A., where his practice focuses on civil

trial law. Gonzalez is board certified as a specialist in civil trial law by the Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocacy, and he is also board certified as a specialist in business litigation law by the Florida Bar. He is president-elect of the Miami-Dade County Bar Association, past president of the Miami-Dade County Trial Lawyers Association, a sub-committee chair in the Florida Bar's Rules of Civil Procedure Committee, former director of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, and a member of the Academy's CLE Committee and Constitutional Challenge Committee. Gonzalez is an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law for the trial skills civil litigation program. He wrote a chapter on "Expert Testimony" in the Lawyers Cooperative Practice Guide, and on "Evidence" in the American Inns of Court Civil Procedure Series. Gonzalez has also written numerous articles on legal issues and is a frequent lecturer for the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, the Miami-Dade County Bar Association and other bar associations.



**MICHAEL J. HIGER** of the North Miami firm of Ress, Mintz & Truppman, P.A., was appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee on Rules and Procedures of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Higer is a commercial litigator who practices in both state and federal courts.



**VIRGINIA EASLEY JOHNSON**, formerly partner and head of the litigation department in the Miami office of Broad and Cassel, and **MICHAEL T. TOMLIN**, JD '89, formerly partner with Otero, Tomlin & Tomlin, announce the formation of Johnson & Tomlin, with offices in Miami. **TODD W. JOHNSON**, JD '85, will also be associated with the firm. Johnson & Tomlin will continue to concentrate its law practice in the area of product liability, professional liability and general liability

defense, as well as the prosecution of False Claims Act matters. Virginia was recently elected to membership in the Miami chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**ALAN L. KERSH** has joined KeyBank's recently formed Key Business Advisory Services Group (KBAS) as senior vice president in its New York office. In his new position, KERSH is providing a focused range of investment banking service, including mergers and acquisitions, dispositions and private placements of debt and equity capital, to middle market companies. He can be reached by e-mail at [alan\\_kersh@keybank.com](mailto:alan_kersh@keybank.com).

**ALEXANDER PENELAS**, Miami-Dade County's mayor, was named America's "sexist politician" in a article with a full-page photo in the Nov. 15, 1999, issue of *People* magazine. In March, the Dade Heritage Trust presented Penelas with its "Building Bridges" award for his role in saving the Miami Circle and his efforts to build bridges between cultures.



**AMY D. RONNER**, law professor at St. Thomas University School of Law, has a new article, "Women Who Dance on the Professional Track: Custody and the Red Shoes," which appears in 23 *Harvard Women's Law Journal* (2000). She recently moderated a panel, "Title VII and the First Amendment: A Collision Course?" for the National Association of Women Judges 21st annual conference. Another recent article, "Punishment Meted Out For Acquittals: An Antitherapeutic Jurisprudence Atrocity," can be found in 41 *Arizona Law Review* (1999).

#### CLASS OF 1986

**JOHN W. PERLOFF** is partner and department head in the Fort Lauderdale law firm of Doumar, Allsworth, Curtis, Cross, Laystrom, Perloff, Voigt, Wachs & MacIver, where his practice is devoted to real estate law, real estate transactions, real estate title and title insurance, mortgage law and construction law. He is board certified in estate law. Along with fellow faculty **NEIL P. LINDEN**, JD '74, and **DONALD J. MURRAY**, JD '69, he was a presenter in "Mastering Real Estate Titles and Title Insurance in Florida," sponsored by the National Business Institute in October 1999. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Fort Lauderdale and are involved in local community organizations.

**BARBARA STEINER WALTON** published a book, "101 Little Instructions for Surviving Your Divorce," by Impact Publishers of San Luis Obispo, Calif. Walton practices family law in Meadville, Pa.

#### CLASS OF 1987

**KAREN H. BROMBERG** practiced commercial litigation with an emphasis on intellectual property disputes for 10 years with the firm of Parker, Duryee, Rosoff & Haft, in New York City.

She recently joined AdvantEdge Television Advertising as general counsel and senior vice president. AdvantEdge is a privately held company that syndicates television commercials around the world. Bromberg resides in Scarsdale.

**BRIAN D. ELIAS** was elected managing partner of the Fowler White law firm last September, where he is a senior member of the firm's securities litigation department.

**JOHN J. FUMERO** was recently appointed general counsel of the South Florida Water Management District and is responsible for providing and managing legal support for the agency. He is a member of the executive council of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar, where he is chair of continuing legal education programs. He is a certified mediator and frequent author/lecturer on water management and environmental issues.

**DAVID M. HUTT** is partner at the law firm of Hutt & Shimanowitz in Woodbridge, N.J. The firm concentrates in areas of real estate, land use and real estate related litigation. He and his wife, Sara, reside in Edison, N.J., and are celebrating the birth of their first child, Daniel Ryan Hutt.

**KIMBERLY TENDRICH** has been named chief legal counsel to A.G. Holley State Hospital in Lantana, Fla. A.G. Holley is the only freestanding tuberculosis sanatorium in the United States, treating the most difficult cases of tuberculosis in Florida. Prior to joining A.G. Holley, Tendrich was chief legal counsel of the Broward County Health Department.

#### CLASS OF 1988

**BRIAN J. FELCOSKI**, formerly of Steel Hector & Davis, LLP, has formed Goldman & Felcoski, P.A., with Robert W. Goldman. Brian will continue his practice in trusts and estate litigation and was recently elected a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. The firm is located in the Colonnade Office Tower, Coral Gables.

**KENNETH ALLAN GOTTLIEB** was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1998. He has been instrumental in the passage of the Foster Care Bill of Rights (1999) and the Holocaust Insurance Act (1998). Gottlieb is a partner in the Hollywood law firm of Gottlieb & Gottlieb.

**ROY KOBERT** was elected president of the Central Florida Bankruptcy Law Association, which serves bankruptcy practitioners in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Brevard counties. Kobert chairs the bankruptcy practice management group for Broad and Cassel and is based in the firm's Orlando office.

**SYLVIA A. KRAININ** is now partner at Adorno & Zeder, in Miami, where she was formerly an associate. She specializes in workers' compensation law.

**CAROL LUMPKIN**, a shareholder in the employment practice group in the Miami



office of Akerman Senterfitt, received honorary recognition from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

(EEOC) for her contributions as an active participant in its technical assistance programs and for her responsibilities as the co-chair of the EEOC advisory board. Lumpkin has represented management in employment matters in state and federal courts and also assisted in developing training programs and employee policies. Lumpkin is an active community leader who does volunteer work for the Children's Home Society, Miami-Dade County's guardian ad litem program and the Junior League of Miami.

**ALIX MICHEL** was elected shareholder in the law firm of Fowler White Burnett Hurley Banick & Strickroot in January 1999.

#### CLASS OF 1989

**BRIAN E. BOMSTEIN** has been appointed vice president and assistant general counsel to Bayview Financial Trading Group, a Miami-based company that provides investment banking services to the mortgage industry and originates commercial loans nationwide. Bayview provides portfolio valuation, hedging strategies and merger/acquisition advice. Bayview also purchases mortgage portfolios and undertakes its own servicing. Offices are in Miami, New York, Washington, Los Angeles and Chicago.

**AMANDA BERLOWE JAFFE** practices in the field of employee benefits and executive compensation in the firm of Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch, with offices in Florham Park, N.J., and Manhattan. She is active in the local community of benefits professionals and has authored or co-authored several articles on benefits issues, including a recent article that appears in the *Journal of Compensation and Benefits*. She lives in Maplewood, N.J., with her husband, Mark, and her son, Ian.



The Honorable **CARROLL J. KELLY** serves as county court judge in Miami-Dade County, presiding over domestic violence, criminal and traffic cases. She is president-elect of the Law Alumni Association.

**MELISSA SMITH LEVINE** and **GLENN LEVINE** (JD '89) announce the birth of their son, Charles, on October 9, 1999, in Washington, D.C.

**TODD S. PAYNE**, along with partner **EDWARD ZEBERSKY**, JD'91, merged with attorney Les Kushner and his staff to form Zebersky, Payne & Kushner, LLP. The firm will be located to new offices in the Presidential Building, 4000 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Fla., 33021, and will encompass the areas of probate, wills, trusts, estate planning and tax matters, along with a continued focus on plaintiff's personal

injury, commercial litigation, corporate and transactional matters.

**ALAN J. PERLMAN** is partner at the law firm of Fowler White Burnett Hurley Banick & Strickroot, in Miami, where he specializes in corporate restructuring and bankruptcy. He was formerly a shareholder at the Miami firm of Schantz Schatzman Aaronson & Perlman.

**SABRINA WEISS ROBINSON** is now partner at the Miami law firm of Adorno & Zeder, where she specializes in commercial litigation. She was formerly an associate at the firm.

#### CLASS OF 1990

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

**WILLIAM A. FOLEY III** (LL.M.—Real Property Development) was certified as a specialist in real property law—residential transactions by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization.

**CELESTE S. HIGGINS** recently became affiliated with UM Law as an adjunct professor teaching trial skills in the Litigation Skills Program. In September, she received an invitation to participate in a program teaching attorneys in Venezuela how to prepare, defend and present cases in an adversarial system as part of revolutionary changes in their constitution. Higgins works in the federal public defender's office in Miami.

**KELLY ANNE LUTHER** is now partner at the Miami firm of Clarke Silvergate Williams & Montgomery, where she was formerly an associate. She specializes in product liability litigation.

#### CLASS OF 1991



**SPENCER ARONFELD**, who has his own litigation firm in Coral Gables, has been seen recently on many news and

magazine programs with stories of his clients' struggles to obtain justice. Some of the more recent airings have been with the "Today" show, "Leeza," "Dateline NBC," "Inside Edition," "Extra," Court TV, as well as Spanish language programs, and Brazilian and German television interviews.

Aronfeld lectured in January at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers seminar in Orlando, where he discussed the cross examination of biomechanical engineers. An article he wrote, "Surviving Solo Practice without Starving," appeared in ATLA's February issue of *Trial Magazine*. He will return to Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College as an instructor from June 14 through July 1.

Two UM Law graduates have recently joined his firm,

MICHELLE WARREN MINSKI, JD '83, and CARRIE D. DAWSON, JD '85.

BRIAN D. BOCK practices labor and employment law at the firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo in its Riverside, Calif., office. The firm also has offices in Cerritos, Pleasanton, Sacramento, San Diego and Solana Beach.

JOHN L. DiMASI practices at Miller, South & DiMasi, P.A., in Winter Park, Fla.

CHRISTOPHER N. FOUNTAS was elected in January 2000 to partnership in the Orlando office of Baker & Hostetler, where he specialized in corporate and securities law since 1991. He also became one of the firm's leading technology associates. In April 2000, Fountas became general counsel for Military Commercial Technologies, Inc. (MILCOM), headquartered in Maitland, Fla. MILCOM is one of the largest defense technology incubators in the United States. It creates and develops companies in the communications field based on proven technology originating from the defense industry.

JOE GARCIA was elected chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission in January 1999. He and his wife, AILEEN UGALDE, JD'91, have a daughter, Gabriela Maria, and reside on Miami Beach.

DAVID L. GLAZER is managing partner of Behar, Gutt & Glazer, P.A., with offices in Aventura and Boca Raton, which he founded in 1991 with classmate, IRA GUTT, JD '91. Glazer heads the elder law, trusts and estates and real estate departments in this six-attorney firm and manages the firm's business affairs. Ira Gutt is national counsel to Dent Wizard International and heads the firm's commercial litigation department.

GARY S. KLEIN and his wife announce the birth of their second child, Noah Michael, born on Dec. 26, 1999. Klein is a partner in the Stanford, Conn., law firm of Sandak Friedman Hennessey & Greco, LLP, and he taught a course on law and the environment to college seniors last semester at Fairfield University.

TERESA J. MOORE is partner in the West Palm Beach office of Greenberg Traurig, where she specializes in environmental and land use law. She was formerly compliance counsel to American Bankers Insurance Group in Miami.

DEBORAH MORDECAI EDWARDS practices at the Miami firm of Edwards & Carstarphen, P.A.

KAREN A. MYATT joined the firm of Young, Berman, Karpf & Gonzalez, in North Miami Beach, as an associate. She was formerly with the Fort Lauderdale firm of Heinrich, Gordon, Hargrove, Weihe & James.

KENNETH L. SCHWARTZ has been elected partner in the New York-based international law firm of Grant, Herrmann, Schwartz & Klinger LLP, where he concentrates on private equity investments, mergers and

acquisitions, and securities transactions involving emerging and established Latin American companies.

Prior to joining the firm, Schwartz was a foreign associate at the Mexican law firm of Bryan Gonzalez Vargas y Gonzalez Baz in Mexico City and Ciudad Juarez, where he concentrated on strategic investments by U.S. multinational corporations in Mexican telecommunications and cable television companies. He met his wife, Maryela, while working in Mexico.

Last summer the couple backpacked to Macchu-Pichu on the Inca Trail in the Andes and traveled by canoe to a remote ecological station in the Peruvian Amazon jungle.

KIMBERLY NOWORYTA SUNNER is shareholder of Gray, Harris & Robinson, P.A., in Orlando, where she concentrates in the areas of real estate transactions and financial institutions and lender representation.

EDWARD H. ZEBERSKY was recently elected to the board of directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. He has been re-appointed chairman of the AFTL Insurance Task Force and has received the Legislative Leadership "Shoe Leather Award" for his efforts throughout the past year. His firm, Zebersky & Payne, LLP, merged with attorney Les Kushner and his staff in January to form Zebersky, Payne & Kushner, LLP. The new firm will be located in the Presidential Building, 4000 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Fla., 33021, and will encompass the areas of probate, wills, trusts, estate planning and tax matters, along with a continued focus on plaintiff's personal injury, commercial litigation, corporate and transactional matters.

#### CLASS OF 1992



ROBERT BIRCH, an associate at the Philadelphia law firm of Mesirov Gelman Jaffe Cramer & Jamieson, LLP,

has been elected to the board of Morris Animal Refuge, one the nation's pioneers in animal welfare. The Refuge provides a full range of preventive, protective and adoption services for abused, neglected and abandoned animals in Center City Philadelphia. Birch is a member of Mesirov Gelman's wealth transfer and tax department and concentrates his practice in the areas of tax and estates. His experience also includes tax planning and compliance, as well as estate planning and administration.

JERRY P. BRODSKY was named partner at Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell, in Fort Lauderdale, where he was formerly an associate at the firm. He specializes in construction, real estate, transportation and commercial litigation.

SCOTT BROOK is partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of the insurance defense firm of Peters, Robertson et al. In 2002, Brook plans to run for the Florida state house. He welcomes e-mail from his classmates: SBrook@PetersRobertson.com.

STEVEN CALAMUSA was elected president of the Palm Beach County of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the national organization dedicated to stopping drunk driving, supporting victims of this violent crime, and preventing underage drinking. Calamusa is a trial attorney with the West Palm Beach office of Davis, Gordon & Doner, where he practices in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death, medical negligence, and product liability.

TAMARA CARMICHAEL is now partner at the Miami office of Broad and Cassel, where she was formerly an associate. She specializes in intellectual property, commercial litigation and dispute resolution.

JUAN A. FARACH and his wife became the proud parents of John Lucas Farach, born April 19, 1999. Since graduation, Farach has been with the firm of Hughes Hubbard & Reed, in Miami, where he most recently has concentrated on construction litigation matters.

MARTIN MOSS FREEMAN (LL.M.—Taxation) was awarded the bronze medal by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for his work on the President's Lands Legacy Initiative and reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act. Freeman serves as attorney advisor in the NOAA's Office of the General Counsel and resides in Silver Spring, Md. The bronze medal is the highest honorary award given by the NOAA, an agency of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

BROOKE FRIED is assistant general counsel at the University of Miami.

ERIC S. KLEINMAN is partner in the Miami firm of Adorno & Zeder, where he was formerly an associate. He specializes in commercial litigation.

TODD F. KOBRIN became a partner in the Orlando office of Holland & Knight, LLP, concentrating his practice in commercial, construction, and real property litigation. He and his wife, Mary Beth, have two children, Joshua, born in December 1996, and William, born in October 1998.

ANTHONY M. LAWHON recently became a shareholder in the law firm of Parrish, White, Lawhon & Moore, P.A., where he continues to concentrate his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and appellate practice. The firm is in its new office located in Naples, Fla.

FLEUR J. LOBREE serves as an attorney with the Third District Court of Appeal in Miami.



JOHN CYRIL MALLOY, III recently prevailed in a federal trademark case that was followed by local and national media.

He successfully defended SeaEscape Casino Cruises' use of the slogan, "SeaEscape to a Ship Full of Fun," defeating Carnival Cruise Lines and its broad claim of "Fun" trademark rights based on the "Fun Ships" mark and

others. Malloy is a litigation partner with the intellectual property firm of Malloy & Malloy, P.A., in Miami. He and his wife, Christina, are also pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Katelyn Christina, on Oct. 13, 1999.

GREGORY MAYBACK joined the Hollywood, Fla., law firm of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., specializing in patent, trademark and copyright law and computer law. He has recently been appointed as executive vice president of the Patent Law Association of South Florida.

SCOT PATRICK O'BRIEN is partner in the Miami office of Akerman Senterfitt, where he practices corporate and securities law. He was formerly an associate with the firm's corporate practice group and an associate with the Miami office of Broad and Cassel.

JOHN M. QUARANTA is partner at the Miami firm of Rodriguez and Angelo, where he specializes in commercial litigation. He was formerly a senior associate at Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Demaria & Tague.

JEFF SPIGEL was married to Chrissy Havens on June 26, 1999, in Nashville, Tenn., and they traveled through France for their honeymoon. Spigel practices at the Washington, D.C., office of Atlanta's King & Spalding and specializes in the area of antitrust law. He recently won, along with several other plaintiffs' attorneys, a \$28 million antitrust verdict against a national heating company.



OLIVER WRAGG opened his own trial and litigation practice in Miami last fall, where he specializes in personal injury, product liability, commercial litigation and the education of children with mental disabilities.

ANDRE J. ZAMORANO joined the Miami office of the Washington, D.C., firm of Verner Lipfert Bernhard McPherson and Hand as an associate in the firm's litigation department. He was formerly an associate at Shutts & Bowen, LLP.

#### CLASS OF 1993

JULIE BRAMAN KANE is now partner at the Miami firm of Colson Hicks Eidson Colson Matthews Martinez Mendoza Kalbac & Kane, where she was formerly an associate. She specializes in product liability, medical malpractice and general personal injury litigation.

SARAH B. CLASBY is partner in the Miami law firm of Hector & Harke, LLP. The firm specializes in commercial litigation, product liability, securities, business torts, insurance defense and general liability.

ANNE MARIE ESTEVEZ is now partner at the Miami office of Steel Hector & Davis, LLP, where she was formerly an associate. She specializes in litigation, employment, labor and admiralty.

DONALD O. JOHNSON, an associate in the litigation department in the Washington,

D.C., office of McKenna & Cunico, LLP, recently earned an LL.M. in trial advocacy at Temple University School of Law. He concentrates in the area of commerce litigation and is currently representing policyholders in Y2K insurance recovery cases. He resides in Silver Spring, Md.

HARRIS B. KATZ practices at the Miami Beach office of Grover, Weinstein & Trop, P.A. The firm also has an office in Naples.

GARY M. MURPHREE is partner at the Miami law firm of Ferrell Schultz Carter & Fertel, where he specializes in bankruptcy law. He was formerly partner with Coll Davidson Carter Smith Salter & Barkett.

RAYMOND M. RANELLUCCI is a financial advisor in the Brickell office of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

#### CLASS OF 1994

JEFFREY S. BAILEY became associate general counsel for Del Monte Fresh Produce Company, one of the world's largest producers and marketers of fresh fruit. Prior to his recent move, he was a senior associate at the law firm of Akerman Senterfitt.

PETER J. BEDARD has joined the Chicago office of Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kamholz in the firm's general litigation practice. Bedard handles all aspects of complex construction and commercial litigation, including mechanic's lien and surety claim enforcement. Prior to joining Vedder Price, he was an associate with Levinson, Murray & Jensen, P.C., in Chicago. Vedder Price is a full-service law firm with approximately 180 attorneys in Chicago and New York City.

BRIAN H. BIEBER specializes in deceptive trade practices at the firm of Joel Hirschhorn, P.A., in Coral Gables, and has become a partner in the firm that is now known as Hirschhorn & Bieber, P.A.

JONATHAN FRIEDLAND has been an associate for the last five years in the Miami firm of Merl, Burstyn & Associates, P.A., a plaintiff's personal injury/medical malpractice law firm. He and his wife, Nicole, a media relations consultant at the University of Miami, reside in Pinecrest. Friedland completed the 1998 Ironman Triathlon (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run).

JOACHIM HOFMANN (LL.M.—Comparative Law) joined Novartis AG in Basel, Switzerland, where he specializes in trademark law. He resides in Loerrach, Germany.



MARK LIEBLICH, a real estate attorney in the Orlando office of Baker & Hostetler, LLP, has been elected to the board of

directors of the Central Florida chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP). Baker and Hostetler, with approximately 500 lawyers, is among the nation's largest law firms, with offices in

Orlando, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Houston, Beverly Hills, Long Beach, Los Angeles and Washington.

STEVEN R. LEVINE continues teaching his ever-popular course at UM Law—Violent Crime and Lawyering Workshop, and he practices at the Hollywood, Fla., law firm of Lekach Kutzner & Ansel.

DAVID E. LURIE joined Zurich, US, a member of the Zurich Financial Services Group, as professional liability claims counsel in the New York, N.Y., specialties home office, where he concentrates in architects and engineers professional liability. He was previously associated with Bruce Somerstein & Associates in New York, N.Y. He resides in Forest Hills, N.Y.

LESTER J. PERLING was elected partner, effective in January of this year, at the Fort Lauderdale office of Broad and Cassel, where he practices health law, representing all types of health care providers and concentrating in health care fraud and abuse, regulation and government reimbursement. He was formerly an associate with the firm and a hospital administrator for 10 years before becoming an attorney. He resides in Hollywood.

IAN M. SIROTA and his wife, Stacy, became proud parents of a baby boy, Randy Nathaniel Sirota, born March 27, 1999. Sirota practices at the Westmont, N.J., office of Margolis Edelstein, and he resides in Mt. Laurel, N.J. He would enjoy hearing from fellow UM Law alumni, by telephone, 856-869-6704, or e-mail: isirota@margolisedelstein.com.

SARAH STEINBAUM opened her own firm, Sarah Steinbaum, P.A., across from the Miami-Dade County courthouse in Miami.

ERIC ZIMMELMAN continues to publish his guides to collegiate cities (Boston, Miami, and Orlando), and he has begun a new project: the dissemination of discount card mailers in residential markets. He and his wife, Nicole, reside in Coconut Grove.

#### CLASS OF 1995

The Class of 1995 will hold its 5th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

COREY B. COLLINS is associated with the Miami office of Carlton Fields.

ROBERT S. M. GORMAN has joined the New York office of the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, where he practices in all areas of intellectual property law, with a primary emphasis on high technology patents, particularly regarding electrical and computer-related inventions. Prior to joining the firm, Gorman was associated with the law firm of Hedman, Gibson & Costigan, P.C., in New York. Fulbright & Jaworski was established in Houston in 1919 and has more than 670 attorneys in its Austin,

Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Antonio, Washington, Hong Kong and London offices.

ROBERT S. GROSSMAN recently opened his own firm at 666 Old Country Road, Garden City, N.Y., where he specializes in commercial litigation, real estate, estate planning and estate administration. He would enjoy hearing from his UM Law colleagues by telephone, 516-745-1700, fax, 516-745-1715, or e-mail, RSGPCNY@AOL.COM.

MAITRI "MIKE" KLINKOSUM is an associate with the law firm of Vannoy, Colvard, Triplett & Vannoy, PLLC, in North Wilkesboro, N.C., practicing in the areas of plaintiff's litigation and domestic relations. Klinkosum returned to North Carolina after practicing for two years as an assistant public defender in Cook County (Chicago), Ill. Before assuming his current position, Klinkosum practiced with the North Carolina firm of Willardson, Lipscomb & Beal, LLP, in the areas of insurance defense, subrogation, and criminal defense.

PAUL MARTIN is practicing insurance defense and aviation law in Memphis, Tenn. He recently published an article on legal liability in the August 1999 issue of *Plane and Pilot* magazine.

JASON S. MILLER is now associated with the Miami firm of Josephs, Jack & Gaebe, P.A.

MARK D. PASSLER joined the West Palm Beach office of Quarles & Brady, LLP, where he concentrates on patent, trademark, copyright and licensing law. Before joining Quarles & Brady, Passler worked as an attorney in the U.S. Air Force's Electronics Systems Center in Boston and as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Massachusetts. Quarles & Brady is a full-service law firm with 350 attorneys practicing in West Palm Beach, Naples, Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and Phoenix.



ROY L. WIENFELD joined Philips & Folland, in Miami Beach, as litigation counsel, where he concentrates in real

estate, commercial and creditors' rights litigation. The firm was established by UM Law alumni, DAVID A. PHILIPS, JD '98, and CHRISTIAN FOLLAND (LL.M. '98—Real Property & Development), and concentrates in the areas of real estate and corporate law.

#### CLASS OF 1996

JOYCE ACKERBAUM COX is an associate in the Orlando office of Akerman Senterfitt & Eidson. Since graduating from UM Law, she has practiced primarily in the field of labor and employment law, and she resides in Orlando with her husband, Matt.

SHEILA L. CHAMBERLAIN serves as chief of staff for Monroe County for Florida Senator DARYL L. JONES, JD '87.

STEVEN COHEN lives in Los Angeles and works as director of

business and legal affairs for USA Broadcasting, where he runs the west coast business and legal affairs department, overseeing production, programming and broadcast operations legal and business concerns. He was formerly with Polygram/Universal television, and he resides in Woodland Hills, Calif.

WILLIAM J. DENIUS is an associate with Gray, Harris & Robinson, P.A., in the firm's Melbourne, Fla., office. The firm also has offices in Orlando and Tallahassee. He previously served as a public defender for the 18th judicial circuit of Florida.

CHRISTOPHER R. ECK is director of the Division of Historic Preservation for Miami-Dade County. Both prior to attending UM Law and afterwards, he worked as an archeologist and historian, and he now oversees the management and designation of countywide historical and archeological sites, including the renowned "Miami Circle." In the Spring 1999 semester, he taught a course at UM Law: Introduction to Historic Preservation Law, and he recently authored an article in *Preservation Today*, "A Primer on Historic Preservation Incentives in Miami-Dade County." He resides with his wife, Tracy, in Fort Lauderdale.

DONNA K. KNAPTON recently published an article in *The Young Lawyer*, a publication of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, entitled, "Watch Your Head: Practical Strategies for Working with and Responding to Attorney Placement Services." Knapp is an enforcement attorney with the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., and she resides in Arlington, Va.

GARY LEIBOWITZ is an associate in the Baltimore office of Saul, Ewing, Weinberg & Green, where he practices in the litigation department, focusing on commercial litigation. The longtime Baltimore firm of Weinberg & Green recently merged with Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul in order to form the new mid-Atlantic regional firm, consisting of more than 225 attorneys, with offices in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Princeton, Wilmington, Harrisburg and Berwyn. Leibowitz lives in Baltimore.

STEVE MELOCOWSKY practices juvenile law outside of Hartford, Conn., and is the proud brother of MICHAEL MELOCOWSKY, graduating with the Class of 2000.

SPENCER G. MORGAN joined the Miami-based firm of Cohen Berke Bernstein Brodie & Kondell as an associate, where he will practice civil litigation.

ELIZABETH NEVINS practices criminal defense at Bridgeman, Morkin & Shapiro in Fountain Valley (Orange County), Calif.

TOMAS A. PILA has his own firm, Pila & Associates, located in the Roads section of Miami.

JEFFREY T. ROBERTS practices both criminal defense and civil litigation in the Jeff Roberts Law Firm in Newport Beach, Calif. He maintains contact with many

UM Law alumni in southern California.

ADAM M. SCHENCK co-authored the "Pre-Mortem Estate Planning Checklist," published by the ALI-ABA Committee on Professional Education. This is a single resource containing over 3,000 individual checklist items and hundreds of citations to cases, the Internal Revenue Code sections and regulations, and secondary sources to help answer tough questions. The entire "Checklist" is also on CD-ROM, which allows estate planners to search for key issues and terms and to adopt the "Checklist" to each client's situation. Schenck is an attorney in the Law Offices of Edward S. Schlesinger, P.C., in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

ANNA SELDEN works for a private firm in Washington, where she does automated litigation support for the Department of Justice. She resides in Arlington.

TRACY L. SMITH, after three years as program planning attorney in the continuing legal education department at Georgetown University Law Center has made a move. Still in Washington, D.C., she is now a grievance attorney at the American Foreign Service Association, the labor/management union for foreign service employees.

#### CLASS OF 1997

HENRIK ADAMSEN (LL.M.—Comparative Law) has begun as an associate with the law firm of Bertel Rasmussen & Fialin, a member of the Advodan Society of law firms which is a loose association of about 50 law firms throughout Denmark. Adamsen's main area of work is general practice, including litigation, corporate and private law, and also sports and international law. He resides in Svendborg, Denmark.

CHRISTINE L. AGNEW recently joined the Houston office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP, where she practices in the tax department, focusing on corporate and partnership tax issues.

DONNA BOSTIC WARD is an associate in the litigation department of Baker & Hostetler and resides in Missouri City, Tex.

STEPHEN L. COHEN joined the U.S. Department of Justice as a trial attorney in Washington, D.C., last year. He spent the previous year as a law clerk for the Honorable Ursula Ungaro-Benages in the Southern District of Florida. Cohen resides in Washington.

ROBERT S. DONALDSON left the business world in January 1999 after 25 years to pursue a long-term goal of practicing as an attorney. He practices corporate law, municipal law, and civil and criminal defense in the Hollidaysburg, Pa., law firm of Evey, Rutch, Black, Dorezas, Magee & Levine, LLP.

LISA FLETCHER KEMP has her own practice in Coral Gables.

SABIHA GHOGHAWALA is primarily involved in drafting and negotiating licensing agreements

and other corporate contractual matters as an in-house contracts attorney at Portal Software, Inc., in Cupertino, Calif. She resides in Santa Clara.

JUDD A. GILEFSKY works as a tax consultant at the Los Angeles office of Arthur Andersen, LLP, and he resides in Hermosa Beach.

IAN HOCHMAN married Katherine Ardan Hochman, a 1999 UM Medical School graduate, on May 29, 1999. After completing a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Lacey A. Collier in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, he is now a third-year associate in the litigation department at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York City, where the couple also resides.

MICHAEL P. INDERBITZIN (LL.M. in Comparative Law) has joined the corporate finance department of Shearman & Sterling in New York.



H. JOHN RIZVI practices patent, trademark and copyright law as a litigation associate with Fish & Neave in New York City.

Founded in 1878, Fish & Neave has 170 attorneys, who practice exclusively in the area of intellectual property. The firm's history of protecting innovative technology includes patenting of the Wright Brothers' airplane, Thomas Edison's light bulb, and Henry Ford's Motel "T." Rizvi was recently married to Saba Zehra, a dentist with Bronx-Lebanon Hospital in New York, and he would love to hear from his classmates by telephone, 212-596-9012, or e-mail, Hrizvi@FishNeave.com. John and Saba reside in Clifton, N.J.

BRANDON A. ROTBART practices at the Law Offices of Alan E. Weinstein, in Miami Beach.

JOSE SAUD serves as trade developer with the Trade Mission Center of the Americas through the office of the mayor of Miami-Dade County.

LARRY A. SCHWARTZ recently moved to Los Angeles and began working at Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard, LLP, a full-service law firm with more than 200 attorneys in six offices throughout California, where he practices in the areas of construction defense and professional liability defense. Prior to joining the firm, Schwartz was an associate at Allison & Roberts, P.A., in Miami. He is licensed to practice in both Florida and California.

DAVID M. SCOTT recently joined the law firm of McAlpin & Brais, P.A., in Miami, where he continues to practice in the area of admiralty and maritime insurance defense. He is also active in the guardian ad litem program as an advocate for dependent children at the appellate level. David and his wife, Josephine, recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. They live in South Miami.

**CARL-CHRISTIAN THEIR** (LL.M.—Comparative Law) was elected president of the German American Commerce Council of Central Florida. He is of counsel with the law firm of Hendry, Stoner, Sawicki & Brown, P.A., in Orlando, where he specializes in international business law. He is licensed to practice in Germany and in New York.

**SUSIE WEISENBERG** is an associate in the environmental litigation and regulatory practice group at Haight, Brown & Bonesteel, LLP, in Santa Monica, Calif. She and **JUDD GILEFSKY** (JD '97) were recently engaged. They live in Hermosa Beach.

**AFSHIN YAZDIAN** was named vice president of business development, mergers and acquisitions with eConception, a growing venture capital firm. Yazdian began his career with Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, Nashville's largest law firm, in the firm's corporate, securities and e-business group. His new responsibilities at eConception include assisting with the development of the incubated companies and the coordination of all acquisition activity relating to eConception and the incubated companies. He resides in Nashville, Tenn.

#### CLASS OF 1998

**STEPHEN R. ASTLEY** is a JAGC attorney with the United States Navy. He currently lives in Honolulu, where he specializes in criminal defense.

**SHELDON BLUMLING** is an associate with the Atlanta office of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, practicing in the area of ERISA/employee benefits.

**J. ANTHONY BRADLEY** (LL.M.—Taxation) is an associate with Glankler Brown, PLLC, in Memphis, Tenn., where he practices in the areas of corporate and estate tax.

**CARLOS I. CARDELLE** is a staff attorney with Lan Chile, at its office located at Miami International Airport.

**SARAH (LANZETTI) COE** was appointed to a position in the office of the general counsel at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

**GERALD S. DUTY** is an associate with the Miami law firm of Whisenand & Turney, P.A., which specializes in international business transactions, finance and banking. He resides in Coral Gables.

**JULIAN T. KEMP** is a legal specialist with the fair employment practices division in the office of the county manager for Miami-Dade County.

**JORGE A. LOPEZ** is a judicial law clerk for Justice Harry Lee Anstead at the Supreme Court of Florida. Upon completion of his clerkship, he will join the Miami office of Akerman Senterfitt, P.A., practicing in the litigation department. He currently resides in Tallahassee.

**JOEL McTAGUE** joined the firm of Hackney Miller, P.A., in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., where he practices corporate, securities, tax law and technology law. He

resides in Boca Raton. McTague is also pursuing his doctorate of business administration in finance at Nova Southeastern University.

**REINCE R. PRIEBUS** is an associate at Michael Best & Friedrich in Milwaukee, where he works in the business/corporate litigation practice area. The firm has more than 230 attorneys in offices in Milwaukee, Chicago, and Madison, practicing as a full-service business/corporate law firm. He and his wife, Sally, live in Racine, Wisc.

**JOEL ROSE** serves as an assistant general counsel to the Edison Project, the nation's largest private manager of public schools, located in New York City.



**JOHN P. RUTLEDGE** was admitted to the California Bar in November 1999 and is chief counsel to a publishing firm, Dead End Street Publications, LLC, based in Hoquiam, Wash. He negotiates author, distribution and advertising agreements and secures the first round of external financing. He resides in Playa del Rey, Calif.

**BRIAN L. SMITH** has joined the Orlando office of Adams, Hill, Reis, Adams, Hall & Shieffelin as an associate. The firm is a general litigation law firm involved in virtually all areas of civil litigation, with concentrations in medical malpractice defense, medical staff litigation, antitrust, health care law, product liability and general liability.

**RICHARD L. STEINBERG** continues to serve the people of South Florida as an attorney and as a volunteer in the community. He is a member of the board of directors of the Miami-Dade County Bar Association, a member of the Mt. Sinai Hospital Young Presidents, and a Big Brother with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Miami.

**BERT E. UEBELE, IV** is associated with Glick & Retamar in Boca Raton, Fla.

#### CLASS OF 1999

**JOHN ALBERT** is assistant state attorney in the 18th Judicial Circuit in Viera, Fla., and he resides in Merritt Island.



**STEPHANIE L. BANDY** is an associate at the Miami office of Walton, Lantaff, Schroeder & Carson, P.A., and she resides also in Miami.

**KRISTI J. BOMAR** represents domestic violence victims at Bay Area Legal Services, Inc., in New Port Richey, Fla. She resides in Tampa.

**STEVEN K. BRUMER** is an associate at the Miami firm of Hightower & Rudd, P.A., and he lives in Coral Gables.

**JEFFREY W. BUTCHER** is an associate at the Coral Gables law firm of Pearson & Mayer, P.A.

**MICHAEL J. CIACCIO** is an associate in the New York firm of Proskauer Rose, LLP, and he lives in Mineola, N.Y.

**HAROLD "HAL" DAVIS** joined Arter & Hadden, LLP, as an associate in the firm's Washington, D.C., office, where he practices in the labor and employment group. Established in 1843, Arter & Hadden has offices in Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio; Austin, Dallas and San Antonio, Tex.; Irvine, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco and Woodland Hills, Calif.; and Washington, D.C.

**EDUARDO de la CRUZ-MUNOZ** is an associate in the Miami civil litigation firm of Mario Tacher & Associates, P.A.

**MARLENE A. FERNANDEZ** is an associate in the Miami office of White & Case, LLP.

**DANA FOSTER** is an associate in the Miami office of White & Case, LLP.

**RICHARD FOWLER** practices at the law firm of Behar, Gutt & Glazer, P.A., in Aventura.

**LISA HALPERN** is an associate in the New York law firm of Spielman & Kassimir, P.C., and she also resides in Manhattan.

**KEITH JARET** is a conversion administrator with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Jersey City, N.J. He resides in Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

**DAVID A. JOGOLINZER** is an associate in the civil litigation firm of Ferraro & Associates, P.A. He resides on Miami Beach.

**SAGI KFIR** practices in the Miami law firm of Avania Bondklayder, Blackwell & Baumgarten, and he lives in Aventura.

**JANET SANDRA KREDI** is a senior associate with Arthur Andersen, LLP, in Miami, which provides tax and legal advisory services.

**RYAN KROIZ** is an associate tax consultant with PriceWaterhouse Coopers in New York, and he resides in Manhattan.

**RYAN KUHL** is a deputy county attorney in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Phoenix, Ariz.

**NIKKI B. LEWIS** is practicing with the media law group at the Miami office of Steel Hector & Davis, LLP. She also practices general commercial litigation. She resides in Miami and is a member of Glendale Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond Heights.

**MARILEN MARNETT** practices intellectual property law as an associate in the Miami law firm of Robert M. Schwartz, P.A.

**SCOTT McKAY** practices at the Miami law firm of Campbell & Denes, where he was the senior law clerk for two years. McKay's areas of practice include class action litigation, commercial litigation, personal injury, disability insurance and other forms of civil law at the trial and appellate level.

**RENAE MELZER** is an associate in the Miami office of Gunster, Yoakley, Valdes Fauli & Stewart and resides on Miami Beach. She has published numerous articles in the Florida Bar Journal and the New York Law Journal.

**ALISON SMALLOW MIRER** and **MICHAEL MIRER** (JD'97) were married on Oct. 16, 1999, and reside in Aventura. She practices in the areas of personal injury and workers' compensation in the Law Offices of George Z. Goldberg in Miami.

**STEPHEN J. PADULA** is an associate in the Law Offices of Mark R. Osherow, P.A., in Boca Raton, where he also resides.

**AMALIA PAPADIMITRIOU** is a legal associate at International Corporation in Fort Lauderdale. She also resides in Fort Lauderdale.

**CHRISTIAN PETRIC** is a litigation associate in the West Palm Beach law firm of Conroy, Simberg & Ganon. He resides in Jupiter.

**ROBERT D. RIGHTMEYER** is an associate at Cole, White & Billbrough, in Miami. He lives in Pembroke Pines.

**PATRICE ROBINET** joined Greenberg Traurig, P.A., in its Miami office, where she is an associate in the international corporate group.

**THOMAS ROONEY** and **TAR LOMBARDI** (JD '99) were married on Sept. 11, 1999. Both practice with the U.S. Army JAG Corps.

**AMY SALSBERG** is a litigation associate in the Fort Lauderdale office of Ruden McClosky. She resides in Plantation.

**DANIEL S. SCHNEIDER**, after spending the last year in Seattle, has moved to the Los Angeles firm of Howarth and Smith, concentrating in civil litigation, both plaintiff and defense work.

**THOMAS SCOLARO** is an associate at Leesfield, Leighton, Rubio & Mahfood in Miami.

**RUSSELL W. SINNETT** is a litigation attorney at the Cheyenne, Wyo., law firm of

Ross, Ross & Santini, LLC, a general law practice concentrating in torts, personal injury, contracts, divorce and wills. He lives in Cheyenne. Classmates are encouraged to catch up on his personal news at his website: <http://www.russellnet.com>

**CLAIRE P. SUBRAN** is working with issues involving insurance defense with **VIVIAN CHOU**, JD '92, in Miami.



**MARK ALAN SYLVESTER** is an associate with the Miami law firm of Leesfield, Leighton, Rubio & Mahfood, P.A., a civil litigation

firm specializing in wrongful death, personal injury, medical malpractice, and class action litigation. He resides in Miami.

**THOMAS TEDESCO, JR.** is an estate and financial specialist with the Barrett Company, Inc., in Pompano Beach. He resides in Plantation.

**JOHN L. URBAN** joined the Miami office of Martens Dunaj Marlowe Davis & Marlowe as an associate attorney. The firm has offices in Miami and Tampa Bay and practices in the commercial litigation, corporate defense, employment law, creditors' rights, construction law, and computer law areas. Urban resides in Davie.

**ANDREA Y. WANG** works as a staff attorney at Watchtower, a human rights and civil rights organization based in Patterson, N.Y.

#### CLASS OF 2000— CURRENT GRADUATES

**REY CASTELLANOS** has been serving as legislative assistant to Florida Senator Mario Diaz-Balart, District 37, in both the Miami and Tallahassee offices.

**BRIAN CHESLACK** and his wife announce the birth of their third child, Kai Gregory, born on May 3, 2000.

**PETER J. IACONO** will begin work in August 2000 with the Naples office of Quarles & Brady.



Three of the five attorneys in the law offices of Frederick C. Kramer, of Marco Island, Fla., are alumni of UM Law. From left, are Beth Woods, Class of 1998; Frederick Kramer, 1977; and Ashley Lupo, 1998. The firm has a general practice, including trial work in state and federal court, with a specialty in employment law. It also handles transactional work, including real estate, estate planning, and probate.

DANIEL W. MATLOW has accepted an associate position at Vezina, Lawrence & Piscitelli, a Fort Lauderdale boutique firm specializing in construction litigation.

JEFF PIROOZSHAD is a national bowling champion. On April 26, 2000, he competed in the inner-collegiate bowling championship in Wichita, Kan., representing the University of Miami. He was named to the All American first team of the National Collegiate Bowlers Coaches Association. Pirozshad also attained the highest point total for 1999-2000 and was named a most valuable player.

BLANCA SORDO, a December 1999 graduate, practices with the Law Offices of Stuart A. Goldstein, located in Kendall.

**CLASS OF 2001—RISING  
THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS**

DAVID BOLEN has been writing short stories for seven years. His latest, "Radio," is available through HotRead—quality literature for discerning readers—at <http://www.hotread.com>. Bolen has lived in 14 states in his 31 years and is currently a second-year student at UM Law. Some of his poems and stories have been selected as final entries in literary contests, and he is awaiting judgment.

EARLENE C. CROSSLEY has been awarded the Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton scholarship from the Litigation Skills program. Established in 1995 by one of Miami's leading law firms, the third-year full scholarship is awarded to a second-year minority student with a strong interest in trial advocacy.

APRIL H. GROMNICKI has been awarded professional recognition as senior program officer for the National Audubon Society for her work in the Everglades restoration projects. In January 1999, she was awarded the Everglades Coalition Award for Dedication and Service, and in December 1998 she received the Audubon Society ACE Award for Team Achievement.

BRANT HADAWAY received the Soia Mentschikoff Award for excellence in scholarly writing bestowed by his fellow law review members. Hadaway also was on the winning team in the spring advanced moot court competition, winning the award for best oralist. He will represent UM Law on the national moot court team next fall.

LEIGH MACDONALD interned during the summer for the Honorable Edward B. Davis, chief district judge for the Southern District of Florida.

DEMETRIO PEREZ reports: "One of the best kept secrets at UM Law is the Judicial Process Seminar taught by U.S. Senior District Court Judge William M. Hoeverler. Besides covering the issues associated with the course's title, students are treated to listening to one of the most respected jurists in America. Judge Hoeverler's treasure trove of anecdotes, both as a noted attorney and as a federal judge, make the class entertaining. However, it is the judge's vast knowledge of our legal system and his more than half-century of experience that make the class discussions lively and provide keen insights to the law. To top it all off, one may even get to talk with Hugo Black, Jr., son of the late Supreme Court justice, who sometimes fills in for Judge Hoeverler. Another invaluable aspect of the program is the 'requirement' that students accept being assigned to intern with a federal or state court judge during the spring semester. I was fortunate enough to spend this past spring semester working in Judge Hoeverler's chambers. Working together with the judge, his clerks and with other judges and their clerks is an experience without parallel. Spending an entire semester intimately involved in the decision-making process of the federal

judicial system is nothing short of incredible. Anyone who is considering applying for a federal judicial clerkship would be wise to take this course, as it allows one to 'test-drive' one's intended employment goal before making a long-term commitment. More than that, though, the best intangible of this seminar is the opportunity to get to know a man who has devoted his life to honoring our Constitution and has distinguished himself both as a person and as a professional."

EDWARD J. ROGERS is a retired college professor with his doctorate who is also completing his Juris Doctor requirements with the assistance of a wheelchair. He would like to know how disabled graduates are doing, and he welcomes calls on the weekends at 561-336-7250.

BART WHITLEY, an evening division student, won the best oralist award in the IL moot court competition during the Spring 1999 semester.

**CLASS OF 2002—RISING  
SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS**

JULIO W. VALDIVIESO will be entering Officer Candidate School for the U.S. Marine Corps this summer. Upon completion of the intensive 10-week program, he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marines, under the Judge Advocate General program.

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From all reports, the most avidly read section of the *Barrister* (for both the printed and the Web site versions) is "Class Notes." The Law School's more than 14,000 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing—about the awards they've received, high-profile cases they've won, law firms or cities they have moved to, pro bono activities they have undertaken, spouses they have married, etc.

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