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Message from the Dean

It's hard to believe that this is my third year as your Dean. The rapid progress of events makes the months—and years—fly by. Our 2001-02 academic year began with the bright promise of an outstanding first year class. As our applicant pool rises each year, and more students come to us from out-of-state, our class credentials become stronger and stronger, and UM Law's reputation as a national law school grows.



As everyone knows, the tragic events of September 11 threw a dark shadow across the Law School and all of America. Like all citizens, we in the Law School community have faced the daunting task of responding to the threats and challenges imposed by those events while carrying on with our daily lives. We have offered aid and comfort to victims of the tragedies, including the family of our alumnus, Stephen Mark Fogel, JD '89, who perished in the World Trade Center crash. We have also endeavored to make some sense of these events within the context of our democratic society and the special place that lawyers hold as guardians of that society.

This year the Law School has lost dear friends, including the Honorable Lenore Carrero Nesbitt, the "first lady of the law;" and Law Professor Emeritus Ralph E. Boyer, whose Institutes on Real Property Law and on Condominium and Cluster Developments continue to lead the state in these important fields of law. Friends and colleagues of Judge Nesbitt and Professor Boyer have joined with the Law School in creating student scholarships in honor of our departed friends. In the pages of this *Barrister*, you will learn more about

the legacies of Judge Nesbitt and Professor Boyer and how you can help establish lasting tributes to them at the Law School.

Now more than ever, we feel a strong connection with our family of alumni and friends here and throughout the world, and we are grateful for your support. In this issue of the *Barrister*, we honor the alumni and friends whose commitment helps maintain excellence at the Law School. In this year's Honor Roll of Donors, you will recognize friends and colleagues who generously support our programmatic activities, student scholarships, the Law School Annual Fund and other appeals. It is one of my great privileges as your Dean to recognize the many alumni and friends whose support is so important to us. For example, in the pages of this *Barrister* you will meet New York lawyer Peter D. Lederer, a protege of Karl Llewelyn and former UM Law Dean Soia Mentschikoff, whose interest and affection followed Dean Mentschikoff from the University of Chicago to the University of Miami School of Law. He remains a treasured friend of the Law School, and we are grateful for his generous support over the years.

Our leadership organization of Law School donors, the Dean's Circle, reflects a high degree of commitment and shared vision of excellence by making gifts of \$1,000 or more each year to any Law School activity or appeal. Each year, Dean's Circle members are invited to three special events. This year's first event was a luncheon at the Banker's Club on November 26, at which our new University President, Donna E. Shalala, personally greeted each member and offered remarks about her experiences as a Cabinet member in Washington and her vision for the University of Miami. Other Dean's Circle events are planned for the spring semester. If you have not already joined this outstanding group of Law School friends and alumni, I urge you to do so. If you are a member, I look forward to

seeing you throughout the year; I offer my gratitude and appreciation, and I hope you will bring a friend or colleague to join us as a new Dean's Circle member this year.

The most important benefit which our friends and donors confer upon the Law School is the ability to offer scholarships to deserving students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to study law with us. The cover of this *Barrister* shows many of our law students who have benefitted from the generosity of scholarships to which you have donated. Each fall, the Law School hosts a reception for donors to named scholarships and the students who receive awards from those scholarship funds. This event is truly heartwarming for the students and donors, who meet usually for the first time. It reminds us all of our worthy goal: to better society by educating the very best students to become the lawyers who are the guardians of our democratic society. In these pages you will read comments from several of these students who express their gratitude much better than I could.

I want to offer special thanks to Alan Kluger, Howard Berlin, Abbey Kaplan, and all the fine lawyers at Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin for becoming the first "law firm partner" to create a new kind of scholarship at the Law School. Several months ago, I discussed with Alan Kluger, Abbey Kaplan, and Howard Berlin the possibility of committing \$10,000 per year to the scholarship for a period of seven years (renewable at the end of the term). Rather than contributing to an endowment, the entire amount of \$10,000 would be available for awards to students immediately as an annual scholarship. After discussions with their partners, they agreed to create this exciting new scholarship. The first Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin scholars have been chosen, and the first awards have been made.

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Law School Feels Pain of Terrorist Attacks

Tuesday, September 11, 2001, began as a normal day at UM Law. Students lined up in Subway for their morning caffeine or sat at tables on The Bricks reviewing notes or talking with classmates.

Those in Prof. Marc Fajer's 8 a.m. Elements class discussed the nuances of a case involving animals, completely unaware of the carnage underway at the World Trade Center in New York.

Fajer's 9:30 a.m. Elements class had a different tone.

"I first heard about the attacks between classes," he said. "The second plane hit just before the second class started, and some of the students didn't know anything about what was unfolding. The towers were still standing, and we had no idea of the extent of the damage. I told the class the best thing for us to do was to keep going, so we managed to plow on through to the end of class."

By that time, students, faculty and staff members had crowded around television sets

in the student lounge, watching in shock as news from New York, then Washington and Pennsylvania grew continuously worse. Many were on their cellular phones, frantically trying to call family and friends who might be affected by the disasters.

In most instances, their loved ones were safe; however, some were not so fortunate. One UM Law alumnus—Steve Fogel, JD '89—is listed among the missing. Assistant general counsel for Cantor Fitzgerald, he worked on the 104th floor of the World Trade Center.

Professional counselors were at UM Law's student lounge Tuesday and Wednesday to offer help to students, and peer counselors continue to be available (as they are during less traumatic times).

The School of Law and the University of Miami cancelled classes at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and reopened the following day.

Memorial Service on The Bricks

In addition to taking part in a candlelight

vigil for peace and a non-denominational prayer service sponsored by the University, students, faculty and staff held a memorial observance for the Law School on Monday, September 17, on The Bricks.

At the memorial service, Dean Dennis Lynch cautioned that "we must not let our anger turn us against each other. Within the University, we have members of our community of Arabic descent and of the Islamic faith who feel the same sorrow about these tragic events as other members of our community."

He also emphasized that "in fighting the enemy of terrorism, it is important that we not sacrifice those core values that make America a free society."

Voicing the frustration and resolve felt throughout the U.S., Prof. Mary Doyle stated, "Our leaders have declared that this is war and have told us to be prepared for tough times ahead. We're scared. We are mystified by the implacability of the hate directed



A solemn gathering on The Bricks for the September 17 memorial service.



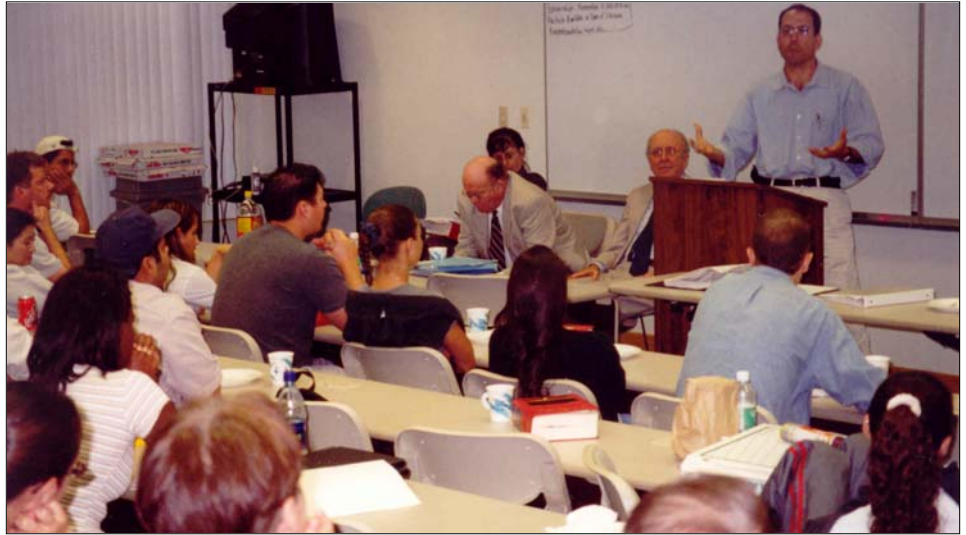
Dean Dennis Lynch at the September 17 memorial service: "In fighting the enemy of terrorism, it is important that we not sacrifice those core values that make America a free society."



against us. We are uncertain of what the course of this effort will be. We are struggling to find ways to show mercy to other innocent people as the American reprisal unfolds.

"But, we are ready to stand together in what is about to come. I believe we are united in the view that we have to do everything we can to stop these evil works. We cannot let this continue in the world."

The memorial service also featured remarks by SBA President Jeff Cazeau and second-year student Tammy Wilsker. Stephanie Coats Hodge, of the Center for Continuing Legal Education, sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and ended the program by leading the congregants in singing "America the Beautiful."



Prof. Jonathan Simon speaks at an October 15 session on the antiterrorism legislation proposed after the events of September 11. The discussion, which packed one of UM Law's larger classrooms with students and faculty, also included presentations by professors Patrick Gudridge, Terence Anderson, Mary Coombs, Michael Froomkin, Edgardo Rotman, Lee Schinasi, and Alan Swan.

Stephen Fogel, JD '89, Missing In Sept. 11 Terrorist Attack

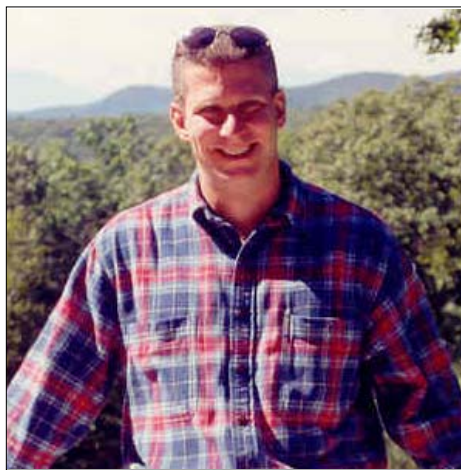
Stephen M. Fogel, a 1989 graduate of UM Law, was at work in his office on the 104th floor of New York's World Trade Center on September 11 when a hijacked plane hit his building. He is missing and presumed dead.

Vice president, assistant general counsel and assistant secretary of Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P., he was one of approximately 700 Cantor Fitzgerald employees lost in the terrorist attack that took the lives of nearly 3,000 persons at the World Trade Center.

At UM Law, he was an outstanding student, serving as articles and comments editor of the *Law Review* and graduating cum laude.

On the day before the attack, his wife said, he commented that "this was the happiest time of his life, that everything was so perfect right now."

The University of Miami Alumni Association has established a scholarship fund in his honor to provide support to children of victims who lost their lives in the air and



on the ground during the September 11 tragedies. President Donna E. Shalala announced plans for the scholarship at an October 22 University of Miami reception in New York.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution should make a check out to the Stephen Mark Fogel Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund and send it to the University of Miami Alumni Association at P.O. Box 248002, Coral Gables, FL 33124. For further information, call 305-284-2872.

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Message from The Dean

I offer my gratitude and my congratulations to the fine lawyers at Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin in this important endeavor. In the coming months, I plan to call on many of you with a similar request: to commit \$10,000 per year for student scholarships to be named for your law firm. Please give this proposal your serious consideration. I hope each of you will decide to join us in this exciting endeavor to maximize financial aid to deserving students.

Finally, please note that this *Barrister* contains "Report to the Bar," a special section featuring the pro bono, public service and public interest law work of our students and faculty. We are proud of their efforts on behalf of those who may have no other voice in our society. This work is an important part of our Law School mission, which could not exist without the support of friends like you. I hope you will decide to join us in supporting these worthy endeavors.

Dennis O. Lynch, Dean



Alumna Volunteers to Help Sept. 11 Victims

Beth DeSanto was quick to volunteer when the New York Bar Association asked its members to assist with its World Trade Center Expedited Death Certificates Initiative.

One of approximately 60 attorneys from various New York City law firms who have been working five-hour shifts once or twice a week since September, she helps grieving families of terrorist attack victims complete the necessary paperwork to obtain expedited death certificates.

"In general, New York law requires that the family of a missing person wait three years to obtain a death certificate, but the awful circumstances of this tragedy called for an expedited response," DeSanto pointed out.

"Among other things, a death certificate is necessary to obtain life insurance proceeds, to grant families access to bank accounts, to probate estates, and to claim benefits of other relief funds, such as Social Security.

"Therefore, New York City and New York State instituted a special procedure to help families secure death certificates for persons missing after the World Trade Center attack. In most cases, families can obtain death certificates within a few weeks after the affidavits from family members and employers are submitted to the medical examiner.

"As you can imagine, I have heard many heart-wrenching stories about the events of September 11," she said. "Being a corporate lawyer who ordinarily is exposed only to deals, rather than to death and tragedy, I can say that these have been among the most emotionally draining days of my life. Hearing and feeling the utter grief and loss that these families have endured puts this tragedy into a whole new perspective for me, and it makes the loss even more personal."

Although she continues to work on the death certificate project, DeSanto recently has been devoting more time to another New York City Bar Association initiative, a program to assist small businesses in the World Trade Center area that have suffered financially following the disaster.



"I don't think most people realize that, three months after the disaster, things are still not back to normal in the Ground Zero area," she observed. "Problems with smoke, utilities, physical displacement, traffic patterns, and other concerns are far from over."

Working in one of the five relief centers set up by the City of New York, she helps assess the legal needs of small businesses that have been hurt by the events of September 11.

"Some things—such as problems with leases or lack of utilities—often can be resolved on the spot, but if someone's problems are likely to involve litigation I refer him or her to other pro bono lawyers," she said.

A 1999 graduate of UM Law, DeSanto is a corporate associate of Clifford Chance Rogers & Wells LLP, specializing in mergers and acquisitions and capital markets transactions. She was a summer associate of the New York law firm between her second and third years of law school.

Beth DeSanto beside one of New York City's "Walls of Tears," on which relatives and friends of World Trade Center victims posted photographs of their loved ones.

Alumni Win Against DuPont

Two UM Law alumni were part of a three-person team that, after six years of litigation and a six-week trial, won an \$88.5 million verdict against the DuPont Co.

Adam M. Moskowitz, JD '93, and Detra Shaw-Wilder, JD '94, partners in Miami's Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, tried the case with lead counsel Janet Humphreys, who is of counsel to Kozyak Tropin. Their clients were Costa Rican growers who

claimed their plants were contaminated by the DuPont fungicide Benlate.

The verdict before Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Amy Steele Donner, JD '74, represented the first time a RICO claim, under Florida's Civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, had been successfully brought against DuPont over its marketing, testing and alleged cover-up of the effects of Benlate on plants.



Scholarship, Fellowship Recipients Appreciate Donors' Generosity

Scholarships and fellowships—often named after UM Law Alumni, beloved faculty members, or law firms—play an essential role in helping finance the education of many talented UM Law students.

Along with Law School-sponsored scholarships (such as the Soia Mentschikoff, Harvey T. Reid, and Miami Scholars programs), student loans, and part-time employment (a maximum of 20 hours per week for upper-division full-time students), named donor scholarships and fellowships make attending UM Law possible for many who might otherwise need to look elsewhere.

Like the Law School scholarships mentioned above, donor scholarships and fellowships are awarded on the basis of merit, although other factors (such as need, race, ethnicity, or interest in specific fields of law) may also be taken into consideration.

With annual tuition and fees at nearly \$26,000, about 97 percent of UM Law students receive some kind of financial assistance. Approximately 40 percent of students receive aid from scholarships or fellowships.

Scholarship and fellowship recipients photographed for the cover of this issue of the *Barrister* were asked how their awards affect their legal education. Following are some of their responses:

"This scholarship has lifted a heavy burden from my shoulders. As I look into the future, I

feel very lucky and extremely grateful to have this money, especially because I don't feel anymore like I have to pick a job based on how much money I will make in order to pay off my school loans."

Celina E. Contreras, 3-L

**Thomas E. & Dorothy Bartshe
McDougall Scholarship**



Cover Photo—Among the scholarship and fellowship students at UM Law are (1) Marguerite Mendez, (2) Alyson Dion, (3) Yeshimebet Abebe, (4) Hassia Diolombi, (5) Janice Rodriguez, (6) Kevin Pittman, (7) Stacey Schulman, (8) Josiane Deschamps Abel, (9) Fara Gold, (10) Marianne Scarborough, (11) Sabrina Salomon, (12) Kelly Cartus, (13) Luis La Torre, (14) Roma Perez, (15) Dolly Voorhees Davis, (16) Nathalie Cadet, (17) Jay Robbins, (18) Joaquin Alemany, (19) Jason Kairalla, (20) Thomas B. Diasio, (21) Emily Feigenbaum, (22) Wesley Terry, (23) D. Porpoise Evans, (24) Eduardo Waite, (25) A.M. Kurzman, (26) Stephen Hauptman

"My fellowship through the Center for Ethics and Public Service has provided me with an amazing opportunity to supplement my legal training. I have had exposure to some of the cutting-edge issues that face the legal profession and been introduced to many of the local leaders in the law."

Stephen Hauptman, 3-L
Center for Ethics and Public Service Fellowship

"The Kozyak, Tropin and Throckmorton Scholarship is a generous donation that supports minority law students with an interest in trial advocacy. But far more valuable than the scholarship itself is the friendship that I am developing with members of the law firm. In future years, I am sure I will still be in touch with my mentors John Kozyak and Cheryl Glickler. As the KTT scholarship recipient, I look forward to giving back the money to the community and setting an example for others."

Nathalie Cadet, 3-L
Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton Scholarship

"The scholarship certainly determined my decision to come to the LLM program in comparative law at UM, which I am finding an extraordinary and enriching experience—not only for the outstanding level of the faculty, but also for the talented students with whom I am having the opportunity to interact."

Luis La Torre (Peru), LL.M. Student
Claude M. Olds Memorial Scholarship Fund

"The Hausler Scholarship has been one of the great honors of my academic career. I intend to practice transactional law in the public interest sector, and this scholarship has helped make that goal attainable. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity."

Marianne Scarborough, 2-L
Richard A. Hausler Scholarship

"The scholarship bridged the gap for me, giving me an opportunity to study full time and to immerse myself in UM Law's exciting academic community."

Jay C. Robbins, 3-L
Gerard Ehrich Scholarship

"The enormous generosity of the King scholarship has provided me the freedom to choose the type of law I want to practice. I am not forced to balance my commitment to public interest law with the need to survive financially. It has motivated me to do my best work and not take this opportunity for granted."

Allyson R. Dulac, 1-L
Ann Wrenn-King Memorial Scholarship

"Since I am paying for my entire education by myself and have no income (as I entered law school right out of undergrad), the scholarship has allowed me to take out one less student loan. It has eased my financial burden and is greatly appreciated beyond what words could describe."

Alyson Dion, 1-L
Priscilla Jewett Schneller Scholarship

"My scholarship has allowed me to pursue my passion for serving the public. After graduation, I hope to become a prosecutor. Instead of worrying about loans, I will be able to enjoy practicing law and maybe even make a difference, the very reason I came to law school in the first place."

Fara Gold, 2-L
Priscilla Jewett Schneller Scholarship

"The scholarship I received has enabled me to change professions in the middle of my life. My obligations to my family made me reluctant to take on the debt to pay for law school. After all, I would have had a lot less time to pay it off than my younger colleagues. The Reid Scholarship, however, gave me the opportunity to study law without the anxiety of loans and repayment, and I am deeply grateful."

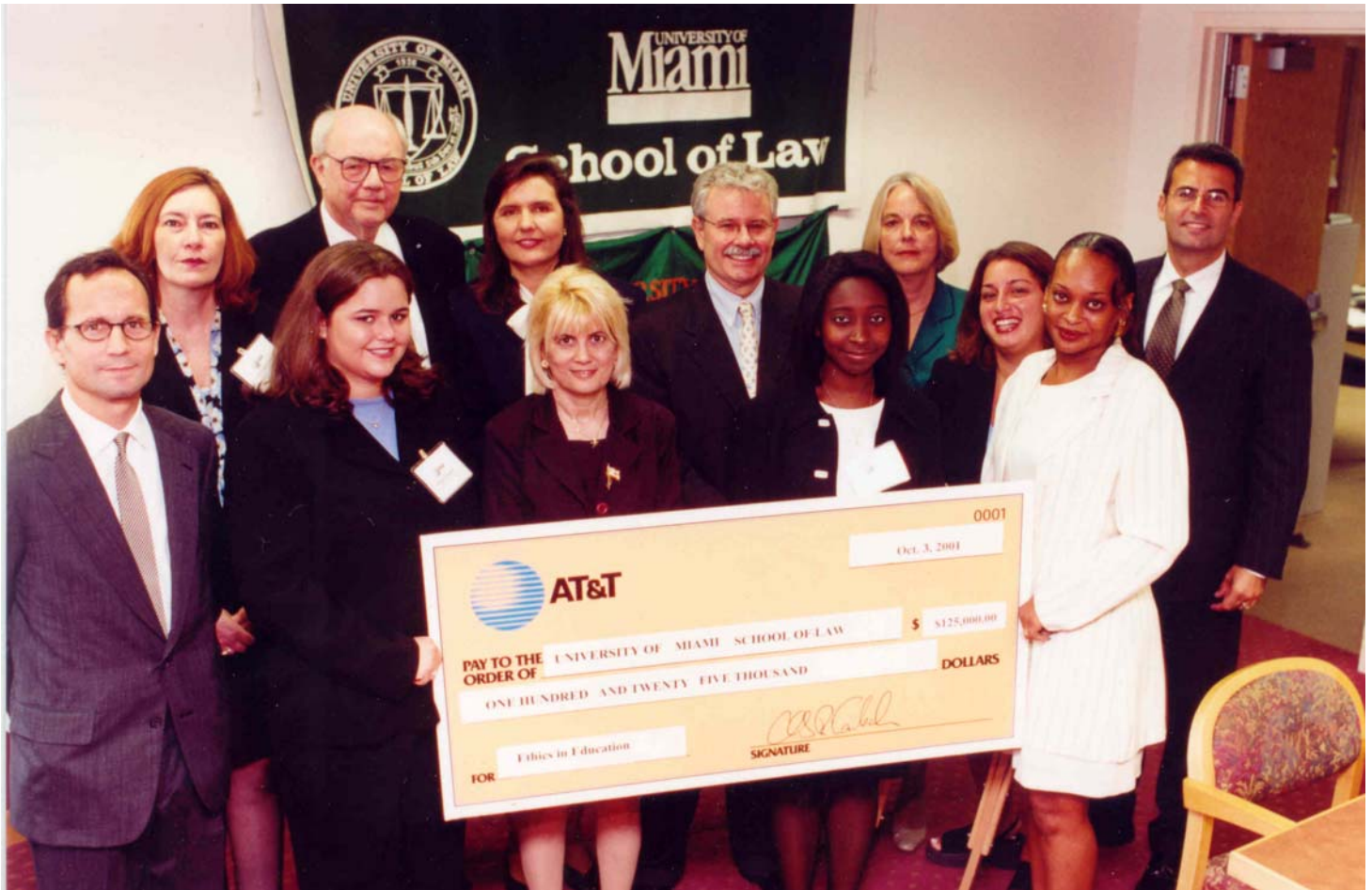
George Franklin, 3-L
Harvey T. Reid Scholarship

"The Bradley Scholarship has aided me tremendously in closing the gap in financing my legal education. I am the first in my family to attend college and the first to continue further with my education. I would like to thank all the donors and alumni who have made these scholarships possible through their contributions. They allow each of us to focus on our education and reach our full potential."

Roma Perez, 2-L
Dan Bradley Memorial Scholarship



AT&T's \$125,000 to Fund Ethics Education



At the check presentation, from left are: Prof. Tony Alfieri, director, Center for Ethics and Public Service; Patrice Behnstedt, Center intern; Libby Pedersen, Center intern; Dean Sam J. Yarger, School of Education; Karen Throckmorton, deputy director of the Center; Prof. Shawn Post, School of Education; Dean Dennis Lynch, School of Law; Miranda Nurse, Center intern; Prof. Susan Mullane, School of Education; Fara Gold, Center intern; Shana Auguste, Center coordinator; and Frank Erbiti, AT&T vice president.

A \$125,000 donation from AT&T will help fund three ethics education programs conducted by UM Law's Center for Ethics and Public Service and the UM School of Education.

"Many students in Miami schools will benefit from these ethics programs because of the foresight and philanthropy of AT&T," said the Center's director, Prof. Tony Alfieri, accepting the check from Frank Erbiti, AT&T's vice president of sales, October 2, at the School of Law.

The money will be used over three years to fund "High School Ethics Partnerships," "Ethics in Education Study Circles," and

a start-up project, "Students Teaching Students."

In the High School Ethics Partnerships program, UM Law students meet weekly with high school students from the Palmer Trinity School and Miami Senior High to discuss and teach ethics.

The Study Circles Project will train high school and middle school teachers, coaches, and administrators in ethics, moral reasoning, character education, value inquiry, and citizenship. Training will take place at UM Law and elsewhere at the University of Miami throughout the year.

"Perhaps the most innovative program to be funded by AT&T's generous gift will be the Students Teaching Students project," commented Karen Throckmorton, the Center's deputy director. "This model program will train public and private high school students to teach middle and elementary school students about ethics, character, values, and democratic citizenship through case studies, role playing, and mock trials." The training, which will include faculty from both the School of Law and the School of Education, began this fall.



Fulbright Grant Results in Dream Opportunity

The opportunity to teach law in Germany's second oldest university, to conduct legal research in a fast-changing country that was once part of the Eastern Block, and to immerse his family in a fascinating foreign culture for a year—it was a dream come true for Prof. Richard Williamson.

Soon after completing three years as UM Law's associate dean last summer, Williamson, along with his wife and 12-year-old son, found a temporary home for their dog, packed their bags, and flew to Leipzig, Germany, where he had accepted an offer to teach and conduct research under a Senior Scholar Grant from the Fulbright Commission.

"I was in Bonn and Munich in 1968-71, working for the U.S. Foreign Service, so I knew West Germany fairly well. I thought it would be more interesting to live in what had been East Germany, to view first hand the incredible changes that are taking place in that part of the country," he explained. "Besides, I thought it would be better for my son, Ryan, who has been studying German since he was in the first grade, to live in a region where he would hear nothing but German outside our home."

Williamson had plenty of options; he received invitations from four German law schools.

"I was very pleased with my first choice—the University of Leipzig," he noted. "It was a major law center before it became heavily politicized under the Nazis and communists, and it has been making a real comeback. It's a very ambitious school; I think several of the younger faculty will make big names for themselves."

He was also impressed by the students and noted that their English was much better than he had been led to expect.

Two of the three seminars he taught analyzed various legal issues from both German and U.S. perspectives. Williamson and Leipzig professor Rudolf Geiger, with whom he co-taught the issues seminars, assigned

some students to present the German perspective of an issue in German and others to present the American view in English. Following the presentations, there were debates by the presenters, then general classroom discussions. Issues included such topics as the death penalty, the antiballistic missile dispute, the Hague convention on parental kidnapping, and U.S.–European Union trade disputes.

"We had some really good students, and contrary to what you might expect, there was some sympathy for American positions. The students were quite open-minded," he observed. "They seemed to appreciate the debate format and the bilingual character of the seminar, both of which are unusual in German law schools."

For the second seminar, the students who presented and defended the American posi-

tion on the issues were nine honor students from UM Law. For this experimental "block seminar," Williamson was assisted by UM Law Professor David Abraham, who accompanied the students from Miami.

"The Miami students represented us very well. The German professors and students were impressed with our students, especially considering how little time they had to prepare for their presentations," Williamson said.

The last course that Williamson taught in Leipzig was a seminar on negotiation and mediation. "This was team-taught with a different German professor and was divided equally into a segment that was traditionally German, in that students signed up to make presentations on pre-selected topics, and a segment that was an American-style alternative dispute resolution class taught through role-playing simulations of com-



Prof. Richard Williamson with his wife, Pamela, on the grounds of historic Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther translated the *Bible* into German.



mon negotiation and mediation problems. The use of American methods was pretty popular," he noted. It was the first of his classes to be taught entirely in German.

Williamson's Fulbright grant was for both teaching and research.

His research dealt with the German equivalents of the U.S. Clean Water Act and analyzed the roles of federalism, nongovernmental organizations and industry groups, the courts, administrative agencies, and penalties and fines in ensuring the purity of lakes, streams, aquifers and coastal waters of the two countries.

In more than 50 hours of interviews, he spoke with federal officials; officials in four of the five East German states plus four West German states; and officials in environmental, business and industry organizations. He also toured a huge new power plant and an old, but totally reconstructed, chemical plant.

"It was the kind of research you dream of doing but ordinarily would find to be prohibitively expensive," he said.

What he uncovered was a society that has passed tough environmental laws but "still has quite a way to go before they are fully effective. There has been major investment in sewage treatment facilities to prepare for population growth and investments in industrial facilities that have not materialized," he observed.

He plans to publish his findings in environmental and international and comparative law journals

Now back at his post as a UM Law professor, Williamson returned to Germany for 10 days this fall to help select Fulbright students for study in the U.S. He noted that two Fulbright scholars are currently enrolled at UM Law and that both are students whom he interviewed while serving on a previous Fulbright selection committee.

He also expects the legal issues seminar with both Leipzig and Miami students to continue. "The next time will be here, on our campus," he said.

Leipzig, UM Law Seminar A Rich Experience

By Ximena Skovron, Class of 2003



The UM Law contingent at the bi-national seminar in Leipzig included, from left: Prof. Richard Williamson, Prof. David Abraham, Jeff Cazeau, Joshua Spector, Marc Kleiner, Kara Davis, Manny Rodriguez, Ximena Skovron, Joshua Prever, and Hung Nguyen. Missing from the group is Robert Gregg, who took the photograph.

From May 16-20 this year, I participated in a bi-national seminar in Leipzig, Germany. The first collaborative seminar sponsored by the University of Miami School of Law and the University of Leipzig, it was directed by UM Law professors Richard Williamson and David Abraham and their University of Leipzig counterpart, Prof. Rulolf Geiger.

I was part of a team of nine students from UM Law School who were selected to participate in the two-credit seminar. Others included Robert Gregg, Manny Rodriguez, Joshua Spector, Hung Nguyen, Mark Kleiner, Kara Davis, Joshua Prever, and Jeff Cazeau.

Under the guidance of our professors, we each chose a topic of current controversy in international law and wrote a paper supporting the U.S. perspective. Our nine German counterparts wrote on the same topic from the perspective of the European Union. Additionally, each of us presented our research in roundtable format, leading to stimulating—and often heated—discussions. I wrote on the Hague Convention, which is the international treaty that addresses the issue of international child abductions.

While it was challenging for me as the only 1-L in the program to research and write on a topic in international law, the guidance and input of all three of our professors made it not only feasible but also a highly

rewarding learning experience. It greatly enriched my law school experience. (Watch for our papers in the Spring 2002 issue of the *University of Miami International & Comparative Law Review*.)

Likewise, having the opportunity to discuss controversial topics in a country that is part of the most exciting super-national experiment since the Roman Empire was, for me, what being a student in the 21st century is all about. And, as a citizen of Poland, a country that is slated to enter the EU in the next few years, my experience in Leipzig has prompted me to explore opportunities to practice law abroad under the auspices of the EU.

The program set up by professors Williamson and Abraham also included various social events—lunch at the U.S. Consulate and a night at the opera, as well as a tour of the historic East German city. And, every evening, our new found German friends whisked us away to sample the city's substantial nightlife.

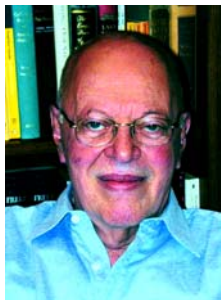
This program was truly unique because we learned about hot topics in the law, made meaningful contributions in a small seminar format, spent time interacting with professors and foreign students, and of course, traveled to Europe and made life-long friends.



Peter Lederer: 'It All Started with Soia'

The relationship between UM Law and one of its most consistent supporters goes back a long way—to 1974, when Soia Mentschikoff left the University of Chicago to become dean in Miami.

As a law student in Chicago in the '50s, Peter D. Lederer was the protégé of Karl Llewelyn. Llewelyn and his wife, Soia Mentschikoff, both professors at the University of Chicago Law School, were true stars in the field of legal scholarship, well known as authors of the Uniform Commercial Code. Lederer became close friends with them both.



When Mentschikoff, by then a widow, accepted the deanship at Miami, she immediately put together a visiting committee of eminent lawyers and scholars to advise her on how best to transform the University of Miami School of Law into one of the nation's best. Lederer was one of those she asked to serve, and he has continued to serve on the visiting committee and to be a highly valued friend of the Law School ever since.

"I've also had the pleasure of working with deans Claude Sowle, Mary Doyle, Sam Thompson, and Dennis Lynch," he noted. "Every time the School has gotten a new dean, I have dutifully tendered my resignation from the committee, but they all asked me to remain on board."

"Over the time, I've formed a very strong attachment to the School. It has consistently had an outstanding faculty, and I've become friends with many of them," he said. "Alan Swan and I go back the furthest, to when we were classmates at the University of Chicago Law School. But, I've become close to others as well—Mary Coombs, Terry Anderson, Ken Casebeer, John Gaubatz, Dean Lynch, Irwin Stotzky, to name a few."

Lederer noted that he also holds great affection for the student body. "That may

seem strange since, by its nature, the makeup of a student body is a fluid thing," he said. "But I think the character of the student body goes back to Soia and the style she inculcated at the Law School. The style endures, and that is an appealing thing."

"There are many things that the School does so well, and one of them is that it demonstrates a sense of civic purpose, something larger than just turning out attorneys," he observed, noting, as recent examples, that he is particularly impressed with the work of the Center for Ethics and Public Service, under the direction of Prof. Tony Alfieri, and the pro bono projects of students in Prof. Martha Mahoney's public interest law classes.

"What's really exciting is the passionate and enthusiastic response of the students; it is very, very good to see this trend," he emphasized.

Lederer said UM Law is impressive for the diversity of its student body and has real attraction in areas such as international law, law of the sea, and sports law. He suggested that UM Law might capitalize on its expertise in international law and on its proximity to Latin America by developing a targeted distance learning capability. "The School could have a unique opportunity in this area."

"One of the things I've always liked about the School is that it aspires to do better. It's always possible to do better, and it's important to have that drive," he said.

Along with the gifts of his time and advice, Lederer has been a generous financial donor to UM Law, giving approximately \$100,000 to the School over the years.

"Although I'm still connected to my own alma mater, the University of Chicago Law School, and also serve on its visiting committee, I'm actually closer to Miami emotionally," he observed. "That's part of Soia's legacy—the lasting appeal of her fierce quest for excellence and her extraordinary power to get others to buy into her vision."

Lederer, now serving as of counsel to Baker & McKenzie, the world's largest global law firm, said he devotes more of his time to his work as chairman of the board of CoverageConnect, Inc., an Internet company serving the insurance industry.

He joined Baker & McKenzie in 1959, after post-graduate study in German and Swiss law. "Because I was only about the 17th partner to join what became a very large firm, I've been lucky and have been able to work on just the things I like to work on," he noted. "Someone else was always there to do the other stuff."

In 1960, Lederer established Baker & McKenzie's office in Zurich, Switzerland, and practiced there for seven years. From his return to the U.S. until 1994, he served as the senior (managing) partner of the firm's New York office.

His practice has ranged broadly in the field of complex international transactions, specializing in work with industry groups operating their own insurance companies.

Lederer was instrumental in establishing Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited (NEIL), a \$4 billion surplus insurer owned by a group of electric utilities, as well as its predecessor, Nuclear Mutual Limited (NML). For 25 years, he served as NEIL's general counsel, and from 1994 to 2000, he served as the first non-utility director of NEIL.

He also acted as counsel for the establishment of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, the international accounting firm, and served as its general counsel from 1989 to 1994, when he became senior advisor to its management.

In addition to serving on the two law school visiting committees, Lederer is active in two other ongoing pro bono projects. He is chairman emeritus of the board of Midori & Friends, founded by the young Japanese violinist Midori to bring music education to children in New York's public school system, and a member of the board of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.



Report to the Bar

UM Law Dedicated to Pro Bono, Public Service, and Public Interest Law

The University of Miami School of Law provides numerous opportunities for experience in the public interest sector. From student and faculty participation in pro bono work to community service programs and projects, the UM Law community donates thousands of hours each year to help those in need.

Course Offerings

Several courses are available to UM Law students with an interest in public interest law. The first-year elective titled "Public Interest Law" provides students with hands-on experience with a public interest organization while putting together group projects. Other courses include Mental Health Law, Environmental Law, Children and the Law, Disability Law, Employment Discrimination, Immigration Law, Workshop in AIDS and the Law, Workshop in Family Court Pro Se Intake, Family Law, Domestic Violence, and Juvenile Justice.

Clinical Placements

Each student who completes the Litigation Skills Program has the opportunity to take a clinical placement at a public interest organization or government agency. Under the Florida Student Practice rule, students become certified by the Supreme Court of Florida and are able to perform many attorney functions under the supervision of a licensed attorney.

Students also may opt to complete their clinical placement outside of Miami. The Litigation Skills staff, along with the Career Planning Center, works with each student to identify placements across the country. Students have received clinical placements in California, New York, Colorado, Illinois, New Jersey, Kansas City, and Georgia to name a few.

Children and Youth Law Clinic

The Law School's Children & Youth Law Clinic empowers Miami's poor children through legal advocacy, law reform and community building, while also providing students the opportunity to learn fundamental lawyering skills and sharpen their understanding of professional responsibility.

Established in 1995 with funds from the prestigious echoing green Foundation, the Children & Youth Law Clinic represents abused and neglected children and youths in the foster care system. The clinic also offers services to immigrant, disabled, homeless and HIV- and AIDS-affected children in a variety of settings under close faculty supervision.

Supervised by faculty, students handle client interviews; preliminary, adjudicatory and post-disposition hearings; motions; factual investigations; formal discovery; negotiations; mediation conferences; and trials in juvenile dependency, foster care and other civil proceedings, including administrative hearings and complex litigation. They meet at least once each week for classroom sessions that focus on substantive juvenile, welfare, disability and related areas of law; ethics and professionalism; procedure; and skills training.

PS Law Net

UM Law is a member of the PS Law Net program. PS Law Net allows students and alumni to search for internships, volunteer



Among the many activities sponsored by H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Through Pro Bono Efforts) are Work-a-Days (in which students devote a day to helping local charitable organizations) and 'Canes Carnivals (in which volunteers bring low-income children to campus for an afternoon of fun and games). In the photo at left, Stephen Hauptman and Jason Kairalla, both 3-L, help with a Habitat for Humanity project during a November 3 Work-a-Day that drew approximately 100 volunteers. At right, Christina Farley, 3-L, entertains one of the 125 children who attended an October 19 'Canes Carnival.



positions, fellowships, and public interest jobs throughout the country and abroad with the click of a mouse. Through PS Law Net, a student is able to post his or her resume and make it available to public interest and research employers in specific geographic or subject areas.

Public Interest Grants

Several public interest grant and scholarship programs are available to support UM Law students. These programs are funded by H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Through Pro Bono Efforts) and PILG (Public Interest Law Group) and provide students with stipends for their public interest work.

H.O.P.E. Fellows work with legal service organizations in the community and dedicate a semester to making a difference in the lives of indigent clients. Through these grants, students are involved in client interviews, depositions, hearings and drafting and must complete a minimum of 100 hours of service. Funds for the fellowships are raised through an annual auction and private donations.

PILG grants are awarded each summer to students who have agreed to perform at least 200 hours of pro bono work in a public interest organization. PILG students do significant fundraising for the grants, and receive pledges from faculty, staff and students who support the public interest work that they are doing. In addition, UM Law matches the money that the students have raised. The number of grants awarded is based solely on the amount of money the students are able to raise. In the past, grant recipients have worked throughout the country in projects focused on a variety of issues, including domestic violence, immigration, and anti-discrimination work.

Summer Public Interest Seminar Program

A grant from the Florida Bar Foundation funds the Summer Public Interest Seminar Program as part of an effort to promote public service by members of the legal profession. Approximately 15 students who will be entering their second year at UM

Law are chosen to participate in the Public Interest Seminar each summer. Selection is based on academic achievement, demonstrated writing skills, ability to undertake a major research project, and a strong interest in public service.

Students selected to participate in the Public Interest Seminar enroll in a three-credit research seminar during the Law School's summer session. The seminar focuses on different topics of public interest each year. Recent topics include children and immigration and a team approach to representing children. In addition to spending time off campus at a designated public service agency, each student is expected to complete a substantial research paper on some aspect of the seminar topic.

Summer Public Interest Seminar students receive a stipend, and UM Law provides tuition scholarships to cover the seminar.

Student Groups Involved in Public Interest

The Law School is proud of the dedication to public service exemplified by its numerous student organizations. Many of the organizations exist to provide education and outreach on specific areas of the law as it applies to and affects the underrepresented. Other organizations integrate programming and outreach into their core mission as it reflects the specific practices they explore.

Examples of some of the most outstanding public interest efforts include the Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, where students learn how to do client intake, interview clients, and fill out petitions for asylum-seekers who are detained at the INS Krome Detention Center. The Guild also coordinates a Prisoner Education Project—in which student volunteers teach legal research to inmates in Miami-Dade County jails—and a Law Enforcement Officer Accountability/Civil Rights Project (LEAP), which documents instances of police brutality in Miami and helps develop cases to be pursued by civil rights attorneys.

In conjunction with the Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center, H.O.P.E., (Helping

Others Through Pro Bono Efforts) enables law students to teach elementary and middle school students a law-related education course, introducing students to the legal system and notions of justice. H.O.P.E. volunteers also provide assistance to Legal Services of Greater Miami by assisting attorneys with intake at the Small Claims Clinic and Low Income Tax Clinic. In addition, H.O.P.E. volunteers work with Una Nacion to assist immigrants with adjustment of status and petitions for asylum.

The Public Interest Law Group (P.I.L.G.) disseminates information about public interest law issues and practice by offering a speaker's series, community outreach programming, and pro bono opportunities.

Each year, the Student Bar Association, in conjunction with the law student division of the American Bar Association, sponsors a Work-a-Day project in which more than 100 law students help the community (e.g., by doing landscaping and renovation projects for after-school programs for indigent children).

The Society of Bar and Gavel, an honorary service organization, sponsors several outreach projects with children's shelters throughout the Miami-Dade area.

Miami Scholars Program

Miami Scholars recognizes students with strong histories of public interest and community service dedication, as well as outstanding academic credentials. Selected students are awarded scholarships of \$19,000 for the first year and \$18,000 in the second and third years. Those students are offered a myriad of educational enrichment programs, such as a speaker series, mentors, and tours of public interest organizations. All Miami Scholars are expected to develop and lead public interest projects during their second year.

NAPIL Involvement

The Public Interest Law Group (P.I.L.G.) is a member of the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL). Through in-
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Class of '51 Remembers



Among those celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1951 are: (seated, from left) James Parks, Mac Mermell, George Leader, Monroe Dixon, Marty Carlin, Gerald Forman, and George Richardson, and (standing, from left) Martin Kabcenell, J.B. Spence, Richard Sorgini, Ellis Rubin, Samuel Saady, Gene Essner, Martin Shachat, the Honorable Tom Lee, Julius (Jay) Kaiser, Warren Bishop, Francis Knuck, Benjamin Schuman, Wilbur Rollins, George David Parrish, and Dean Dennis Lynch. All but the Dean are class members.

"It's a pleasure to see alumni, friends, wives and kin," commented Harold Kasson, one of approximately 50 class members and guests at the 50th Reunion Luncheon of the Class of 1951, May 20, at the Hyatt Regency Miami.

He also found great pleasure in bringing up Law School memories with the group—memories of classrooms cooled by cross-ventilation rather than air conditioning, of models from the Art School on the second floor of the same building, and of favorite restaurants (the Dixie Bell, Embers, Wolfie's, and Shorty's).

Gerald Forman remembered finding it tough paying his last semester's tuition of \$250.

Ellis Rubin, who served in the U.S. Navy before attending law school, remembered that he had a problem with stuttering and his superiors advised him, "Whatever you do, don't go in a courtroom." "And, here I am with more than 4,000 jury trials under my belt," he said.

Benjamin Shuman remembered an exotic dancer caught up in a "great cleanup the

Baptists put on . . . A lot of us went to see the trial. She was a tassel dancer, and all the law students really enjoyed that trial."

Martin Carlin, who was editor of the *Bar-rister* when he was a student, remembered trying to balance conservative and liberal viewpoints.

J.B. Spence remembered beating Tom Lee for the student body presidency by winning the majority of night students' votes. "Years later, when I'd try a case before Judge Lee, he'd say, 'You can't win this one,'" Spence joked.

Lee's memories went back to the years before law school, when he was a combat pilot during World War II. "We lost 50 percent of our group in six months," he said. "Now, we're losing 1,000 World War II vets per day."

"We didn't know we had it rough," Wilbur Rollins said. "I had a paper route. I'd go to class; then, after class, I'd go to the movies every evening. I was the usher. For one year, I had some exciting success: I kept the books at a service station where I could trade my work for gas."

"We all worked hard to get through school," Frank Knuck noted. "Jay Kaiser had four paper routes. We were all getting up to go to Law School, and Jay and his wife Shirley had already been up since 3 a.m."

In addition to his law studies and multiple newspaper routes, Kaiser was vice president of the student body and helped start moot court at UM Law. "I solicited members of the Law School and put together a Moot Court Advisory Committee, and in the spring of 1951, we had our first argument," he said. "The 1951 class also was involved in starting the Law School Building Fund."

Monroe Dixon worked his way through law school repairing radios and televisions in Coconut Grove.

Richard Sorgini worked in the Law Library. "I opened the library and closed it and was paid 36 cents per hour for that job, which led to another source of employment to supplement my job: I got 32 cents to prompt a business student. I just didn't have the sagacity to take on a paper route."

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Dean Meets With Alumni in London, Munich

UM Law alumni from seven European countries and Japan had the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with Dean Dennis Lynch this summer when he traveled to Law School events in London and Munich.

On June 28, John Harriman, president of Schroders Bank in Miami, hosted a lunch for the Dean and a select group of University of Miami alumni at Schroders' head office in London. This was an opportunity to bring together UM Law graduates (and other attorneys with UM undergraduate degrees) at one of the oldest banking houses in the world. While in London, Dean Lynch also met with students participating in the Law School's London Summer Program.

On June 29-30, Dean Lynch spent a week-end in Munich with approximately 40 alumni and guests. Attendees were from Germany, Italy, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Croatia and Japan, and represented class years ranging from 1979 through 2002.

Friday evening, the law firm of Linklaters Oppenhoff & Radler sponsored a welcome reception in its Munich offices. Saturday featured a seminar and luncheon at the Bayerischer Hof Hotel, with presentations by professors Alan Swan and Richard Williamson. The weekend concluded with a Reunion Dinner on Saturday night at Weisses Brauhaus, with a typical Bavarian menu and band.

The University of Miami School of Law now has more than 800 alumni in 70 countries outside the U.S. The nation with the largest number of alumni is Germany, with more than 80 UM Law alumni. Other nations with substantial numbers of alumni include Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, France, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and Venezuela.

UM Law's Office of International and Foreign Programs plans to host events during 2002 in Latin America and Europe. Alumni interested in participating in these events should send an e-mail to intl-llm@law.miami.edu.



Dean Dennis Lynch (third from left) with (from left), Alexander Reus (LL.M. 1991, J.D. 1993), Burkhard Linke of the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany, and Gary Schumann of Enterprise Florida, Inc.



Christoph Grigoleit (LL.M. 1990, Germany), Klaus Hoenig (LL.M. 1990, Germany), Fabio Marelli (LL.M. 1990, Italy), and Alexander Reus (LL.M. 1991, J.D. 1993, Germany) in front of Weisses Brauhaus, site of the Reunion Dinner.



Susane Hoffmueller (guest), Johannes Weisser (LL.M. 1988, Germany), Henning Schwarzkopf (M.C.L. 1979, Germany), Robin Wheatley (University of Miami), Frank Buechel (LL.M. 1997, Liechtenstein), and Arnd Weissner (LL.M. 1997, Germany).



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Class of '51 Remembers

The years following law school have been kind to many members of the Class of '51, such as Mac Mermell. "I've met wonderful people. I wrote wills and did estate planning and was named a trustee of a foundation that wanted to rid the streams and rivers of pollution," he said. "I've done very well. I married Peggy, and we ran a summer camp for children in Wildwood, Florida, for 40 years."

Also at the event, sharing the memories and food, were the following members of the Class of 1951: Warren A. Bishop, Gene Essner, Martin J. Kabcenell, George N. Leader, James R. Parks, George D. Parrish, George Richardson, Samuel L. Saady, and Martin P. Shachat.

Along with the luncheon at the Hyatt Regency, reunion activities for the Class of 1951 included participation in the Law School's hooding ceremony, two lunches and a reception at the School of Law, and a tour of the Law Library.



Judge Moreno, JD '78, Hears Far-Reaching HMO Cases

U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno, Southern District of Florida, is hearing a consolidation of class action lawsuits from around the country that could have a major impact on how insurers pay health care providers and how they describe their plans to subscribers.

The Federal Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation selected Moreno, a 1978 graduate of UM Law, last November to handle a massive collection of class action suits, in which various patients and physicians filed lawsuits against some of the largest health care providers in the country. All of the cases from around the country have been consolidated into two cases in Miami, one on behalf of the patients and one on behalf of the physicians.

The named defendants in the case are some of the largest health care providers in the country, including Humana, Aetna, Cigna, UnitedHealthcare, Prudential, Foundation Health Systems, Pacificare Health Systems, Wellpoint Health Network, and Coventry Corp.

The class of subscribers may number more than 80 million, and the doctors class

may include as many as 600,000 doctors. Class action status for both categories has been argued and is currently pending.

Both plaintiffs and defendants are represented by some of the best known lawyers from around the country. These include many UM Law alumni, such as Harley Tropin, JD '77, who is one of the two lead lawyers for the doctors; Dean Colson, JD '77, who is one of the liaison counsel for both classes, and Adam Moskowitz, JD '93, a partner with Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton.

"One enjoyable aspect of this case is that many of the very good lawyers on both sides of the fence are UM Law grads," Tropin commented. "For instance, some the defendants' lawyers include Michael Nachwalter, JD '67, Ronald Ravikoff, JD '77, and Hilarie Bass, JD '81, all of whom I have been litigating with for many years."

Moreno is no stranger to large class action cases. In 1995, he handled one of the largest class actions brought to Florida, approving after three years a \$160 million settlement for investors in a Ponzi scheme case against Premium Sales Corp.

Help Plan Next Year's Class Reunions

The Law Alumni Association is planning reunions to be held in conjunction with the 2002 Homecoming events.

If you are a member of the Class of 1952, 1957, 1962, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1992, or 1997, your help is needed. If you would like to join the steering committee for any of these reunions, please let the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations know by mailing or faxing the information requested below:

_____ I am interested in serving on the reunion committee for the Class of _____.

_____ I would like to host the reunion for the Class of _____ at my home or club.

Name: _____ Class of: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Mail: Law Alumni Association, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124. Fax: 305-284-3968 Phone: 305-284-3470



UM Law Briefs

Alliance Makes Recommendations

The Alliance for Ethical Government, a task force established in 1998 to make recommendations for remedying public corruption in Miami-Dade County, filed its final report during the summer, calling for major changes in campaign finance, contract and lobbying laws.

Headed by UM Law alumnus and former chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court Gerald Kogan, JD '55, the Alliance was a countywide consortium of public and private leaders from selected business, civic, education, legal, and faith-based communities. It reported that the county had made significant improvements but that further reforms were needed.

"The best you can do is get people with integrity elected to government to change the system," said Kogan, the group's president, who led the Alliance from an office in the School of Law.

Among its recommendations were that county commissioners should not be allowed to vote on public contracts involving business contributors who collectively donate more than \$1,000 to their political campaigns; that commissioners should be allowed to vote on contracts worth no more than \$1 million, leaving more costly business deals to the county manager; that lobbyists be required to disclose their income, fees and expenses paid by clients seeking business from the county; and that commissioners' annual salaries be increased from \$6,000 to \$76,000.



Numerous Awards For Kornreich

Gerald Kornreich, JD '75, has received four awards from three bar organizations this year: the Tobias Simon Award from the Florida Supreme Court, the Florida Bar President's Award, the Family Law American Inn of Court Award for Professionalism, and the Dade County Bar Special Recognition Award for pro bono services.

The awards recognize his commitment to the legal needs of children and the poor and honor his professionalism in the practice of law.

Kornreich is senior partner of the Miami firm of Kornreich, Terraferma and Bismarck.

Admiral Carmichael In Command

Rear Admiral Jay Carmichael, JD '77, has assumed command of the Seventh Coast Guard District, a region that includes South Carolina, Georgia, all of Florida but the panhandle, and the Caribbean.

Previously, he had been the U.S. Coast Guard's chief counsel, serving as legal advisor to the commandant and managing the nationwide delivery of legal services in support of Coast Guard missions.

Known as the Coast Guard's busiest district, the Seventh District carries out its mission with approximately 4,200 active, reserve, and civilian employees, augmented by about 5,200 auxiliary volunteers.

Kudos for Rosenblatts

The Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation has presented its prestigious Trial Lawyer of the Year Award to Susan and Stanley Rosenblatt, winners of a record \$145 billion punitive judgment in a class-action case against Phillip Morris and four other tobacco companies last year.

The Foundation presented the award at a ceremony in Montreal in July, citing them for making "the greatest contribution to the public interest by trying a precedent-setting case in the past year."

Susan Rosenblatt, who received her J.D. in 1972 and her LL.M. in 1978 from UM Law, was also honored as one of the "Women of Achievement" by Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women at an annual awards dinner in October in New York City.

Stanley Rosenblatt received his J.D. from UM Law in 1960.

FAWL Honors Edith Osman

The Florida Association for Women Lawyers has presented Edith G. Osman, JD '83, with its 50th Anniversary Golden Star Award in recognition of her pioneering efforts in support of the group's objectives.

She also has been appointed to the Executive Council of the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar and serves as vice chair of the section's Legislative Committee.

A shareholder in the Miami office of Carlton Fields, she practices in the areas of business litigation, breach of contract, construction litigation, and matrimonial law.

ABA Honors UM Law Student

At the American Bar Association's annual meeting in August in Chicago, UM Law student Marc Kleiner received the ABA Law Student Division's "Outstanding Liaison of the Year" award for his work on the Bar's Forum Committee on Entertainment and Sports Law Industries.

As law student liaison on the committee, Kleiner put heavy emphasis on communication, ensuring that law students across the



country were apprised of Entertainment and Sports Law events. Of the more than 300 persons who attended the Entertainment and Sports Law annual conference last October, approximately half were law students.

Prof. Stotzky Visiting Scholar at Buffalo Law School

Prof. Irwin Stotzky was a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School's Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy September 10-14.

An internationally recognized institute supporting the interdisciplinary study of law and legal institutions, the Center sponsors a wide variety of scholarly work on law and policy issues viewed in their broader social context.

Stotzky participated in the Center's "Citizenship, Participation, and Democracy" series of three short courses, each of which is taught by a leading American expert, who visits the campus for one week to meet and work closely with students and faculty.

He taught a three-session course on "Democracy, Constitutionalism and Human Rights" and made a presentation on "Democracy and International Military Intervention," which was open to the university and general public. He also spoke to the faculty and met with individual faculty members to discuss their scholarly work.



International Society Elects Rose Academic Fellow

The International Society of Barristers has elected Prof. Laurence M. Rose an Academic Fellow.

Rose is professor of law and Director of the Litigation Skills Program at UM Law. He is also Executive Director of Education for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, where he coordinates advocacy training programs offered throughout the world.

The International Society of Barristers, an honor society with membership limited to 600 outstanding trial lawyers chosen by their peers, is dedicated to excellence and integrity in advocacy, to the preservation of the adversarial system and of the right to trial by jury, and to the encouragement of young lawyers to enter the field of trial practice.

The Society has Fellows in all 50 states and in Australia, Canada, England, Mexico,



New Zealand, and Scotland. It currently recognizes only 10 Academic Fellows, who have "demonstrated leadership in teaching advocacy, trial practice, or closely related fields, and who possess excellent character and integrity of the highest order."

Burton Award for Legal Achievement Goes To UM Law Student

Brant C. Hadaway, a member of the *University of Miami Law Review* and the Class of 2001, is a winner of the 2001 Burton Award for Legal Achievement.

The awards are given to 15 partners in the top 250 largest law firms and to 10 law school students. The program is dedicated to the enhancement and enrichment of legal writing.

Recipients—selected from nominations by managing partners at the nation's largest law firms, as well as from law school deans—were honored at an exclusive dinner June 20 at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Roger Cossack, co-moderator of CNN's *Burden of*

Proof and former assistant dean at UCLA Law School, was master of ceremonies.

Hadaway received the award for his *Law Review* comment, "Executive Privateers: A discussion on Why the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act Will Not Significantly Reform the Practice of Forfeiture," which was published in October 2000. His faculty advisor was Prof. Jonathan Simon.

The Burton Awards for Legal Achievement were founded by William C. Burton, partner in the international law firm of D'Amato & Lynch and a leading advocate of plain language and modernized legal writing.



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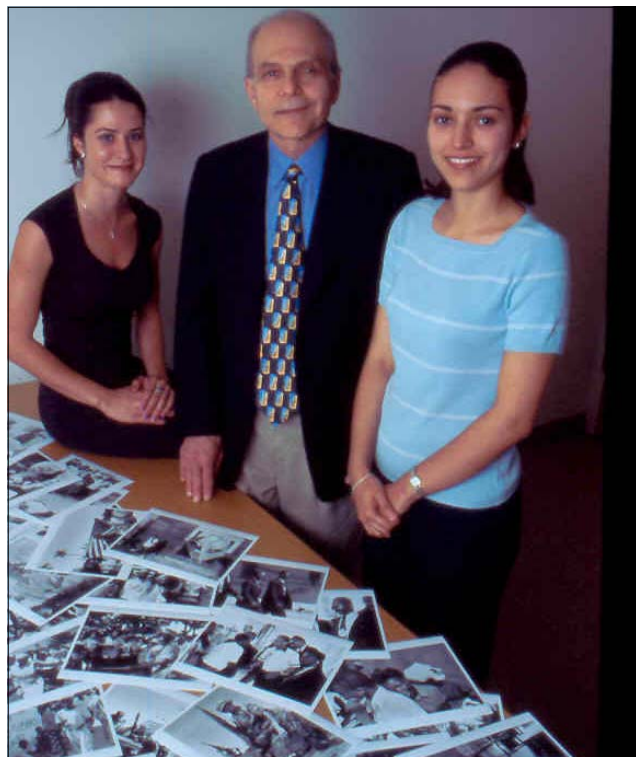
volvement with this umbrella organization, UM Law participates in the annual NAPIL career fair and conference in Washington, D.C. This program is the largest event of its kind in the country, typically bringing together more than 200 employers and 1,000 law students. The Career Fair offers students a unique opportunity to network, establish important relationships and, in many cases, secure follow-up interviews and subsequent summer or post-graduate employment. Employers have the chance to network with one another and to attract applicants from a national cadre of highly qualified and motivated public interest-minded individuals.

The Public Interest Law Conference portion of the program features nationally recognized panels and speakers who focus on cutting edge legal issues, substantive law panels and skill-building tools.

Post-Graduate Fellowships

In recent years, several UM Law graduates have received post-graduate fellowships to create their own public interest projects. Among the most prestigious of these fellowships are the echoing green, NAPIL (National Association of Public Interest Law), and the Skadden Arps fellowship programs. These fellowships enable students to identify areas where legal needs are not being met and develop innovative ways to serve these communities. Fellow recipients have worked on a myriad of issues including youth law, immigration, and the rights of persons afflicted with HIV/AIDS. We are proud to report that our Fellows tend to remain dedicated to the public interest law arena, and have been able to enhance their projects by identifying further sources of support, and/or by becoming affiliated with other public interest agencies and teaming together to make a difference.

Prof. Irwin Stotzky, center, has inspired UM Law students Marielis Rivera, left, and Alejandra Arroyave to form the Student Organization for the Study of Human Rights.



Center for Ethics and Public Service

The Center for Ethics and Public Service is an interdisciplinary project that focuses on teaching the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in the practice of law. Founded in 1996, it provides training in ethics and professionalism to the Law School and to the University of Miami as well as to Florida's business, civic, educational, and legal communities. The Center sponsors workshops and symposia at the Law School, provides bench and bar training to the South Florida practice community, and participates in public-private ethics education partnerships with local elementary and high schools. The Center is the recipient of three prestigious national and state bar and bench awards from the American Bar Association (1998 E. Smythe Gambrell Professional Award), the Florida Supreme Court (1999 Faculty Professional Award), and the Florida Bar (2000 Seventh Annual Professionalism Award).

Faculty Involved In Public Interest

UM Law faculty members are highly active in public service. They have been involved in pro bono litigation and other cases of public importance. For example, Prof. Martha Mahoney played a prominent role in a case before the Florida Supreme Court that brought Florida's justifiable homicide rules in line with the majority of states, allowing a woman to use deadly force to protect herself from her husband when she has reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. Working in conjunction with the Florida ACLU, Associate Dean Stephen Schnably and several other members of the faculty continued litigation against the City of Miami over its treatment of homeless people; the lawsuit resulted in a precedent-setting settlement placing limits on police arrest of homeless people. Prof. Irwin Stotzky has been extensively involved in litigation on constitutional issues in the immigration field over the past seven years.



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University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala, featured speaker at a November 26 Dean's Circle luncheon at the Bankers' Club in Miami, discussed her experiences as a Cabinet member in Washington and her vision for the University.



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The Honorable Lenore Carrero Nesbitt Memorial Scholarship

The University of Miami School of Law lost a renowned alumna and great friend when United States Senior District Judge Lenore Carrero Nesbitt passed away on Oct. 6, 2001.

At a time when few women entered the profession, Judge Nesbitt graduated first in her law class in 1957, beginning a career of "firsts" in the law. She was the first woman appointed as a Florida Circuit Judge by the Governor's Merit Selection Committee and the first woman appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, where she served for 18 years. Her judicial portrait was the first of a woman to be hung in the Central Courtroom of the U.S. District Court on which she served.

Throughout her long and distinguished career, Judge Nesbitt devoted herself to her family, her community, her profession, and to the University of Miami. Among her many community and professional commitments, the judge served on several boards and committees at the University, including the Visiting Committees of the School of Law and the School of Nursing (which she chaired), and as a University Trustee. Judge Nesbitt is one of three 2001 inductees into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

During the past year, Judge Nesbitt waged a courageous battle against cancer, which ultimately took her life. The Law School is assisting friends of Judge Nesbitt in funding an endowed student scholarship named in her honor at the Law School. When she was consulted earlier this year about possible endeavors to honor her, Judge Nesbitt made it clear that a student scholarship at the Law School would be most meaningful to her.

"Judge Nesbitt's career in the law provides a wonderful example for our students and we are proud of her many accomplishments," commented Dean Dennis O. Lynch. "The Law School is most gratified to have this scholarship honoring our distinguished alumna."

The Law School—which dedicated its Annual Homecoming Breakfast on November 3 to the remarkable life and career of Lenore Nesbitt—thanks the following donors, whose generous gifts are making the scholarship a reality. Anyone who would like information on how to contribute to the scholarship fund should call the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations at 305-284-3470.



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As UM Law embarks on its fourth decade of International and Foreign Programs, graduates of those programs and friends of Professor Benitez are honoring him with a new scholarship fund for international students. We thank the following contributors for their generous gifts. Others who would like information on contributing should call the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations at 305-284-3470.

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Justice Gerald Kogan (JD '55) delivers the keynote address at the May 17 reunion of UM Law's foreign and international programs alumni. The event honored the late Prof. Rafael C. Benitez (whose photograph is at left, on easel).



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An endowed scholarship honors Justice Gerald Kogan's outstanding contributions to the University of Miami School of Law and Florida's legal system and his championship of individual rights. The Kogan Scholarship supports the studies of law students who demonstrate the integrity, scholarship, and devotion to public service characterized by Justice Kogan's exemplary career in the law. We thank the following contributors for their generosity.

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The University of Miami's Children & Youth Law Clinic—run by faculty members and students of the School of Law—was established with the help of a 1995 start-up grant from the echoing green Foundation and is partially funded by grants from the Florida Bar Foundation and other organizations. The Clinic provides legal representation to poor children (primarily those within the foster care system), ensuring that they have a voice in court proceedings, and engaging in impact litigation, law reform advocacy and community lawyering.

The Florida Bar Foundation recently honored the Children and Youth Law Clinic as a first-runner-up for its 2001 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence.

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Parents, spouses, and others who play important roles in the away-from-school lives of UM Law students often also provide significant support for Law School-related activities. In 2000-01, the Law Parents and Partners Association supported such programs and activities as refreshments for new student orientation, a welcome reception for new students and their parents and partners, a reception for graduating student leaders, and various other student programs. We thank the following individuals for their generous support.

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John Kozyak with Nathalie Cadet, holder of the Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton Scholarship, at the October 26 Donors' Scholarship Reception. Established in 1995, the scholarship is awarded to a third-year minority student with an interest in trial advocacy.



Mariel Melissa Saunderson (Smith) Spencer Memorial Scholarship

On Dec. 8, 1999, UM Law graduate Mariel Melissa Spencer died tragically of complications from acute leukemia at the age of 28. A graduate of UM Law's J.D. and LL.M. programs (in 1996 and 1998), she enjoyed her association with the School, where she had been a member of the *Inter-American Law Review* and where she discovered her passion for tax law. Upon graduating from UM, she began her career working for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Miami as a state and local tax consultant.

Her husband (Kevin Spencer, JD '96), family and friends have established a scholarship in her name at UM Law. The award is made to a second- or third-year female J.D. student or a female LL.M. student who has a least a 3.0 grade point average, an interest in practicing tax law, and financial need.

We thank the following donors, who contributed to the Mariel Melissa Saunderson (Smith) Spencer Memorial Scholarship during the 2001 fiscal year.



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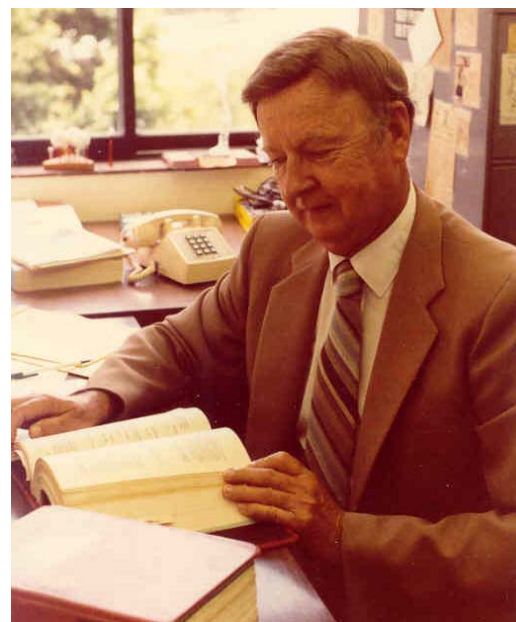
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The Law School community mourns the passing of Professor of Law Emeritus Ralph E. Boyer on June 30, 2001. A professor at UM Law from 1952 to 1985, he established the Condominium and Cluster Housing Institute, which has since been expanded and renamed the Ralph E. Boyer Institutes on Real Property Law and Condominium and Cluster Developments. He wrote numerous books and articles on property law, including the leading treatise on Florida real property law.

The Law School is assisting friends of Professor Boyer in funding an endowed scholarship named in his honor. To recognize his lifelong commitment to his colleagues, his students, and his profession, the School of Law has dedicated the proceeds of the 2001 Institutes as a leadership gift to the scholarship. Anyone who would like information on how to contribute to the scholarship fund should call the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations at 305-284-3470.



Prof. Ralph E. Boyer

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Established in 1999 in memory of Nicole Kleban, a member of the Class of 2000, the scholarship is awarded each year to a female student entering her second year at UM Law.



Nicole Kleban, 12/31/74-8/30/98

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Established in June 2000 by Vincent C. Hennessy (JD'71), the Mary T. Hennessy Scholarship goes to a student who is pursuing a career in tax or corporate law, is performing well academically, and exhibits potential for leadership and professional success.

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This newly established scholarship fund honors a UM Law alumnus and professor emeritus who, in addition to serving as faculty advisor to the *University of Miami Law Review* for 29 years, received numerous awards for excellence in teaching.

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Daniel E. Murray, Professor Emeritus of Law



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This new scholarship honors Professor Emeritus of Law Kathryn D. Sowle, who was a member of UM Law's full-time faculty from 1982 until 1996. Along with teaching courses on torts, dignitary torts, and product liability and writing extensively on those topics, she was a member of the Accreditation Committee of the Association of American Law Schools

Open to both J.D. and LL.M. students (including foreign students), the scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding student in torts who would benefit most from the stipend. Rajiv Khanna, a partner at Greenberg Traurig in New York City who earned an LL.M. in comparative law at UM Law in 1984, initiated the scholarship fund with a leadership gift. Others who would like to contribute to the fund should contact the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations at 305-284-3470 for information.



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This scholarship responds to a new drive initiated by Dean Dennis O. Lynch to encourage South Florida law firms to establish scholarships at UM Law. The Dean hopes other firms will follow Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin's lead. Anyone interested in further information should contact Dean Lynch by calling 305-284-2394 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, Fla. 33124-8087.



Stacey Schulman, holder of a Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin Scholarship, with (from left) Abbey Kaplan (JD '75), Dean Dennis Lynch, and Howard Berlin (JD '79) at the October 26 Donors' Scholarship Reception.



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CLASS NOTES

Class of 1947

FRANK A. TAYLOR, who earned both his J.D. and Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Miami in 1947, passed away June 30.

Class of 1948

JULIUS H. ERSTLING passed away on July 26, 2001. He is survived by his wife, Joan, his children, Mark, Deborah, and Judy, his brother, Morton, and his sister, Shirley Dixon.

Class of 1949

The Honorable MOIE JUST LOUIS TENDRICH, known throughout the community for his integrity on the bench and dedication to his temple, died on Aug. 27, 2001, of a massive vascular attack. He was 73. Tendrich was a founding member of Bet Shira Congregation and had also served as president of Beth David Congregation, from which the assembly in Pinecrest was formed. He graduated from Ponce de Leon High School in Coral Gables, and after practicing law for 28 years, he was appointed to the bench, where he served 19 years. He finished his career as the administrative judge of the probate division.

Class of 1951

OLIVE B. PARKER, a 59-year Miami Shores resident, attorney and World War II Coast Guard lieutenant, died on Aug. 10, 2001, of a stroke. She was 82. Parker began practicing law after raising her three children. She served with the Miami firm of Fine, Jacobson, Schwartz, Nash, Block and England, where she

was a probate and guardianship attorney in administration and income and estate taxation. She graduated from UM Law on July 11, 1951, just one day after getting married to husband, Andrew J. Parker.

Class of 1950

EDMUND P. RUSSO passed away after a brief illness on July 6, 2001, while on vacation in Barcelona, Spain. Following graduation from UM Law, he practiced law in Coral Gables until his retirement in 1998. His law firm, Russo & Baker, survives as the oldest law firm in Coral Gables. He was a charter member and founding director of the Coral Gables Bar Association, founding member and general counsel of the Coral Gables Board of Realtors, long time member of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, board member and past president of the Coral Gables Country Club, board member of the John T. MacDonald Foundation, and board member of Flagship Bank. He is survived by his wife, Carole Russo; a son, Edmund P. Russo, Jr.; two daughters, Elizabeth Russo Sturgill and Laura L. Russo (JD '84, with whom he practiced law for several years), and two grandsons.

Class of 1952

The Class of 1952 will hold its 50th Reunion Celebration during graduation weekend in May 2002. Members of the class who are interested in assisting in the planning of the events for their class should contact Maria Robertson in the alumni relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

Class of 1954

CARL ERNEST McKENRY passed away on Oct. 18, 2001, in Houston. He was 72. McKenry began his many roles at the University of Miami as a student in 1947, and he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1949. He attended UM Law in the evening while he was employed in the engineering department at PanAm, and after completing his J.D. in 1954, he moved to the airline's legal department. Beginning in 1957, he taught full-time at the University of Miami, while earning LL.M. degrees from UM Law and from New York University and a certificate in international law/European Union law from Columbia University. He served as chair of the Faculty Senate, started and directed the Center for Urban Studies, served as vice president for academic affairs and of the faculties, and assisted in the recruitment of nationally recognized figures to the University, such as UM Law Dean Soia Mentschikoff. McKenry served in countless positions within the University and in the South Florida community. Students in the School of Law and in the School of Business Administration knew him as a professor in the many courses he taught and directed. The Carl E.B. McKenry, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of Miami is established in his memory. He is survived by his wife, CLARE COLLERAN McKENRY, JD '92, four children and many grandchildren.

WILSON W. WRIGHT of Tallahassee, was recently honored by the Antique and Classic Boat Society with a

"Lifetime Achievement Award" at the annual boat show at St. Michaels, Md.

Class of 1955

The Honorable GERALD KOGAN joined the six-lawyer Miami firm of Wetherington Klein & Hubbard as of counsel. Like his new colleagues, Kogan's work will focus on mediation and arbitration. After retiring as chief justice in the Florida Supreme Court, he served for three years as head of the Alliance for Ethical Government, in Miami, and also taught courses at UM Law. An outspoken opponent of the death penalty, Kogan continues to serve as co-chair of the Death Penalty Initiative, a program of the Constitutional Project, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that attempts to build consensus on controversial legal and constitutional issues.

Class of 1957

The Class of 1957 will hold its 45th Reunion Celebration next fall. Members of the class who are interested in assisting in the planning of the events for their class should contact Maria Robertson in the alumni relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

SONIA PRESSMAN FUENTES was the keynote speaker at the dinner of the 20th anniversary program of the Women Lawyers of Utah, during a retreat held in the Salt Lake City area, Oct. 12-13.

Class of 1958

JOSEPH C. LAUSSEL passed away on Jan. 19, 2001. He was 86. He was born in Puerto Rico



and served his country during World War II.

Class of 1962

The Class of 1962 will hold its 40th Reunion Celebration next fall. Members of the class who are interested in assisting in the planning of the events for their class should contact Maria Robertson in the alumni relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

Class of 1965

ROBERT R. COOMBES, of Lake Worth, Fla., died on Jan. 8, 2001, in Boca Raton. A friend reports, "I know that the thing that Bob was proudest of in his entire life was probably his being able to write 'J.D.' after his name. He always spoke in terms that made me think that his most rewarding years were spent at law school at the University of Miami."

RICHARD N. FRIEDMAN, a securities lawyer practicing in Miami and popularly known as "The Singing Attorney," released on



May 13, 2001, his second music album, *All My Love*, consisting of "the greatest love songs of the 20th Century," through All-Star Music Corporation. The *All My Love* CD is available by mail order by calling 1-888-889-8965, by e-mail: BUSORGS@aol.com, or through over 100 Internet music sites, such as CD Now and Amazon.com, or by special order from computer catalogues in most music stores. One dollar from the sale of each album will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, but there is no affiliation or sponsorship with such charity.

Friedman's first music album, *For Love of Country*, released on July 4, 1996, consists of 15 of America's greatest patriotic songs and is similarly available for purchase.

Class of 1966

JULIAN KREEGER will be releasing a new CD showcasing pianist Ivan Davis in miniatures by Scarlatti, Brahms, Gottschalk, and others with a "bonus" CD of his 1968 London debut. Kreeger has been deeply involved with music in Miami for decades, working behind the scenes. He resuscitated the Miami Philharmonic's 1975 season by phoning dozens of artist-friends and eager newcomers who performed for free. He also continues the teaching of art and entertainment courses as an adjunct faculty member at UM Law.

JEROME H. SHEVIN recently became a partner at the firm of Levey, Airan, Brownstein, Friedman, Roen & Kelso, LLP.

Class of 1967

The Honorable EUGENE J. FIERRO was recently honored by the Coral Gables Bar Association with the Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding community service. Judge Fierro was former president and creator of *The Gables Lawyer* newsletter.



Class of 1969

THOMAS R. SPENCER, senior partner of Spencer & Klein, P.A., recently served on this year's Presidential Rank Awards Review Board.

Composed of private citizens from across the country, the Review Board plays a key, critical role in the selection of federal executives for the prestigious Distinguished Executive award. He is a member of the Alliance for Ethical Government, the board of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, the Executive Committee of the Republican Party, and the Citizen's Board. He is a member of the Federal Bar, the Florida Bar, and the D.C. Bar, and is admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. Spencer resides in the Village of Pinecrest.

Class of 1971

STEPHEN A. WAYNER recently served as chairman of Chamber South, the second largest Chamber of Commerce in the State of Florida.

Class of 1972

The Class of 1972 will hold its 30th Reunion Celebration next fall. Members of the class who are interested in assisting in the planning of the events for their class should contact Maria Robertson in the alumni relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

WILLIAM AARON is the new president of the Dade County Bar Association.

THOMAS E. SCOTT joined the Miami firm formerly known as Cole, White & Billbrough, P.A., and now known as Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. Scott joins the firm as a name partner after distinguished service as a practicing attorney, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, a U.S. district judge, and a state circuit judge in Miami. He

will concentrate his practice in complex litigation, aviation admiralty, coverage matters and appellate issues. The firm continues to offer a diversity of legal services, concentrating in nursing home and health care litigation, professional, accountants and medical liability, and general civil trial litigation, including wrongful death and personal injury. The firm has offices in Miami, West Palm Beach and Tampa.

Class of 1973

MARC M. LEVEY, a partner at Baker & McKenzie's New York office, was recently voted one of the world's leading international tax transfer pricing attorneys by in-house counsel, corporate clients and other leading tax professionals. Levey's nomination as one of the top 20 international transfer pricing attorneys worldwide is acknowledged in Euromoney Legal Group's Best of the Best 2001—Guide to the World's Leading Lawyers. Levey heads the tax practice in the New York office of Baker & McKenzie. He has over 25 years of experience in international taxation and is a nationally recognized expert in his field. Levey's practice focuses on transfer pricing and cross-border transactions, tax controversies and litigation, and general corporate and partnership taxation. Founded in 1949, Baker & McKenzie is the premier global law firm, having established operations in each of the world's major commercial and financial centers more than 25 years ago.

Class of 1974

TOD ARONOVITZ, of Aronovitz and Associates in Miami, is president-elect of the Florida Bar and was recently appointed to serve a one-year term on the Board of



Directors of the Florida Bar Foundation.

BRUCE DROOKS has formed Taxanxiety.com, a tax and financial planning company. He is currently living in Los Angeles.

LEWIS B. FREEMAN, of Lewis B. Freeman & Partners, was recently named to the evaluation committee that will be advising the Miami Orange Bowl Advisory Board as to a company that will market the naming rights to the historic, city-owned Orange Bowl Stadium.

Class of 1975

PEDRO FREYRE, of counsel in the corporate practice group at the law firm of Akerman Senterfitt, has been selected by a special nominating committee to serve on the Community Relations Board. Mayor Alex Penelas commended Freyre on his desire to support the CRB's mission of understanding, tolerance and respect among the diverse groups that make up the community. Freyre's practice focuses on advising Spanish and Latin American companies establishing operations in the U.S., advising U.S. companies establishing operations in Latin America, insurance regulation, Cuban embargo regulation and mergers and acquisitions. Florida Governor Jeb Bush appointed Freyre to the board of directors of the Florida Humanities Council in June 2000. Freyre is chairman of FACE (Facts About Cuban Exiles), a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to providing information on the Cuban community in exile. He is also chairman of the Free Cuba Committee of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. He recently received the "Liberty

and Justice For All" award from the Florida Immigration Advocacy Center for his defense of children under INS detention. Founded in 1920, with more than 350 attorneys, Akerman Senterfitt is one of Florida's leading law firms.

STUART KETAINECK became board certified as a trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA), the only national board certification for trial attorneys. Requirements include extensive documentation, including independent peer review from judges and attorneys, as well as successful completion of a day-long examination.

DAVIS SMITH, partner in the litigation services department at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been reelected to the firm's executive committee, which serves as the governing and management body of the firm. Smith has 25 years of experience in large and complex litigations and has represented plaintiffs and defendants in patent, trademark, trade secret and other intellectual property litigation, professional liability litigation, securities and antitrust litigation, including services as lead counsel in the defense of multi-district cases, and representation of debtors and creditors in creditors' rights and bankruptcy litigation.

Class of 1976

FRANK ANGONES and RAMON RASCO, both members of the class of 1976, became partners of a new business venture, *Westchester Al Dia*, a newspaper in western Miami-Dade. Angones has served as president of both the Dade County Bar Association and the Cuban American Bar

Association. Although Angones will not be writing for the newspaper, he will not remain a silent partner. The two attorneys join Roberto Fabricio, former managing editor of *El Nuevo Herald*, in this exciting new endeavor. *Westchester Al Dia* will cover every aspect of life in Westchester, promising it will have a larger circulation than the *Herald's* community newspaper, *Neighbors*, will cover a more targeted area and will feature 20 to 40 stories about Westchester every week. As to the question of why Westchester, Fabricio says that "[it] is an area of high income and high consumer patterns; there is a huge abundance of retail businesses here and also residences."

The Honorable BONNIE LANORIPINGILLE was named Volunteer of the Year by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice for her work with delinquent girls in residential commitment programs in Miami-Dade County. The program she founded, Sisters of the Heart, links delinquent girls with female role models.

Class of 1977

The Class of 1977 will hold its 25th Reunion Celebration next fall. Members of the class who are interested in assisting in the planning of the events for their class should contact Maria Robertson in the alumni relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

LINDA G. BARTLETT has been named chair of the New York State Bar Association's 2,300-member Labor and Employment



Law Section. Bartlett is a named partner at Bartlett & Bartlett LLP, where she concentrates her practice in counseling and servicing management, union and employee clients in all aspects of labor and employment law, employment contracts, termination agreements, collective bargaining negotiations, litigation, arbitration and mediation. She is also an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, commercial division, employment law panel, the New York State Mediation Board; and the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County. She also maintains professional affiliations with the following: Association of the Bar of the City of New York, as a member of the AIDS and the Law Committee and a past member of the Labor and Employment Law Committee; New York County Lawyers Association, where she served on the Committee on Arbitration and Labor and Employment Law; and the American Bar Association. Bartlett was an adjunct and visiting professor at the CUNY Law School, and an adjunct professor at Cornell University, where she taught advanced labor law. Her writings have appeared in publications of the Journal of Collective Negotiations, the NYSBA, and Cornell University Press.

BENEDICT P. KUEHNE became board certified as a trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA), the only national board certification for trial attorneys. Requirements include extensive documentation, including independent peer review from judges and attorneys, as well as successful completion of a day-long examination.



Class of 1978

JANICE M. FLEISCHER



joined the South Florida Regional Planning Council as manager of the newly initiated Institute for

Community Collaboration, a program to bring collaborative processes and conflict anticipation and avoidance skills and practices to the South Florida Region. Since 1990, Fleischer has been a Supreme Court certified mediator who has worked both privately and for the courts. She has designed and administered a court-based family mediation program, and most recently, worked for the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium as the South Florida office coordinator. She has focused her practice on public policy facilitation and mediation over the last five years. Her article "Group Facilitation: A Way to Address Problems Collaboratively" (written with co-author, Zena Zumeta, Esq.) was published in *Dispute Resolution Magazine*, Summer 1998 and currently appears on the Mediate.com Web site under "Facilitation."

P. ELISE MILLER KIRBY is a staff attorney at the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals in Falls Church, Va., where she performs federal government contracts work. Previously she did international and civil rights work in Europe as an officer in the U.S. Army JAG Corps.

ADELE STONE was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve a three-year term as a director of the Florida Bar Foundation, beginning July 1, 2001. Stone concentrates her practice in the areas of

commercial real estate and general business law, including commercial purchase and sale transactions, leasing, corporate and business transactions at the law firm of Atkinson, Diner, Stone, Mankuta & Ploucha, P.A.

WILLIAM E. WALLACE, III,



has just been named partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy

LLP. Before joining Milbank, Wallace was the partner in charge of the intellectual property and technology litigation practice, and co-head of the international litigation practice of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. His distinguished career in trial law spans more than 20 years. Building on his solid background in commercial litigation, including antitrust, RICO, and commercial fraud, Wallace's practice has evolved to include intellectual practice litigation with a particular emphasis on patent infringement, copyright/trademark, and trade secret litigation. He has acted as lead trial counsel in a number of high profile cases, achieving landmark verdicts on behalf of major corporations such as Fisher-Price, Inc., the Quaker Oats Company, Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp., Caterpillar Tractor Company, the Prudential Insurance Company of America, John Hancock Insurance Company, Hitachi, L.G. Semicon, and UNISYS. He is a leader in the use of innovative courtroom technology. Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP is a premier global law firm headquartered in New York, with offices in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Palo Alto,

London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Singapore. In addition to banking and institutional investment, Milbank specializes in cross-border mergers and acquisitions and global capital markets transactions as well as in assisting multinational clients with their investments in the U.S. Milbank provides both English and New York law capabilities to its clientele, and provides a full range of services to many of the world's leading financial, industrial, and commercial enterprises, as well as governments, institutions, and individuals.

Class of 1979

MICHAEL A. DRIBIN, a partner in the Miami law office of Broad and Cassel and chair of the firm's estate planning and trust practice group, presented a probate and trust legislative update to a group of 140 estate planning professionals at the Gibraltar Bank monthly probate luncheon series, in Coral Gables. Practicing since 1975, Dribin is a board certified wills, trusts and estates lawyer, and a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estates Counsel. He is also an estate planning advisor in the University of Miami Masters in Estate Planning program, a member of the executive council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar (where he serves as probate and trust legislative liaison), and an active member of the Probate and Guardianship Court Committee of the Dade County Bar Association. He has been listed since 1993 in *Best Lawyers in America*. Dribin is a frequent lecturer on areas of probate, trust and guardianship law and related areas of litigation, and in the area of estate planning.

HOWARD A. KUSNICK, of Howard A. Kusnick, P.A., has been elected for a three-year term to the board of directors of Leadership Broward Foundation, Inc., the premier leadership and development organization in the greater Fort Lauderdale area.

KATHERINE C. PEARSON was promoted to full professor with tenure at the Dickinson School of Law of Pennsylvania State University, effective July 1. Professor Pearson joined the Dickinson faculty in 1995 to work with students on practice-related skills. Following a federal judicial clerkship, she was a trial lawyer in private practice, with many jury trials in personal injury and employment litigation. From 1992 to 1994, she was head of the civil rights division of the Albuquerque Legal Department, representing police charged with constitutional violations. Recently, she has worked with students in Dickinson's Family Law Clinic. She teaches evidence, conflict of laws, and elder law, and assists with the trial advocacy program.

Class of 1981

The Class of 1981 was the honored class at Homecoming 2001, holding its 20th Reunion Celebration.

BRUCE A. BLITMAN of Fort



Lauderdale was recently recognized for contributions to Florida's mediation profession at the Florida Dispute

Resolution Center's 10th Annual Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators in Orlando. At the beginning of the conference, Sharon Press, the director of the Dispute Resolution Center, presented



Blitman with a special award of appreciation for his seven years of service as vice-chair and for being a founding member of the Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee. During the conference, Blitman was a panelist on a program entitled "Ethics: Challenging Negotiation Practices in Mediation." His article, "Florida's Ethics Advisory Committee Breaks New Ground," was published in the spring issue of *Dispute Resolution Magazine*, the quarterly publication of the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution. A certified mediator since 1989, Blitman is a certified county, family, circuit, civil and federal mediator who mediates disputes throughout Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties.

BRUCE CAROLAN is head of the department of legal studies at the Dublin Institute of Technology. In addition to his administrative duties, he teaches European Community law to future Irish lawyers. Carolan moved to Ireland in 1992 as part of an exchange between Cork, Ireland, and its sister city, San Francisco, where he was deputy city attorney. He received his LL.M. in European Community law from the University College, Dublin, in 1994. He taught law at University College, Cork, and in London, England, before accepting his current position in 1997. He was a visiting professor of legal studies at the Warrington School of Business at the University of Florida during the Spring 2001 term. Carolan is also finishing a textbook on European Community law. He welcomes contacts from friends and fellow alumni at bruce.carolan@dit.ie.

BRIAN L. DAVIDOFF recently gave a presentation to the National Business Institute, published an article in *Bankruptcy Court Decisions* on the subject of Internet company reorganizations, spoke at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in Boston, served as a panelist for the bankruptcy.com program sponsored by the Beverly Hills Bar Association, and also recently competed in a sprint triathlon on Catalina Island, Calif. At the Los Angeles firm of Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff, Inc., he focuses his practice on insolvency, corporate reorganization and emerging growth companies.

JEFFREY H. MARCUS has been promoted to general counsel of Hay Group, Inc. Since joining the Philadelphia-based international management consulting firm as assistant general counsel in July 1999, he has focused on commercial, intellectual property and e-business matters. He assumed responsibility for all legal affairs in December 2000. Before Hay, Jeff was counsel for Siemens Corporation for nine years and counsel for Racal Corporation for seven years. In May 2000, Jeff earned an LL.M. in tax from Villanova School of Law. Jeff resides in Villanova, Pa., with his wife, Marcie, and sons, Scott, 6, and Greg, 4.

ABBE RIFKIN recently prosecuted the road-rage case involving Orenthal James Simpson before Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy.

STEVEN M. TAZBIN died on Sept. 30, 2000, following a brave two-year battle with a rare type of cancer. He and wife Marcia Haupt Tazbin had just celebrated their sixth anniversary in early September. He graduated from

Lafayette College in 1977 and Fordham University Graduate School of Business in 1998. He most recently practiced law for the Nine West Group. He is survived by his wife and three-year-old twins, Daniel and Emily. An educational fund has been established for the twins through the New York College Savings Program, managed by TIAA-CREF. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may send checks made payable to Marcia Tazbin/NY College Savings Fund. Marcia's address is 159 Brush Hollow Crescent, Rye Brook, N.Y. 10573.

Class of 1982

The Class of 1982 will hold its 20th Reunion Celebration next fall. Members of the class who are interested in assisting in the planning of the events for their class should contact Maria Robertson in the alumni relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

The Honorable KEVIN EMAS was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida on May 8, 2001. Judge Emas will serve in the criminal division, after serving on the county court bench since 1996. He resides in Kendall with his wife, Marilyn, and their three children, Rachel, Erica and Sam. Marilyn is the director of major gifts for the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

ELLEN A. GOLDMAN joined the law firm of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP as a partner in the real estate department in the Naples, Fla., office. Goldman specializes in real estate development law with a concentration in the

development of condominiums, planned unit developments and cluster housing. With more than 19 years experience, she has handled all aspects of commercial and residential real estate transactions. She has extensive experience in planning and documenting multi-phase developments and in the drafting of public disclosure documents. Goldman represents developers and lenders as well as condominium and homeowners associations. In addition, she specializes in commercial leasing and has considerable experience in the drafting and negotiating of office building leases. She is a member of the Real Property and Probate Section of the Florida Bar, where she serves on the Condominium and Planned Unit Development Committee. She is also a member of CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) and of NAIOP (National Association of Industrial and Office Properties). She is a graduate of Leadership Broward Class IX. Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP is a nationally recognized law firm that traces its origins to 1846 in Columbus, Ohio. With over 270 lawyers, the firm has offices in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Dayton, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; and Naples, Fla. Porter Wright provides counsel to a worldwide base of clients.

Class of 1983

DUANE L. BERLIN, corporate principal of Lev & Berlin, announces that the firm has represented Roper Starch Worldwide, Inc., the leading U.S. consumer market research and trends consultancy, in its merger with a subsidiary of United Business Media for \$88 million in cash. United



Business Media's market research business, NOP World, is the world's ninth largest market research company and one of the fastest growing research companies in the United States. Roper Starch Worldwide is one of the world's leading consumer trends consulting companies. Its syndicated research, Roper Reports, Roper Reports Worldwide, and the Roper Youth Report, provide U.S. and global consumer trend analysis and marketing consulting to leading companies in many business sectors, including health care, financial services, IT and automotive. Lev & Berlin, a boutique corporate law firm, was founded in 1979, and its general practice includes corporate, securities, investment regulation, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, and litigation. Significant portions of the firm's practice involve representation of market research, technology, and investment and merchant banking clients. The firm is headquartered at 535 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk Conn., with additional offices in midtown Manhattan.

The Honorable LAUREN L.



MILLER was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to a newly created seat on the circuit court of the 20th

Judicial Circuit, on October 25. Judge Miller had been serving as a senior judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit since relocating to Naples from Miami in December 1998. In addition to senior judge responsibilities, Judge Miller was the owner of Conflict Resolution, Inc., a mediation and arbitration business serving the Collier and Lee

county areas. She and her husband, Dr. Todd Brodie, have four children.

JEFFREY H. SLOMAN,



recently joined Herman & Mermelstein P.A. The firm has changed its name to Herman Sloman &

Mermelstein to include its new partner. Sloman is a former assistant U.S. attorney and chief of the Narcotics and Violent Crime Section of Broward County. He will concentrate his practice in criminal defense and litigation involving personal injury and wrongful death. Recently, Sloman was appointed special assistant U.S. attorney to litigate a pending organized crime trial involving RICO murder. Until completion of that case, he will be unable to represent crimes in federal criminal defense matters. Sloman is well known for the successful prosecution of the Medicare/Medicaid health care fraud case against Jesus Castillo, a Little Havana man posing as a doctor and defrauding Medicare/Medicaid of millions. He won convictions for nine individuals, including Castillo, the organizer of one of the largest fraudulent health care providers in South Florida. For this successful prosecution, Sloman won the 1997 Director's Award for U.S. attorneys from the U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office, presented by the former Attorney General Janet Reno. He is also known for his legal work in the money laundering case of one of South Florida's most notorious crime figures, Thomas Farese, a captain in the Colombo organized family. He made a name for himself with seven

convictions against unionized Broward Port Everglades dock workers and corrupt security guards responsible for assisting drug smugglers bringing in \$60 million worth of cocaine. Herman Sloman and Mermelstein focuses on personal injury and wrongful death, sexual abuse, criminal defense, commercial litigation, and aviation matters.

Class of 1984

IAN COMISKY, a partner in the tax and fiduciary department at Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP, participated in the



Nineteenth International Symposium on Economic Crime where he conducted a workshop entitled, "You Can Run But You Can't Hide: U.S. Programmes and Procedures to Identify and Interdict Money Laundering and Offshore Hidden Assets" and presented separately on "Reporting Suspicions of Money Laundering and 'Whistleblowing,' the Legal and Other Implications for Intermediaries and Their Advisors." The symposium took place at Jesus College, University of Cambridge Sept. 9-16, 2001. Comisky joined Blank Rome in 1980 and concentrates his practice in the area of white-collar defense, criminal, civil tax litigation and insurance defense including financial institutions, accountants and attorney malpractice. He is a former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and practices in the Philadelphia and Boca Raton offices of the firm. 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 and is a member of the American College of Tax Counsel. Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP has over 400 attorneys in offices in Philadelphia, Allentown and Media, Pa.; Cherry Hill and Trenton, N.J.; New York, Wilmington, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Washington and Boca Raton.

JOANNE HARVEST KOREN, director of the University of Miami School of Law's Academic Achievement Program, was the keynote speaker at the Law School Admission Council's Academic Assistance Training Workshop, held at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center. Her keynote address focused on "Academic Support for the Non-Traditional Law Student." Koren also served on the LSAC's conference planning committee and presented a plenary session, "Academic Support Strategies for Part-Time Evening Students."

DIANA SANTA MARIA



recently spoke on the topic of "The Trial of the Soft Tissue Case" at the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyer's 2001

Auto Negligence Seminar in Fort Lauderdale. She also spoke on the topic of "Cross Examination of a Lay Witness at Trial" at the Academy's first Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute held in Orlando's Peabody Hotel from Aug. 19-24, 2001. Santa Maria was appointed to serve on the grievance committee for the 17th judicial circuit of the Florida Bar for a term of three years, commencing Nov. 1,



2001. 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 the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

SUSAN TARBE, a former assistant U.S. attorney, has joined Colson Hicks Eidson as a partner. She concentrates her practice in business litigation, white-collar criminal defense, with an emphasis on health care fraud and financial investigations. Prior to Colson Hicks, Tarbe was of counsel with Greenberg Traurig.

Class of 1985

ERVIN A. GONZALEZ was recently elected to the Eleventh Circuit, Seat Three of the Florida Bar Board of Governors. His one-year term commenced in June 2001. Gonzalez was also ranked first in Miami-Dade County and Broward County jury verdicts for 2000 by the *Florida Jury Verdict Reporter* and the *Daily Business Review*. Gonzalez represented Irma Alvarez, widow of Eloy Alvarez, who was killed when a "phantom driver" cut him off the road and caused his tanker truck to explode. The jury returned a verdict of \$6.8 million dollars. Gonzalez is a board certified civil trial lawyer and served as the past president of the Dade County Bar Association (2000-2001). He has also served as president of the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association and is an adjunct professor at UM Law. For more information, please visit www.ervingonzalez.com.

MICHAEL J. HIGER, of Mintz, Truppman, Clein & Higer, P.A., was re-elected to serve as a director of the University of Miami



School Law Alumni Association for a three-year term. Higer is a commercial litigator specializing in debtor/creditor and intellectual property matters and commercial disputes.

PETER PRIETO was appointed to serve as executive partner of the Miami office of Holland & Knight LLP, where he



practices in the firm's litigation department and will continue his law practice full time. He focuses his practice on commercial litigation and white-collar criminal defense, representing corporate and individual clients, including Fortune 500 clients in various industries such as telecommunications, entertainment, banking and health care. Prieto is a former federal prosecutor and served as an assistant United States attorney in the Southern District of Florida and as an associate deputy in the Office of Independent Counsel in Washington, D.C., where he worked on the criminal investigation of the late Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown. He is the second Cuban-American lawyer to lead Holland & Knight's Miami office, one of the firm's largest. Holland & Knight is a commercial law firm with more than 1,250 lawyers in 24 offices in the United States. Internationally, offices are located in Helsinki, Rio de

Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Mexico City and Tokyo, with representative offices in Caracas and Tel Aviv. Holland & Knight is among the 20 largest firms worldwide, providing representation in more than 100 areas of law. The firm's Web site is: www.hklaw.com

AMY D. RONNER, law professor at St. Thomas University School of Law, has a new article, "Good Fences Make Bad Neighbors:



Is the North American Free Trade Agreement a Lie for Lawyers," which she co-authored with Canadian lawyer Dennis J. O'Connor. The article will appear in 32 *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review*. Also, at the summer Florida Bar Conference, Professor received the Florida Association for Women Lawyers 50th Anniversary Golden Star Award and presented her article, "Women Who Dance on the Professional Track," at the FAWL Seminar, "We've Come A Long Way." Professor Ronner also did a presentation on Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the Courts at the European Law and Psychology Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, in June.

Class of 1986

LETTIE J. BIEN, an Army reserve officer, turned over command of the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion in Little Rock, Ark., in March



and was subsequently promoted to full colonel. A promotion ceremony was held

at U.S. Southern Command Headquarters in Miami.

ANDREW P. GOLD, a partner in Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin, was appointed chairman of the firm's litigation department. Gold's responsibilities include overseeing the administration and operation of the 20-lawyer litigation unit. He concentrates his practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation.

Class of 1987

CARLOS J. ARBOLEYA, JR., received the Ronald McDonald House Honor as one of The Twelve Good Men on May 18.

EDWARD H. DAVIS, JR., a founder of Astigarraga Davis Mullins & Grossman, has been elected to a third consecutive term on the board of trustees of the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. Davis focuses his practice on representing victims of financial fraud and recovering their stolen assets worldwide, international commercial litigation and arbitration, creditors rights litigation and banking operations litigation.

JOHN J. FUMERO, general counsel of the South Florida Water Management District, was recently elected to the board of directors for the American Lung Association of South East Florida. He also serves the community on other local boards, including Leadership Palm Beach County, ASPIRA, which serves the Hispanic youth through leadership development, and the NonProfit Resource Institute (NPRI). NPRI provides comprehensive resources for improving the management and governance



of nonprofit organizations in Palm Beach and Martin counties.

DONALD MITCHELL was recently elevated to partner status at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, where he is a member of the business services department and the aviation practice group. He is also a member of the asset-based lending, maritime/aviation finance practice team. He is an experienced commercial transactions and litigation attorney, concentrating his practice in aviation and equipment finance matters and is also a past chair and current member of the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, a member of the International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading (ISTAT), and a contributing editor to *Jetrader Magazine*, an ISTAT member publication. Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP is a 350-lawyer firm with offices in New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Georgia, California, Massachusetts and throughout Pennsylvania. Schnader Harrison's attorneys serve local, regional, national, and international clients in more than 30 areas of the law.

Class of 1988

DERMOT P. MAC MAHON recently met the requirements to become board certified in real estate law. He is an associate with the law firm of Kirk Grantham, P.A., in West Palm Beach, which specializes in real estate and probate law. He resides in Wellington, Fla., with his wife, Marisa, and daughter, Alana.

F. CHET TAYLOR recently was named chief litigation and compliance counsel for Stockwalk.com Group, a

holding company for five brokerage firms based in Minneapolis, Minn. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Holly, and two children, Josie and Mary Beth.

Class of 1989

EUGENE KISSANE is a partner in the Miami firm formerly known as Cole, White & Billbrough, P.A., and now known as Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A., where he directs the firm's nursing home and adult living facility litigation group. He also handles commercial litigation, personal injury litigation, insurance disputes, and declaratory litigation. The 40-attorney firm continues to offer a diversity of legal services, concentrating in nursing home and health care litigation, professional, accountants and medical liability, and general civil trial litigation, including wrongful death and personal injury. The firm has offices in Miami, West Palm Beach and Tampa.

Class of 1990

ERIC L. LUNDT was named a shareholder in the Ft. Lauderdale law firm of Heinrich, Gordon, Hargrove, Weihe & James, P.A., where he practices product liability and drug and medical device litigation.



MARIBEL NICHOLSON-CHOICE is an environmental and land use law attorney and partner in the Tallahassee office of Greenberg



Traurig. Her primary practice concentrations are in hazardous waste regulation, water and air quality, wetland permitting, environmental equity, Brownfield's redevelopment, and environmental legislation. She was involved in drafting and amending Florida's 1997 Brownfield Redevelopment Act. As a former assistant city attorney for the City of Tallahassee, she has expanded her practice areas to include representing local governments on environmental matters. She represents DuPont Company before state regulatory agencies and the Florida Legislature. She currently serves as vice chair of the Governor's Florida Environmental Regulation Commission and has once served on the Governor's Florida Environmental Equity and Justice Study Commission. She has written numerous articles on environmental topics and is a frequent speaker at conferences held by the Florida Bar, the American Bar Association, the Air and Waste Management Association, and the Florida Chamber of Commerce. She is the secretary of the executive council of the Florida Bar's Environmental and Land Use Law Section. She lives in Tallahassee with her husband, Raleigh Choice, and their rottweilers, Animal and Hawk Choice.

JAMES NOSICH recently became a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Class of 1991

PATRICIA CICCHETTI JASON is associate dean for student and administrative affairs at the Shepard Broad Law Center, Nova Southeastern University.

ALVIN F. LINDSAY, along with co-counsel, successfully defended SeaEscape and its owners from Discovery's \$16.5 million breach of contract claim for damages, using his firm's "21st Century Electronic Courtroom" equipment, including flat-screen monitors and projectors to present computer graphics, animations, documents, and digitized depositions. Lindsay is a senior partner in the Miami office of Steel Hector & Davis, LLP.

TAMARA R. PIETY received an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2000 and was a teaching fellow at Stanford Law School for the 2000-01 school year. She is currently a visiting professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia and will be a visiting professor at the Tulsa College of Law in the 2001-02 school year.

SIOBHAN HELENE SHEA



recently joined the firm Glickman, Witters, Marell and Jamieson, in West Palm Beach, where she practices

appellate law. This year she was also installed as president-elect of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. Shea serves on the Appellate Rules Committee and Criminal Appellate Rules and Family Appellate Rules subcommittees of the Florida Bar. She is a co-editor of the *Record*, the journal of the Appellate Practice Section of the Florida Bar, and chairs the Appellate Practice Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. She is president of B'nai B'rith's Palm Beach Justice Unit and past-president of the Palm Beach County



chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She has received the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award and the American Immigration Lawyers Association Human Rights Award. She is also a member of the Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court and the American Bar Association's Council of Appellate Lawyers.

Class of 1992

The Class of 1992 will hold its 10th Reunion Celebration next fall. Members of the class who are interested in assisting in the planning of the events for their class should contact Maria Robertson in the alumni relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

JOSEPH H. BOGHOSIAN was appointed by President George W. Bush as deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Commerce Department in the International Trade Administration. In this position, Boghosian will handle trade development and related issues for the aerospace, automotive and capital equipment industry sectors. This appointment was made in October 2001.

SOPHIE DUCAMP-MONOD was appointed notary (in the Civil or Roman law sense) and partner of the law firm of Notaries Michael Ducamp-Sophie Ducamp-Monod, notaries associates, and has sworn an oath on June 6, 2001, before the Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris. She specializes in real estate, family law, and conflict of laws. She frequently advises foreign people who wish to invest in real estate in France.

JUAN FARACH practices commercial and construction litigation with the Miami office of Hughes Hubbard & Reed, LLP. He and his wife, Monique, have two young sons, John Lucas and Nicolas.

GARY S. LESSER, of Lesser & Lesser in West Palm Beach, was named chairman of the Palm Beach County Bar Association professionalism committee and vice chairman of the Florida Bar's professional ethics committee.

JACLYN G. MUSKAT opened her own practice in Boca Raton, where she specializes in personal injury, product liability and real estate. She has also opened a title insurance company, Florida Title & Trust, LLC, and resides in Boca Raton.

YVETTE OSTOLAZA is a partner in the Dallas office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP, where she concentrates in the trial and supervision of complex civil litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States. Ostolaza has significant experience in business torts, constitutional, contracts, employment, fiduciary duty, advertising/sweepstakes, class actions, trademark, antitrust, real estate, fraud, good faith, securities fraud, and accounting malpractice litigation.

JEFFREY SPIGEL was recently announced as partner at King & Spalding in Washington, D.C., effective Jan. 1, 2002. Spigel practices in the antitrust practice group. King & Spalding has more than 650 lawyers in offices in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., New York and Houston. For the past six years the firm has ranked as one of the top 50 firms in the United States as measured by gross revenue, according to

The American Lawyer. King & Spalding represents over 250 public companies, including over half of the Fortune 100. Notable partners include former United States Senator Sam Nunn and former United States Attorney General Griffin B. Bell.

Class of 1993

PAUL CALLI recently joined the Miami office of Zuckerman Spaeder as an associate. Calli was a public defender, both with the Federal Public Defender's Office in South Florida and with the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office. He focuses on the representation of companies and individuals in complex white-collar criminal defense cases.

BOB GRIFFIN is a partner in the Billings, Mont., office of Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole & Dietrich, PLLP, where he practices in the areas of commercial litigation, products liability, and insurance defense.

MARIAN HASTY recently joined with William L. Gautier, William (Bill) L. Gautier, Jr., and John W. Gautier in the formation of



Gautier & Hasty, P.L. She will concentrate her practice in estate tax repeal planning, wills, trusts, probate and probate litigation. The firm also handles matters in real estate contracts and litigation as well as personal injury litigation (medical malpractice, nursing home negligence, product liability, slip and fall and auto accidents) and is located at The Law Center, Suite 21, 370 Minorca Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida

33134; telephone: 305-447-0766; Web site: ghlawyers.com.

ALEXANDER REUS is a partner with the law firm of Becker & Poliakoff, P.A., where he is the chair of the German practice group as well as the recently formed European practice group. He counsels international clients on investments in the United States, including corporate, immigration, mergers & acquisitions, real estate, and other law. The firm's European practice group consists of 10 attorneys from Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, the Czech Republic, Russia, China, and Brazil and is unique in its size and focus in the state of Florida. Additionally, Reus is very active in the international LL.M. alumni coordination committee, with UM Law director Janet Stearns.

RACHEL H. SHONFELD, a senior trial attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), successfully



tried an action against Outback Steakhouse, Inc., filed in federal district court under the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. A Tampa jury found that the restaurant chain had paid a woman roughly half the salary of a man in the same job and then fired her when she complained about the situation. The jury awarded \$2.2 million—\$2.1 million in punitive damages, \$50,000 in compensatory damages and \$64,000 in back wages.



KIRK WAGER is currently chair of the New Lawyers Division of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He has also served as chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

STEFAN WINGHARDT recently joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in Veltins, Germany, where he will be focusing on media, computer, and entertainment law. He also completed his doctorate degree in European and international copyright law.

Class of 1994

ERNESTO CRUZ is currently general counsel of BAC Financial Group.

MARK LIEBLICH is president-elect for 2002 and president for 2003 of NAIOP (the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties), Central Florida chapter. He was also re-elected to the board of directors of the Seminole County/Lake Mary Regional Chamber of Commerce for a two-year term and is an attorney in the Orlando office of Baker & Hostetler LLP.



LEON PATRICIOS joined the Miami law firm of Ferrell Schultz Carter Zumpano & Fertel. He focuses his practice on complex commercial and employment litigation. Prior to joining Ferrell Schultz, Patricios was with the Miami office of Holland & Knight.

LESTER PERLING, a partner and health law attorney in the Fort Lauderdale office of Broad & Cassel, has been appointed vice chair of the

Regulation, Accreditation and Payment Substantive Law Committee of the American Health Lawyers Association. The committee is composed of volunteer members who share an interest in specific areas of health law and wish to increase their level of expertise in and knowledge of health law issues, grow professionally, gain valuable leadership experience and network with other health lawyers from across the country. As vice chair, Perling will have the opportunity to independently organize and manage activities, including newsletters, member's briefings, teleconferences, conference calls and meetings at Health Lawyers educational programs. Broad & Cassel is a full-service law firm with more than 400 lawyers throughout the state of Florida. It services a national and international client base with extensive experience in a wide variety of areas including corporate and securities, real estate and finance, trusts and estates, litigation, health care, tax, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, labor and employment, and intellectual property law.

JUSTIN SAYFIE was recently selected by Governor Jeb Bush to be on a nine-member Judicial Nominating Commission for the Eleventh Circuit. Sayfie practiced law for three years before joining the Bush team as a speech writer for the governor. Sayfie, who grew up in Hollywood, lives with his lawyer wife, Nushin, in northeast Miami-Dade. He is working with the Fort Lauderdale firm of Poole McKinley & Blosser, which specializes in governmental relations.

ELIZABETH STANLEY joined the firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP, as a senior associate in the Washington, D.C. office,

where she concentrates in intellectual property law. Stanley is a registered patent attorney and specializes in intellectual property counseling, transactions, prosecution and litigation, with particular emphasis in the computer software, telecommunications, e-commerce (business methods), utilities, energy, insurance, transportation, health care, financial services and Internet-related industries.

Class of 1995

MICHELLE A. DELANCY and MARLON A. HILL recently announced the grand opening of their law firm professional association, delancyhill, P.A. Delancy, a former associate with De la O & Marko, P.A., focuses her practice on litigation matters. She has extensive experience with commercial, construction, family, criminal defense, and administrative litigation. With offices in downtown Miami's Brickell district, delancyhill, P.A., is a full service law firm committed to providing quality, personalized and cost-effective legal services to individuals, families, entrepreneurs, entertainers/artists, non-profit organizations, municipal bodies, small businesses, and corporations in South Florida. The firm focuses its practice in the areas of commercial, construction, family and administrative law, as well as criminal litigation, general corporate, entertainment, intellectual property, real estate, and immigration transactions. For additional information about the firm, please call 786-777-0184 or visit www.delancyhill.com.

LEA SALAMA DI MITRI recently welcomed the arrival of Raquel Celine DiMitri born on Nov. 17, 2000. Husband

Ricardo DiMitri is an engineer with the Louis Berger Group of Washington, D.C. Lea continues to practice in the areas of immigration and nationality law.

JOHN G. DUCEY received the 2001 "Young Lawyer of the Year Award" from the board of trustees of the Ocean County Bar Association. He lives in Toms River, N.J., with his wife, Deidre, and practices in Brick, N.J., with Mauro, Barry & Prindiville.

SETH R. LEECH continues his practice with Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, the largest law firm in Albany, N.Y. He and wife SANDRA M. LEECH, JD '96, and daughter Isabela reside in Albany.

KEVIN M. LEVY was recently promoted to senior associate in the corporate and technology practice group of Holtzman, Equels &



Furia. Levy advises a wide range of corporate clients, including a number of start-up and international technology companies. His experience includes structuring transactions, mergers and acquisitions, negotiating licenses and employment agreements, and counseling clients on e-commerce and Web site legal issues. Levy also advises clients on intellectual property protection and registration. Levy is a member of several professional organizations, including the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Florida Bar Computer Law Committee and the Intellectual Property Section of the American Bar Association. Holtzman, Equels & Furia is a Florida-based practice with



offices in Miami, Orlando, Tallahassee and Houston. The firm represents clients in corporate and international business transactions, litigation, banking, insolvency, government relations, intellectual property and immigration.

M. GABRIELA UNGO joined the immigration law firm of Barry J. Walker, P.A., as an associate. She will concentrate on business immigration, family related petitions, and representation of foreign medical graduates. Gabriela is licensed to practice in Costa Rica and New York. She resides in Tupelo, Miss., with her husband, Jaime, and her three-year-old son, Ricardo Andres.

STEVEN and GINNY WRIGHT are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Christopher, on February 5, 2001. Christopher surprised the family by being born two months early. The family resides in Pittsburgh, Pa. Steven wanted everyone to know that he wears green and orange when Pitt plays Miami. Since graduation, Steven has worked for Business Records Management, Inc., a family business that provides offsite storage, management and delivery services for over 1,000 companies in western Pennsylvania.

Class of 1996

STEVEN COHEN is responsible for development and production business and legal affairs for the Walt Disney Company's syndicated television division, overseeing the business affairs of shows such as "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," "Win Ben Stein's Money," "Live with Regis" and others. He resides in Woodland Hills, Calif., and works in Burbank.

CHRISTOPHER R. ECK, director of the historic preservation division for the office of community and economic development for Miami-Dade County, was recently named by the secretary of state to the Miami Circle Oversight Board, a group that will form a management plan for the historic Miami Circle site.

SANDRA M. LEECH is now working as an attorney with the New State Assembly in Albany, N.Y. She and husband SETH R. LEECH, JD '95, and daughter Isabela reside in Albany.

RICARDO MORALES, "Reeeky" as he is known to his friends, has joined the law firm of Morales & Dolan, handling claimant/plaintiff cases in worker's compensation and personal injury cases. He recently competed in the local Iron Man Triathlon and will soon be competing nationally.

ELIZABETH NEVINS recently joined the Law Offices of Lawrence Taylor in Long Beach, Calif., where she practices DUI criminal defense. The firm is California's largest law firm devoted exclusively to defending drunk driving cases. Nevins resides in Irvine.

HAROLD "HAL" PALMER has been a felony attorney in the First Circuit since October 2000. Palmer resides in DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

JOHN "RANDY" RANDOLPH, a partner in the West Palm Beach law firm of Pressly & Pressly, recently became certified by the Florida Bar in the areas of tax law and wills, trusts, and estates.

MARCI ROSENTHAL now works at the office of the general counsel at the U.S. Department of Education. She and her husband had a son, Jacob Adam Rosenthal, on Nov. 4, 2000.

ADAM SILVERMAN and ELISSA (BUDOW) SILVERMAN, who were married in August 1998, welcomed their first child, Rachel Iris, on July 5, 2001. Adam practices tax and corporate law at Breier & Seif, P.A., while Elisa practices labor and employment law at Averill G. Marcus, P.A.

WILLIAM SMAIL is working for Bradford & Barthel in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., where he works primarily in the field of worker's compensation. He recently married Tamara, and the couple is enjoying the new arrival of their first child, William Smail, Jr.

TRACY L. SMITH left Washington, D.C., and migrated to the West Coast to join her boyfriend in Los Angeles, where she began her new career in development by joining Break the Cycle, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end domestic violence by working proactively with youth, ages 12-22. She resides in West Hollywood, Calif.

CYNTHIA G. STRICKLAND is an associate with Allison & Robertson, P.A., where she practices in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate, personal injury, wrongful death, malpractice, and insurance litigation. Prior to joining Allison & Robertson, P.A., Strickland held an in-house counsel position with Americare Corporation, where she was

involved in all stages of state and federal court litigation, including intellectual property matters.

ELSA E. WAITE joined the law firm of Bobo, Spicer, Ciotoli, Fulford, Bocchino, Romaguera & Schomo, P.A., as an associate in North Palm Beach, where she practices in medical malpractice, general civil litigation and nursing home litigation. Prior to Bobo Spicer, she was a felony assistant public defender for the 15th Judicial Circuit (Palm Beach County). In the fall of 2001, Waite will begin her fifth year as a board member of Girls II Women, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to mentoring young women at Pahokee Middle-Senior High School in Pahokee, Fla. She may be reached at waite@bobo spicer.com.

Class of 1997

The Class of 1997 will hold its 5th Reunion Celebration next fall. Members of the class who are interested in assisting in the planning of the events for their class should contact Maria Robertson in the alumni relations office, 305-284-3470, with their ideas and suggestions.

STEPHEN COHEN recently joined the law firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner after working for the Department of Justice. The firm has represented clients such as former Vice President Al Gore in Bush v. Gore, the federal government in the Microsoft case, as well as Napster. Stephen is sad to leave the Department of Justice, but also excited at the new opportunity that awaits him at Boies, Schiller & Flexner in Washington, D.C.



MICHAEL R. DAVIES has, after 14 years, relinquished his position as team manager in charge of special investigations at State Farm Insurance Companies. He has joined the law firm of Green, Murphy, Wilke, Murphy & Spellacy, where he will concentrate his practice on insurance litigation.

WILLIAM KARGER is an associate with Akin, Gump Technology Ventures in McLean, Va., which is the technology division of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. He specializes in intellectual property. He and wife Stacy, JD '97, had a baby girl, Taylor, in October 2000. They currently reside in Rockville, Md.

MATTHEW A. PATER is an associate in the intellectual property practice group at Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, in Washington, D.C., focusing primarily on trademark, copyright and litigation matters. The firm has a wide range of practice areas, including telecommunications, corporate, litigation, energy, antitrust, bankruptcy, real estate, government affairs, and environmental and has about 250 attorneys in Washington and 150 in the New York. Pater recently purchased a home in Alexandria, Va.

JANET PERALTA OCHOA has been practicing law and working directly with the senior partner of Montero, Finizio & Velasq, Hiram M. Montero, for three years. She specializes in representing clients severely injured in catastrophic accidents, including roll-overs, electrocution, airplane disasters, and workplace accidents. She also has experience with traumatic brain injury. She has a three-

year-old daughter and a three-month old son.

H. JOHN RIZVI is a registered patent attorney focusing exclusively on the law of protecting ideas and creativity. He concentrates his practice primarily on patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition matters, including computer applications and the protection of ideas in cyberspace. He has authored a number of articles focusing on intellectual property rights and speaks to writers, inventors, entrepreneurs and business groups throughout the nation. He is the author of *Patent Protection: A Practical Guide For Investors*.

LAURA J. RODGERS joined Mitchell McRae, P.A., as an associate, where she practices business litigation. June 2001 marked three and one-half years as an assistant state attorney in Broward County. She began in the misdemeanor unit and left as a first degree felony lead attorney. During that period, she tried over 65 jury trials and numerous bench trials. She resides in Wilton Manors.

PETER R. ROSENZWEIG joined the firm of Spector Gadon & Rosen, P.C., and focuses his practice primarily on private sector labor and employment law matters at the federal, state, and administrative agency level. He has been admitted to the bars in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court of New Jersey, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Prior to joining Spector Gadon & Rosen, Rosenzweig practiced at boutique labor and employment law firms in Miami and Philadelphia. He is

a member of the Pennsylvania State University School of Labor and Industrial Relations' Affiliate Program Group and the Philadelphia Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Committee, the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the Dade County Bar Association.

ZACH B. SHELOMITH joined Berman, Wolfe, Rennert, Vogel & Mandler, P.A., as an associate practicing in bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and ad valorem taxation. Shelomith is a member of the Florida Bar, the American Bankruptcy Institute, South-Miami Kendall Bar Association (board of directors, 1999-2001), and the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida. He was a judicial intern to the Honorable A. Jay Cristol, former chief judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida in 1996, and was a recipient of the American Bankruptcy Journal Prize in the spring of 1997. He is admitted to practice in all Florida state courts, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. Berman, Wolfe, Rennert, Vogel & Mandler, P.A., concentrates its practice in housing, commercial real estate, construction litigation, bankruptcy, finance and ad valorem taxation.

JASON M. SKIER is currently working as a deputy prosecuting attorney for the County of Hawaii Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Hilo, Hawaii. He is currently assigned to the Puna District. Accordingly, he is a member of the Florida and

Hawaii bar associations. Contact him at directlegal@usa.net.

ERIC SPETT is an associate attorney in the reorganization/corporate finance section at Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C., a full service commercial law firm with offices in Dallas and Austin. Eric focuses his practice on representing creditors and debtors in bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy contexts, bankruptcy trustees, and creditors' committees in cases arising under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Eric also completed his first marathon—the Dallas White Rock Marathon—in December 2000. He has since retired from marathon training.

ADAM C. STEIN and his wife welcomed their first daughter, Emma, into the world soon after graduation. Emma is now three years old and a joy to be around.

ARND WEISNER (LL.M.—Comparative Law) joined the corporate law department of the German law firm of Hoffmann, Liebs, Fritsch & Ruhe in Duesseldorf. He was admitted to the New York and German bars.

AFSHIN YAZDIAN accepted a position as executive vice president and general counsel for iPayment Holdings, a credit card processing company with offices in Nashville, Beverly Hills, Tampa, and Nevada.

Class of 1998

JOHN BOLANOVICH



addressed members of the Florida Restaurant Association's Annual Convention & Trade Show in



Orlando on recent updates in employment discrimination law. Son Noah just celebrated his second birthday.

CARLOS I. CARDELLE is associate U.S. Counsel for LanChile Airlines, based at its North American headquarters at Miami International Airport.

THIERRY OLIVER DESMET is associated with the Miami office of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, where he practices 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?" in Volume 22, Number 1, Fall 1999, *Houston Journal of International Law*, and "Environmental Criminal Law Today," Volume 25, Number 5, *The Champion*, June 2001. Zuckerman Spaeder LLP has offices in Miami, Tampa, Washington, D.C., New York, Baltimore, and Wilmington. Zuckerman Spaeder's Miami office concentrates on civil and criminal litigation in state and federal courts.

CARMEN FANEGO recently became associate counsel and assistant vice president for Totalbank where she will continue to specialize in commercial transactions and commercial litigation.

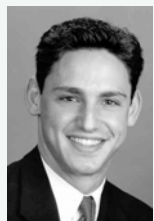
MICHAEL V. HERSOWITZ moved to Atlanta and joined the firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, First Union Plaza, Suite 1400, 999 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA, 30309, where he practices in the areas of product liability and commercial litigation. The firm employs 237 lawyers in seven offices throughout the

southeast and in Europe. He may be reached at 404-817-6103 or at mvh@nmrs.com.

AMIR A. LADAN has partnered with a former prosecutor to create Carsten & Ladan, P.A., after three years as an assistant state attorney. Carsten & Ladan, P.A., is a full service law firm with a special emphasis on criminal defense. Ladan will be concentrating on wills, trusts & estates, and entertainment and sports law.

JASON LAESER, former felony prosecutor for the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office, has relocated to Northern Virginia with his wife Alyssa. He currently practices in the litigation group at Baker & McKenzie in Washington, D.C. He resides in Reston, Va., and may be reached at 202-452-7000.

STEPHEN TEPLIN joined the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A. Formerly an associate at the



law firm of Tripp Scott, P.A., in Ft. Lauderdale, Teplin is resident in the firm's St. Petersburg office, 150 Second Avenue North, Suite 1700. He joins the firm's litigation and manufactured housing practice groups. While in law school, Teplin was a member of the University of Miami Entertainment and Sports Law Review and Phi Delta Phi, the international legal honor fraternity. He concentrates his practice in general and complex commercial litigation. He also has experience in contract disputes, construction litigation, and homeowner and condominium litigation. Teplin is a member

of the Florida Bar, the American Bar Association and the Trial Lawyers of America Association. Ruden McClosky is a full service Florida law firm with offices in Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Naples, Port St. Lucie, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa, and West Palm Beach.

KATHERINE TETZLAFF has been an assistant state public defender since 1999 with the Manitowoc Trial Office of the Wisconsin State Public Defender. She represents indigent adult and juvenile clients charged with misdemeanor and felony crimes, adults and juveniles involuntarily petitioned mentally ill, juveniles who are subjects in CHIPS (Children in Need of Protection and Services) cases, and adults who are the respondents in termination of parental rights cases. She was also awarded "Instructor of the Year, 2001-2002" for the paralegal studies program at Lakeshore Technical College, where she teaches Legal Research and Legal Writing.

JAMES E. TILL practices in the Portland, Ore., office of Perkins Coie LLP, where he specializes in bankruptcy and business law. Prior to his recent appointment, Till served as a law clerk to the Honorable Leslie Tchaikovsky, United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, and as a law clerk to the Honorable William T. Bodoh, United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio. Perkins Coie is the largest law firm in the Pacific Northwest, with more than 525 attorneys in 14 offices in North America and Asia, including Anchorage, Bellevue, Boise, Denver, Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Menlo Park, Olympia, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Taipei and Washington, D.C.

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LORI ARVANTIDIS is engaged to JEFF ROBERTS, JD '96, after a five-year courtship. She is working at the Seattle-based firm of Preston, Gates & Ellis, at the Irvine, Calif., office.

JOHANNA S. EADIE ended her clerkship with Judge Gauvey, U.S. magistrate judge for the District of Maryland and is now working for the Washington, D.C., office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, the same firm in which she worked in 1998 as a summer associate. Eadie is in the structured finance group and she is finding the work to be both challenging and interesting in its complexity.

BENJAMIN ENGLAND was appointed regulatory counsel to the Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in March 2000. England has worked for the FDA since 1986 in various enforcement and regulatory capacities. In June 2000, he was assigned as chair for the FDA's counterfeit drug working group and has been advising the FDA on significant regulatory issues involving FDA regulation of international trade. He represented the FDA in Prague, Czech Republic, presenting a paper on the FDA's handling of imported counterfeit drugs in March 2001, and will be speaking at numerous industry and trade events addressing counterfeit drugs, FDA and Customs enforcement initiatives, and other significant international policy and regulatory matters. He was inducted in the Order of the Coif this year. He is making plans for 2002 to enter private practice in food & drug law with an international emphasis.



ANTHONY J. FANTAUZZI, III, is an associate in the casualty department in the Tampa office of Fowler White Boggs Banker, P.A., where he specializes in nursing home, medical malpractice and products liability, wrongful death, and general insurance litigation. The firm has offices in Tampa, Clearwater, Fort Myers, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee and Naples.

FRANK GATTO serves with the JAG Corps of the United States Navy in Jacksonville, where he is defense counsel and does administrative separation boards and courts martial. Formerly he performed in the area of legal assistance, where he handled a variety of services, including wills, trusts, divorces, civil claims, and landlord-tenant issues. He resides in Jacksonville.

FRANK S. HONG is currently working as an associate with Richard & Richard, P.A., a commercial litigation firm in Miami. During the last two years he has published several articles, including a case note, "Ng Ka Ling v. Director of Immigration," 2HKCFAR 4, Court of Final Appeal of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, 94 *American Journal of International Law* 167, (2000); Comment, "Democratically Centralized" Aspiration for Constitutional Review: Analysis, Critique and Suggestion," *Peking University Law Journal*, No. 5, (2000), in Chinese, [Of course, Prof. John Hart Ely's work was cited in this paper.]; lead article, "Law as a Way of Life: Rectification of Names, Constitution and Rationality of Law," *Peking University Law Journal*, No. 3, (2001), (in Chinese).

MARLYNN R. JONES was appointed assistant commissioner for compliance and external affairs in the Mid-Eastern Athletic



Conference Office. In her new position she will oversee the Division I conference compliance program that includes the annual certification of approximately 2,700 athletes in 13 sports at 11 universities. Additionally, she will manage the MEAC basketball tournament, and assist in the management of sponsorships and television relationships. Most recently, Jones served as chief of staff to the Honorable Daryl L. Jones, State Senator for District 40 and a Florida gubernatorial candidate for 2002. Prior to that she was an associate with the Law Offices of Ainslee R. Ferdie in Coral Gables and a law clerk to the Honorable Robert Mark, of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida. Jones's athletic administration experiences include professional positions with the Orange Bowl Committee, the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, North Carolina AT&T State University, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. She also worked in undergraduate admissions at North Carolina Central University. She is a certified court mediator and licensed to practice law in Florida and the District of Columbia.

KRISTYNE E. KENNEDY joined the Orlando office of Jackson, Lewis, Schnitzler & Krupman, a national law firm in labor and employment law issues.

MILANDA LOUIMA is a staff attorney in the Brooklyn neighborhood office of the Legal Aid Society's civil division. She practices landlord-tenant law and resides in Queens. Louima was recently awarded a Melvin C. Steen Fellowship, a grant that is awarded annually to new hires in their first two years of service at the Legal Aid Society. The Legal Aid Society provides legal representation to New York City's indigent people through its civil, criminal defense, and juvenile rights divisions.

STEVE W. MARSEE opened his own office in Orlando, where he focuses his practice on complex criminal, civil, family and immigration law, after working in the law firm of Horwitz & Fussell. During the past year, Marsee worked with attorney F. Lee Bailey on some important matters, and he credits his UM Law education for his many successes: "the litigation and legal reasoning skills that I learned there were absolutely second to none. I've found that when I've been pitted against other non-UM lawyers, I do much better than they do in court... thanks for the great education." Marsee and Reyna Romero were married on Dec. 21, 2000.

JOHANNA RAVELO is currently working as general counsel and head of the legal department at Impsat USA, Inc., a subsidiary of Impsat Fiber Networks, Inc., a publicly traded company on the NASDAQ, with eight offices throughout Latin America and one office in the U.S. The company is in the business of providing international private network telecommunication services, including fiber, satellite and internet backbone, to global

Fortune 500 companies, between their offices in the U.S. and affiliate, subsidiary, and/or parent offices in Latin America and the Caribbean. Further information on the company can be found at www.imsat.com.

SARA REYES was recently elected to the Dade County Bar Board of Directors. She is currently working as a Circuit Court staff attorney.

RICHARD J. SHOOP recently began working with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) as a senior attorney in the practitioner regulation division, the medical profession's equivalent of the Florida Bar. Shoop investigates complaints against doctors and, if necessary, prosecutes against their medical license. All of the attorneys are based in Tallahassee and travel throughout the state to conduct administrative hearings. He and his wife, Wendy, moved to an apartment in Tallahassee, close to his work.

JAMES N. STANLEY has formed his own firm in central Miami, where he focuses on bankruptcy, civil litigation and real estate closings/title insurance. He is admitted to practice in Florida and Georgia and also to practice in the Southern and Middle District Courts in Florida. James resides in Hollywood Beach with his wife, Niki, and dog, Dwezel.

CHRISTINE STRENKOSKI ROBINSON married Eric Robinson on June 29, 2001, at Castello Tavolese in Tuscany, Italy. They will be relocating to the Brandenton-Sarasota area, where the headquarters of Eric's company, Senior Networks, are located.



EMILY USOW became an associate of Rollnick & Linden, P.A., in 1999 and is a member of the commercial transactions and litigation departments. In May 2000, Lawyers for Children America (LFCA), a nonprofit organization designed to leverage legal and other resources on behalf of children, asked Usow to provide representation for an 11-year-old child who, during an eight-year period, was abandoned numerous times by various relatives with whom he lived. He had serious behavioral and psychological problems, and he often ran away from his placements. Within weeks of Usow's appointment, the child was receiving appropriate counseling and other services. He and his mother quickly learned how to address their past and started rebuilding their relationship. Usow's client was recently reunited with his mother. Due to his impressive progress, the child was asked to be a mentor to other children in his situation. Usow was commended for her excellent work. In fact, the mother's attorney wrote a letter to LFCA stating that Usow "exemplifies a professional child advocate—focused, consistent, persistent, and able to work well with others." On June 28, 2001, more than 150 prominent members of the South Florida community gathered at the Hotel Inter-Continental to honor South Florida attorneys for their pro bono work defending abused children at the second annual John Edward Smith Child Advocacy Awards luncheon hosted by LFCA. Usow was among the honorees awarded the John Edwards Smith Child Advocacy Award named after an original founder of the LFCA.

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IVETTE L. ARANGO is an associate in the Miami office of Fowler, White, Burnett, Hurley, Banick & Strickroot, P.A. She practices primarily in the areas of corporate and real estate transactions.

KEVIN ARMSTRONG is currently working for the Department of Justice as a federal immigration attorney in Los Angeles. He currently resides in Pasadena and married his fiancée Priscilla, a psychology graduate from the University of Miami, in August 2001.

CATHERINE E. ASHER is in-house counsel for The Golf Channel, practicing in the areas of broadcast, television, sports, internet, copyright, trademark, business, and corporate law. She has an active bar license in Florida as well as in Washington, D.C.

MARIA CASTNER is an associate, practicing intellectual property law, at the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Washington, D.C.

ERNESTO F. DURAN practices commercial and contract law in the law firm of Arias, Fabrega & Fabrega in Panama, Republic of Panama.

STACEY C. GAULDING (LL.M.—Taxation) is an attorney at the law firm of Cantey & Hanger, LLP, in Austin, Tex.

RYAN D. GESTEN is associated with Hiday & Ricke, P.A., specializing in creditors' rights and commercial litigation.

NICHOLAS GUNIA practices in the investment management group at Davis Polk & Wardwell, in New York City, where he deals primarily with

funds and other types of investment vehicles. Formerly he did a six-month rotation in the mergers and acquisitions practice group at the firm.

JASON T. HANSELMAN recently became an associate of Dykema Gossett, P.L.L.C., a Michigan law firm.

JASON E. HAVENS has moved from Fort Myers to Destin, Fla., where he will continue to practice tax and estate planning at Pleat & Perry, P.A.

BROOKS J. HOLCOMB received an LL.M. in taxation from New York University and has joined the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady, LLP, as an associate. Quarles & Brady is a full-service law firm with more than 450 attorneys in seven offices. His practice focuses on advising corporations regarding tax and corporate issues and individuals with respect to estate planning.

SEVERA IMPERIALI (LL.M.—Comparative Law) has returned to Rome, where she will practice on the mergers and acquisitions and corporate departments of Gianni, Origoni & Partners.

BRIAN JAMES was appointed to the board of directors of the Arts and Business Council of Miami, Inc., an affiliate of the national ABC Network that promotes and develops working partnerships between the corporate and cultural communities. The organization provides management tools and resources to strengthen the arts. James, a Miami Beach resident, is a member of Ruden McClosky's litigation and white-collar practice groups, where he concentrates his practice on the defense of white-collar criminal matters, employment

litigation and the representation of clients in actions brought by government agencies. James is a member of the Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association, the Dade County Bar Association, the Black Lawyers Association, and the Caribbean Bar Association. He is also a board member of the Young Professional Network of the Urban League of Broward County, and the "Wild Bunch" Young Professional Network of the Miami Metrozoo, as well as a volunteer in many organizations, including the United Way, the Community Partnership for the Homeless, and Habitat for Humanity. Ruden McClosky is a full-service law firm with offices in Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Naples, Port St. Lucie, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee, Tampa, and West Palm Beach.

SAMUEL LEDWITZ is practicing in the area of estate planning with the law firm of Kavesch, Minor & Otis in Torrance, Calif., where he also resides.

TERRANCE McWHORTER recently joined the U.S. Department of Treasury, National Office of Chief Counsel for the IRS, in Washington, D.C., as an attorney-advisor in the income tax and accounting technical division. He had previously been in private practice in Chicago working as a tax attorney. He resides in Fairfax, Va., with his champion boxer, Shanta.

JOHN LAURANCE REID, legal counsel to Senator Geller (29th District, Florida Senate), and former vice president to the Florida Young Democrats, was recently named president of the Florida Young Democrats.



ARMANDO P. RUBIO and RACHEL LOPATE were married on May 27, 2001, at Leeds Castle, Maidstone, England. Other alumni in attendance included Sarah Marrero, JD '00, June Jay Logie, JD '00, and Raymond Galban, JD '01. The couple, who attended the University's London Summer Program in 1998, fell in love with England and decided to plan their wedding at their favorite venue. The couple resides in Miami.

ZEL SACCANI recently started "Saccani Legal and Business Translations," a translation company, servicing corporations and law firms with their linguistic needs in Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, and French. He works and lives in Coral Gables.

CAROL TEMPESTA recently joined the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A., as an associate practicing in the areas of



asbestos and toxic torts. She is currently a member of the Florida Bar and has also worked as an industrial hygienist for Hughes Aircraft, Space, and Communications and TRW, Inc. Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A., provides litigation and counseling services in a wide range of civil practice areas including product liability, commercial litigation, intellectual property, environmental, insurance, professional liability, health care, and administrative law. It has offices in Orlando, Tampa, Miami, Tallahassee, and Birmingham, Ala.

SONJA TROM EAYRS joined the Minneapolis law firm of Lindquist & Vennum PLLP, as a partner in the firm's family law practice. Eayrs, in addition to dissolution and custody matters, has particular expertise in premarital agreements as well as estate and tax planning. She was formerly a name partner in the Minneapolis firm of Zalk & Eayrs, P.A. Her honors include selection to Who's Who in American Law (1998-99), and Who's Who Among American Law Students (1988). She has been active in the Family Law Sections of the American, Minnesota, Hennepin County and Ramsey County bar associations. She is admitted to practice in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Florida. Lindquist & Vennum is a 150-attorney business law firm serving clients from its headquarters in Minneapolis' IDS Center and from offices in St. Paul and Denver.

KIRA E. WILLIG is associated with the firm of Elena B. Langen & Associates, P.A., in downtown Miami, where she practices exclusively in the areas of marital and family law.

Class of 2001

JAMES D. CARLSON is serving a tour of duty as a legal specialist in the U.S. Coast Guard Seventh District legal office in Miami. The office provides legal counsel to the district commander, a Coast Guard rear admiral, and to Coast Guard field units in the southeastern United States and Caribbean. Carlson serves in the general law section, focusing primarily on administrative law.

ROSLYN M. FERGUSON



joined the firm of Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., in the West Palm Beach office, where she concentrates 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. The firm has offices in Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and West Palm Beach.

ANIELLA GONZALEZ recently became an associate in the Miami offices of Broad & Cassel, P.A.

CARLTON GREER joined the New York office of Holland & Knight, LLP, following graduation. His special interests are in corporate and international law.

DALAL RAIDE recently



joined the Orlando law firm of Hill, Adams, Hall & Schieffelin, P.A., as an associate. Raide joins a team of 11 associates and six partners. The firm concentrates its practice in hospital law and medical malpractice defense and counsels clients throughout Florida in a variety of matters, including medical staff disputes, withdrawal of life support and nursing home defense.

MARCIA M. REISMAN serves as a judicial clerk for Judge David Gersten at the Third District Court of Appeals in Miami. In her third year, Reisman was the winner of the Roger Sorino

Outstanding Third-Year Student Award.

MELISSA M. RUTH is an associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, in Washington, D.C.

STUART A. WEINSTEIN recently joined the Ft. Lauderdale offices of Heinrich, Gordon, Hargrove, Weihe & James, P.A., in their media, telecommunications, and complex litigation divisions.

THOMAS R. YOUNG has taken a job at United Talent Agency in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Class of 2002

NICOLE ALLAIN worked as a certified Rule 9 intern in the criminal division's district court unit at the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General in Providence, R.I. She was admitted to practice pro hac vice as a senior law student. She represented superior court bail and probation violators as well as handled her own caseload, including conducting bail and probation violation hearings in the Sixth Division District Court in Providence, and she determined the State's recommended sentence for violations, argued her position to the judge, and wrote an appellate brief. Allain also interviewed witnesses and negotiated with defense attorneys daily.

MARIAN ANCHETA worked as a summer associate in the Miami offices of Holland & Knight, a full service law firm. She will be returning as a clerk throughout the current academic year and will begin as an associate with the firm in 2003 after completion of her LL.M. in Taxation.



NAZAK AZIMPOOR worked as a summer associate in the law firm of Ver, Ploeg & Lumpkin, P.A., representing policyholders as part of the firm's practice in insurance law.

DIANNE BONFIGLIO worked as a summer associate in the law offices of Sacher, Zelman, Van Sant, Beiley, Hartman & Waldman.

CARLOS J. BONILLA split his summer between Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. He worked as a law clerk in Puerto Rico at the law offices of McConnell Valdes, the largest Hispanic-owned law firm in the world. McConnell Valdes is considered the best and most effective firm in applying both United States common law and Spanish civil law for the benefit of emerging Hispanic industries and multinational clients. Its four broad practice areas include corporate, labor and employment, litigation, and tax law. The remainder of his summer was spent in Washington, D.C., working for the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, which is the Office of the Governor of Puerto Rico in Washington. Its purpose is to advance the interests of the people of Puerto Rico, in conjunction with the resident commissioner (who represents Puerto Rico in the U.S. House of Representatives). Bonilla worked for the legislative and legal departments.

JONATHAN C. BUCKLAND interned at the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Court Division, as well as at the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Case Management Unit.

NATHALIE A. CADET worked as a summer associate at the Miami offices of Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin, P.A., focusing on their litigation, bankruptcy, corporate transactions, and intellectual property practice areas.

LINDA CALAMBAS worked as a certified legal intern at the Broward County Public Defender's office in the misdemeanor division. She continues to work at the Public Defender's office beyond her clinical requirements.

MARIE A. CALLA-SPEETH worked as a summer associate with the law offices of Peterson, Bernard, Vandenburg, Zei, Geisler & Martin, a firm specializing in insurance defense.

DANIELLE C. CASEY worked as a summer associate at the Miami law offices of Holland & Knight.

KEVIN M. COBBIN worked as a summer associate with the law offices of Marks Gray, P.A., in Jacksonville, where he was exposed to medical malpractice, worker's compensation, product liability, and insurance defense law.

TOM DILLICKRATH worked as a summer associate in the law firm of Howrey Simon in Washington, D.C.

TOM DOCKERY worked as an intern for the state attorney's office in the public corruption division.

JAMES DOWD worked as a summer law intern in the civil division at the Department of Justice in the Office of Immigration Litigation, doing mainly appellate immigration work, representing the Immigration and Naturalization Service as well as the Attorney General.

PORPOISE EVANS worked at McDermott, Will & Emery and will return there next fall, after the bar examination.

GEORGE S. FRANKLIN worked as a summer associate for the Washington and Fort Lauderdale firm of Boies, Schiller & Flexner, mainly focusing on antitrust, class action, and commercial litigation matters.

MARIO J. GARCIA-SERRA worked as a summer associate in the Miami offices of Greenberg Traurig.

MICA GOTTESMAN worked as a summer associate at the law offices of Lum, Danzis, Drasco, Positan & Kleinberg in Roseland, N.J., focusing on labor and employment matters.

REBECCA M. HAIN completed her clinical for Litigation Skills at the Public Defender's Office in Sedalia, Mo., an office that covers four counties within Missouri.

ALICIA HUGHES spent this past summer and all of last year writing health policy as a legislative assistant on Capitol Hill for the Honorable John F. Tierney (D-Mass.). In previous years, she served as staff assistant for the Hon. Juanita Millender-McDonald, in Washington, D.C.; summer associate at the Charleston, S.C., firm of Young Clement Rivers & Tisdale, LLP; and judicial intern with the Hon. Robert Shevin of the Florida Third District Court of Appeal. While enrolled at UM Law, Hughes served as Miss Black Texas and was later voted Miss Black USA, 1998-2000.

JASON KAIRALLA worked as a summer associate at the law offices of Jorden Burt, LLP, focusing on insurance, class actions, defense, litigation,

and corporate financial services.

IAN I. MARTINEZ worked as a summer associate at the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office in Miami, where he dealt with tort, aviation, maritime, and election law as well as provided counsel to the Mayor's office.

TODD J. MICHAELS served as a clerk for Leinoff and Lemos, P.A., a family law firm in Coral Gables.

DUSTIN W. MILNE worked as a law clerk in Thacher Proffitt and Wood's tax and real estate departments in New York City.

GABRIELA A. ORTINO worked as a law clerk with Thornton & Rothman, P.A.

DAVID A. OSTROW worked as a summer associate with Fowler, White, Burnett, Hurley, Banick & Strickroot, an all-purpose firm specializing in defense, with four major practice areas: general practice, admiralty, casualty, and commercial litigation.

CHRISTOPHER R. PINGER-BORGIA worked as a summer associate in the commercial litigation department of Fowler, White, Burnett, Hurley, Banick & Strickroot. During the fall, he continues to work for Judge Gerald Cope at the Third District Court of Appeals.

ELISABETH PORTER recently published her article "Berlin Synagogue Returns from the Ruins" in *The Jewish Star Times*, which is a newspaper distributed by *The Miami Herald*.

BRETT C. POWELL worked as a summer associate in the litigation department of the Miami law offices of White & Case, LLP.



LORENZ M. PRUSS worked as a junior foreign service officer for the Department of State in Washington, D.C., focusing on international law and international public policy.

ADILIA C. QUINTANA worked during the past summer as a law clerk for the Federal Communications Commission in the Enforcement Bureau in Washington, D.C.

BRYANT M. RICHARDSON worked as a summer associate at the Washington, D.C., law office of Piper, Marbury, Rudnick & Wolfe, working in a variety of practice groups including corporate/venture capital, real estate, litigation, administrative law, franchise, and pro bono work.

JANICE M. RODRIGUEZ worked as a certified legal intern at the Legal Aid Society, concentrating on family law.

MIRIAM Y. SOLER worked as a certified legal intern at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida, in the environmental crimes unit.

JENNIFER S. TERZIAN worked as a summer associate in the insurance defense practice of Cooney Mattson Lance Blackburn Richards & O'Connor in Ft. Lauderdale. She now works at Leesfield, Leighton, Rubio, Mahfood & Boyers, in Miami. The firm is involved in civil litigation and trial practice in all courts.

ESPERANZA M. TILGHMAN worked as a law student union summer intern for the Service Employees International Union for the western region of the United States, handling union-side labor and employment law.

VINCE TRIMARCO celebrated his one-year anniversary last July with the offices of Thomas J. Davis, Jr., Attorney at Law. In his work, he drafts complaints for civil litigation, researches law for motion practice, drafts various contracts, completes registrations for offerings to various state and federal agencies, and otherwise helps "to put out fires for clients." In 2001, he performed in two stage productions by Prof. Marc Fajer: as Ross in *Macbeth* and as Duke Solinus (as portrayed by President Bill Clinton) in *The Comedy of Errors*. When not learning in class, litigating at work, or acting on stage, Vince can be found playing drums for local bands, including Age of Consent, a cover band made up of third-year law students. More information about Age of Consent is available at <http://www.gavelentertainment.com>, an artist management company established by Vince's classmates, JASON TURCHIN and CHRISTOPHER STRATTON. Trimarco plans to pursue a career in either entertainment law, intellectual property, cyberlaw, or criminal law.

JULIO W. VALDIVIESO worked as a law clerk in the litigation, civil and criminal divisions of Brenner & Dienstag, P.A.

EDUARDO WAITE worked as a summer associate in the offices of King & Spalding in Atlanta. King & Spalding concentrates its practice in corporate law, public finance, commercial finance, and bankruptcy law.

ROBERT H. WEBER, III, completed his clinical requirement with the Office of the Attorney General in Raleigh, N.C., in the Services

to State Agencies Section, where his work mainly consisted of researching and writing criminal appellate briefs, researching and drafting complaints and motions, along with a few district court appearances. One of the appearances presented him with the opportunity to prosecute a second-degree trespass case, in which he received a conviction. Weber was also able to participate in different agency hearings and meetings of the State Personnel Commission, the Wildlife Resources Commission, and the Banking Commission for North Carolina. He also had countless opportunities to hear oral arguments in the N.C. Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, and met with Governor Easley and Chief Justice Lake.

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ROBERT ABEL worked during the past summer as a judicial intern for United States magistrate William C. Turnoff.

JOAQUIN J. ALEMANY worked as a summer associate within the in-house departments of BellSouth in the corporate headquarters in Atlanta, including the litigation, tax, intellectual property, antitrust, labor, and regulatory divisions. He prepared legal research memoranda for the litigation, tax, antitrust, commercial operations, regulatory, employee benefits, and executive compensation departments. He also participated in litigation strategy meetings and discussions with outside counsel and observed meetings and met with attorneys at Cingular Wireless, BellSouth International, BellSouth Intellectual Property, BellSouth Business

Systems, BellSouth Long Distance, and BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Co. Alemany also attended several county court observations with the BellSouth Pro Bono Committee and the Georgia Indigent Defense Committee.

DANETTE ALFONSO worked as a summer associate at the Miami law firm of Astigarraga Davis focusing mostly on international corporate law.

AMY J. BANN worked as a legal intern at Earth Rights International in Washington, D.C., researching international human rights and environmental non-profit law. The organization has offices in Washington, Bangkok, and Seattle and is currently involved in several lawsuits against oil and gas companies for human rights and environmental abuses that occurred in Burma, Nigeria, and India. A few of the cases have been granted jurisdiction in U.S. district courts under the Alien Tort Claims Act, which is a cutting-edge legal development in this area because multi-national companies can be prosecuted in the U.S. for abuses committed abroad against non-U.S. citizens.

PENNIE A. BARASCH worked as a law clerk at the Miami law firm of Ratzan & Alters, P.A., focusing on medical malpractice.

STUART CHOLEWA served as a law clerk at the law firm of Jeffrey S. Weiner, Esq., a criminal defense firm.

DOLLY VOORHEES DAVIS was a Florida Bar Foundation fellow placed at the Florida Justice Institute in Miami, a small non-profit organization working with prisoner's rights and civil rights in general.



DEVANG DESAI was a summer clerk for the Honorable Paul C. Huck, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

KATRICE JENKINS worked with Legal Aid Services of Broward County as part of the Florida Bar Foundation Fellowship in the family law unit.

DERRICK JUSTIN JOHNSON, MPA, interned last summer for the Honorable James Lawrence King, Jr., United States District Court judge for the Southern District of Florida. In October 2001, the international publishing company, 1st Books Library, Inc., released Johnson's first book of poetry, *The Awakening of the Dreamer*. Copies are currently available at www.1stbooks.com. As a second-year student, Johnson serves as the secretary for the Student Bar Association.

MICHAEL KARPINSKY was a summer intern with the Office of the General Counsel at Florida International University. This versatile office responds to all issues relating to the University. Frequent issues include contracts, immigration, torts, administrative law, employment law, construction law, and computer law.

ARNOLDO LACAYO worked as a legal intern with Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., as part of the Florida Bar Foundation Fellowship.

VALERIE A. MAURER was a summer intern in the criminal defense firm of Casassa, Mangone, Miller & Faett.

JOHN PADDOCK was an intern at the Moscow office of Clifford Chance & Punder last summer, where he did research

on corporate governance and changes in securities law.

MADELINE PALENZUELA was a summer intern at the United States Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C., where she conducted legal research of laws, opinions, policies, regulations, legal texts and precedent cases in which environmental impact assessments were required in the process of rule promulgation by various Department of Transportation agencies. This was necessary in light of the President's mandate to allow Mexican trucks and buses unfettered access to U.S. roads pursuant to NAFTA.

MARVIN V. PAVLOV worked as a research associate for Professor Frances Hill at the University of Miami School of Law.

GABRIEL A. RIVEROS worked as a law clerk in the Law Office of Mark Osherow, P.A., a general litigation firm, representing both plaintiffs and defendants and focusing on medical malpractice and personal injury. The firm is located on Glades Road in Boca Raton.

LEE SCHOTTENFELD worked as a summer law clerk for the Honorable Joseph Augello at the Luzerne County Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

JAMES SHAW was a legal clerk at the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida researching constitutional and civil rights law.

MATTHEW A. SLATER worked as a legal intern researching corporate law issues at Harris Corporation.

MELISSA TAPANES worked as a law clerk in the criminal defense firm of Black, Srebnick & Kornspan, P.A.

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UM Law Events Calendar

January 2002

Monday-Friday, 1/7-11

36th Annual Phillip E. Heckerling
Institute on Estate Planning
Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers
Miami Beach

Wednesday, 1/9

Law Alumni Reception at Heckerling Institute
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers
Miami Beach

Wednesday, 1/23

LAA Executive Board Meeting
Noon
La Loggia Restaurant
Downtown Miami

February 2002

Thursday-Friday, 2/7-2/8

Sixth Annual Institute on Mergers &
Acquisitions: Corporate Securities &
Related Issues
Eden Roc Resort & Spa
Miami Beach

Wednesday, 2/20

LAA Board Meeting
Noon
Courthouse Center, 11th floor

March 2002

Spring LAA Reception
West Palm Beach, TBA

Wednesday-Friday, 3/6-8

Fifth Annual Institute on Tax Considerations in
Mergers & Acquisitions
Eden Roc Resort & Spa
Miami Beach

Thursday, 3/14

LAA Executive Board Meeting
Noon
La Loggia Restaurant
Downtown Miami

Wednesday, 3/20

Law Alumni Spring Social Happy Hour
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Firehouse Four, Miami

April 2002

Thursday, 4/18

Miami Law Women Reception, TBA
Law Review Alumni Reception, TBA

May 2002

Dean's Circle Event, TBA

Sunday, 5/19

Hooding Ceremony
Knight Center, Hyatt Regency Hotel

June 2002

Thursday, 6/20

Law Alumni Reception at The Florida Bar
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Boca Raton Resort & Club