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# Message from the Dean

I hope you were able to join us at the Florida Bar Annual Meeting for our alumni reception on June 20, 2002, honoring new Florida Bar President Tod Aronovitz (JD '74), and President-elect and UM Law adjunct professor Myles A. McGrane. The reception also honored new alumni members of the board of governors: Frank Angones (JD '76), Jerald Beer (JD '80), Ian Comisky (JD '84), Ervin Gonzalez (JD '85), Don Horn (JD '82), Sharon Langer (JD '79), Henry Latimer (JD '73), Andrew Needle (JD '77), and Arthur Rice (JD '76). Our incoming LAA President Lew Freeman (JD '74) welcomed our guests and described his ambitious vision for our alumni association. You can learn more about Lew's plans and goals in his letter to alumni in this *Barrister*.

At the ceremony for swearing in new board members, new President Tod Aronovitz spoke movingly about the inspiration of his family, his father, the late U.S. District Judge Sidney M. Aronovitz, and his upbringing in a home where the law was revered and the tradition of service to the community was instilled. Using a sophisticated computer presentation and video, he launched the Florida Bar's new initiative titled "Dignity in Law," which you will learn more about in this *Barrister*. Tod reminded us of our honorable mission as lawyers and enlisted our help in getting the word out about all the good that lawyers do.

We congratulate Tod Aronovitz and all our alumni; we are proud of them, and we look forward to the inspiration which their leadership will provide.

Also in this *Barrister*, you will learn about our 2002 graduating class, one of



the strongest our Law School has produced. Our new alumni—339 J.D.s; 4 joint J.D./M.B.A.s; and 86 LL.M.s, 36 of whom hail from 20 foreign countries—join a long tradition of professional leadership and achievement by our graduates. We welcome them to our Law School family and look to them as the future of our school and our profession.

It is my sad duty to report the recent passing of retired Prof. Tom Wills and the unexpected loss of Mayer Leiter, who graduated in May 2002. Memorial services were held on campus for their families and friends, to whom we extend sincere condolences.

Please join me in extending a warm "welcome home" to Georgina Angones, who is returning to the Law School as our assistant dean for development. After taking a well-deserved break to get her son off to college (Columbia, Class of 2005), Georgie is back at the helm of our fund-raising initiatives. She will manage all alumni giving, from the Annual Fund to special appeals and scholarship campaigns. When you are on campus, please stop by her office at C320 to say hello and sign up to help your alma mater.



Georgina Angones  
Assistant Dean, Law Development and  
Alumni Relations

Our Law School faculty welcomes several fine new members, whose scholarship and accomplishments are detailed in this *Barrister*. We have an exciting 2002-03 season planned for alumni, friends, students and faculty, and I hope to see you at upcoming events. Mark your calendars now for UM Homecoming Weekend, October 11-13, 2002, and watch for announcements of special law alumni reunion events. I am pleased to announce that our new law class entering in August 2002 is one of our strongest yet, with more than half the students coming from outside Florida. Applications to the Law School are up by 28% over last year and up 55% over the 2000 entering class. This upward trend of applications allows us to select students with the best scholastic credentials and highest academic potential. I look forward to welcoming this outstanding class on campus this fall. These talented students will be fine additions to our Law School community.

As always, the success and national recognition of your alma mater depend upon you—your energy and enthusiasm, your dedication, your participation, and your support. Your school's greatest need is scholarship funds to attract and help support students of outstanding qualifications and limited financial resources. All gifts are welcome and every gift counts.

Attached to this publication is an envelope for your pledge or gift to help the Law School. Please designate your area of greatest interest at the Law School and drop the postage-paid envelope in the mail. We thank you for your support—and I look forward to seeing each of you on campus, at alumni events, and throughout the community.

Dennis O. Lynch  
Dean



# SBA Gets It Down in Writing

When he was tapped last year for membership in Iron Arrow, the University of Miami honor society, Jeff Cazeau realized that there was a real need to put together a written history of UM Law and its Student Bar Association (SBA).

“One of the requirements for joining Iron Arrow was to read about the University’s history; that’s when I realized how little has been written about the Law School, especially from a student leadership perspective,” noted Cazeau, who was SBA president for the 2001-02 academic year.

“We have a strong oral tradition, and most of the SBA presidents tend to know and keep in touch with their predecessors and successors, at least the ones close to them in years,” he said. “I was aware that many well-known judges, attorneys and politicians are former SBA officers; however, very little had been written down, at least in one place.”

To help rectify the problem, Cazeau put together an SBA History Committee, which included himself; Eugene Cheatham, Jr.; Elizabeth Blanco, JD ’02; and Associate Dean of Students William VanderWyden, JD ’84. “We also got a lot of help from Don West, who was SBA president in 1999-00 and, unbeknownst to me, had gathered information for a similar project,” Cazeau said.

Searching through old copies of University and Law School yearbooks, *Barristers*, and other publications, the committee put together a chronology of student government milestones that now appears on UM Law’s Web site at <http://currentstudents.law.miami.edu/sba>.

Included in their findings are such highlights as:

- From the School’s beginning in 1926 until 1958, UM Law’s student governance was tied to the University-wide Student Body Government (SBG), which has also been known as the Student Council.
- Besides having its own representatives in the SBG, the Law School also had spe-



Jeff P. Cazeau, 2001-02 SBA president, at reception unveiling the presidents plaque.



Carroll Kelly, 2001-02 Law Alumni Associate president and 1988-89 SBA president



Jennifer Christiansen, senior associate justice, SBA Supreme Court, swears in Devang Desai as 2002-03 SBA president.



cific duties, such as nominating the SBG's chief justice and its prosecuting attorney.

- In addition to being represented in the University-wide student government, the Law School had its own class president. In 1926-27, the president was Nicholas Hodsdon, who died less than two years ago at age 94, having outlived all of his classmates.
- The Law School Student Association, in existence by 1947, and the Law School Congress were predecessors of the SBA.
- Under the leadership of Ray H. Pearson, JD '49, the Law School Congress organized the first Student-Alumni Breakfast during the University's Homecoming weekend.
- By 1950, the governing body was known as the Student Bar Association.
- The "Beer on the Bricks" tradition goes back at least to the 1970s, and may have been preceded by a Law School pub.
- As SBA president, Darryl Jones, JD '87, current Florida gubernatorial candidate, was instrumental in getting exams administered before Christmas break.
- When she was SBA president, the Hon. Carroll Kelly, JD '89, helped establish Partnership for Professionalism, a program that remains highly popular.
- The SBA continues to be involved in projects, both new and ongoing, that benefit UM Law and its students.

In late February, the SBA held a reception in the Law School's student lounge to unveil a series of plaques listing UM Law's student government presidents, from Nicholas Hodsdon (1926-27) through Devang Desai (2002-03).

"I was surprised at what a good response we had to our invitations to former presidents to join us for the reception," Cazeau noted. "We had eight of them, plus other former officers, present, and it was obvious that others would have liked to have attended if we could have given longer notice."

Asked (in light of how many former SBA presidents have gone on to outstanding careers) how he thinks his experience as

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# Student Bar Association Presidents

2002-03	Devang Desai	1960-61	Max Hagen
2001-02	Jeff P. H. Cazeau	1959-60	James T. Moore
2000-01	Oswaldo Rossi	1958-59	John Corrigan
1999-00	Don West	1957-58	William Moore
1998-99	Torrence Phillips	1956-57	Robert Shevin
1997-98	Reince Priebus	1955-56	Mort Guilford
1996-97	Noel Cimmino	1954-55	William Morse
1995-96	Caryn Vogel	1953-54	Karl Lieb (Fall)
1994-95	Lisa Welch	1953-54	Jim Sabatino (Spring)
1993-94	Andrew Rier	1952-53	Jim Calhoun
1992-93	Ravi Brammer	1951-52	Herman Bretan
1991-92	Joe Bogosian	1950-51	J.B. Spence
1990-91	Robin S. Rosenbaum	1949-50	Randy Christmas
1989-90	Jerome C. Ballard	1948-49	Ray H. Pearson
1988-89	Carroll J. Kelly	1947-48	George Patterson
1987-88	Beth Bloom	1946-47	Not Available
1986-87	Daryl Jones	1945-46	Johnathan E. Ammerman
1985-86	Paul R. Willett	1944-45	Not Available
1984-85	Michael Guilford	1943-44	Simon Zipperstein / Martin Von Zamft
1983-84	John Mallah	1942-43	Jackson Thomas Coyle *
1982-83	Valerie Jahn	1941-42	Not Available
1981-82	Donald Hafele	1940-41	Not Available
1980-81	Steve Hyman	1939-40	Not Available
1979-80	Ira Bodenstern	1938-39	Not Available
1978-79	Vicki Porter	1937-38	Not Available
1977-78	Fred Moreno	1936-37	John Howard Boyer
1976-77	Jack Sobel	1935-36	Mallory Horton
1975-76	Donald Wolfson	1934-35	Milton Weiss
1974-75	Matthew Liebowitz	1933-34	Frank Smathers
1973-74	Charles Mercer	1932-33	Otto C. Neuman
1972-73	Michael Mann	1931-32	Not Available
1971-72	Jim Hendrick	1930-31	Alfred M. Franklin*
1970-71	Tam Wilson	1929-30	Franklin Parsons
1969-70	Richard M. Dunn	1928-29	Julian G. Eaton
1968-69	Gary Garbis	1927-28	Not Available
1967-68	Dave Dickenson	1926-27	Nicholas Hodsdon
1966-67	James O. Nelson		
1965-66	Ronald Ponzoli		
1964-65	Sky E. Smith		
1963-64	Harold M. Rifas		
1962-63	John E. Long		
1961-62	Francis A. Capodilupo		

\* May be incorrect.



# H.O.P.E. Makes a Difference



At the H.O.P.E. Recognition Breakfast in April, H.O.P.E. Fellows pose with Assistant Dean of Students Marni Lennon and staff associates. In the front row, from left, are: Marielis Rivera, Amy Bann, Mélody Saint-Saëns, Jocelyn McIntosh, Richard Jurgens, and Kara Schickowski (student assistant). In back are: Solimar Santos, Roger Foley, Jennifer Miller, Elizabeth Simmons, Sandy Neville (senior staff associate), Katrice Jenkins, and Dean Lennon.

For Melody Saint-Saens, the experience of serving as a H.O.P.E. Fellow at the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center was life-changing. “I realized that my internship exposed me to great evil that needed to be eradicated or undermined and that as a trilingual immigrant, feminist, and human rights activist, I was fit for the job and could make a difference.”

The H.O.P.E. Fellows program offers students an opportunity to work in public interest law and make a difference in the lives of various clientele and constituents. The program began in Spring 2000 featuring just two Fellowships. Last year, 15 students were able to take advantage of opportunities at agencies including the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Legal Services of Greater Miami, Florida Legal Services, Legal Aid Society of Miami, and H.E.L.P. They worked to assist indigent clients, children, the homeless, those seeking immigration assistance and those afflicted with HIV and AIDS.

Marni Lennon, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of H.O.P.E., emphasized the invaluable training by some of the best public

interest attorneys in the country. “As H.O.P.E. Fellows, students have an opportunity to make a difference in the area of public interest law while earning a stipend for their efforts. Too often, students are unable to pursue this type of work due to their heavy debt burdens,” said Lennon. Each Fellow receives a \$1000 stipend and performs at least 100 hours of service to the agency.

Because the financial challenges of doing public interest work affect law students’ summer work as well, H.O.P.E. has recently joined forces with the Public Interest Law Group to sponsor four summer fellowships. “The Fellows are doing tremendous work across the country and are wonderful representatives of the selfless dedication our students exemplify as they seek to make a difference through their work,” said Lennon.

Sarah Schooley-Davidoff, one of the summer Fellows, is working with the Office of the Public Defender of Miami-Dade County to offer assistance to 300 severely and profoundly retarded individuals from the Community of Landmark. Many of the residents were involuntarily committed to the facility, do not have contact with family

members, and are going to be moved into the “community” after 10 years at the Landmark facility. “It appears that the people left to move out are the most troubled, and in need of the most services from the state. It is my job to make sure the State of Florida is fulfilling its responsibility to the client,” said Schooley-Davidoff.

Amy J. Bann is working with Earthjustice’s International Program in Oakland, California. Earthjustice is the litigation department of the Sierra Club; their international office deals with issues relating to trade, human rights, and labor. She is working on lawsuits and amicus briefs filed in international fora such as the WTO, U.N. Commission for Human Rights, NAFTA, and the Inter-American Human Rights Commission. The claims involve corporate activities that have negatively impacted the environment, human rights, or labor in foreign countries.

Shane Weaver is working at the Legal Aid Society of the Dade County Bar Association. Legal Aid provides advice and counsel for mostly indigent clients in the areas of family law, domestic violence and housing. Weaver enjoys researching legal issues and



case law for the lawyers there, many of whom are UM grads. He also has the opportunity to write memoranda of law, assist with client intake and attend hearings. According to Weaver, "Our work is even more rewarding knowing without Legal Aid, the clients would most likely be unable to fight for their rights as parents, spouses and tenants. But it also shows just how much our legal help is really needed in our community."

As for Melody Saint-Saens, the change she felt walking home from the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center was not just a passing phase. She is working this summer as a H.O.P.E. Fellow, continuing to provide quality services to underrepresented populations. "Thanks to the H.O.P.E./PILG grant I received, I am working with the California Appellate Project, a nonprofit organization that assists the private legal counsels of indigent death row inmates during all appellate proceedings," Melody Saint-Saens writes from Oakland, California. Her work includes searching court records on witnesses and jurors and writing memoranda on her findings; investigating legal issues pertaining to the guilt phase and penalty phase of the trial for habeas corpus petitions at the state and federal levels; and researching mental health and medical issues. "This internship comes at a particularly exciting time due to the recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, which abolished the death penalty for mentally retarded individuals and also reiterated that juries, and not judges, were the ones to decide a verdict of death," she says.

The H.O.P.E. Fellows are funded through donations as well as proceeds from the annual H.O.P.E. Auction, scheduled for Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Miami Faculty Club, 1550 Brescia Avenue. Items up for bid include sports memorabilia, travel packages to Jamaica, Bahamas and more, spa packages, gift certificates for restaurants and more.

To make a donation, or to learn how to become a H.O.P.E. Fellow, please see the Web site at [www.law.miami.edu/H.O.P.E.](http://www.law.miami.edu/H.O.P.E.) or stop by the Dean of Students Office, room 212.

# Class of 2004 Continues Tradition of Diversity, Achievement

The University of Miami School of Law prides itself on having a diverse, high-achieving student body, and the Class of 2004 continues the tradition.

Arriving on campus last August, the approximately 415 1-Ls came from 160 different undergraduate schools, and 58 percent of them are from outside Florida.

Approximately a third are members of minority groups, 46 percent are women, and nearly half (45 percent) speak one or more languages other than English (including French, Hebrew, Japanese, Spanish, German, Haitian Creole, Italian, Russian, Portuguese, Chinese, Arabic, Hindi, American Sign Language, Polish, Korean, and Kanara).

More than 100 undergraduate majors are represented in the Class of 2004, with the greatest number of students having majored (in descending order) in political science/criminal justice, history, business, English, psychology, economics, biology, finance, international relations, journalism, sociology, and accounting.

The new students ranged in age from 20 to 53 years when they arrived at UM Law, with full-time students averaging 23 years, part-time day students averaging 31, and part-time evening students averaging 29.

Nearly half of them (47 percent) had been out of college for one or more years. Within the class are former teachers, nurses, health administrators, pharmacists, social workers, accountants, financial analysts, bankers, government administrators, lobbyists, public relations and marketing practitioners, professional fund-raisers, police officers, probation officers, paralegals, military officers and enlisted personnel, and scores of other professionals.

The Class of 2004 includes former congressional aides and interns, White House interns, holders of prestigious military medals, members of countless dean's and president's lists, members of honor societies, and one Miss USA International pageant winner.



Members of the Class of 2004 take a break during last fall's orientation.



# Equal Justice Works— With Help of Four from UM Law

With her high grade point average and record of extracurricular leadership, Shahar



Vinayi probably could easily secure a high-paying position with a prestigious law firm after she receives her J.D. However, that is not what she has in mind.

A Miami Scholar throughout her law school years, Vinayi is the latest UM Law graduate to receive an Equal Justice Works Fellowship. Beginning this fall, with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County as her host organization, she will develop and implement a program to help provide legal services to impoverished elderly people and help them avoid economic exploitation. Her project will focus on Belle Glade, a rural, predominately minority community.

Other recipients of Equal Justice Works Fellowships—which until this year were known as “National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) Fellowships”—are Jack Wallace (JD ’00), Sonia Zeledon (JD ’00), and Hilda Cenecharles (JD ’01).

Launched in 1992 to address the shortage of attorneys working on behalf of disadvantaged populations, the Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program is the nation’s largest postgraduate legal fellowship program. Fellows commit to working at a nonprofit agency in a civil law or criminal justice reform capacity, at a salary of up to \$37,500, plus a stipend to cover law school loan payments. Fellowships are for one year, renewable for a second year. Applicants can either collaborate with an agency to develop a proposal for a fellowship project or

apply for one already developed by an agency.

“These are very prestigious fellowships, with more than 2,000 people applying each year for fewer than 100 openings,” noted UM Law’s Rande Breiter, assistant director, Career Planning. “We’ve been very fortunate to have four of our graduates selected in such a short period of time.

“Our graduates have also had success in applying for Echoing Green and Skadden fellowships, and other top public interest law grant programs.”

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Rande Breiter

Breiter pointed out that, although these UM Law alumni applied at the beginning of their third years of law school, the fellowships are also open to established lawyers, who can get further information on the Equal Justice Works Web site ([www.napil.org/HOME.html](http://www.napil.org/HOME.html)).

“When you want to go into public interest law, you have to be especially proactive, in terms of researching grant possibilities, writing proposals, and so forth,” Vinayi noted. “It’s not just a case of seeing what

jobs are being advertised and submitting your resume.”

Asked how she developed her proposal, she said, “It was pretty natural. I had worked with Legal Aid before, under a Florida Bar fellowship, so I asked to meet with the executive director, Robert Bertisch, and together we came up with the idea for the project.”

“The Economic Exploitation of the Elderly Project will give me an opportunity to work in my community, Palm Beach County, which I love, and to help elderly people, a group I care a great deal about, with consumer protection issues,” she added.

Vinayi said she first became interested in securing an Equal Justice Works Fellowship when she was a 1-L taking Prof. Martha Mahoney’s Public Interest Law class and Jack Wallace, at that time a 3-L, spoke to the class soon after being notified that he was UM Law’s first winner of the fellowship.

## Jack Wallace

Wallace is now finishing the second year of his fellowship. Hosted by the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center in Miami, he developed the Florida Asylum Relief Project (FARP) as his fellowship project.

Wallace’s clients are political asylum detainees, whom he finds in the vast, overcrowded Krome Detention Center in Miami-Dade County, as well as in jails throughout Florida. Many of these prisoners have lacked legal representation, and FARP provides them with in-court legal assistance and informative materials.

“Since September 11, the proportion of my clients who are from the Middle East has increased, and my work has been centered



more than ever on detainees in Krome,” he noted. “However, the biggest group is still Haitians, who make up about a third of my client base. Latin Americans make up approximately a third, and most of the rest come from the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. A few come from Eastern Europe.

“I’m very happy now with what I’ve been doing here. I’ve been able to help a lot of people, and I’m learning a great deal,” he said.

When his fellowship ends in September, he plans to continue working on his project. “About six months ago, the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center received a grant that will enable them to fund FARP for another two years,” he commented.

Wallace noted that Greenberg Traurig—which, along with the Florida Bar Foundation, cosponsored his fellowship—has been very helpful in contributing pro bono services to help his clients, as has the law firm of Holland & Knight.

### Sonia Zeledon



Sonia Zeledon is also completing her second year of an Equal Justice Works Fellowship. Working with Legal Services of Southcentral Michigan on a project that extends migrant legal

services to “forgotten” farm workers, she is sponsored by a joint grant from the Michigan Bar Association and the Equal Justice Works organization.

“It has been an absolutely wonderful and challenging experience,” she said. “I’ve had a great deal of autonomy and have been able to help bring about needed changes in how various policies are worded and implemented.”

Her project involved establishing a network of migrant agencies, legal service offices, and pro bono attorneys to bring legal services to farm worker families who

have been underserved because of geographic and cultural isolation. The vast majority of her clients are Hispanic and either migrant workers or former migrant workers who have settled in that area of Michigan.

“During the warmer months—from around May through October—my work takes me out of the office about 70 percent of the time, talking with my clients and educating them on their legal rights and taking cases to court. In the winter, that percentage drops to about 40,” she noted.

Zeledon said she is not sure what work she will be doing when her fellowship ends in September but that it is sure to involve public interest law.

### Hilda Cenecharles

Though still a law student when she learned that Legal Services of Greater Miami would be hosting an Equal Justice Works Fellowship, Hilda Cenecharles already had substantial experience in public interest law. She had served internships with the Florida Justice Institute, the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, and the Children and Youth Law Clinic during her years at UMLaw.

“I immigrated to this country from Haiti when I was nine years old, and when I heard

that the fellowship would involve something called the ‘Haitian Citizenship Project,’ I was immediately interested,” she said.

South Florida’s Haitian community encompasses an estimated 400,000 persons, many of whom are uneducated and live in poverty. Because of these problems, they are especially vulnerable to exploitation by individuals who dishonestly claim to be able to provide assistance in immigration matters. The Haitian Citizenship Project seeks to provide clients with accurate information and useful legal advice and help them resolve immigration and other civil legal problems.

Seven months into her fellowship, Cenecharles said she has worked with more than 100 clients. “It has been a very positive experience. I’m providing a highly needed service, and I’m learning a lot,” she commented, noting that the experience is reinforcing her confidence in her long-term career plan of specializing in immigration law.

Like Jack Wallace and Shahar Vinayi, she is serving a fellowship that is jointly sponsored by Greenberg Traurig and the Florida Bar Foundation.

And, like all of UM Law’s other holders of the fellowship, she appreciates the opportunity to help prove that Equal Justice Works.



Hilda Cenecharles with Jack Wallace



# University Confers Honorary Degree On Former World Court President

The University of Miami's President Donna E. Shalala conferred a Doctor of Law *honoris causa*, on the Honorable Stephen M. Schwebel, former judge and president of the International Court of Justice—better known as the “World Court”—at UM Law's 2002 Commencement May 19 at the James L. Knight Center in Miami.

Schwebel was keynote speaker for the commencement, addressing the 429 School of Law students receiving degrees that day. The figure includes 86 graduate degrees (LL.M.s), 339 Juris Doctor degrees, and 4 Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration degrees. The degrees, including seven awarded to students who will finish their studies during the summer session, are contingent upon satisfactory completion of requirements.

Extolling the value of a legal education, Schwebel told the new graduates that it has “sharpened your powers of reason.”

“Being an effective lawyer,” he said, “means that you have the ability to listen, to concentrate, and to figure out what the questions posed by the legal problems are, and then to research, assemble and analyze the components . . . [and] lucidly set out the answers.”

UM Law honored Schwebel, who served on the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague from 1981 to 2000, for “his role in fostering world peace and eradicating human atrocities through the development of international law principles.”



Hon. Stephen M. Schwebel with UM President Donna E. Shalala

As president of the ICJ from 1997-00, following three years as vice president, he oversaw many landmark cases in one of the most tumultuous eras of intergovernmental disputes.

Following his retirement from the ICJ in 2000, Schwebel returned to Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (where he had taught earlier in his career) as a jurist in residence. He also serves as the first president of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Monetary Fund, the agency of the United Nations that helps to promote the health of the world economy.

The commencement program also included talks by Dean Dennis O. Lynch, who opened the convocation, introduced distinguished guests and members of the

administration and faculty, and made closing remarks; Dean C. Colson, JD '77, vice chairperson of the University's board of trustees, who introduced Judge Schwebel; the Honorable Carroll J. Kelly, JD '89, president of the Law Alumni Association; Caren Lesser, JD '02, speaking for this year's class; and Jeff P.H. Cazeau, JD '02, outgoing Student Bar Association president, who presented the 2002 Class Gift, which will benefit the Lenore Carrero Nesbitt Scholarship for Public Service.

Other program participants included Suzanne Vidal Arsenault, JD '02, who sang the national anthem and the alma mater; Rabbi Sholom Lipskar, who gave the invocation and the benediction; and Associate Dean and Dean of Students Jeannette F. Hausler, JD '53, who

presented the degree candidates.

Representing the Class of 2002, Caren Lesser said, “We all came with the desire to achieve a common goal: to learn about the



law and develop the tools needed to apply it to the profession of our choice . . . Like a surgeon has a scalpel, a carpenter has a hammer, and a chef has a ladle, our tools are our

‘words and understanding of the law,’ and they have the power to heal, build and serve.”



# School of Law Graduates LL.M. Students from Many Nations



Among the 86 students receiving Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees at UM Law's Spring 2002 Commencement were 36 graduates from 20 foreign countries, receiving graduate degrees in comparative law, ocean and coastal law, international law, and inter-American law.

At a dinner at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant May 17, Dean Dennis O. Lynch welcomed those graduates and their families, and urged them to stay involved in the worldwide family of UM Law alumni.

"You are our ambassadors to future students around the world, and we look forward to staying in close contact with you," he said.

Janet Stearns, director of international and foreign programs, noted in her remarks that the 2001-02 academic year was marked by some extraordinary chal-

lenges, including the economic collapse in Argentina, political problems in Venezuela and Colombia, the bloodshed in the Middle East, and the tragedy of September 11. Stearns pointed out that, despite these challenges, the Class of 2002 was united as a group and focused on its academic purpose.

She listed several of the many accomplishments of the Class of 2002:

- Four students were recognized with the Dean's Certificate of Achievement in the fall semester for their exemplary performance on examinations: Ana Arduino of Argentina in Family Law; Martin Kaiser of Germany in International Business Transactions; Dario Lobo of Honduras in Contracts; and Arava Mohar of Israel in International Copyright.
- Maud Piers, a Fulbright Scholar from Ger-

many, completed her fall semester with a grade point average of 4.0, and consequently served as one of the marshals for the UM Law's Graduation Ceremony May 19.

■ Lodovico Artoni and Stefano Parlatore, both from Italy, and Ana Leticia Campos of Mexico will go directly to Delaware upon graduation for prestigious internships with the Court of Chancery and the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, arranged through the courtesy of Prof. Frank Balloti.

■ Four students have been admitted to continue their studies in UM Law's J.D. Program.

For additional information on foreign alumni of the University of Miami School of Law, please see <http://www.law.miami.edu/ifp/alumni/websites.html>.

## Center for Ethics & Public Service Recognizes Judge Hoeveler



Hon. William M. Hoeveler

The University of Miami School of Law Center for Ethics and Public Service honored Senior U.S. District Judge William M. Hoeveler with its First Annual William M. Hoeveler Award for ethics and leadership in the legal profession at a reception April 18 at the Federal Courthouse in downtown Miami.

"The Hoeveler Award is being established by the Center to honor devotion to ethics and leadership not only in the bar and bench, but also in the civic community," said Prof. Anthony Alfieri, director of the Law School's Center for Ethics and Public Service.

An adjunct professor at the Law School since 1995, Judge Hoeveler serves on the

advisory board of the Center for Ethics and Public Service. He was appointed to the federal bench in 1977, and chaired the Standing Committee on Professionalism for the Florida Bar from 1992-94. He was named best district judge in the Eleventh Circuit by *The American Lawyer* in 1983, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater Miami Jewish Federation in 1991.

Recently honored with the Miami-Dade County Commission for Ethics and Public Trust's Arête award, the Center also recognizes the contributions of those in the legal profession with its Lawyers in Leadership Award.



# Hon. Joan Lenard, Carlos de la Cruz Get 'Lawyers in Leadership' Award

The University of Miami School of Law Center for Ethics and Public Service has conferred its Lawyers in Leadership Award on the Honorable Joan A. Lenard, U.S. district judge for the Southern District of Florida, and on Carlos M. de la Cruz, Sr., chairman and CEO of Eagle Brands, Inc.

In separate receptions at the Law School, at which the recipients discussed their careers with students and other guests, Judge Lenard received her award February 26, and de la Cruz received his March 26. They were the fifth and sixth recipients of the award.

"The Lawyers in Leadership Award is presented twice annually to recognize outstanding leadership and service to the South Florida legal community and society at large," noted Jason Kairalla, a third-year law student who is the Center's Steel Hector & Davis Fellow. He noted that past recipients of the award include former UM President Tad Foote and attorneys Joe Klock, Ellen Freidin, and Henry Latimer.

Appointed by President William Clinton as a U.S. district judge in 1995, Judge Lenard is an alumna of Antioch School of Law and serves as a board member for the University of Miami School of Law Center for Ethics and Public Service. Among other honors she has received is the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's 2001 Judicial Community Service Award.

A 1979 graduate of UM Law, Carlos de la Cruz is a lifetime trustee and immediate past chair of the University of Miami's board of trustees. In addition to heading Eagle Brands, Inc., the exclusive Anheuser-Busch wholesaler in Miami-Dade County, he is chairman of the board of Coca-Cola Puerto Rico Bottlers. He has chaired the board of directors of United Way of Dade County and served on the boards of Georgetown University, Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, Florida



Hon. Joan A. Lenard

International University, the Dade Foundation, the Business Assistance Center, and Miami Partners for Progress.

The University of Miami School of Law Center for Ethics and Public Service is an interdisciplinary project devoted to teaching the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility and public service in the practice of law. The Center was

founded in 1996 and is staffed and operated by law student fellows, interns, and staff under faculty supervision.

In 2001, the Miami-Dade County Commission for Ethics and Public Trust awarded the Center its Arête Award, which recognizes individuals, programs and nonprofit organizations representing the spirit of "arête," Greek for "virtue and excellence."

In 2000, the Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism granted the Center its Seventh Annual Florida Bar Professionalism Award, which recognizes outstanding professionalism programs that have continuing success in creatively serving Florida lawyers. In 1999, the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism selected the Center's director, Prof. Anthony Alfieri, as the winner of the Florida Faculty Professionalism Award, and in 1998, the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Professionalism awarded the Center its prestigious E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award.



Carlos M. de la Cruz (third from left) discusses his career with Jason Kairalla, Elaine Walter, and Danette Alfonso



# Legal Writing Sends UM Law Student to Grammys



Merritt Gardiner (left) with the other finalists.

Merritt Gardiner's winter break writing project resulted in a \$1,500 scholarship, the opportunity to present her paper to approximately 400 of the nation's top entertainment law attorneys, and the chance to mingle with celebrities attending various Grammy celebrations.

A second-year student at UMLaw, she was one of five finalists in the 2002 Entertainment Law Initiative scholarship program sponsored by the National Recording Academy and the American Bar Association. More than 250 students from law schools across the country entered the competition by writing papers on compelling issues confronting the music industry. Other finalists were from law schools at the University of Southern California, Fordham University, George Mason University, and Rutgers University.

Gardiner's paper—which she researched during the fall semester and wrote during winter break—analyzed the likely ramifications of the Music Online Competition Act of 2001.

In addition to the scholarship, she and the other finalists were flown to Los Angeles to attend various music industry awards events February 25-28.

"The Music Cares Person of the Year Dinner, honoring Billy Joel was the most fun

event," Gardiner noted. "It was a very intimate setting, and there were lots of other celebrities present, such as Garth Brooks, Melissa Etheridge, Hugh Hefner, Dr. Ruth, and Bon Jovi."

At the Entertainment Law Initiative Luncheon the next day, she said, the finalists presented their papers to the approximately 400 entertainment law attorneys in attendance.

"Whereas all of the finalists sat together at the Person of the Year Dinner, we were scattered about at different tables during the luncheon, which gave us the opportunity to network with some of the top people in entertainment and sports law," she noted. "We all made great contacts."

Other events included a reception for Grammy nominees, the nationally televised Grammy Awards show, and a huge after-the-Grammys party at the Biltmore Hotel.

The finalists' papers are scheduled for publication in late May in the *DePaul-LCA Journal of Art and Entertainment Law*.

As a result of her paper, Gardiner was also invited to be a panelist at the annual meeting of the Florida Bar's Entertainment and Sports Law Section, held in Hollywood, Fla., on Memorial Day weekend.

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## SBA Gets It Down in Writing

president will affect his own career, Cazeau responded:

"I was an officer in the navy for nine years before coming to law school, and I thought I had some pretty decent leadership skills, but I learned so much in the past year.

"My immediate concern is to pass the Florida Bar, then I'm looking forward to working as an associate in the litigation department of Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin here in Miami. At some point in the future, I would not be averse to going into public service."

*Editor's Note:* The SBA would appreciate additional information to add to the history Web site (<http://currentstudents.law.miami.edu/sba>) or to fill in missing names on the list of SBA presidents. Readers with such information can e-mail it to SBA President Devang Desai at [sbapresident@law.miami.edu](mailto:sbapresident@law.miami.edu) or mail it to him at the SBA Office, University of Miami School of Law, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087.

## UM Law Mourns Death of Retired Prof. Tom Wills

The Law School hosted a memorial service for the late Professor Tom Wills Saturday, March 23, in the Law School courtyard.

A member of UM Law's Class of 1946, he joined the Law School's faculty following graduation and over the next 42 years became a legendary figure at UM Law and trained many prominent criminal law practitioners.

In a 1989 feature article on Professor Wills, the *Barrister* quoted him as saying, "It's not so much that I'm proud of teaching, but I'm proud of helping people learn. There's a difference. It's a privilege to be with young people, and it's a privilege to be included in an exchange of ideas with them."

In lieu of flowers, his family requested that memorial donations go to the Law School scholarship fund in his name.



# Celebrating Endowment of Lenore Carrero Nesbitt Scholarship For Public Service

On May 15, friends and family of U.S. District Judge Lenore Nesbitt gathered at the Nesbitt home to celebrate the endowment of the Lenore Carrero Nesbitt Scholarship for Public Service.

Judge Nesbitt passed away on October 6, 2001, after a courageous battle with cancer. When she was consulted last year about possible endeavors to honor her, Judge Nesbitt made clear that a student scholarship at the Law School would be most meaningful to her.



Grand Founder Michael Hanzman, first Nesbitt Scholarship recipient Ellen Ross, and Dean Dennis Lynch.

Attendees at the celebration were introduced to the first student recipient of the Nesbitt Scholarship, Ellen Ross, a rising third-year student at the Law School, who will serve as law clerk to the Honorable Peter Fay, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, following her graduation.

Ross said, "I am honored to receive the Lenore Carrero Nesbitt Scholarship and very grateful to those whose generosity has made this possible. Although I never had the opportunity to meet the judge, I have learned about her remarkable career in the law."

The funding committee for the Nesbitt Scholarship, pictured at right, raised \$235,245 for the scholarship fund, with the assistance of a lead gift of \$100,000 from Michael Hanzman and Michael Criden of Hanzman & Criden, P.A., of Coral Gables. To contribute to the Nesbitt Scholarship fund, please use the attached envelope for your pledge or gift.



Nesbitt Scholarship Funding Committee celebrates scholarship's endowment: from left are Henry Burnett, Honorary Chairwoman Sarah Nesbitt Artecona, Chairman Thomas D. Wood Sr., Tom Tew, Jackie Scola, Robert Josefsberg, Co-chairwoman Carol Cope, Ned Davis, Maria Beguiristain, Dean Dennis Lynch, Chris McAliley, Steve Chaykin, and Georgie Angones.



# Aronovitz Inspires Florida Bar

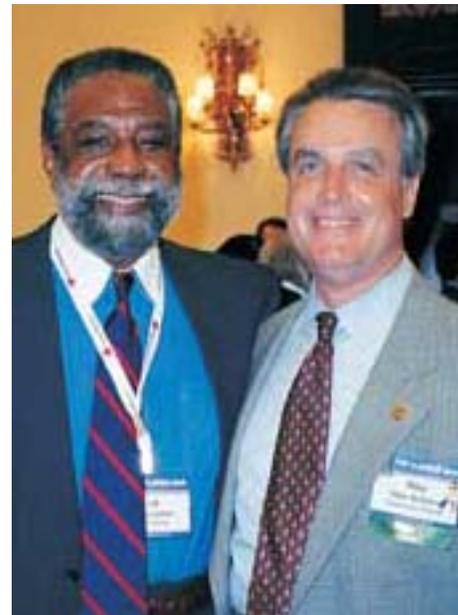
The mission of his year of leadership of the Florida Bar is to implement the Bar's new "Dignity in Law" campaign, in-coming president Tod Aronovitz (JD '74) declared at the June 21 General Assembly at the Bar's Annual Meeting in Boca Raton.

Emphasizing "all the good that lawyers do," Aronovitz unveiled the Bar's initiative to educate the public about the profession's honorable tradition of service. As part of that effort, he introduced a video, the first in a contemplated series using real people—clients and their families, members of the community—to tell their stories of being helped by a lawyer or judge.

Aronovitz invited Bar members to submit their own real-life stories of helping people in need, and called for a voluntary contribution of \$45 from each member to support the Bar's initiative. Response has been overwhelmingly positive, with commitments and financial contributions from leaders in Florida law practice to support this endeavor.



Newly elected president of the Florida Bar Tod Aronovitz with Dean Dennis O. Lynch at a UM Law-sponsored reception at the Florida Bar's annual meeting June 20 in Boca Raton.



Henry Latimer (JD '73) with Miles A. McGrane III, president-elect of the Florida Bar and a member of UM Law's adjunct faculty.

# Prof. Haack Honored With Major UM Award

Susan Haack—Cooper Senior Scholar in Arts and Sciences, professor of philosophy, and professor of law—has been awarded the University of Miami Faculty Senate's 2002 Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award.



Haack, whose work is strongly interdisciplinary, taught a Law School seminar on "Scientific Evidence in Theory and in Court" during the Spring 2002 semester.

She is the author of several well-known books, including *Deviant Logic* (Cambridge, 1974); *Philosophy of Logics* (Cambridge, 1978); *Evidence and Inquiry: Towards Reconstruction in Epistemology* (Blackwell, 1993); *Deviant Logic, Fuzzy Logic: Beyond the Formalism* (Chicago, 1996); and *Manifesto of a Passionate Moderate: Unfashionable Essays* (Chicago, 1998), as well as numerous articles. She recently completed a new book entitled *Defending Science — Within Reason*.

Her work has been translated into Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Polish, Russian, Chinese, Korean, and Danish.

Please join  
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Steven Mishan, Esq.  
To Celebrate the Publication of  
*The Liberty Incident*  
by  
*The Honorable A. Jay Cristol*  
On Thursday, November 14,  
5:30-7:30 p.m. at  
*The Miami City Club*  
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# International Expertise Enhances Domestic Law Classes



Assoc. Dean Schnably



Prof. Stotzky



Prof. Hill



Prof. Manning



Prof. Bradley



Prof. Gaubatz

Many students point to their interest in international law when they explain why they chose to study at the University of Miami School of Law. What they may not realize until they begin their studies is that the faculty's expertise in international and comparative law provides an added dimension to all the courses, even those that focus on federal and state law.

The faculty's expertise in the area is considerable.

"More than half the faculty here have taught or written in the areas of international and comparative law," said Associate Dean Stephen Schnably.

"Everyone who teaches international law also teaches domestic law courses," he noted. "That's unusual, and it gives our students a truly global perspective on the law, no matter what they study."

This global perspective means that law students are better prepared to deal with the increasing impact of international issues on all legal fields. It also means that their understanding of U.S. law is enriched by comparisons to other systems.

## First-Year Classes

The global perspective begins with the basic first-year courses that all students take. Eight of the 24 full-time faculty members who taught first-year courses in 2001-02 also taught comparative or international law courses that same year. Faculty members routinely draw on their international expertise in teaching first-year students.

When Prof. Irwin Stotzky teaches criminal procedure, for example, he likes to use some international human rights materials.

"For instance, I discuss what to do with those who have committed human rights violations on a large scale and whether to hold them accountable when a nation moves to a democratic form of government," he said. "I've talked about the U.S. government's treatment of 'detainees' and the proposed military tribunals, and I may spend some time discussing the investigations I conducted in Haiti and the international law issues involved in that campaign."

In Schnably's Constitutional Law I class, which deals with the structure of government, first-year students take a look at how U.S. laws compare with those of other nations.

"A crucial issue in the famous case of *McCulloch v. Maryland* was the meaning of the word 'necessary' in the U.S. Constitution's 'necessary and proper' clause," Schnably said. "I like to give them *Dudgeon v. U.K.* from the European Court of Human Rights. That case interpreted a clause in the European Convention on Human Rights that allowed states to restrict privacy where 'necessary in a democratic society.'"

"In *McCulloch*, the word 'necessary' was interpreted broadly to expand Congress' power to regulate the economy. In *Dudgeon*, it was interpreted narrowly to protect privacy rights. The contrast shows the way the same word can have different meanings in different contexts. It also lets first-year

students know that there are foreign and international courts out there with opinions that American lawyers should be aware of."

## Upper-Level Classes

Faculty members teaching upper-level courses—in such diverse areas as business and tax, family, Internet, environmental, and alternative dispute resolution law—are just as likely to make use of their expertise in international and foreign law.

For instance, Prof. Frances Hill said she uses OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development) materials in her course on tax policy practice and, to a lesser extent, uses comparative law materials in her exempt organizations seminar.

Prof. Elliott Manning refers to materials from his comparative corporate governance seminar in his corporate finance class.

Prof. Caroline Bradley noted that her international finance class delves into both domestic and international law and that in her business associations class, a domestic law course, she includes references to how things are done in other countries.

Prof. John Gaubatz said, "In my trusts and estates classes, I make sure that I talk about what goes on in other common law countries and how their systems differ from ours. When I've taught patent law, I've brought up how it's practiced in other countries. I've done the same in intellectual property law."

Prof. Mary Coombs incorporates aspects of international law into her family law



Prof. Coombs



Prof. Froomkin



Prof. Williamson



Director Stearns



Prof. Oxman



Prof. Massey

classes by including foreign states (as well as other U.S. states) in analyses of jurisdiction and choice of law and through discussions of laws related to marriage, divorce, property rights, and child custody and support.

“I talk about the interface with other countries in family law because any family lawyer in South Florida today — and increasingly even in Nebraska or West Virginia — will have to deal with husbands and wives, and ex-husbands and wives, who come from Greece, have moved back to Venezuela, or want to take the children with them to Saudi Arabia,” she explained. “A lawyer who can’t deal with these problems can’t be a fully competent family lawyer.”

Prof. Michael Froomkin commented that he uses a great deal of international and comparative material in his two Internet law courses and some in his trademark class.

Prof. Richard Williamson, who recently spent a year teaching law and conducting legal research in Germany under a Fulbright Commission Senior Scholar Grant, said there are some domestic law classes that naturally lend themselves to a global perspective.

“I’m likely to bring up some international issues in my class on toxic substances,” he said. “However, for my ‘Law and the Atom’ seminar, I spend about half of the class looking at problems—such as site selection for nuclear power generators—that relate to domestic law and the other half on problems—such as arms control—of international concern.”

“I use even more international law materials in my alternative dispute resolution (ADR) class,” he continued. “Some of the simulations I do involve international transactions, and I try to get some of the foreign attorneys from the LL.M. programs to enroll in the class. During the simulations, I ask them to volunteer to demonstrate how the law might work in their own countries. I use the course as a way to get students to see how ADR gets a lot more complicated when dealing with entities outside their own country. I also spend some time discussing gestures, for instance how a gesture that might be appropriate in the U.S. can be highly insulting in another culture,” Williamson said.

### Learning from Each Other

As Williamson noted, it is not only the professors who are contributing to the international outlook. Often the students find a wealth of information and alternative viewpoints among their own classmates.

Each year, UM Law graduates more foreign students in its J.D. program than any other law school in the country, and the school draws a steadily increasing number of foreign lawyers to its comparative law graduate programs.

“We have nearly 50 foreign lawyers in the LL.M. in Comparative Law Program, all of whom take classes in U.S. domestic law with our J.D. students,” noted Janet Stearns, director of international and foreign programs.

“I know that many of the professors like to have these lawyers enroll in their classes in order to get their perspectives on the matters under discussion.”

For instance, when Prof. Bernard Oxman teaches conflicts of law, which deals with conflicting U.S. laws, he is likely to ask a European lawyer to describe to the class how the European Union deals with conflicting national laws. Or, even in the case of Civil Procedure II, which deals strictly with American laws, Prof. Minnette Massey likes to get the perspective of an Italian lawyer in her class. “It’s good to have someone who can compare or challenge the rules,” Stearns emphasized.

### Student Opinion

Students appreciate the added dimension to their courses.

“Of the eight first-year professors in my section, five are accomplished international attorneys and/or scholars,” noted second-year student Abraham Watkins. “This being part of the reason I came to the University of Miami, I have been delighted with the amount of international exposure that trickles into the core domestic classes.

“The best part is the accessibility of the professors to further discuss international matters outside of class,” he said. “They will take the time to thoroughly answer any questions, which has provided a most interesting personalized introduction to international law.”



# UM Law Announces New Faculty Members

Three new associate professors of law soon will be joining UM Law's faculty on a full-time basis, adding expertise in criminal law, natural resources and energy law, and business law.

"We are pleased to welcome these new faculty members, and we hope to do additional hiring in 2003-04," commented Associate Dean Stephen Schnably.

"We are also pleased to announce the names of 11 visiting faculty members drawn from the U.S., Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean and representing an exciting mix of academics and practitioners," he said.

## New Associate Professors

**Ricardo Bascuas** is a 1996 alumnus of Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. Following law school, he practiced for three years with Zuckerman, Spaeder, Taylor & Evans in Miami, specializing in commercial litigation, fraud and racketeering, and antitrust. He then clerked with U.S. District Judge Adalberto Jordan (JD '87) in Miami, after which he became an assistant federal public defender, representing indigent defendants on federal criminal charges. Currently a member of UM Law's adjunct faculty, he will co-teach a seminar on the powers of the judiciary with Judge Jordan this fall. He will join the faculty on a full-time basis as associate professor in Fall 2003, teaching in the areas of procedure and criminal law.

**Cynthia Drew** was a public affairs officer and intergovernmental liaison with the South Florida Water Management District before attending Northwestern University Law School, where she graduated with honors. After practicing environmental law for five years with Jenner & Block in Chicago, she became a trial attorney in the Environmental & Natural Resources Division of the U. S. Department of Justice in Washington,

D.C. Previously an adjunct professor at Catholic University's law school, she will teach Natural Resources & Energy Law this fall and Administrative Law next spring.

Until recently, **William H. Widen** was a partner at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York, where his practice areas included structured finance and secured lending. He has also taught for many years as adjunct professor of law at Cardozo Law School. A cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, he clerked in 1983-84 for Levin Campbell, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. At UM Law, he will teach in the area of business law, teaching Commercial Law during the 2002-03 academic year.

## Visiting Faculty Members

**Dapo Akande**, lecturer in law at the University of Nottingham's School of Law, teaches international law and contract law at Nottingham (UK). He has published widely on the World Court, UN peacekeeping, and economic integration. At UM Law this fall, he will teach a seminar on International Litigation: Trade, Investment, and Interstate Disputes.

**Eleanor Brown** graduated from Yale Law School in 1999 and holds an M.Phil. (1997) from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. Following law school, she clerked for federal judges Patricia Wald and Keith Ellison. Currently, she practices law in Jamaica. Her research areas include constitutional law, education, and criminal law. She is scheduled to teach Substantive Criminal Law at UM Law next spring.

**Patricia A. Brown**, deputy international tax counsel, Department of the Treasury, Office of International Tax Counsel, graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1987. She then practiced with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York and Lon-

don, before joining the Treasury Department in 1994. Her areas of responsibility include regulation of banks, foreign corporations, and foreign pension funds, and she has had a primary role in coordinating the Treasury's tax treaty program and activities at the OECD. At UM Law next spring, she will teach Federal Income Tax I and a seminar on Tax Treaties.

**Hugo Caminos**, professor emeritus, University of Buenos Aires School of Law and Social Sciences, is a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the international court created to resolve disputes under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea. Before he was appointed to the Tribunal, he was Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs of the Organization of American States. In his long and distinguished career, he has been Argentine ambassador to the United Nations and to Brazil, deputy director of the U.N. Conference on the Law of the Sea, and professor of public international law at the University of Buenos Aires. He visits UM Law one semester each year. Next spring, he will teach a seminar on the Law of the Sea.

**Santiago Ripol Carulla**, senior lecturer in public international law at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, Spain, is an expert on international law and teaches in the areas of public international law, international protection of human rights, nuclear energy law, and European law, and has published extensively in those areas. At UM Law this fall, he will teach a seminar on Sanctions in International Law.

**Charles Haar**, Brandeis Professor Emeritus at Harvard Law School, is an authority on real property development, as well as a leading participant in the formulation of Great Society Programs. He has been assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and has chaired several Presidential task forces on the environment and on model cities. He visits UM Law each spring.

**Gary Minda**, professor of law at Brooklyn Law School, is a prolific scholar in the fields of labor law, antitrust law and jurisprudence. In addition to his numerous law review articles, he is the author of the books *Boycott in America: How Imagination and*



*Ideology Shape the Legal Mind* (1999) and *Postmodern Legal Movements: Law and Jurisprudence at Century's End* (1995). His current scholarship, supported by the Irish American Cultural Institute, is on the life and times of Michael Davitt, a nineteenth century Irish Revolutionary leader and thinker. Professor Minda chairs the AALS Section on Law & Interpretation. At UM Law, he will teach Contracts this fall and next spring, and Antitrust in the fall.

**Mark Osiel**, professor of law at the University of Iowa College of Law, is the author of *Mass Atrocity, Collective Memory & the Law* (1977); *Obeying Orders: Atrocity, Military Discipline, and the Law of War* (1999); and *Lawful Atrocity, Tortured Legality: Criminal Consciousness in Argentina's Dirty War* (Yale U.P., 2001). He has lectured widely abroad on war crimes and has served as consultant to prosecutors investigating Gen. Augusto Pinochet and perpetrators of the Rwandan genocide. A visitor at UM Law in Spring 2002, he will again offer Professional Responsibility and Remedies in the Fall 2002 semester.

**Amy Ronner**, professor of law at St. Thomas University School of Law, received her Ph.D. in English from the University of Michigan in 1980 and graduated magna cum laude from UM Law in 1985. After clerking for U.S. District Judge Eugene Spellman in Miami, she practiced with the Miami firms of Greer, Homer, Cope & Bonner and Holland & Knight for six years. In 1992, she joined the faculty of St. Thomas University, where she teaches Property, Appellate Practice, Wills and Trusts, and Criminal Procedure, and directed the school's Appellate Litigation Clinic from 1992-99. At UM Law, she will teach Family Law and Professional Responsibility this fall, and Trusts & Estates next spring.

**Nicolò Trocker** is professor of law of the University of Florence (Italy), where he teaches Comparative Law, Civil Procedure, and Conflict of Laws. He has published various books and numerous articles on these subjects. He received his legal education at the universities of Munich (Germany) and Florence (where he earned his law degree summa cum laude), and at the European University Institute, where he received a

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## Remembering a Legend



The Law Alumni Association (LAA) unveiled the bust of the late Prof. Richard A. Hausler at the association's First Annual Reception and Silent Auction, May 9, at the Hyatt Regency Miami. The event, which raised funds for UM Law's scholarship fund, also honored the University of Miami's athletic director Paul Dee, JD '77. The photo shows Dean Dennis O. Lynch with the new statue, which was created by noted sculptor Mark Andreis. The bust—which was commissioned through the generosity of Professor Hausler's friends and family members and the LAA—will be installed in the Law School's courtyard.

The LAA would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous sponsorship of event: Isicoff, Ragatz & Koeningsberg, P.A.; Mellon United National Bank; Steel Hector & Davis LLP; Stephens Lynn Klein LaCava Hoffman & Puya, P.A.; Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A.; Xavier I. Cortada, JD '92; Jonas Gerard; Louis M. Jepeway, Jr.; Lewis B. Freeman & Partners, Inc.; Bierman, Shohat, Loewy & Klein, P.A.; Greenberg Traurig, P.A.; Kenny Nachwalter Seymour Arnold Critchlow & Spector P.A.; Stuart Z. Grossman, JD '73; and Zebersky & Payne LLP.



# Prof. Oxman Speaks at Thai Conference

Prof. Bernard Oxman was a featured speaker at the Fifteenth Annual U.S.



Pacific Command International Military Operations and Law Conference, June 3-6, in Bangkok, Thailand.

He gave a presentation on the "Environmental Restraints in the Law of Armed

Conflict: Jus in Bello Considerations" on June 5 and moderated a panel on "Transnational Maritime Issues in Armed Conflict and Peace Operations" the following day.

"It is clear that those who plan and conduct military activities are not free to ignore the environmental consequences of their actions," he said at the conclusion of his presentation.

He noted that "the increasingly accepted conclusion, widely embraced in reaction to Iraqi actions in Kuwait and subsequently endorsed by the International Court of Justice, that the basic principles of necessity and proportionality that have long limited the conduct of military activities in order to protect civilians and civilian objects also protect the environment."

Members of his panel included governmental, military, and academic experts from Thailand, Australia, the People's Republic of China, and the U.S.

# Young Lawyer of the Year



Justin B. Elegant, JD '96, at left, receives the Dade County Bar Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award from Brian Tannebaum, director of the Young Lawyers Section (YSL) and chair of the Professionalism Committee, at a June 4 awards ceremony. Elegant was honored for his work in designing the YSL's eMentoring program, which is the first program of its type in the U.S. and has received national recognition from the American Bar Association. He is a civil trial lawyer with William L. Petros, P.A., in Coconut Grove and devotes his practice to commercial, wrongful death, medical malpractice, and nursing home litigation.

# Dean's Fellows Reception



At the Law School's annual reception for Dean's Fellows, hosted by Academic Achievement Program Director Joanne Harvest Koren, JD '84, in April, are, from left, Karen Scully-Clemmons, associate director, Career Planning; Koren; Sharon Lisitzky, JD '00; Amy Rose; Prof. Lonny Rose; and Dean's Fellows Dolly Voorhees Davis and Tom Regnier, both Class of 2003.



# Alumni Join Miami's Michael P. Rudd & Associates, P.A.



(Left to right) Caroline Soret (JD '99), Managing Associate H. Joshua Diamond (JD '97), Alberto Valdes (JD '99), Firm Founder Michael P. Rudd, Debbie Perez (JD '99), John J. Clark (JD '00), and Peter Diamond (JD '99). Six of the nine associates at Michael P. Rudd & Associates, P.A., are UM Law alumni. The firm specializes in the defense of the insurance and transportation industries.

# UM Law Celebrates Life Of Mayer S. Leiter, JD '02



On May 24, just five days after UM Law's Hooding Ceremony, student leader Mayer Simcha Leiter, JD '02, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in New York. Founding

president of UM Law's Jewish Comparative Law Society, he was the driving force behind the fledgling organization, which during the past academic year produced



Leiter (in suit) poses with Rabbi Mendy Fellig at the Law School's April 23 Student Leaders Reception.

approximately 30 events—ranging from Jewish education and celebration of Jewish holidays to a series of popular lunch-time events analyzing the situation in the Middle East and other topics. In the photograph at left, Dean Dennis Lynch presents Leiter's J.D. diploma to his wife, Tova, and mother, Gutel Goldman, at a memorial service in the Student Lounge, which was overflowing with classmates, faculty, friends, and family.



# Human Rights, Ethnic Profiling Discussions

In February and March, the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and UM Law held lunch-time panel discussions at the Law School on two issues of importance to Miami-Dade citizens.

The February panel focused on an upcoming (September 10) referendum to repeal the extension of protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation to the county's Human Rights Ordinance. The panel, moderated by artist Xavier Cortada, JD '92, included UM Law's Prof. Bruce Winick; Prof. Fred Fejes, Florida Atlantic University; Mindy McNichols, chief of staff to County Commissioner Katy Sorenson, sponsor of the current ordinance; and Heddy Pena, who chairs SAVE Dade, an organization that is organizing supporters to defeat the repeal movement.



Cortada stands with Joanne Harvest Koren, JD '84, director of UM Law's Academic Achievement Program, who organized the panels and arranged for the discussions to be held at the Law School. They are in front of Cortada's mural commemorating the 1977 Human Rights Ordinance, which was repealed in an Anita Bryant-led referendum. The 1977 ordinance was drafted by Professor Winick. Koren is vice chair of the Community Relations Board's Education Committee.



In the March discussion, panelists delineated "The Legal Implications of Racial and Ethnic Profiling." Panelists included, from left, UM Law's Prof. Jonathan Simon; Lt. Rick Holton, Miami-Dade Police; moderator Pedro A. Freyre, of Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson; Mohammad Shakir, director, Miami-Dade Asian Advisory Board; and Lee Schinasi, instructor, UM Law; and (not shown) Howard Simon, executive director, ACLU.



# 6th Annual Broward Judicial Reception

From left, Dean of Students Jeannette F. Hausler, JD '53; Todd S. Payne, JD '89; and Mariaelena Gayo-Guitian, JD '88, were among the Law Alumni Association members who gathered with members of the Broward legal community to honor Broward County's judiciary, June 6, at the Tower Club in Fort Lauderdale.

UM Law would like to thank the following sponsors of the popular event: Greenberg Traurig P. A.; Heinrich Gordon Hargrove Weihe & James, P.A.; Watson & Lentner, P.A.; Leiby Taylor Stearns Linkhorst and Roberts, P.A.; Robin King, JD '84.; Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell, P.A.; Tripp Scott Conklin & Sith; and Zebersky & Payne, LLP.



# 1st Annual Palm Beach Judicial Reception



From left, are John F. Mariani, JD '78; Dean Dennis O. Lynch; and the Hon. Carrol Kelly, JD '89.

UM Law alumni and other members of the Palm Beach County legal community had a great time at the Law Alumni Association's 1st Annual Palm Beach Judicial Reception, honoring the Palm Beach judiciary, April 30 at the Governor's Club in West Palm Beach.



UM Law thanks the following alumni and friends for their generous sponsorship of the event: Ruth P. Clements, JD '89; Alan M. Fisher, P.A.; Kogan & DiSalvo, P.A.; Lesser, Lesser & Landy, P.A.; Levy, Kneen,

Mariani, LLC; Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.; Liggio, Benrubi & Williams P.A.; Manoff & Schultz P. A.; and Zebersky & Payne, LLP.



# Annual Dean's Circle Celebration

Many of UM Law's top benefactors spent a highly enjoyable evening at The Commons of the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science May 23, at the annual Dean's Circle Celebration. The Dean's Circle is made up of alumni and friends of UM Law who make annual gifts of \$1,000 and higher to support the Law Annual Fund, scholarships or other UM Law programs.

From left are René Murai, member of the Citizens Board; Joseph H. Serota, JD '78; and Dean Dennis O. Lynch.



From left are Eli Crystol; Faith Mesnekoff, JD '83; the Hon. A. Jay Cristol, JD '59; the Hon. Elaine Bloom; and the Hon. Phil Bloom.



From left are Ben P. Kuehne, J.D. '77; Lynn Kislak; the Hon. Amy N. Dean, JD '76; Neal R. Sonnett, JD '67; Dean of Students Jeannette F. Hausler, JD '53; and Alan J. Kluger, JD '75.



# Partnership for Professionalism

Now in its fourteenth consecutive year, Partnership for Professionalism will hold its fall dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 9, at the Faculty Club of the University of Miami. This program is a joint effort sponsored by the Dade County Bar Association, its Young Lawyers Section, the University of Miami School of Law, and the Student Bar Association.

Informal roundtable discussions are held during a dinner provided for the participants, consisting of about 100 judges, attorneys, and law students. At each table is seated a judge, two or three attorneys, and five students. Prepared scenarios that present issues of civility, ethics and professionalism are discussed at each table.

UM Law alumni from the bench and bar are invited to participate at the dinners. The evenings are interesting and rewarding, not only for the student participants, but also for the many judges and attorneys who assist in the development of civility, ethics, and professionalism in our South Florida legal community.

Two dinner meetings are held each year—in October and in March or April. The coordinator of Partnership for Professionalism is Associate Dean of Students William P. VanderWyden. Please contact him at 305-284-4551, or by e-mail at [Wvander@law.miami.edu](mailto:Wvander@law.miami.edu) for suggested ideas and for participation in the October dinner or for the next meetings planned for 2002-03.



The Honorable Jeffrey Rosinek, JD'74, associate administrative judge for the appellate division, 11th Judicial Circuit, instructs student participants at his table. Seated with attorney Albert A.A. Cartenuto III, JD'90, are second and third-year students Joe DiRuzzo, David Jarrick, Maria Trejos, and Sharon Walker. Attorney Sarah Steinbaum, JD'94, also participated in the discussion at the table.



The Honorable Philip Bloom, of the general jurisdiction division of the 11th Judicial Circuit, speaks with students at his table. Judge Bloom is especially supportive in forwarding materials that are often used in creating the scenarios. Attorneys Steven Pinkert, JD'98, and Jacquelyn Needleman assisted in the table discussion along with law students Guy Christian Agbor, Dorothy Gonzalez, Janeena Carvajal and M.R. Jordan.



The Honorable Carroll Kelly, JD'89, a judge in the domestic violence division of the county court for Miami-Dade County and president of the Law Alumni Association for 2001-02, engages in a discussion of her table's assigned scenarios. Pictured with Judge Kelly are attorney Det Joks, JD'72, and J.C. Robbins, JD'02. In addition, students Valerie Carullo, Hung Nguyen, Jelani Davis, Sabrina Solomon, D.J. Johnson and attorney Elizabeth Katzen, JD'88, and participated at Judge Kelly's table.



# 50th Reunion—Class of '52

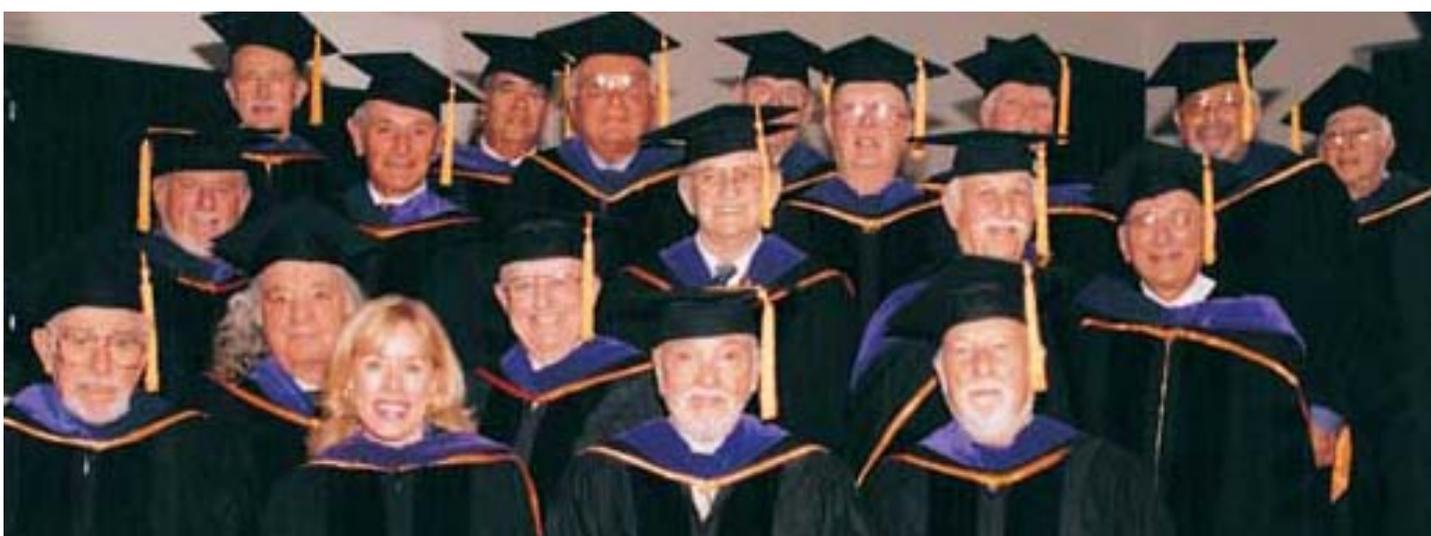
The Class of 1952 held its most successful weekend in years—50 years, to be exact—in mid-May. Guided by a steering committee that included (top photo, from left) Emerson L. Allsworth, Burton Harrison, Irwin S. Gars, Irving Waltman, Burton A. Landy, and Albert Cohen, classmates and their spouses spent a great

weekend May 18-19 reminiscing, dining, dancing, and taking part in the Hooding Ceremony for the Class of 2002.

In the second photo, Dean Dennis O. Lynch addresses the class at the May 18 dinner-dance at the UM Faculty Club. In the next photo, the class takes time out from dancing to pose for a group portrait with

Dean Lynch and Dean of Students Jeannette Hausler, JD '53.

In the fourth photo, taken the next day, class members, along with Law Alumni Association President Carroll Kelly, JD '89, have donned robes and prepare to march with the Law School's newest class.





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October 5–6, 2002

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### Continuing Mediator Education

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# From the LAA President



Dear Friends:

Since our School's inception in 1927, more than 16,000 persons have graduated from UM Law. Today, we have more than 14,000 active alumni, of whom more than two-thirds live in Florida, with more than 8,000 of us living in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. The rest are spread throughout the United States and more than 70 foreign countries.

As the new president of the Law Alumni Association, I welcome the opportunity not only to help increase alumni participation in the fundraising realm but more importantly, to help promote the School through "friend-raising" efforts. As a UM Law alumnus or friend, you will be invited to various functions designed to help you realize that you are an integral part of the alumni association.

With the help of the other members of our association and the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations, we will be hosting events in each of our South Florida counties as well as in major cities throughout Florida and the country. Among these events will be Hurricane pre-game receptions, alumni luncheons, judicial receptions, student mentoring programs and the like. Your involvement and participation will help strengthen the School of Law and promote its reputation as a national law school.

Especially, I plan to challenge you to join with other LAA members to strengthen two of our most important alumni traditions: helping our current students prepare for successful careers by volunteering to participate in one of our mentoring programs and assisting our Career Planning Center in their placement efforts.

I encourage you to get actively involved in the life of our alma mater. I want to hear from you. Let us know how we can better serve our alumni. You can contact me at 305-443-6622 or by e-mail at [lfreeman@lbfmiami.com](mailto:lfreeman@lbfmiami.com).

I look forward to hearing from you. Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

**Lewis B. Freeman**  
President, Law Alumni Association

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## UM Law Announces New Faculty Members

Jean Monet Fellowship. He will teach Transnational Litigation at UM Law this fall.

**William Twining**, research professor of law at University College London, is a leading figure in British legal education and is widely known in the fields of jurisprudence, legal biography, and evidence. He has served as a member of the Kenya Council of Legal Education, a consultant and external examiner for several African universities, a consultant to the Papua New Guinea Law Reform Commission, and a member of the Committee on Legal Education in Northern Ireland. More recently, he served as part of a team commissioned by international donor agencies to review the justice system in Uganda. His international interests include Globalization and the Law and Law in Africa. A frequent visitor to UM Law, he will teach his popular seminar on Globalization and the Law next spring.

*Please join  
Dean Dennis Lynch and  
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To Celebrate the Publication of  
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by  
The Honorable A. Jay Cristol  
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# CLASS NOTES

## **Class of 1949**

MOIE J.L. TENDRICH passed away unexpectedly on August 27, 2001. He was born in Atlanta, lived in Miami for over 70 years, was a member of the Florida Bar for 52 years and retired as a circuit court judge in 1999, after 19 years of service. He finished his career as administrative judge of the probate division. He was devoted to his family, and as a judge his decisions aimed at keeping families together and protecting children. Tendrich was also active as a founding member of Bet Shira and had previously served as president of Beth David Congregation. Judge Tendrich and his wife were also founders of the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged.

## **Class of 1950**

The Honorable SIDNEY EFRONSON passed away on April 6, 2002. He actively practiced law for 52 years, was the past president of B'nai Brith Men's Association, and was a municipal judge in South Miami. In addition to being an active civic leader and a contributor to many charities, he was an avid golfer.

## **Class of 1951**

The Honorable JOHN A. TANKSLEY passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2002, after a long illness. He was a 50-year resident of Miami, having moved to Miami from Gainesville when he was 12 years old. He fought in the South Pacific during World War II. After several years of private practice and commu-

nity service, he was appointed to the bench in 1964, where he served as county court judge, metropolitan court judge, and retired from the circuit court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in 1990. An ardent Hurricane fan, Judge Tanksley was a regular fixture at Mark Light Stadium and the Orange Bowl.

## **Class of 1952**

The Class of 1952 held its 50th Reunion Celebration during graduation weekend in May. Members of the class gathered at the Faculty Club for dinner and dancing on the evening before graduation and participated, along with the Class of 2002, in the Commencement on Sunday, May 20, at the James L. Knight Center.

## **Class of 1953**

The Class of 1953 will hold its 50th Reunion Celebration during graduation weekend in May 2003. Members of the class who are interested in assisting with the event for their class should contact the Alumni Relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

The Honorable SHELBY DeHAVEN (BARNEY) WALLIS passed away suddenly on March 5, 2002. During World War II, he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Royal Air Force, and with the 321st Bomb Group under the 57th Bomb Wing of the United States Army Air Corps. After graduating from UM Law, he was in-house counsel for J. Paul Getty and oil company associates. He moved

back to Florida in 1957 and served as a prosecutor for Broward County governmental agencies and was later appointed municipal judge for the city of Pompano Beach. After relocating to Boynton Beach in 2000, he continued practicing on a limited basis and maintained contact with the people he had served for so many years.

PHILIP T. WEINSTEIN passed away on May 22, 2002. He first served in the law office of Claude Pepper and later with the Department of Justice as a tax evasion prosecutor before opening his own practice in Miami. Weinstein was an adjunct professor at UM Law.

## **Class of 1954**

ROY H. BROOKS, JR. passed away peacefully on December 29, 2001, with his extended family at his bedside. He was a long-time Miami resident, having graduated from Miami Senior High in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and was assigned to serve Admiral Lord Louis Montbatten in Southeast Asia from 1943-46, where he earned three battle stars. His professional life was primarily devoted to being a lawyer and advocate for those needing assistance with veteran's affairs. He was well known for his work in that area and served from 1959 to 1990 on the Florida Commission on Veteran's Affairs. Commissioner Brooks was instrumental in bringing a new veterans hospital to Miami, a veterans memorial to Tallahassee, and Florida's first veterans cemetery in Bushnell, Fla. He was most proud to receiving the Exchange Club's "Book of

Golden Deeds Award" and the Daughters of the American Revolution's "National Honor Award."

## **Class of 1955**

NATHAN NEWMAN passed away on March 9, 2002, after residency in Miami since 1947. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1942-45, he had a distinguished career as an accountant and attorney in South Miami. He was active in the community and was a veteran square dancer, never missing an outing with The Salty Dogs Square Dancers, always with his beloved wife of 60 years, Dorothy.

## **Class of 1957**

JOHN MOFFITT WILDEY passed away unexpectedly at age 71 on November 3, 2001, in Durham, N.C., where he worked in the county attorney's office until his retirement. He remained active in local affairs and as a member of the Durham Trails and Greenways Commission. Many readers of the *Durham Herald-Sun* enjoyed his book reviews and letters reflecting on the lighter side of human nature and stories of everyday people. Born and raised in Chicago, after attending UM Law, he worked in real estate and title law in Florida and Ohio. He and his wife met in Ohio and finally settled at the "Willey Ranch" between Chapel Hill and Durham. Known as "Marrying Sam," Jack's favorite job was performing marriages at the courthouse.



## Class of 1959

The Honorable A.J. CRISTOL has published *The Liberty Incident: The 1967 Israeli Attack on the U.S. Navy Spy Ship*. Judge Cristol spent 18 years as a naval aviator and 20 years in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Navy, and retired as a captain in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He presently serves in the United States Bankruptcy Court in Miami. He is also on the board of the UM Law Alumni Association.



Halberg represented Nestor, a minor, who brought a medical malpractice claim in circuit court against Miami Children's Hospital for failing to treat brain swelling in the hours after surgery.

HENRY LATIMER, former Broward circuit court judge and current trial attorney, is the 2002 recipient of the Lynn



Futch Professionalism in Practice Award from the Broward County Bar Association. The award recognizes attorneys who act as role models and mentors for the community, maintain credibility and integrity, and retain respect and courtesy to counsel, the court and all parties involved. Latimer is a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig's Fort Lauderdale office and resides in Plantation Acres.

NORMAN LEOPOLD of Leopold, Korn & Leopold, P.A., in Aventura, has been elected president of the Southeast Region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He also chairs the committee for congregational benefits and services for the UAHC and serves on the national board.

JOHN A. THOMPSON, JR., was named executive director of Kairos Prison Ministry. He will be closing down his successful Coral Gables law practice in order to head up the organization in Central Florida. Thompson has served on numerous social outreach ministries in South Florida, including the Greater Miami Youth for Christ. Kairos is an interdenominational Christian ministry whose programs are

designed to be presented in state and federal correctional institutions in the United States with adaptations for other countries and languages.

## Class of 1974

JERRY M. MARKOWITZ and THOMAS RINGEL (JD '76) are name partners of Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A., which was awarded the Law Firm Commendation by Florida Chief Justice Charles T. Wells for significant contribution in the delivery of legal services to individuals or groups on a pro bono basis. In 2001, the firm's five partners and seven associates devoted more than 2,200 hours to pro bono work. Markowitz also serves on the Steering Committee for the Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop, the proceeds of which help fund the Louis Phillips Scholarship at the Law School.

HOWARD D. ROSEN of Donlevy-Rosen & Rosen, P.A., in Coral Gables, presented "Asset Protection Planning Using Offshore Trusts" to the Estate Planning Council of Diablo Valley (Calif.) and to the Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida.

WILLIAM M. STEPHENS (LL.M. in Ocean Law) has written his 17th book, a mystery novel entitled *Reddy & Abel*, being published in August 2002. The book is set in fictional Boone County, in the mountains of Tennessee. The protagonist is Lee Reddy, a young female attorney who served overseas as a nurse in World War II then went to law school. The book is an action-packed mystery and romance, with flashbacks from World War II, courtroom histrionics and a mysterious death that

smacks of the occult. View the author's Web site at [www.stephensbooks.com](http://www.stephensbooks.com). Stephens lives and practices in Brentwood, Tenn.

## Class of 1975

The HON. GISELA CARDONNE, Circuit Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, married UM Law Prof. John H. Ely in Miami in May 2002.

JOHN M. MacDANIEL, president of John M. MacDaniel, P.A., has 25 years experience in the area of immigration and international law. MacDaniel is a member of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association and has been quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Journal da Tarde*, the *Miami Herald*, the *International Business Chronicle*, *Momento International* and the Brazilian international magazine, *Inter Plus*. He has appeared on the Brazilian Television Network, the Luqui Television Network, and wrote the first immigration column for the *Florida Review*.

ELLIOTT H. SCHERKER of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in Miami, has been elected to the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

## Class of 1976

STEVEN CHAYKIN joined the Miami office of Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP. Before entering private practice, Chaykin worked for nine years as a federal prosecutor. During that tenure, he served as chief of the public corruption division and managing assistant for the U.S.



## Class of 1965

JOSE E. MARTINEZ was recently nominated by President George W. Bush to be a U.S. District Court judge in South Florida. His confirmation was announced 9-13-02.

## Class of 1967

The Honorable EUGENE J. FIERRO was inducted into the Miami Beach Senior High School Hall of Fame in recognition of his commitment to public service in Miami-Dade County. Fierro is a member of the board of directors of the University of Miami Law Alumni Association and was honored with its Alumnus of Distinction Award in 1999.



## Class of 1973

DAVID HALBERG recently won a judgment for his client, Marissa Nestor, in the amount of \$12.7 million against Miami Children's Hospital.



Attorney's Office. Chaykin has successfully represented corporations, corporate executives, and public officials in numerous high profile cases and investigations. He recently chaired the first annual Criminal Justice Ethics Symposium at UM and also moderated a panel discussion on "Pre-Indictment/Information Ethical Considerations; Sleazy or Zealous Advocacy." Founded in 1979, Zuckerman Spaeder's Miami office specializes in complex commercial and criminal litigation and health care law.

MICHAEL GATES has been appointed circuit court judge in Broward County by Gov. Jeb Bush. Gates is a partner in the general practice law firm of Kaplan, Jaffe & Gates in Hollywood and currently lives in Davie, Fla. In 1969, while serving in Vietnam, he was awarded the Navy's highest honor for extraordinary heroism, the Navy Cross. Gates also received the Purple Heart and a Navy Achievement Medal. The awards recognize his bravery while patrolling the Vam Co Dong River in July 1969. Gates also received his undergraduate degree from the University of Miami in 1973.

ALFONSO J. PEREZ, formerly a named partner of the firm Haley, Sinagra & Perez, P.A., and his junior partner Christopher J.



Dawes, represented the plaintiffs in the case *Empresas Antillanas, CXA, et al. vs. Supply Engineering and Financing Corporation, et al.*, tried before a jury, and presided over by Circuit Judge Thomas Wilson. The jury deliberated for approximately

one hour before returning a verdict of \$1,431,140.06, which was the exact figure on the plaintiff's damage chart. Perez recently joined Rasco, Reininger, Perez & Esquenazi, P.L. as a name partner. The 15-person law firm in Coral Gables, has a diverse practice, including corporate real estate, securities and commercial litigation.

MARTIN PRESS, a former managing partner of Broad & Cassel, recently announced his departure for Gunster Yoakley after having started with the firm in 1986. Press has been practicing in Fort Lauderdale since 1976.

### Class of 1977

The Class of 1977 will hold its 25th Reunion Celebration on Friday, October 11, at the Rowe Art Museum on campus. Members of the class who are interested in assisting with the event should contact the Alumni Relations Office, 305-284-3470.

BENEDICT P. KUEHNE, a trial and appellate lawyer with Sale & Kuehne in Miami, recently lectured on



the use of technology in the 2000 presidential election at the Legal Works 2001 Conference in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Kuehne is board certified in appeals and criminal trials. His presentation, "Going to War In Ten Days: Use of Technology in the 2000 Presidential Election Contest," focused on his active role as Florida counsel to Vice President Al Gore during the 2000 presidential recount and ensuing litigation. Kuehne discussed and

demonstrated the use of technology which enabled Team Recount, the name used by Gore/Lieberman for the litigation team, to create a highly effective "virtual law firm" capable of simultaneously litigating the recounts, trials, and appellate cases throughout Florida and to the U.S. Supreme Court during the 36 days following the 2000 presidential election. Kuehne is a past president of the Dade County Bar Association.

MICHAEL A. ORTIZ, formerly of Kirk Pinkerton, P.A., announces the reopening of Michael A. Ortiz, P.A., with offices at 2014 Fourth Street, Sarasota, Fla. 34237, telephone 941-706-9000. The firm concentrates in the area of personal injury law.

### Class of 1979

The Honorable CINDY LEDERMAN, chief judge in the juvenile court, spearheaded the Miami Safe Start Initiative, which focuses on abused and neglected infants and toddlers in state care. The program provides them with medical and developmental assessments and subsequent care.

The Honorable STEVE LEVINE passed away in early December of 2001. While driving down Krome Avenue, Judge Levine was hit by a truck that failed to observe a stop sign. A native of Elmira, N.Y., Levine came to South Florida to attend the University of Miami School of Law. He was assistant public defender when he was elected a county judge in 1986. Gov. Bob Martinez elevated him to the circuit court in 1989. During Levine's 15 years on the bench, he handled his share of high profile cases and

earned high approval ratings from attorneys. He is survived by his wife, Tracy Howard, and his two children, Madison, 12, and Jake, 10.

### Class of 1980

RICHARD N. BERSTEIN, former head of Carlton Fields' corporate practice, will oversee Steel Hector & Davis' corporate securities group in the Miami office.

CYRUS "RUSS" JOLLIVETTE has joined Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida in the newly created position of group vice president, public affairs, where he will provide executive leadership for advertising and market communications, government and legislative relations, public policy, and public relations and corporate communications. Jollivette was formerly a vice president at the University of Miami.

JEROME KAVULICH serves as a director in the Coral Gables Bar Association during 2002-03.



LAURANCE B. OPPENHEIMER has joined Hiscock & Barclay as partner and chair of the firm's labor and

employment practice group. With more than 20 years of experience, Oppenheimer has successfully represented employers in union elections, defended unfair labor practice charges, and negotiated union contracts throughout the United States. Oppenheimer has handled several high profile cases, including the defense of employers in employment class action suits, trade secret disputes, and other commercial torts. Presently, he serves



on the Labor Law Advisory Committee of the Council on Union-Free Environment (CUE). An attorney featured in *Who's Who in American Law*, Oppenheimer has published articles and lectured throughout the country on a wide variety of labor and employment issues.

## Class of 1981



**BRUCE A. BLITMAN**, an attorney and certified county, family, circuit civil and federal mediator

practicing in Pembroke Pines, received the Outstanding Service Award from the Broward County Bar Association. He served as co-chair of the Young Diplomats, a collaborative program between the School Board of Broward County's Office of Diversity and Cultural Outreach and the Broward County Bar Association, in which high school students receive specialized training in leadership, conflict resolution, promoting respect and positive human relations. Blitman was also appointed to the franchise panel of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution's Panel of Distinguished Neutrals. He has also been appointed to serve on the Ombudsman Committee for Managed Health Care, District X, by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. He lives with his wife, Shari, and their two sons, Andrew and Jonathan, in Cooper City. He is the immediate past president of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, Inc., the state's largest professional association for dispute resolvers.

**STEVEN J. BRODIE**, a shareholder with Carlton Fields in Miami, has been appointed to the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and has been re-elected to the board of directors for the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. His practice includes civil and regulatory litigation, bankruptcy and commercial transactions.

**ALAN MISHAEL** is a candidate for circuit court judge in Miami-Dade County, after practicing law over 20 years, first with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., then as assistant U.S. attorney in Miami, followed by private practice with Shutts & Bowen and with Gallwey, Gillman, Curtis, Vento & Horn.

**RICHARD J. SUAREZ** has been appointed county court judge for Miami-Dade county by Gov. Jeb Bush. He was a name partner at Hardeman & Suarez in Miami.

## Class of 1982

The Class of 1982 will hold its 20th Reunion Celebration on Friday, October 11, at Rosenstiel Commons. Members of the class who are interested in assisting with the event should contact the Alumni Relations Office, 305-284-3470.

**ERIC BUERMANN**, the Florida GOP's top attorney, is joining Steel Hector & Davis, the firm that represented Republican Secretary of State Katherine Harris in the 2000 election lawsuit. He will be of counsel in the firm's real estate department in Miami while retaining his GOP post. He has also served as Florida counsel for the Bush/Cheney 2000 presidential campaign and worked on Gov. Jeb Bush's 1994 and 1998 gubernatorial

campaigns. He worked at Steel Hector from 1982 to 1984. From 1984 until his appointment with the state GOP in 1998, Buermann has practiced in his own firm, Eric Buermann, P.A.

**DAVID L. DEEHL** of Deehl & Carson, P.A., in Coral Gables, recently spoke about e-mail management at an Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers seminar in Fort Lauderdale.

**FRED GOLDRING** is the founding partner of a boutique transactional entertainment law firm in Beverly Hills, Calif. His clients include Will Smith, Destiny's Child, Alanis Morissette, No Doubt, Christina Aguilera, Herbie Hancock, LL Cool J, Guns N' Roses, and Mark Wahlberg, among others. While at the University of Miami School of Law, he founded the Entertainment & Sports Law Society.

**KATHY M. KLOCK**, who most recently was executive vice president and director of risk management for Boca Raton-based J.W. Genesis Financial Services, has been hired by Steel Hector & Davis to take over the firm's domestic securities broker-dealer practice in West Palm Beach. Klock is the sister of Steel Hector chairman and managing partner Joseph P. Klock, Jr.

**EDITH G. OSMAN** of Carlton Fields in Miami has been elected to the board of the Miami City Club for a three-year term. She is past president of the Florida Bar.

**JOHN PAUL PARKS (LL.M.)** has relocated his practice to Two Renaissance Square, 40 North Central Avenue, Suite 2800, Phoenix, Ariz. 85004. Admitted to practice in Arizona, Florida and the

District of Columbia, his principal areas of practice are estate planning, probate and trust administration, business law and related litigation. He is also of counsel to Horne, Ducar, Lorona & Slaton, LLP, a law firm that practices in the areas of construction litigation, personal injury, real property disputes, civil litigation, and criminal law.

**JACQUELINE HOGAN SCOLA** was elected circuit judge for Miami-Dade County without opposition.

**JEREMY A. SPECTOR**, a member of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP's public finance department, is assisting



Georgetown University Law Center's CLE program. The Second Annual Tax-Exempt Bonds Institute Program took place on November 29-30, 2001. The firm's offices are located in Philadelphia, Allentown and Media, Pa.; Cherry Hill and Trenton, N.J.; New York, N.Y.; Wilmington, Del.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D.C.; and Boca Raton, Fla.

## Class of 1983

**MARCOS DANIEL JIMENEZ** has been appointed U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida by Pres. George W. Bush. He previously practiced with White & Case in Miami.

## Class of 1984

**IAN COMISKY**, a partner in the tax and fiduciary department at Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP, participated in the 18th Annual National Institute on Criminal Tax



Fraud from October 31 to November 2, 2001, where he spoke on federal sentencing guidelines,

including discussion of the new "Tax & Money Laundering Guidelines, Negotiating Pleas and Creative Guideline Departures." Comisky joined Blank Rome in 1980 and concentrates his practice in the area of white-collar criminal defense, criminal, civil tax litigation and insurance defense, including financial institutions, accountants, and attorney malpractice. He is a former assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida and practices in the firm's Philadelphia and Boca Raton offices. Comisky is co-author of *Tax Fraud & Evasion*, a two-volume treatise, which includes chapters on money laundering, asset forfeiture and related financial institution compliance issues. He is a member of the American College of Tax Counsel. The firm's offices are located in Philadelphia, Allentown and Media, Pa.; Cherry Hill and Trenton, N.J.; New York, N.Y.; Wilmington, Del.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Baltimore, Md; Washington, D.C.; and Boca Raton, Fla.

SANDRA GREENBLATT, a partner at the Miami-based law firm of Ferrell Schultz Carter Zumpano & Fertel, spoke at the February meeting of the Florida Health Care Compliance Association. Her speech, entitled "Document Retention Policies: Are You E-Updated and E-Protected?" addressed a timely issue of concern, that is the lawful destruction of paper and digital documents. Greenblatt is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association,

American College of Legal Medicine, Florida Bar Health Law Section and the South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum.

JOHN MALLAH is the subject of a front page story, "South Florida's ADA Industry," in the *National Law Journal*, July 16, 2001, and is described as one of the premier plaintiff's lawyers in the field.

**DIANA SANTA MARIA**



recently spoke on the topic of "Jury Selection in the Difficult Liability Case" at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers jury

selection seminar in Fort Lauderdale. She also spoke on "Proof and Argument of Liability in the Slippery Surface Slip and Fall Case" at an Academy-sponsored seminar in Tampa. She is a trial lawyer in Fort Lauderdale, practicing in the areas of plaintiff personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice. She serves on the board of directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

**WILLIAM P. VANDER**



WYDEN, formerly director of music and organist at the Church of the Epiphany in Miami, contin-

ues his involvement in church music as organist at St. John Neumann Church in Kendall. As associate dean of students at UM Law, he has the pleasure of attending and playing for weddings of members of the UM Law community. He also coordinates Partnership for Professionalism, the October and March program that

gathers judges, attorneys and law students for a dinner workshop to promote civility, ethics and professionalism in the legal profession.

**Class of 1985**

BARON DREXEL recently obtained a \$5 million judgment for a client who received HIV from a former San Francisco health commissioner who lied about his health status, representing that he was HIV negative.

**ERVIN A. GONZALEZ** was



recently elected into membership of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). The presti-

gious association's purpose is the preservation of civil jury trials and justice by the people and the promotion of civility among lawyers through a high code of professionalism. Gonzalez is board certified in civil trial law and business litigation by the Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is currently on the board of governors for the Florida Bar, and he is past president of the Dade County Bar Association. He has also served as president of the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association and is an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law.

LINDA KELLY KEARSON has been named special assistant to Chief Judge Joseph P. Farina, and she will provide in-house counsel to the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, with offices at 73 W. Flagler Street, Suite 511, Miami, Fla. 33130-1707, telephone 305-375-4380.

**AMY D. RONNER**, law



professor at St. Thomas University School of Law, has a new article, "Scouting for Intolerance:

The Dale Court's Resurrection of the Medieval Leper," which will appear in 11 *Law and Sexuality* (2002). Professor Ronner has also had her novel, *Hurled Headlong*, accepted for publication, and it should be out later this year. In describing the novel, Ronner's publisher wrote: "As with novelist/attorney Scott Turow, [Ronner's] knowledge of the law infuses this book with verisimilitude, while not sacrificing the dramatic elements that make for an intriguing read."

EUGENE ROSTOV has been named financial administrative partner, of Baker & McKenzie, with offices at 1200 Brickell Ave., 19th Floor, Miami, Fla. 33131; telephone 305-789-8900.

**WAYNE SCHAEFER**, a



partner in the Labor Group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, practices in the areas of public employees'

disability and civil litigation. Schaefer graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1979 and is admitted to practice in the state of New York, as well as the United States District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, was founded in 1965 and has grown into one of Long Island's largest full service law firms with over 70 attorneys.



LINDA C. SWEETING of Morehead & Sweeting, P.A., in Fort Lauderdale, has been elected chair of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Women's Caucus and will serve on the academy's board of directors. She also spoke on the diversity of Florida's judiciary in Orlando at the 13th Annual Meeting of the National Consortium of Task Forces and Commissions on Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Courts and in Tallahassee at Gov. Jeb Bush's training for Judicial Nominating Commission members.

### Class of 1986

CHARLES BALLI is an associate in the aviation group at Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Lehman DeMaria Tague Raymond & Levine. Prior to merging with this firm, Balli was an associate at the 13-lawyer firm of Burd Lozano & Zacherl in Miami. Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Lehman De Maria Tague Raymond & Levine, LLP, specializes in complex litigation in both state and federal courts. The firm has offices in Miami, Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.

KEVIN S. HENNESSY has been awarded the prestigious "AV" rating by Martindale-Hubbell. The rating identifies an attorney with very high to preeminent legal ability, a reflection of expertise, experience, integrity and overall professional excellence. Hennessy also presented "Environmental Due Diligence, Permitting and Process" at the recent zoning and land use planning seminar,



held in both Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. He practices in the areas of litigation, environmental, land use, and administrative law in the West Palm Beach office of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

DIANE WAGNER KATZEN, a shareholder with Richman Greer Weil Brumbaugh Mirabito & Christensen in Miami, has become a Supreme Court-certified mediator. She practices in the areas of complex commercial litigation, employment-related litigation, business torts, liability of business professionals, general negligence and mediation services.

KIMBERLY DAWN KOLBACK recently participated on the executive council for the 13th Annual Southern Regional Entertainment and Sports Law Seminar in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, sponsored by the Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia bars. She also lectured at the Russian consulate on May 3, 2002, in New York, on the topic of international licensing at the seminar on the "World of the Russian Federation and United States Entertainment Industries." She served as moderator at the UM Law Entertainment and Sports Law Society's Fifth Annual Symposium, "Current Issues: Exclusive Recording Agreements" and participated in the steering committee of the Florida Bar's Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section's Fourth Annual Legal Symposium on the World of Music, Film & Television, held on March 4, 2002, on Miami Beach.

JAY S. LEVENSTEIN was recently appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture. His areas of responsibility are

the divisions of forestry, standards, and consumer services.

BARBARA STEINER MOUNTJOY has been named attorney coordinator of the Blossom Project, a U.S. Department of Justice-funded grant to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. She has developed a series of classes designed to break the ties binding victims to their abusers and will oversee a four-attorney staff providing direct representation to victims.

WILLIAM M. PEARSON, an attorney with Ferrell Schultz in Miami, lectured on the investigation of public corruption cases at the FBI academy in Quantico, Va. Previously Pearson was an assistant U.S. attorney in Miami. Pearson chairs the grievance committee of the Florida Bar.

JOHN W. PERLOFF began a two-year term on the Southeast Regional Board of Directors of Canine Companions for Independence, an organization dedicated to providing highly trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities.

JOHN TOBER is a partner at Boies, Shiller and Flexner, LLP, in Miami. He is an active member of the National Investment Banker's Association and the Association of Public Corporations and is the current chairman of the board of directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami-Dade County. He will continue to practice law in the areas of corporate law, securities law, community banking, commercial lending, mergers and acquisitions, and various other domestic and foreign business transactions, including representing high

net worth individuals and corporations from the Caribbean and Latin and South America.

### Class of 1987

JACK FALK of Dunwoody, White & Landon, P.A., in Miami, recently spoke at the "On the Cutting Edge—Estate and Trust Litigation" seminar presented by the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar.

JOHN J. FUMERO, general counsel with the South Florida Water Management District, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Water Resources Association's Florida section. He is also chair of the Environmental Control Hearing Board of Palm Beach county.

BARRY NELSON (LL.M.—Taxation) of Nelson & Levine, P.A., in Aventura, presented "Current Trends and Traps in Estate Planning" for the Florida Institute of CPAs at its Federal Institute on Taxation in Orlando, and "Estate and Asset Protection Planning—Current Federal Estate Tax and Florida Law Update" at the Estate Planning Conference in Fort Lauderdale. He has also been reappointed as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami Law School Graduate Program in Taxation.

GUY A. RASCO has joined the litigation boutique of Fine & Martinez in Coral Gables, as of counsel, where he continues to specialize in commercial litigation and asset forfeitures. Rasco was formerly an associate with





Zuckerman Spaeder in Miami. Last fall, he spoke at the annual Homecoming Breakfast at the University of Miami School of Law about the early history of UM Law.

RICHARD SHEEHY received his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Arizona State University in 2000. He is currently assistant professor of counselor education at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa., where he teaches in a masters of counseling program. Sheehy is also the founder and owner of SRS Solutions, LLC, a company dedicated to providing quality counseling services, in-house CLE programs, and executive coaching to the legal profession and other organizations. He and his wife, Shannon, reside in downtown Des Moines.

### **Class of 1988**

MARY BARZEE has been elected without opposition as circuit court judge.

CARLOS C. DEL AMO is immediate past president of the Coral Gables Bar Association.

MARK L. JACOBSON joined



the defense litigation firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin as an associate in

the Fort Lauderdale office of the firm's professional liability department. Jacobson has served as assistant state attorney in Broward County and has been a solo practitioner.

GARY SALZMAN was appointed vice-chair of The Florida Bar's Business Litigation Certification Committee and continues to practice law in the area of business litigation and mediates commercial disputes.

### **Class of 1989**

IGNACIO E. ARANGO serves as a director in the Coral Gables Bar Association during 2002-03.

LEE G. COHEN, assistant state attorney in charge of county court at the Broward State Attorney's Office, has been awarded the Statewide Prosecutor of the Year Award by Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Florida (MADD). Lee's wife is Stacey (BBA '90), and their two sons are Samuel, 6, and Jeremy, 4.

ROBERT E. GLUCK has been practicing personal injury law in Plantation, Fla., since leaving the state attorney's office. He resides in Weston.

SCOTT SILVER of Gusrae, Kaplan & Bruno, PLLC, recently published "Defending the Smaller Broker-Dealer" in the PLI Securities Arbitration 2001 course book.

MARGARET Z. VILLELLA, of Atkinson, Diner, Stone, Mankuta & Ploucha, P.A., in Hollywood, has been appointed to the board of directors of the South Broward YMCA. She joined the firm's Litigation Department in 1997, and her practice encompasses business and commercial litigation, construction defense and condominium law.

TODD M. WERNSTROM recently gave up the practice of law, the last six years of which were with his own law

firm, in order to write about wine. He is the executive director of *The Wine News*, a national publication. He publishes his own wine newsletter called *Carafe* and has written for several other wine publications.

### **Class of 1990**

ALBERT A.A. CARETENUTO III is associated with the Law Office of Bohdan Neswiacheny in Fort Lauderdale.

JAY A. GAYOSO joined Clarke Silverglate Campbell Williams & Montgomery in Miami as a partner where his practice focuses on complex litigation, aviation law, contracts and commercial torts. Previously he was an associate with Latham & Watkins in New York and then an associate with Homer Bonner & Delgado in Miami.

ANDREW HELLINGER recently joined the law firm of Meland Russin & Hellinger, P.A., 200 South Biscayne Blvd., Suite 3000, in Miami.

SERGIO P. NEGREIRA has been named director of litigation services for BDO Seidman, LLP, with offices at 100 SE Second St., Suite 2200, Miami, Fla. 33131-2151, telephone 305-381-8000.

JAMES J. NOSICH, of the law firm of McGrane & Nosich, P.A., has been appointed by the Florida Bar as its representative in the Florida Medical Malpractice Underwriting Association (FMMUA) for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2002.



### **Class of 1991**

SPENCER ARONFELD presented the fourth annual Spencer Aronfeld Award for Public Justice to graduating law student Rebecca Marie Hain at the Hooding Ceremony rehearsal on May 18, 2002. The award is given annually through the generosity of Aronfeld to a student who possesses outstanding skills of oral advocacy in pursuit of public justice.

SCOTT A. COLE has joined Cole Scott & Kissane in Miami as partner. He concentrates in the areas of personal injury law, worker's compensation, malpractice and nursing home litigation.

PATRICIA CICCETTI JASON is associate dean for student and administrative affairs at Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova Southeastern University, in Fort Lauderdale.

SCOTT H. MARDER of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., in Fort Lauderdale has been named chair of the Commercial Law Section of the Broward County Bar Association. Marder concentrates his practice on complex commercial, business and construction litigation. His experience includes cases involving securities fraud, trademark infringement and civil RICO. Marder serves on the boards of directors of Minority Development and Empowerment, Inc., and the Greater Hollywood Philharmonic Orchestra. He also serves as a member of the Sun Sentinel Diversity Venture Fund's Grant Review Panel and is an active volunteer with Hollydogs Greyhound Adoption. Ruden McClosky is a full-service Florida law firm



with offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Naples, Port St. Lucie, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

SIQBHAN HELENE SHEA, of Glickman, Witters, Marell & Jamieson in West Palm Beach, has been installed as president-elect of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She is also president of B'Nai B'Rith Palm Beach Justice Unit and chair of the Palm Beach County Bar Association Appellate Practice Committee.

GENE C. SULZBERGER was promoted to vice president and relationship manager, heading up SunTrust's newly established endowment and foundation services office in South Florida. Prior to this appointment, Sulzberger was a vice president and trust officer in SunTrust's Bal Harbour trust department. He resides in the Brickell area of Miami.

## Class of 1992

The Class of 1992 will hold its 10th Reunion Celebration on Friday, October 11, in the Law School courtyard. Members of the class who are interested in assisting with the event should contact the Alumni Relations Office, 305-284-3470.

JILL ANDERSON-BLANCO has joined the real estate division of Glantz and Glantz, P.A., as an associate, serving the firm's English and Spanish-speaking clients. Anderson-Blanco was previously a real estate and corporate attorney with the firm of Feinberg & Maidenbaum. Glantz &



Glantz, P.A., is an AV-rated law firm providing quality representation in all areas of general practice and is located at 7951 Southwest Sixth Street, Plantation, Fla. 33324, telephone 954-424-1200.

ROGER A. BERNSTEIN was named partner in the Miami office of Ferrell Schultz Carter Zumpano & Fertel, P.A., where he concentrates on immigration law.

DAVID J. BLOCK is a partner in Hertner Block & Associates.

JOSEPH H. BOGOSIAN was appointed by President George W. Bush as deputy assistant secretary of commerce at the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. Formerly, Bogosian was with the legislative relations division of McGuire Woods Consulting in Washington. When he is not traveling for the Department of Commerce, he resides in Arlington.

SCOTT BROOK announces the formation of Brook & Tipton, P.L., which concentrates in the areas of worker's compensation litigation and appeals. He has also been made a trustee on the executive board of the South Florida chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

STEVEN W. DAVIS joined the Miami office of Zack Kosnitzky as a member in the litigation department. Previously, Davis was with Thompson Muraro Razonick & Hart. He has been practicing in the area of civil litigation since 1982 and received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Florida.

JOHN EGUSQUIZA opened his own firm at Datran II Center in the Kendall area, after years of practice in the areas of criminal defense and real estate transactions.

ERIC FISCHER has been appointed senior legal counsel with Rendina Cos., a real estate firm in Palm Beach Gardens. Previously he was vice president of legal affairs.

BROOKE FRIED is assistant general counsel for the University of Miami, with offices on the Coral Gables campus.

WILLIAM S. GALVANO is running for the seat in Florida House District 68. He is a partner in the Brandenton law firm of Grimes, Goebel, Grimes, Hawkins, Gladfetter & Galvano, P.A. He and his wife, Julie, live in Bradenton with their sons, William, age 6, and Michael, age 3.

ANNE BLOOM ISRAEL



joined American Friends of the Hebrew University as development director of its Southeast hub. Bloom Israel has extensive experience as a mediator, organizer, spokeswoman, fundraiser and writer. A civil litigator since 1983, she was a legal consultant in Tel Aviv, serving as counsel to a high tech international corporation. She is a certified civil and family mediator in Florida and has also been a writer, Web site editor and consultant on business and alternative health issues. She recently married David Israel, a native of Jerusalem, and became the mother of three children. American Friends of the Hebrew University is dedicated to strengthening

Hebrew University by providing resources to perpetuate the cultural, intellectual and educational traditions of the Jewish people.

MICHAEL H. JOHNSON is vice president and a principal of World Business Advisors, LLC, a business consulting group specializing in industrial site selection and economic developing consulting. He also served as a FIFA Media Officer in the FIFA 2002 World Cup in Korea/Japan.

GREGORY MAYBACK was named as an equity partner in the Hollywood office of Lerner & Greenberg, P.A., and will continue to concentrate his practice in patent, trademark and copyright law. He is a registered patent attorney, the past president of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Florida, and a former federal law clerk to the Honorable C. Clyde Atkins. For the year 2001, his firm was named by *Intellectual Property Today*<sup>TM</sup> magazine as number 31 among the top law firms in the United States for obtaining patents in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. This ranking places Lerner & Greenberg first for the number of patents issued to a Florida law firm. Mayback also recently presented "Resolving Trademark Disputes using the ICANN Arbitration Proceedings" to the Inventors Society of South Florida.

TUCKER RONZETTI recently joined Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton as of counsel. Previously, Ronzetti spent seven years as an assistant Miami-Dade County attorney. He also clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Edward B. Davis. Ronzetti's



practice will focus on the areas of employment and commercial litigation.

GARY R. SHENDELL heads the Fort Lauderdale office of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, a regional defense litigation law firm with headquarters in Philadelphia. Shendell joins the firm as a shareholder and as a member of the professional liability department, where he will continue to concentrate his practice in defending professionals, including lawyers, doctors, accountants, directors and officers, insurance agents, securities brokers, architects and engineers. The firm is strictly a defense litigation law firm with 18 offices throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Ohio and Florida.

DAVID H. SPALTER proudly announces the opening of the Law Office of David H. Spalter, P.A., in Davie. He recently became bar-certified in labor and employment law and will continue his practice in this field on behalf of employers and employees. He resides in Weston

### **Class of 1993**

ALAN W. ADAMS is executive vice president and general counsel of Bantree National Bank & Trust Co. in Lake Forest, Ill., where he also resides.

SUZANNE M. AMADUCCI was named partner in the real estate department of Bilzin Sumberg Dunn Baena Price & Axelrod, LLP, a full-service law firm with more than 70 attorneys.

DANIEL DAVIS serves as a director in the Coral Gables Bar Association during 2002-03.

LINDA FRAZIER recently returned to South Florida after three years in New York City. In December 2001, she joined the firm of Panza Maurer & Maynard, in Fort Lauderdale, to expand the firm's corporate transactional practice. Linda has practiced in the area of general corporate, mergers and acquisitions, and securities since graduating from UM Law.

STACEY A. GIULIANTI recently taught "Dispositions & Penalties" at the Broward County Traffic Magistrate training academy. He has served as a traffic magistrate since 1998.

ROBERT W. HUDSON of Carlton Fields in Miami has been elected vice president of the board of directors for the Humane Society of Greater Miami.

JULIE BRAMAN KANE, of Colson, Hicks, Eidson in Miami, was elected to the board of governors, second vice-chair of the women's caucus, and second vice-chair of the products liability section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

MARIA C. MONTENEGRO joined Katz Barron as an associate. Previously she was an associate with Broad and Cassel in Miami.

KIRK W. B. WAGAR, managing partner of the Wagar Law Firm, spoke in Tampa, on February 21, at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Workhorse Seminar on the topic "What You Need to Know But Don't Know About Disability Claims" and was session chair at the American Conference Institute Litigating Disability Insurance Claims—"Evaluating ERISA Changes Impact on Carriers and Disability Claims," in San

Diego on March 1. Wagar also serves as the chair of the New Lawyers Division of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

STEVE L. WASERSTEIN joined Ferrell Schultz Carter Zumpano & Fertel as partner and chair of the firm's tax affinity group. Waserstein received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and he also has an LL.M. in taxation from New York University.

### **Class of 1994**

STACEY BERCUN BOHN and Mark Bohn became the proud parents of their son, Ethan Cole, on September 6, 2001. Stacey was made a shareholder at Akerman Senterfitt and Mark was made a partner at Thornton, Davis & Fein.

GERHARD EICHBERGER (LL.M.—Comparative Law) is a partner and head of the corporate law department at Kerres & Diwok. The firm is moving to a Palais on Vienna's Ringstrasse. The new address of the law firm will be Schubertring 2, 1010 Vienna; the telephone and fax shall remain the same (+ 43- 1 516 60 0; + 43- 1 516 60-60).

LAWRENCE H. KOLIN received the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Legal Aid Public Service Award for his contributions to those in need of free legal services. The award was presented to Kolin by Young Lawyers Division President Elizabeth Gicella Rice at the Florida Supreme Court. It was instituted in 1991 by the Young Lawyers Division and is presented in conjunction with the Supreme Court of Florida and the Florida Bar's Pro Bono Awards. Kolin has been a

member of the Florida Bar since 1994, has served as a pro bono guardian ad litem (GAL) since 1995, and has been appointed GAL to several multi-sibling families. Kolin has also been an Orange County Teen Court judge and advisor. He received a special award of the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association for his efforts in April 1997. Kolin practices with Alvarez, Sambol, Winthrop & Madson, P.A. Kolin is a member of the American Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association, and the American Inns of Court. He is also a certified mediator.

MARK LIEBLICH was elected



to the partnership of Baker & Hostetler, LLP, where he practices in the business group with an emphasis

in real estate and business transactions. Baker & Hostetler, LLP, is a full-service law firm with more than 500 attorneys serving clients throughout the world. The firm's four primary practice groups are business, employment and labor, litigation and tax, personal planning and employee benefits. Founded in 1916, Baker & Hostetler has 10 offices located in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Costa Mesa, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Orlando and Washington, D.C., in addition to affiliated firms in Brazil and Mexico.

LEONARD L. LOPES is legal counsel for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, with an office in the State House in Providence.



**BENJAMIN W. NEWMAN** joined Bobo, Spicer, Ciotoli, Fulford, Bocchwo & Romaguera, P.A., as a partner in September 2001. He specializes in medical malpractice and nursing home defense. Newman and his wife, Christina, celebrated the birth of their second son, Spencer Maxwell, on June 22, 2001.

**B. JOHN OVINK** moved his office to 1705 West Sligh Avenue, Tampa, Fla. 33604. The telephone is unchanged at 813-254-2209. His work includes, immigration, family law, wills, trusts, probate, corporate and real estate.

**STEVEN SHAMAH** has joined the office of the general counsel for GEICO Insurance at their Washington, D.C., headquarters, where he currently specializes in the areas of technology licensing and real estate on the company's behalf. He resides in Severna Park, Md.

**IAN SIROTA** and his wife, Stacy, proudly announce the birth of Brandon David, born June 15, 2002. The family lives in Cherry Hill, N.J.

**PETER F. VALORI** was named partner at Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Lehman DeMaria Tague Raymond & Levine, LLP, where he has



been since 1999. Valori has experience arbitrating cases as well as litigating cases in state and federal courts. He is a member of the Florida Bar, the United States District Court for the Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida as well as the United States Court of Appeals—Eleventh Circuit. He authored "The Meaning of 'Bad Faith' Under the Excep-

tions to the Hearsay Rule," 48 *U. Miami L. Rev.* 481 (1993). Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Lehman De Maria Tague Raymond & Levine, LLP, specializes in complex litigation in both state and federal courts. The firm has three offices including Miami, Tallahassee and Washington D.C.

**GLEN WIDOW** has joined Zuckerman Spaeder in Miami as a senior associate. Widow practices in the areas of complex commercial litigation and white-collar criminal defense, focusing on health care and business fraud.

### **Class of 1995**

**JASON SCOTT COUPAL** is pleased to announce the opening of his firm's Broward County office, Jason Scott Coupal, P.A.

**MICHELLE DIFFENDERFER** has been named shareholder at Lewis Longman & Walker in West Palm Beach.



Diffenderfer practices environmental and administrative law. She is a member of the Florida Bar's Environmental and Land Use Law Section.

**MICHAEL A. HAGGARD** recently became a partner in the civil trial firm of Haggard, Parks, Haggard & Bologna, P.A., in Coral



Gables. He was also newly inducted as president of the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association. He lives with his wife, **BEKKI BUCKHALT HAGGARD** (JD '96), and

daughter, Madison Grace (4 months) in Pinecrest.

**PATRICIA A. LEONARD**



joined the law firm of Beasley & Hauser, P.A., in West Palm Beach, where she will continue to practice complex commercial litigation. She serves as president of the University of Virginia Alumni Club of the Palm Beaches, as co-chair of the pro bono committee for the Palm Beach county chapter of FAWL, and on the membership committee of the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches.

**RICHARD LORENZO** has been named partner at Steel, Hector & Davis, LLP.

**MAI LIN PETRINE NOFFKE**



has been associate attorney at Lord, Bissell & Brook in Chicago, Ill., since 1997. Her current focus of

practice is in litigation, including commercial disputes, products liability, and insurance coverage. She and her husband, Timothy, welcomed their first child, Emma Katherine, on May 1, 2001.

**ROY L. WEINFELD** has moved his offices to the Ingraham Building, 25 S.E. Second Ave., Suite 808, Miami, where he continues to concentrate in the areas of creditors' rights and commercial litigation.

### **Class of 1996**

**SHERI ALTER (GUTSIN)** and her husband, Daniel (JD '94), recently welcomed their first child, Erica Nicole, into the world. When she's not at home with her daughter, Sheri is an associate with Carlton Fields, in Miami, where she practices in the firm's commercial and employment litigation departments. Daniel is a partner with the Fort Lauderdale firm of Bunnell Wolfe, et al., where he practices in the area of ERISA claim litigation.

**JEFFREY C. BLOCKINGER** recently joined Crowell & Moring, LLP, as counsel in the firm's newly formed investment management practice in the Washington office.

Blockinger previously spent more than five years as an associate at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Washington, D.C. His practice focuses on the formation of hedge funds and counseling investment advisers and mutual funds regarding federal, state, and international regulatory and corporate issues. Sherry and Jeffrey live in Washington with their beautiful daughter, Jocelyn.

**JENNIFER L. BUSHEY**, of



Fort Lauderdale, and Stephen M. Armstrong, of Jacksonville, were engaged on New Year's

Day. Jennifer is a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson, a Chicago based law firm, and Stephen is self-employed at the Law Office of Stephen M. Armstrong. The couple plans to reside in Jacksonville, and a fall wedding is planned.



FELIX CANINO specializes in real estate practice at the West Palm Beach law firm of Schwartzberg & Associates. The firm litigates commercial, probate, intellectual property, corporate and real estate matters.

YOUNDY C. COOK recently moved to Orlando to take on the role of associate general counsel at the University of Central Florida, following three years with the labor and employment law firm of Ford & Harrison, LLP, in Tampa. She is looking forward to exploring the Orlando area and is enjoying her new role as labor counsel for one of the largest public universities in Florida.

#### MELANIE EMMONS



DAMIAN was recently named partner at Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Lehman DeMaria Tague Raymond & Levine, LLP. She focuses her practice on commercial litigation and employment law. Emmons Damian joined Tew Cardenas as a clerk while attending law school and became an associate immediately after graduation. She is a member of the Florida Bar, U.S. District Court for the Southern District, U.S. Court of Appeals—Eleventh Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. She also does pro bono work for “Lawyers for Children,” a nonprofit group that helps indigent families and children with legal problems. Last year, she received an award for her child advocacy work from “Put Something Back,” a joint pro bono project of the Miami-Dade County Bar Association and the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Lehman

De Maria Tague Raymond & Levine, LLP, specializes in complex litigation in both state and federal courts. The firm has three offices including Miami, Tallahassee and Washington D.C.

MARTINA GIUFFREDI (LL.M.—Comparative Law) is senior counsel with Procter & Gamble LAHQ and reports that after she pursued her LL.M. at UM Law, she received many job offers in Venezuela, but the one she chose was the best: “Being the regional counsel for all LA makes me feel very proud and I would not have gotten this if it weren’t for my LL.M.!”

KENNETH R. HARRISON serves as a director for the Coral Gables Bar Association during 2002-03 and is on the board of the UM Law Alumni Association.

JERRY JARAMILLO has his own firm, the Jaramillo Law Firm, in Tampa, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury, auto accidents, nursing home abuse and wrongful death.

JONATHAN E. KANOV is an associate with the law firm of Larson King, LLP, in the Miami office, where his practice areas include complex commercial and civil litigation, insurance coverage, appellate practice and real estate and construction litigation. He has been a featured speaker on Internet research in conferences and lawyers, the most recent being “Internet Research in Florida, given in Miami last August.

MICHAEL KLASFELD has his own practice in Pompano Beach, which he originally started with fellow alumnus Tung Tang Nguyen (who has since moved on to teaching). He practices largely in the realm of real estate law with a focus on investor interests, but

he also handles general litigations and family law. He resides in Boca Raton.

MINH LE has moved from Florida back to Arlington, Va., where she will be married on August 24, 2002.

MARNI B. LENNON, assistant dean of students and director of disability services at UM Law, is also coordinator for H.O.P.E. (Helping Others through Pro-Bono Efforts). The H.O.P.E. Fellows program offers students an opportunity to work in public interest law and make a difference in the lives of various clientele and constituents. The program began in Spring 2000 featuring just two fellowships. Last year, 15 students were able to take advantage of opportunities at agencies, including the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Legal Services of Greater Miami, Florida Legal Services, Legal Aid Society of Miami, and H.E.L.P. They worked to assist indigent clients, children, the homeless, those seeking immigration assistance and those afflicted with HIV and AIDS. “As H.O.P.E. Fellows, students have an opportunity to make a difference in the area of public interest law while earning a stipend for their efforts. Too often, students are unable to pursue this type of work due to their heavy debt burdens,” said Lennon. Each fellow receives a \$1000 stipend and performs at least 100 hours of service to the agency.

RICHARD W. LONG recently entered into a partnership with his sister, Emily, after almost four years as a county prosecutor in his hometown of Harrisburg, Pa. His firm, Hoffman Long, LLP, is a general practice firm in Harrisburg with an emphasis in family law, estate planning and

DUI/traffic. He also had the pleasure of attending the Rose Bowl as well as four UM road games in 2001!

CARLOS LOPEZ was recently nominated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for the 37th Annual Federal Employee of the Year Awards Program in the awards categories of law enforcement and service to the community. This nomination indicates the high esteem in which Lopez is regarded, both by his peers and as a citizen of the community.

ERICA MCKINNEY was appointed senior advisor by Miami-Dade Mayor ALEX PENELAS (JD ’85). As senior advisor, McKinney will specifically concentrate on the development and implementation of policy areas regarding the Mayor’s children’s initiatives, charter reform and reapportionment, among other policy areas. She is the youngest member of the mayor’s senior executive staff. McKinney has worked for Mayor Penelas for six years. Formerly, she has served as a policy intern, policy analyst and director of policy and legislative affairs in the Mayor’s Office. Additionally, she serves on the board of directors of Hands on Miami and the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency.

DANA MILLER is associated with Byrom, Miller & Coleman, in Milton, Fla.

DANIEL A. MILLER has joined Broad & Cassel in West Palm Beach as an associate. Previously he was assistant state attorney in Miami. Miller will practice commercial litigation and dispute resolution. He is a member of the Dade County Bar Association.



JILL SOMAN REITER and husband Jack Reiter proudly announce the birth of their son, Gabriel Erik, born on February 21, 2002.

NICOLE SAUNDERS-MESKE serves as a director for the Coral Gables Bar Association during 2002-03 and is active in promoting the activities of the Miami Council for International Visitors (MCIV), "bringing the world to Miami and Miami to the world via a corps of volunteer diplomats." More information may be obtained by calling 304-444-4619, or via e-mail at segone@aol.com

ANNA SELDEN works at Georgetown University Law Center and resides in Springfield, Va.

SCOTT L. SILVER has become a partner in the Boca Raton office of Gusrae, Kaplan & Bruno, PLLC, where he practices securities and corporate law, primarily representing financial services firms. Gusrae, Kaplan & Bruno, PLLC, is a New York based law firm practicing securities and corporate law.

LAURA WEINFELD and husband Paul Damski (UM School of Medicine '97) welcomed twin daughters, Julia and Maya, into the world on Mar. 6, 2001. Laura is currently on leave from the Miami office of Mitrani Rynor et al., P.A.

## Class of 1997

RON DAVIS recently moved to Jacksonville and joined the firm of Milton, Leach, Whitman, D'Andrea, Rittes & Cherek, P.A., where he specializes in personal injury litigation and trial work. He was married on March 16 to his lovely bride, Mariella.

JEFFREY FLANAGAN continues his law practice with TOM CARLOS (JD '63) and CHAD WILLIARD (JD '96) at the firm of Carlos Williard & Flanagan, P.A. The firm specializes in land use, zoning and planning, governmental affairs, real estate and environmental permitting and compliance. Flanagan was recently appointed by the Miami-Dade County Commission to the Development Process Advisory Committee and to the South Miami-Dade Watershed Study Advisory Committee. He has also been appointed to the Melrose Task Force by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jimmy Morales and to the Coral Gables High School Community Relations Board by the City Manager David Brown. Flanagan continues to serve as vice-chair and director of Chamber South, the chamber of commerce for South Miami, Kendall and South Dade, where he also sits on the Executive Board and chairs the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee.

KERI LYNDA HORVAT and



her husband, Jose Manuel Garcia, had a son, Jose Francisco Garcia, on May 4, 2002. She is an

associate at Marcos & Rothman, in South Miami, where she practices worker's compensation defense.

HEIDI JO LIVINGSTON



recently became a shareholder with the firm of Hill, Adams, Hall & Schieffelin, P.A. Livingston

practices throughout the state

of Florida in the areas of medical malpractice defense, hospital antitrust, and products and premises liability. She joined the firm in 1996. Hill, Adams, Hall & Schieffelin P.A. (www.hahslaw.com) is a litigation law firm concentrating in hospital law and medical malpractice defense. The firm counsels clients throughout Florida in a variety of matters including medical staff disputes, withdrawal of life support and nursing home defense.

DAVID S. LUBER (LL.M.—Estate Planning) is associated with the Law Offices of Israel Abrams, P.A., in North Miami Beach.

MARNIN MICHAELS (LL.M.—Estate Planning) was recently appointed to the board of advisors of the *Journal of International Taxation*. Marnin continues to practice with the international tax and trusts practice group of Baker & McKenzie in its Zurich, Switzerland office.

SCOTT L. PODVIN (LL.M.—Real Property Development) is associated with Ferrell Schultz Carter Zumpano & Fertel, P.A., where he concentrates on real estate law.

JOHN RIZVI and GLENN GOLD, long-time friends and former roommates, have established Gold & Rizvi, P.A. in Miami, an intellectual property law firm which has registered its trademark, "The Idea Attorneys." They advocate a branding strategy in which firms take active steps toward developing tag lines, logos, and graphic images to help distinguish the unique characteristics of their practice. By branding themselves "The Idea Attorneys," the partners hope others link the firm with their area of expertise—

protecting creative ideas and brand identities through patent, trademark, and copyright law.

CARLOS A. SOMOZA was recently promoted to manager at the professional services firm of Ernst & Young, LLP. Ernst & Young, a global leader in professional services, offers a broad array of solutions to help companies capture growth, improve financial performance and manage risk anywhere in the world. In addition, legal services are available in various parts of the world where permitted.

WILLIAM R. TRUEBA, JR., is



an intellectual property attorney with the law firm of Fleit, Kain, Gibbons, Gutman and Bongini, P.L., in

Fort Lauderdale, focusing his practice on cases in patent, trademark, copyright, computer and trade secret law. In addition, he prosecutes patents and trademarks in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a registered patent attorney. After graduating from U.M. Law, he began his career as a litigation attorney with Katz, Barron, Squitiero & Faust, P.A., in Miami, working on complex commercial cases in the state and federal courts of Florida. He, his wife, Gisela, and their two daughters reside in Miami.

JASON M. WANDNER of Jeffrey S. Weiner, P.A., in Miami, lectured to a St. Thomas University class taught by Third District Court of Appeal Judge David M. Gersten. The lecture covered courtroom practices and criminal law issues.



## Class of 1998

PATRICIA ARIAS joined the Miami Office of Hinshaw & Culbertson's business litigation practice as an associate, where she concentrates her practice in commercial litigation, collections, bankruptcy, creditor rights and employment litigation. Hinshaw & Culbertson is a national law firm founded in 1934 and headquartered in Chicago. The firm has more than 400 attorneys located in 22 offices in Illinois, Arizona, California, Florida, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

STEPHEN ASTLEY recently joined the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A., as an associate practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, construction litigation and insurance defense. Prior to joining the firm, he was a member of the United States Navy's Judge Advocate General's Program where he was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the senior defense counsel. Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A., provides litigation and counseling services in a wide range of civil practice areas, including products liability, commercial litigation, intellectual property, environmental, insurance, professional liability, health care, and administrative law and has offices in Orlando, Tampa, Miami, Tallahassee, and Birmingham, Ala. Astley will be with the firm until August 2002, when he will clerk for Judge Peter T. Fay, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

STEFANIE ANN BLACK joined the Miami Office of Hinshaw & Culbertson as a new associate. She has experience in the areas of worker's compensation

litigation, representing self-insured employers, insurers and employers, and in business litigation, including pre-trial discovery, mediation, final hearings and appeals. Hinshaw & Culbertson is a national law firm founded in 1934 and headquartered in Chicago.

JOHN W. BOLANOVICH has



expanded his practice area of employment litigation to include commercial litigation. He has joined the

firm of Bogin, Munns & Munns in the Orlando office, a full service firm representing both plaintiffs and defendants. John welcomes your e-mails at [jbolanovich@boginmunns.com](mailto:jbolanovich@boginmunns.com).

THIERRY OLIVIER DESMET has been associated with the Miami office of Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP, where his practice includes white-collar criminal defense and business litigation. Desmet is a member of the bars of Florida and the District of Columbia. He has published articles on white-collar crime topics including "The Economic Espionage Act of 1996: Are We Finally Taking Corporate Spies Seriously?" Volume 22, Number 1, Fall 1999, *Houston Journal of International Law*, and "Environmental Criminal Law Today," Volume 25, Number 5, *The Champion*, June 2001 (co-authored with Michael S. Pasano). Desmet recently married Helaine Blythe Batoff, a 1998 graduate of NYU Law School. They will spend their honeymoon in Thailand and Japan.

JASON P. HERMAN is associated with Cabaniss Smith Toole & Wiggins in Maitland, Fla., specializing in product liability defense, premises liability defense, and commercial litigation.

MICHAEL V. HERSKOWITZ moved to Atlanta and joined the firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, First Union Plaza, Suite 1400, 999 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Ga., 30309, where he practices in the areas of product liability and commercial litigation. The firm employs 237 lawyers in seven offices throughout the southeast and in Europe. He may be reached at 404-817-6103 or at [mvh@nmrs.com](mailto:mvh@nmrs.com).

MATTHEW KRIEGER and JOSHUA BRATTER, founding partners of Bratter Krieger, LLP, in Miami Beach, have created a five-lawyer firm which represents some top entertainment talent. Most of these clients are living and working in the U.S. on specialty visas, in which the firm has developed a practice area. Last year, the firm hosted all the foreign consul generals located in Miami for a farewell party for the German consul general. They also sponsored an event with artist Romero Britto at his studio on Lincoln Road and a fundraiser for Miami Children's Hospital's Hugs and Kisses Foundation.

JACK KUFFEL recently became associated with the firm of Tydings & Rosenberg, where he assists clients in the planning and implementation of business financial and personal strategies. He represents many medium to large size businesses and their owners in such matters as business formation (both domestic and foreign), business transactions, U.S. business visas, real estate

secured financings, and estate and business succession planning. Kuffel can be reached by e-mail at [jkuffel@tydingslaw.com](mailto:jkuffel@tydingslaw.com).

ANAMARIE MALTZMAN and her husband, Jeffrey, welcomed the birth of their daughter Alexis Marlow Maltzman on August 28, 2001. She is an associate in the labor and employment group at Steel Hector & Davis, LLP.

JOEL McTAGUE joined the firm of Redgrave & Turner, LLP, in Boca Raton, as an associate in their emerging and high tech industries department. He is also elected to the board of directors of the Palm Beach County chapter of the Society of Financial Professionals, an organization of credentialed financial professionals.

STEVEN PINKERT started his own firm, the Pinkert Law Firm, P.A., located in Datan II, Suite 1528, in the Kendall area, where he concentrates in the area of medical malpractice.

JOSE G. SEPULVEDA and his wife, Diana, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriela Maria, born on January 15, 2002. Jose continues to practice in the litigation department at Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alnadeff and Sitterson, P.A.

KATHERINE TETZLAFF recently joined the faculty of University of Wisconsin School of Law as an assistant clinical professor in the Legal Defense Program. The Legal Defense Program is a year-round, in-house criminal defense clinical program consisting of both a clinical component and a trial advocacy component. Prior to



joining UW Law School, Tetzlaff was an assistant state public defender with the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office.

STEVEN B. ZUCKERMAN joined the business reorganization team of Berger Singerman in Miami. He was vice-president and corporate counsel of Becker-Net, a technology and management consulting and executive search firm in Miami. Prior to that, Zuckerman was vice-president and associate general counsel for gTranz.com, an e-commerce service provider company.

## Class of 1999

STEPHANIE L. ANDERSON published a book review essay regarding "From Chance to Choice: Genetics and Justice," that appeared in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* in March 2001. She has been invited to work on a chapter in the sixth edition of *Legal Medicine*, a publication of the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) to be published in March 2004, dealing with "Ethical and Legal Aspects of the Human Genome Project." The textbook is primarily targeted to physicians, nurses, dentists, and other medical and paramedical professionals, as well as to attorneys. Dr. Anderson currently serves as law clerk for the Honorable Melvia Green of the Florida Third District Court of Appeal.

SCOTT H. CARTER is an associate with the Boston office of Nixon Peabody, LLP, where he practices in the real estate syndication group with a focus on federal low-income housing tax credit. He resides in Rowley, Mass., with his wife, Cristie, currently a doctoral student in higher

education, and daughter, Sophia Rose, born September 2, 2001.

RICHARD G. FOWLER and his wife, Emma, announce the birth of their first child, Elizabeth, on April 10, 2002.

ZAIRA PAOLA GUERRERO has her own firm in the Kendall Corporate Center in west Kendall.

ANN K. KOWEL is an associate in the firm of Hill & Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif., and was recently married to Brent Levine, also a Santa Barbara attorney.

BRIAN L. LERNER joined the Miami office of Morgan Lewis as an associate, where he focuses his practice on labor and employment law. He was formerly an associate at Steel Hector & Davis.

ANTONIO MORIN recently joined the litigation department at Akerman Senterfitt in Miami. Morin was formerly a law clerk for Florida Supreme Court Justice Leander J. Shaw, Jr.

ALAN R. POPPE recently joined the Miami office of Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP, which specializes in commercial and criminal litigation and health care law.

TIMOTHY M. RAVICH, a trial attorney in the Miami office of McDermott Will & Emery, received the 2002 "Put Something Back" pro bono unfair sales award. Ravich focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, including aviation law, class-action suits, distributorship law insurance and ERISA-related disputes and health care litigation.

EVA SZELI has been in Budapest for nearly two years but also works in many nearby countries doing fact-finding and advocacy to ensure that international human rights standards are appropriately applied to people with mental disabilities. The following Web site describes her work in more detail: [www.mdri.org](http://www.mdri.org). Szeli uses her clinical psychology experience, her legal training and her cultural background in this important work. She reports, "I love my job, and I love living abroad!"

JOHN L. URBAN joined the law firm of Stack, Fernandez, Anderson, Harris & Wallace, P.A., in downtown Miami. His primary practice areas are commercial and international litigation.

## Class of 2000

KATE ASHER is celebrating her one-year anniversary as associate counsel for The Golf Channel.

GARRETT J. BIONDO, of Goldfarb, Gold, Gonzalez & Wald, P.A., in Miami, was elected to the boards of directors



of both the Dade County Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Section. Biondo practices in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice and products liability litigation.

WILLIAM BRADFORD completed an LL.M. at Harvard University in June 2001 and married the former Amy Liv Laing on October 13, 2001. He has since accepted a position as law professor at

Indiana University, to commence in the fall of 2001.

BRADDEVAN COREN was



recently married to Elise Ann on March 2 at Bet Shira Congregation, Miami. He is an associate in the law firm of Frank Weinberg

Black, P.L., in Plantation.

BROOK J. HOLCOMB published "Death Tax Eulogy May Be Premature" in the December 2001 issue of *Arizona Attorney*. Holcomb practices in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady Streich Lang, LLP, in the taxation and trust and estates groups.

PAUL KEENAN joined the Miami office of Tew Cardenas Rebak Kellogg Lehman DeMaria Tague Raymond & Levine as an associate in the bankruptcy and litigation department. He was formerly a bankruptcy and secured lending associate in the Boston office of Day Berry and Howard.

MATTHEW MEESE received an LL.M. in Taxation from NYU and has joined the law firm of Locke Lidell & Sapp in Austin, Tex., practicing in the tax and corporate sections.

DEBRA MITAN has been in Paris, France, with the law firm of Gide Loyrette Nouel.

SUZANNE ANNETTE PEREZ is currently an associate with Whisenand & Turner, P.A., in Miami, where she concentrates her practice in international business, corporate finance, representation of foreign and domestic financial institutions and real estate. Whisenand & Turner is listed by *Euromoney's International Finance Law Review* as one of the 77 best law firms at



recommended international law in the United States.

KEITH M. STERN, formerly of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., has opened his own law practice specializing in labor and employment law.

JASON S. WEISS is associated with Ferrell Schultz Carter Zumpano & Fertel, P.A., where he concentrates on litigation.

REBECCA J. WILLIAMS is associated with the Miami firm of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP, and lives in Fort Lauderdale.

## **Class of 2001**

FRANK ARTILES (LL.M.—Real Property) is currently running for state representative, District 119, in Florida.

MARK BERGER practices in the juvenile division of the public defender's office in Orlando.

SANDRA R. CALDERARO is associated with the Miami office of Ferrell Schultz Carter Zumpano & Fertel, P.A., where she concentrates on immigration law.

GARRY F. CONNELL is associated with Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans & Abel, P.A., in the firm's Coral Gables office.

RICHARD MONTES DE OCA was named associate at the Miami office of Holland & Knight, where he focuses his practice on securities, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate law. He was formerly a summer associate and law clerk with the firm.

ROSLYNN FERGUSON joined the West Palm Beach office of the statewide law firm of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., where she works in the



areas of land use, local government, environmental permitting/regulatory law, and litigation matters. She

also works on issues related to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program. Lewis, Longman & Walker represents clients throughout the state of Florida in the areas of environmental and land use law, employment law, litigation, appeals, administrative law, mediation, government relations, and public finance.

ANIELLA GONZALEZ is an associate in the Miami office of Houck, Hamilton & Anderson, P.A.

ALEXANDER P. HECKLER is associated with the Fort Lauderdale office of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., where he concentrates his practice on environmental and land use and governmental affairs. He was formerly associated with Steel Hector & Davis, LLP, in the Miami office.

ROBERT M. KOSSICK was selected for a Fulbright professional research grant for the 2002-03 year. His research will focus on the developmental impact of new information and communications technologies in Mexico. In addition to the Fulbright research, he continues his work as a foreign legal consultant for Ancona & Asociados, SC, a corporate IP firm in Mexico City. He also continues to actively write and speak about Latin American legal issues.

SANITHA L. NARAYAN has joined the Fort Lauderdale office of Gunster Yoakley as an associate in the firm's corporate department.

ANTHONY J. PEREZ is an associate in the Miami office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP.

ALLISON STONE serves as a law clerk for the Honorable David Gersten at the Third District Court of Appeals in Miami. She can be reached at [loristar77@aol.com](mailto:loristar77@aol.com)

JACOB S. TAYLOR is an assistant state attorney in the 15th judicial district in West Palm Beach.

ANTAR VAUGHN recently joined the law firm of Ruden McClosky as an associate in the firm's litigation practice group and concentrates his practice in general commercial litigation. Ruden McClosky is a full-service Florida law firm with offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Naples, Port St. Lucie, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

## **Class of 2002**

JEFF P. CAZEAU, former president of the Student Bar Association, is also a proud father. He and his wife, Mig, announce the birth of their third child, Danielle Marie, on March 22, 2002. He is an associate at Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin in Miami.

D. PORPOISE EVANS proudly celebrated his graduation with the arrival of a daughter, Helena B. Evans, on May 18, 2002. Porpoise will begin work with the Miami office of McDermott, Will & Emery in the fall.

REBECCA MARIE HAIN received the fourth annual Spencer Aronfeld Award for Public Justice presented by SPENCER ARONFELD, JD '91, at the Hooding

Ceremony rehearsal on May 18, 2002. The award is given annually through the generosity of Aronfeld to a student who possesses outstanding skills of oral advocacy in pursuit of public justice. She intends to pursue a position with the public defender.

JEFFREY J. HARMS, who graduated in December 2001, is associated with the Foreclosure Management Company in Shawnee Mission, Kan.

JASON KAIRALLA and wife Elisha received a special Mother's Day and graduation gift, the birth of Cristina Joelle Kairalla, on May 10, 2002.

GREGORY McFARLANE was honored by the 5th circuit governor of the ABA/Law Student Division as the first place law school representative for his work in representing the needs of students in the circuit and of UM Law, in particular, before the ABA.

CARLOS OSORIO has accepted a job at Aballi, Milne, Kalil, & Escagedo, P.A., as a litigation associate and will start work in September after spending a month in Nicaragua.

BRANDON PERKINS will serve as a clerk for newly appointed Justice Raoul G. Cantero.

HECTOR TORRES was featured in a *Miami Herald* article on Memorial Day 2002 honoring veterans who served their country. Torres hails from the central mountainous region of Jayuya, P.R., and served in the Vietnam War. He currently resides in Pembroke Pines.



## Class of 2003

AMY BANN was funded to attend the annual Empowering Democracy/Corporate Accountability conference April 13-15 in New York City. The conference is dedicated to helping various social justice movements (environmental, labor, human rights, community development, etc.) link together through training and sharing to lay a foundation for the corporate accountability movement. Bann presented at the two legislation panels on the International-Right-to-Know (IRTK) legislation/campaign. Bann spoke mainly about the IRTK legislation currently being proposed by a coalition of over 200 NGOs. This legislation would require American corporations to disclose information about their activities abroad, in particular their practices that concern labor, human rights, and environmental impacts. Currently no reporting is required; basically the legislation would extend the reporting that companies must do in the United States under OSHA (Occupational Health and Safety) and TRI (Toxic Release Inventory) to their actions abroad.

She also spoke on various international legal tools lawyers can use to pursue this type of campaign. Bann is now working for Earthjustice's International Program in Oakland, Calif., this summer.

DAVID J. D'AGATA worked as a summer associate at Broad and Cassel's central office in Orlando.

SARA DUDA is working for the appellate division of the Public Defender's Office in Providence, R.I., this summer.

MERRITT GARDINER was selected as one of five finalists

for the 2002 Entertainment Law Initiative legal writing contest sponsored by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences. She received a \$1500 scholarship toward her UM Law tuition and a trip to attend the Grammy week festivities, including the Person of the Year Dinner honoring Billy Joel, the ELI Scholarship Luncheon, the Grammy Nominees Celebration, and the 43rd Annual Grammy Awards on February 27, 2002.

ADAM S. GOLDFARB is a summer law clerk at Pavalon, Gifford, Laatsch & Marino in Chicago, assisting attorneys on plaintiffs' personal injury law, including medical malpractice, products liability, and the Federal Employees Liability Act.

PENNIE BARASCH GOLDMANN is a summer associate in the Miami office of Baker & McKenzie.

DOROTHY GONZALEZ joined Strook & Strook & Lavan, LLP, as a real estate paralegal during the summer. She also will be serving as a judicial intern for federal magistrate, Judge Stephen Brown, during the late summer and fall semesters.

JEFFREY A. GREEN, graduating in December 2002, is serving in the Pentagon as a Legislative Liaison Action Officer in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force in Washington, D.C., and for the Committee on International Relations, for Congresswoman Ileana Ross-Lehtinen in Washington, D.C. Green is a captain in the United States Air Force.

KATRICE M. JENKINS is clerking this summer at the Law Offices of Sheftall & Torres, P.A., in Miami.

JENNIFER MARGOLIS and REMEDIOS RODRIGUEZ have had an amazing summer at the Children and Youth Law Clinic, serving as clinic fellows, working with professors Bernie Perlmutter and Carolyn Salisbury, helping clients and learning all about children and the law.

JASON MYERS was a summer associate in the New York City office of Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft, the nation's oldest law firm.

ELISABETH PORTER continues to work with the *Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald*. This year, she is proud to be part of the CareerBuilder, BrandBuilder and Resume Database launch and works in employment advertising sales. The *Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald* continues to support her law school endeavors partly through their tuition reimbursement program. Porter is an evening division student and expects the J.D. to be awarded in December 2002.

SARATHI RAY is spending his summer in South Africa with the South African Revenue Service (SARS). Working in the revenue office of a developing nation has given him insight into the powerful role of the tax system in shaping the economy. Careful tax planning can encourage investment, reduce poverty, and even alleviate crime.

"Living in this region of the world has been a wonderful experience," he reports. "I have found the South African people to be very warm and friendly. With its diverse population, South Africa has a rich culture and heritage." After law school, he plans to become a tax lawyer. He thanks USAID (U.S. Aid for

International Development) for making the summer experience possible.

ELLEN A. ROSS is the first recipient of the Lenore C. Nesbitt Scholarship. Dean Dennis Lynch made the announcement at a May 15 reception at Judge Nesbitt's home. "The first Nesbitt scholar was selected because she is an excellent student who embodies the qualities that Judge Nesbitt stood for, including a commitment to public service" Dean Lynch said. Ross has interned for the district court judges in Travis County, Austin, Tex., and for Justice Harry Lee Anstead of the Supreme Court of Florida. Following graduation from UM Law, she will serve as a law clerk for the Honorable Peter Fay of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

MELODY SAINT-SAENS is working this summer as a H.O.P.E. Fellow, continuing to provide quality services to underrepresented populations in Oakland, Calif., with the California Appellate Project, a nonprofit organization that assists the private legal counsels of indigent death row inmates during all appellate proceedings. "This internship comes at a particularly exciting time due to the recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, which abolished the death penalty for mentally retarded individuals and also reiterated that juries, and not judges, were the ones to decide a verdict of death," she says.

SARAH SCHOOLEY-DAVIDOFF is working with the Office of the Public Defender of Miami-Dade County to offer assistance to 300 severely and profoundly retarded individuals from the Community of Landmark. Many of the residents were



involuntarily committed to the facility, do not have contact with family members and are going to be moved into the "community" after 10 years at the Landmark facility. "It appears that the people left to move out are the most troubled and in need of the most services from the state. It is my job to make sure the State of Florida is fulfilling its responsibility to the client," said Schooley-Davidoff.

MELISSA TAPANES served as a summer associate with Bercow & Radell, P.A., working with land use, zoning and environmental law issues.

LINDSAY WOLTER is working in the Tallahassee office of Earthjustice, the largest public interest law firm in the nation and one that focuses solely on environmental issues. She has had the opportunity to help reduce damage caused by off road vehicles (ORVs) to the ecosystem in the Big Cypress National Preserve, research potential claims relating to violations of an intentional take permit (ITP) for sea turtles near Daytona Beach, and prepare presentations on the damaging effects of urban runoff and storm water.

### Class of 2004

MICHAEL HUBER was one of two individuals selected nationally by the American Bar Association for a full scholarship to the annual conference of the ABA forum on communications law. Before entering UM Law last fall, Huber was a staff writer for 25 years at major newspapers, including the *Miami Herald* and the *Chicago Sun-Times*. He was also assistant professor of journalism at Florida International University and hopes to

practice media law upon graduation from UM Law.

JOSHUA A. KATZ has been working as a summer volunteer at the SEC, Office of Enforcement, in Miami, helping an attorney prepare for a securities fraud trial in August.

TALIA RUBENSTEIN had an interesting summer. She spent the month of June working for the firm of Shook, Hardy and Bacon, doing research for their tobacco litigation department. Currently, she is back in Miami, working as a research assistant for Professor Martha Mahoney by helping her finish the production of a textbook, followed by working for Judge O'Sullivan, a federal magistrate judge, in downtown Miami. She reports that her "summer has been well-balanced in exposing me to a number of different areas of the law, as well as providing me with an enjoyable experience, which I believe is essential to a speedy recovery from the rigors of the first year."

SHANE WEAVER is working at the Legal Aid Society of the Dade County Bar Association, which provides advice and counsel for mostly indigent clients in the areas of family law, domestic violence and housing.

According to Weaver, "Our work is even more rewarding, knowing without Legal Aid, the clients would most likely be unable to fight for their rights as parents, spouses and tenants. But it also shows just how much our legal help is really needed in our community."

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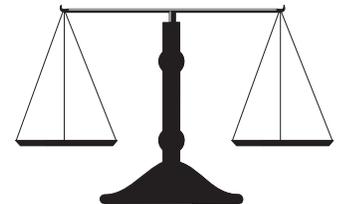
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# UM Law Events Calendar

## September 2002

### Thursday, 9/19

Dean's Scholarship Reception  
6-8 p.m. Student Lounge

### Wednesday, 9/25

Donor-Recipient Scholarship Reception  
5:30-7 p.m. Faculty Club  
1550 Brescia Avenue

### Thursday, 9/26

H.O.P.E. Auction  
6:30 p.m. Faculty Club  
1550 Brescia Avenue

### Friday-Sunday, 9/27-29

Circuit/Civil Mediation Training  
Contact CLE Office at 305-284-6276

## October 2002

### Saturday-Sunday, 10/5-6

Circuit/Civil Mediation Training  
(conclusion)  
Contact CLE Office at 305-284-6276

### Wednesday, 10/9

Partnership for Professionalism Dinner  
6:30-8:30 Faculty Club  
1550 Brescia Avenue

### Friday-Sunday, 10/11-13

Alumni Weekend and Class Reunions  
Call Alumni Office at 305-284-3470

### Friday, 10/11

Class of 1992 10th Year Reunion in  
Law School Courtyard  
Class of 1982 20th Year Reunion at  
Rosenstiel Commons  
Class of 1977 25th Year Reunion at  
Lowe Art Museum

### Saturday, 10/12

Alumni Homecoming Morning Spirits  
Reception  
8 a.m. Student Lounge/Law School Courtyard  
UM vs. FSU Homecoming Pre-Game  
(Orange Bowl)  
Call Alumni Office at 305-284-6276

### Saturday, 10/19

International Law Alumni Reception  
honoring Prof. Keith Rosenn  
TBA

### Saturday/Sunday, 10/19-20

Continuing Mediator Education seminar  
Call CLE Office at 305-284-6276

### Wednesday, 10/23

Washington, D.C. Area  
Alumni Lunch/Reception  
TBA

### Wednesday-Friday, 10/23-25

Ralph E. Boyer Institutes on Real Property Law &  
Condominium and Cluster Developments  
Miami Airport Hilton & Towers

### Friday-Sunday, 10/25-27

Family Mediation Training  
Call CLE Office at 305-284-6276

## November 2002

### Saturday-Sunday, 11/2-3

Family Mediation Training (concluded)

### Thursday, 11-14

Book Signing/Reception honoring the  
Hon. A. Jay Cristol  
5:30-7:30 p.m. The Miami City Club  
200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Miami

## December 2002

### Saturday-Sunday, 12/7-8

Continuing Mediator Education  
Call CLE Office at 305-284-6276

## January 2003

### Monday-Friday, 1/6-10

Thirty-Seventh Annual Philip E. Heckerling  
Institute on Estate Planning  
Fountainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers  
Miami Beach  
Call 305-284-4762

## June 2003

### Thursday-Friday, 6/5-6

Fourteenth Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop  
UM School of Law  
Contact CLE Office at 305-284-6276