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Message from the Dean

As we pass the half-way point in the academic year, our early confidence in the Law School's entering class has proved well founded. Our faculty is pleased with the students' progress. They have adjusted well to the challenges posed by rigorous academic study, and we expect many of them to join the ranks of our alumni leaders.



It was a pleasure to see so many alumni and friends at Law School events throughout the fall. The Law School's participation in the University's capital campaign was announced on November 14, and I'm pleased to note that we have reached the halfway mark in meeting our School's fundraising goal of \$16 million. We are grateful to campaign fundraising Chair Hilarie Bass, JD'81, and the many alumni and friends whose hard work and dedication are helping us achieve this ambitious goal. In this issue of the *Barrister*, you will learn more about how our School's future can be assured through our commitment of funds to vital endeavors such as supporting student scholarships, endowing new faculty chairs, providing for visiting foreign scholars, supporting our nationally recognized clinical programs and centers, and creating a new skills training facility for the complex practice environment of the new millennium.

We are very pleased with the campaign leadership gifts to the School, which you will learn more about in this issue. Please keep in mind, however, that every gift is welcome and every gift helps. As part of our campaign, we must increase the broad-based support of our alumni who participate in annual giving to the School. Annual giving through the Law Annual Fund provides a critical financial base for Law School scholarships and educational programs. Without this

support, the Law School would not be able to carry on its tradition of excellence for the future. Alumni commitment to annual giving is an important indication of the level of support that a school receives from its alumni. We can and must increase our percentage of alumni annual giving. With your help, we can do it.

As you read in these pages about the scholarly recognition of our outstanding law faculty and the award-winning achievements of our students, please reflect on how you can participate most meaningfully in ensuring the future of our School. Perhaps you received a scholarship or other financial assistance during your law studies. If so, please consider helping to replenish our student scholarship funds for the future. Did you participate in a Law School journal or special project? All of our Law School programmatic endeavors need alumni support to continue their work. If there was a faculty

member whose guidance made a difference in your life, consider a gift in the name of that teacher. Such gifts honor the dedication of our fine faculty and help perpetuate these values for future law students.

In closing, I am reminded daily of our purpose at the Law School: to educate and train the best possible lawyers for the vital task of ensuring the ideals of our democracy. I hope you will join us in supporting this mission. I feel fortunate to be part of this great school, and I look forward to an even greater future for our alma mater.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dennis O. Lynch".

Dennis O. Lynch
Dean

Law School Announces New Director of the Annual Fund

We welcome Brenda Hale Kelley to the Alumni Development team. Brenda earned her B.A. from Yale University in 1976 and her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1980. She served as an Honors Program attorney in the Office of the Solicitor, U.S.



Department of the Interior, and practiced environmental law in Washington, D.C. At the University of Wyoming she was involved in fundraising, student retention programs, and served as an assistant director for the William D. Ruckelshaus Institute for Environment and Natural Resources.

She says, "I am an enthusiastic proponent of giving in one's personal and professional life and believe that philan-

thropy reaps further abundance for the donor and for the recipient. UM Law's outstanding faculty, acclaimed programs, innovative curriculum and unstinting support of students are distinctive assets capable of inspiring diverse philanthropic interests. I am looking forward to contributing to the success of such an exceptional, exciting educational community."

Assistant Dean of Alumni Relations and Development Georgie A. Angones comments, "We are delighted to have Brenda join our team as a development officer and Director of the Annual Fund. She will be working closely with the alumni leadership and the Dean's Circle Committee to increase alumni participation and help us meet the challenges of our exciting MOMENTUM Campaign. I look forward to introducing her to our legal community."

Students and Donors Honored at Receptions

Each fall the Law School hosts scholarship receptions to recognize the student recipients of these awards and to honor those whose generosity makes our scholarships possible. Our students are extremely grateful to receive these scholarship awards, which often make a life-changing difference for them.

On October 30, the Dean's Scholarship Reception was held in the Alma Jennings Foundation Student Lounge to recognize those students who received scholarships. Scholarships awarded include the Dean's Merit, Dean's Honors, Dean's Scholars, Miami Scholars, and Fulbright and Ron Brown scholarships, which are given to LL.M. students.

The following day, October 31, the Donor Scholarship Reception brought together family and firm representatives of scholarships named for specific donors with the students who have been selected to receive awards from scholarships. The White & Case Scholarship, represented by Victor Alvarez, was awarded for the first time at the reception to Michael Nadler and Jill Grucan.



Dean Dennis Lynch, left, and Professor Frances Hill, far right, with the 2003 recipients of the Tax Section of the Florida Bar Scholarship at the Dean's Scholarship Reception.



Dean Dennis Lynch with Dean's Scholarship recipients.



Dean Dennis Lynch with Fulbright Scholars Janna Damann and Carlos Grimm, both Comparative Law LL.M. students from Germany.



Dean Dennis Lynch with Dean's Merit Scholars.



Donors and recipients: Sam Dubbin, JD '81, the representative for the Harvey T. Reid Scholarship, standing at left, with recipients of the scholarship, Harper Batts and, seated, David Brown, Wendi Adelson, Marci Brooks and Kristina Samuels. Laurel Isicoff, JD '82, center, representing the Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton Scholarship with recipient Toronda Silas, third from left. Howard Berlin, JD '79, far right next to Dean Dennis Lynch, representing the Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin Scholarship with recipient Shana Zipkin, standing third from right.



Top row, L. to R., Rebecca Plasencia, recipient of the Marcos A. Vasquez Memorial Scholarship; Professor Bruce Winick, representative of the Judge Eugene P. Spellman Scholarship Fund; Dean Dennis Lynch; Jose Diaz, Esq., representing the Vasquez Scholarship; Lane Begy, recipient of the Paul R. Gordon Scholarship; and Josiane Abel, recipient of the Spellman Scholarship. Bottom row, L. to R., George, Mirta and Walter Vasquez, representing the Vasquez Scholarship in honor of their son and brother; and Professor Laurence Rose.



Esther Meisels, 1L

Stern College, Yeshiva University,
New York City

Dean's Merit and Stephen W. Arky
Scholarships

"I feel incredibly privileged to be the recipient of these prestigious scholarships. As an undergraduate art major, I was unsure if my transition to law school would be smooth. However, I found at UM Law not only room for creative thinking, but also respectful and talented classmates and professors who have made my studies here both exciting and challenging. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a student at UM Law, thanks largely to these generous scholarships."

Top row, L. to R., Dean Colson, JD '77, representing the Bill Colson Scholarship Fund, with recipient Leona Monroe Dudley; Barbara Ehrich Locke, JD '87, representing the Gerard Ehrich Scholarship Fund, with recipient Christina Humphrey; bottom row, L. to R., Dean Dennis Lynch, Ron Ravikoff, JD '77, representing the John F. Evans Memorial Scholarship, with recipient Cara Brook.

Recent Graduate Wins Prestigious Burton Award



Toronda Silas, 3L

Recipient
Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton
Scholarship

"I am extremely grateful to the firm and to the Litigation Skills Program for this honor, especially because past recipients have all been exemplary students who have become great litigators. After graduation I will be moving to San Antonio where I will join the national bankruptcy practice at Cox & Smith, Inc. I will miss UM Law and Miami, but I am looking forward to my new career."



L. to R., Arnoldo Lacayo, JD '03, and William Burton at the 2003 Burton Awards for legal achievement.

Arnoldo B. Lacayo, JD '03, was one of only ten law students nationally to receive the Burton Award for his outstanding Comment published in the *Inter-American Law Review*. The award is given to law firm partners, counsel and law students for legal achievement.

Four years ago, William C. Burton founded the national awards program to reward excellence in legal writing and to encourage perfection in the profession of law. This year the program, in association with the Law Library of Congress, honored 15 partners and counsel from the nation's 500 hundred largest firms and 10 students from law schools across the nation.

The awards program was held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., on June 17. Tim Russert, the moderator of *Meet the Press* and political analyst for *NBC Nightly News* and the *Today* show, was the program's guest speaker.

Lacayo commented, "I am extremely honored to receive an award as prestigious as the Burton Award. I am grateful to Mr. Burton and the Academic Committee for this wonderful honor."



Christopher Castro, 3L

"I am very proud to be the recipient of the Lawrence B. Rodgers - M. Minnette Massey Scholarship and have benefited greatly from the scholarship during my time at the University of Miami School of Law. Attending UM Law School has been a rewarding experience, and I anxiously look forward to graduating in May."

Dade Judicial Reception Attracts Record Number

On October 1, the annual Dade Judicial Reception was held at the elegant building renamed the Mellon Financial Center in Miami. We thank Mellon Bank and Bacardi U.S.A., Inc., for their generous support as event sponsors.

At the reception, H.T. Smith, Jr., JD '73, was honored with the Thomas Davison III Memorial Service Award presented by the Law Alumni Association for his extraordinary service and dedication.

Dean Lynch with H.T. Smith, JD '73, and LAA President Elizabeth Katzen, JD '88.



L. to R., Ed Shohat, JD '72, Mellon Bank representative Robert Sucker, Maria DiGiorgio, Stuart Markus, JD '57, and the Honorable A. Jay Cristol, JD '59.



L. to R., the Honorable Jerald Bagley, the Honorable Cristina Peneya-Shuminer, JD '88, Marjorie Baron, JD '92, and Guy Rasco, JD '87.



L. to R., Debbie Hess, Doreen Ruggiero, JD '01, and April Gromnicki, JD '01.



Mellon Bank representatives Terry Biddulph, left, and Dwight Hill with Elizabeth Katzen.



L. to R., Ryan Gesten, JD '99, and Judd Rosen, JD '00.

Events Honoring Foreign LL.M. Students and Alumni



Professor Keith Rosenn, left, and Janet Stearns, far right, with the foreign LL.M. students at the professor's annual party held on the Bricks on November 8.

On Saturday, November 8, Professor Keith Rosenn hosted his annual party in honor of the foreign LL.M. students on the Bricks. This year the class includes 50 foreign lawyers from 25 different countries, the largest and most diverse LL.M. class in UM history. The Rosenn party is always one of the highlights of the year as faculty, alumni and local attorneys officially welcome the LL.M. students to Miami.

The evening will be remembered for a thunderstorm that forced the party into the student lounge. However, the weather cleared and guests were able to enjoy the lunar eclipse later that night.

Dean Visits South America

In December 2003, Dean Dennis Lynch traveled to Argentina and Brazil for professional symposia and presentations. During

his travels, he attended events for alumni in the Buenos Aires area hosted by UM Law Professor Hugo Caminos at his home and for alumni in the Sao Paulo area hosted by the law firm of Baker & McKenzie.

Law School's International and Foreign Programs Recognized

In its November 2003 issue, *The National Jurist* magazine for law students touted the Law School's comprehensive LL.M. programs in International and Comparative Law, Ocean and Coastal Law, and Inter-American Law. Janet Stearns, director of international and foreign programs at the Law School, is quoted extensively in the article, noting in part that, "We are a multilingual university in a multilingual city." The article mentions law courses now offered in Spanish at the Law School, which

allows students "to demonstrate a professional competence in Spanish legal terms and concepts," according to Stearns. The article also notes: "In-house counsel positions are a natural fit for graduates" of UM Law's programs since many transnational companies have their regional headquarters in Miami.

UM Law No. 2 for Hispanic Law Students In U.S. Schools

Hispanic Business Magazine ranked UM Law's J.D. program number two on its recent list of the top 25 law schools in the country for Hispanics. "With a diverse faculty nationally recognized for its academic excellence, and a talented and diverse student body drawn from around the country as well as Latin America and Europe, classroom discussions at UM foster intellectual rigor," the magazine reported.



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Law School Kicks Off MOMENTUM Campaign

Unveiling of Professor Richard A. Hausler Bust

On November 14, the Law School kicked off its participation in MOMENTUM, the University's campuswide capital campaign to raise \$1 billion, with a cocktail reception and ceremony dedicating the Professor Richard A. Hausler bust in its permanent location on the Law School Quadrangle. Dean Dennis Lynch, who spoke on behalf of the Law School, commented, "This ceremony marks an important milestone in the history and development of our Law School. It commemorates our beloved Professor Hausler, distinguished law faculty member for nearly 50 years, in whose honor the memorial bust, a student scholarship, and the Law School's first endowed faculty chair were created through the generosity of those gathered with us today. This is also an occasion to rededicate ourselves to continuing the tradition of excellence for the Law School by joining MOMENTUM."

Family, friends, and the Law School community offered memories of the professor as photos from his life were beamed on a wall adjacent to the Quadrangle.

The Reverend Mark Thomas Reeves, JD '84, Parochial Vicar from the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church and a former student of Professor Hausler, gave the Invocation. Other speakers were Joseph Klock, Jr., JD '73, former chair of the Richard A. Hausler Endowed Chair Committee; Jennie Hausler, daughter of the professor, and Associate Dean and Dean of Students Jeannette Hausler, JD '53; Elizabeth Katzen, JD '88, president of the Law Alumni Association; and Dean Hausler.

The Law School's fundraising goal for the capital campaign is \$16 million, funds which are necessary to take the School to the next level of excellence, according to University President Donna Shalala, who attended the event. Dean Lynch outlined the School's funding priorities: support for

student scholarships; two new endowed faculty chairs; and a visiting professorship for foreign legal scholars. The School also seeks additional support for skills training and for broadening the curriculum in international business and comparative law. A new facility is needed to house the Law School's three award-winning clinics: the Children & Youth Law Clinic; the Center for Ethics and Public Service; and the Litigation Skills Program. This facility will provide the high-technology tools necessary for students to master sophisticated research and practice skills demanded by the evolving transnational law practice of the 21st century.



Coral Gables Mayor Don Slesnick, Tala Engel, JD '57, and Dean Jeannette F. Hausler, JD '53.



At the Professor Richard Hausler Bust Unveiling ceremony on November 14 are, from left, granddaughter Madeline Hall Hausler; daughter Ellen Hausler from New York; the Reverend Patrick O'Neil; Dean Jeannette F. Hausler, JD '53; and daughter Jennie Hausler.

The event was catered by Christy's Restaurant, Professor Hausler's favorite, Southern Wine & Spirits of America, Inc., and Bacardi U.S.A., Inc. Marc Andries, sculptor of the Hausler bust, attended, along with Katherine Silverglate, the lawyer/artist who designed the program cover for the event and the cover of this issue of the *Barrister*. We thank them for their generosity and creativity.



Campaign Leadership Accepts Challenge

Alumni, faculty and friends of the Law School have accepted the challenge of leadership in the fundraising campaign. MOMENTUM Campaign Executive Vice Chair, Dean Colson, JD '77, has joined Campaign Chair Dr. Philip Frost in assuming leadership of the campuswide effort. Both also serve on the University's Board of Trustees, Frost as chairman and Colson as vice chairman.

Hilarie Bass, JD '81, has agreed to chair the Law School's campaign. The Campaign Committee includes alumni and friends of the Law School throughout South Florida and regional chairs Francis A. Citera, JD '83, in Chicago; Dianne Greenberg Penchina, JD '83, in New York; and Carolyn Lamm, JD '73, in Washington, D.C.

The Campaign Committee also includes faculty members Professor Anthony Alfieri, director of the Center for Ethics and Public Service; Professor Mary Doyle; and Professor Lonny Rose, director of the Litigation Skills Program. These faculty members have solicited their colleagues with a goal of achieving 100% participation. During the last major campaign at the University, the law faculty distinguished themselves by achieving 100% participation.

Campaign Attains Early Success

Hilarie Bass, JD '81, chair of the Law School Campaign Committee, announced that a total of \$8.5 million has been raised in the campaign effort so far, putting the Law School more than halfway to its goal of \$16 million. Gratified by this early success, Bass congratulated the committee and



Hilarie Bass, JD '81

commented, "The campaign is of great importance to the Law School's future. We want to ensure that the Law School continues to grow and reach new levels of recognition. We can all help by our continued financial support."

Dean Lynch Announces Gifts

Dean Lynch announced campaign leadership gifts to the Law School from alumni and friends: Laurie Silvers, JD '77, and her husband Mitchell Rubenstein; Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz, JD '79; and Wayne Chaplin, JD '82, and Southern Wine and Spirits of America.



Laurie Silvers, JD '77

The dean extended gratitude for the generosity and support of these alumni and friends in making these leadership gifts. "These gifts are an expression of the confidence of our fellow alumni and friends and their dedication to the goals and mission of our School," Dean Lynch commented. "Together we can make a difference."

Chaplin Creates New Scholarship At Law School

The Law School is pleased to announce that Southern Wine & Spirits of America, Inc., has established a full-tuition scholarship at the School to be known as "The

Chaplin Scholarship." This scholarship will be awarded every three years to an outstanding entering law student and is intended to cover tuition expenses for the recipient for his/her entire three years of studies at the Law School. The recipient, to be known as "The Chaplin Scholar," will be selected on the basis of merit alone, with preference given to a student with an interest in transactional work.



Wayne Chaplin, JD '82

In making the announcement, Dean Dennis O. Lynch stated, "This is one of the Law School's most prestigious scholarships and we are grateful for the generosity of the Chaplin family and Southern Wine & Spirits in making this possible. Student scholarships are the heart and soul of our School. This scholarship can make a life-altering difference for a deserving student. We are delighted to have the support of our alumnus Wayne Chaplin, JD '82, and Southern Wine & Spirits in creating this wonderful opportunity for generations of students to come."

Dean Lynch noted that The Chaplin Scholarship joins The Soia Mentschikoff Scholarships and The Harvey T. Reid Law Scholarships in making full-tuition awards to outstanding students. These scholarships help the School attract top law students by allowing them to focus on the quality, and not the cost, of the education they will receive here.



Charitable Annuity Program

by **Lucy Morillo**

A University of Miami gift annuity benefits both you and the University in important ways. For the University, it provides support and programs, scholarships, and building projects. For you, it provides a current tax deduction and an attractive payout—portions of which may be tax free.



Lucy Morillo

The University of Miami School of Law Charitable Gift Annuity and You

Each individual has a different situation. The rate of payout used to determine the annuity payment depends on the number of annuitants and their ages. The University of Miami determines its payout using the schedule recommended by a nationwide organization known as the American Council on Gift Annuities, or ACGA. Its recommended rates are based on actuarial tables and frequency of payments.

The charts below provide examples.

\$10,000 Charitable Gift Annuity (One Annuitant)

Age	Rate	Charitable Deduction*	Annuity
60	5.7%	\$2,825	\$570
65	6.0%	\$3,335	\$600
70	6.5%	\$3,788	\$650
75	7.1%	\$4,319	\$710
80	8.0%	\$4,834	\$800
85	9.5%	\$5,217	\$950
90+	11.3%	\$5,714	\$1,130

\$50,000 Charitable Gift Annuity (One Annuitant)

Age	Rate	Charitable Deduction*	Annuity
60	5.7%	\$14,125	\$2,850
65	6.0%	\$16,675	\$3,000
70	6.5%	\$18,940	\$3,250
75	7.1%	\$21,595	\$3,550
80	8.0%	\$24,170	\$4,000
85	9.5%	\$26,085	\$4,750
90+	11.3%	\$28,570	\$5,650

\$100,000 Charitable Gift Annuity (One Annuitant)

Age	Rate	Charitable Deduction*	Annuity
60	5.7%	\$28,250	\$5,700
65	6.0%	\$33,350	\$6,000
70	6.5%	\$37,880	\$6,500
75	7.1%	\$43,190	\$7,100
80	8.0%	\$48,340	\$8,000
85	9.5%	\$52,170	\$9,500
90+	11.3%	\$57,140	\$11,300

* Deductions are based on a 4.4% applicable federal discount rate. Actual deductions will vary depending on timing of gift.

These illustrations are based on general tax and legal principles. Always consult your attorney or accountant for specific advice. If you have questions about any of the suggestions made in this article or would like to discuss methods of including the University of Miami School of Law in your estate plans, please call or write to use at your convenience.

For a personalized illustration of the benefits of a charitable gift annuity for you, please contact Lucy Morillo, Esq., Executive Director of Estate and Gift Planning, University of Miami, 305-284-2914.

A Lifetime of Support

When you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity, you transfer cash or securities to the University of Miami School of Law in exchange for a contract that obligates the University to pay a fixed income for life to you and/or another person.

As a result of this irrevocable transfer, you are entitled to:

- Life income with an attractive return rate for one or two lifetimes
- Significant tax-free income, since part of your income stream is treated as a return of principal (a cash gift maximizes tax-free return)
- A substantial income tax deduction
- Reduction of capital gain tax on transfer of appreciated securities
- The satisfaction of knowing your gift supports student legal educations that will benefit future generations and the development of the Law School
- You have the freedom to decide how often you wish to receive payments (for example, quarterly or annually). You can decide whether you want the payments for your life alone, or for the lives of yourself and your spouse (or another person). You can decide what assets or combination of assets you will use to fund the annuity.

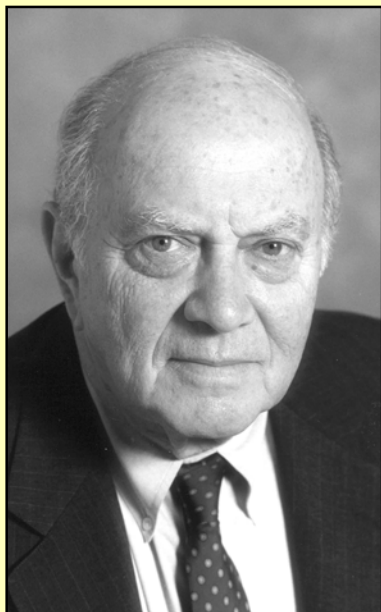




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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Family, friends and colleagues of the late Dan Pearson have come together to establish an endowed scholarship fund at the University of Miami School of Law in memory of Daniel Pearson, noted trial attorney, former Third District Court of Appeal judge and long-time adjunct professor at the School of Law. The committee plans to establish a scholarship fund to be awarded to a student in the Litigation Skills Program who shows great promise as a trial lawyer, dedication to public service, and commitment to high standards of professionalism. Anyone interested in joining this committee or contributing to the fund, please contact William Pearson, Esq., member of Ferrell Schultz firm in Miami: wmp@ferrellschultz.com or Georgie A. Angones at the University of Miami School of Law: gangones@law.miami.edu, 305-284-6470.



Dan Pearson Scholarship Committee Members:

William Pearson, JD '84, Chair
Peter Prieto, JD '85
Pam Perry, JD '67

Michael Tarre, JD '67
Kathleen Williams, JD '82
Judge Fredrica Smith

Adjunct Professor of Litigation Skills Ira H. Leesfield (of Leesfield Leighton Rubio Mahfood & Boyers, P.A.), right, presents Professor Laurence Rose, Director of the Litigation Skills Program, with a generous donation to help establish the Dan Pearson Scholarship at the University of Miami School of Law.



L. to R., The Honorable Carroll Kelly, JD '89, Coral Gables Mayor Don Slesnick, UM President Donna Shalala, and the Honorable Robert L. Shevin, JD '57, Third District Court of Appeal, former attorney general of Florida, at the November 14 campaign kickoff.

Dear Friends:

I am writing to ask for your assistance. As an important part of the University's MOMENTUM Campaign, the School of Law is off to a good start. However, I was surprised to learn recently that our percentage of alumni participating in annual giving is disappointingly low.



Alumni participation in annual giving is very important to the overall success of the Law School. Therefore, I am asking you to talk with other alumni, especially those who haven't given in the past, and encourage them to join us in supporting our alma mater. No gift is too small, and every gift helps.

Great things are happening at the Law School, with our support. If you haven't been back to campus, I strongly urge you to stop by, visit some old friends, and see what your contributions have helped to accomplish at the Law School.

I look forward to seeing you.

Very truly yours,
Todd S. Payne, JD '89
President-elect, LAA

Join the Dean's Circle!

An annual gift of \$1,000 or more entitles you membership in the Dean's Circle and recognition as a member of the University of Miami President's Circle at the following levels:

Platinum (\$10,000+ annually)

Gold (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Silver (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Bronze (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Protégé (\$500 to \$999)*

*for alumni who graduated within past 10 years

To join, e-mail alumni@law.miami.edu or call 305-284-3470.

You may restrict your gift to any programs listed in the following Web site: www.law.miami.edu/alumni/scholarship.html.

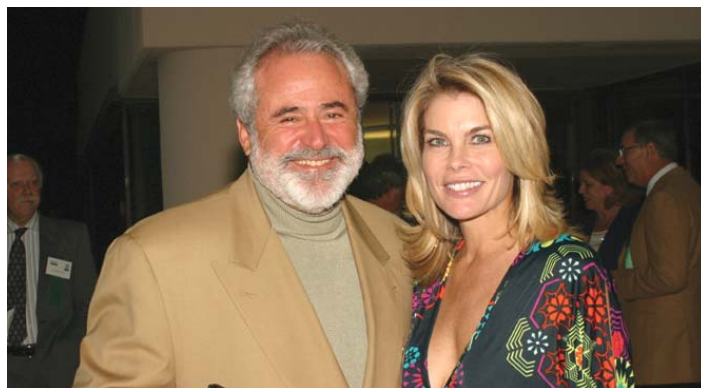
Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2003

The classes of 1963, 1973, 1978, 1983 and 1993 reunited at various locations to celebrate and reminisce with friends.

Our successful Homecoming and class reunion weekend was made possible by the hard work and dedication of the LAA Board Members, the sponsors of the events, the dozens of volunteers who helped organize and staff each party, and the members of the class reunion committees.

Classes of 1963 & 1973

The Class of 1963, organized by reunion committee members Martin Dernis, Barbara Taylor Mattis, and Marvin Moss, gathered with the Class of 1973. The joint celebration was organized by reunion committee members from the Class of 1973, the Honorable Stanford Blake, Jeffrey Deutch, Richard Dunberg, Judith Frankel, the Honorable Norman Gerstein, Stuart Z. Grossman, Carolyn Lamm, Henry Latimer, Norman L. Leopold, Merel Grey Nissenberg, Norman S. Segall, the Honorable Bernard Shapiro, and Richard Zinn. We thank Stuart Z. Grossman and Grossman & Roth, P.A., for their generosity in sponsoring this event.



Stuart Z. Grossman, JD '73, and Angela Koch at the joint reunion of the classes of 1963 and 1973 held at the Grand Bay Penthouse offices of Grossman & Roth, P.A., on November 14.



L. to R., The Honorable Norman Gerstein, JD '73, Professor M. Minnette Massey, JD '51, and Charles, JD '73, and Carole Rubenstein.



L. to R., Stuart Z. Grossman, JD '73, with Jim, JD '73, and Pamela Gilmour.



L. to R., Peter Halle, JD '73, Thomas Schwartz, JD '73, and Michael Rosen, JD '73.



L. to R., The Honorable J. Laurence Eisenberg, JD '63, Dr. Amy Buchman, Gretchen Gettis, and the Honorable Stanford Blake, JD '73.



L. to R., Harpist Roberto Perera, Neil Flaxman, JD '63, Thomas Carlos, JD '63, and Jerry Wolfson, JD '63.

Class of 1978

The Class of 1978 reunion was held at UM's Lowe Art Museum and organized by the Honorable Federico A. Moreno, Bonnie Blaire, Robert K. Burlington, Marcial Beiley Dunn, Ellen Catsman Freidin, David H. Gold, Gus Gutierrez, Carin E. Kahgan, Maria Cristina Moreno, H. Clay Roberts, Neal Sandberg, Joseph H. Serota, and Brian Spector. We thank the following sponsors for their generosity in supporting this event: Aragon, Burlington, Weil, Schwiep, Kaplan & Blonsky, P.A.; Bacardi U.S.A., Inc.; Gibraltar Bank; Goldfarb, Gold, Gonzalez & Wald, P.A.; Kenny Nachwalter Seymour Arnold Critchlow & Spector, P.A.; Simon, Schindler & Sandberg, LLP; and Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Guedes Cole & Boniske, P.A.



Class of 1983

The Class of 1983 held their party at the School's Alma Jennings Foundation Student Lounge, beginning with a slide show presentation organized by Robin Faber. The reunion was organized by Valerie Jahn Grandin, Dar Airan, Steven P. Befera, Robert M. Bovarnick, Robin W. Faber, Patricia K. Fletcher, Martha Fornaris, Jonathan Goodman, Cynthia Barnett Hibnick, Marcos D. Jimenez, the Honorable Lauren L. Miller, Edith Osman, Cathy Parks, and Anne Thomas. We thank Bacardi U.S.A., Inc., the Bankers Club, Gibraltar Bank, and Patricia Fletcher for generously sponsoring this party.



Class of 1993

The Class of 1993 reunited at the home of Kirk Wagar and Lara Murphy in Coconut Grove. The party was organized by class members Barbara Perez, Ravi J. Brammer, Annette Cil, Gus J. Garcia-Montes, Samantha J. Geffin, Margaret Haley, Marian L. Hasty, Maloy Castro Morales, Jennifer Levitz Hodges, Richard Patino, Adam Rabin, and Kirk Wagar. We gratefully acknowledge and thank Kirk Wagar and Lara Murphy; Arrick Peacock Hodges & Weiner; Colson, Hicks, Eidson; the Law Offices of Paul Petruzzi and Feldman & Getz; Wagar Murray & Feit, P.A.; and Wasserstrom Giuliani, P.A., for their generosity as sponsors of this reunion.



Associate Dean of Students William VanderWyden, left, with hosts Lara Murphy and Kirk Wagar.



L. to R., Gregory E. Lopez; Barbara Perez, co-chair of the Class of 1993 reunion and Vice President for Fund Raising for LAA; and Annie Estevez.

LAA Outgoing President's Award

During Morning Spirits, Lew Freeman, JD '74, received the Outgoing President's Award for his dedication and service as the 2002-03 LAA President.

Lewis B. Freeman & Partners hosted a tailgate party later at the Orange Bowl, where the 'Canes defeated Syracuse.



Lewis B. Freeman, JD '74

Breakfast and Morning Spirits

The Fifty-fifth Annual Homecoming Breakfast and Morning Spirits was held on Saturday, November 15, on the Law School Quadrangle honoring the judiciary and reunion classes. The Honorable Stanford Blake, JD '73, served as master of ceremonies. Dean Dennis Lynch welcomed alumni and friends and presented the Honorary Alumnus Award to John W. Kozyak, a long-time friend and supporter of the School. Elizabeth Katzen, JD '88, president of the LAA, presented awards and gave special recognition to the following: Lewis B. Freeman, JD '74, for his work as the 2002-03 LAA president; Richard Milstein, JD '74, as chair of the Dean's Circle Committee and for his help with the School of Law MOMENTUM Campaign; Hilarie Bass, JD '81, as chair of the School of Law MOMENTUM Campaign; and Gibraltar Bank and Bacardi U.S.A., Inc., Homecoming sponsors.

On behalf of the Honored Class of 1983, Valerie Jahn Grandin composed a special tribute to her UM Law years, which she sang to the tune of "Camp Granada" by Alan Sherman. She dedicated the song to the late Dean Soia Mentschikoff and the late Professor Richard Hausler. (see lyrics at right)



Longtime friend and supporter of the Law School, John W. Kozyak, receives the Honorary Alumnus award at the Homecoming Breakfast and Morning Spirits on November 15 as Mort Guilford, JD '56, reads the proclamation from the city of Coral Gables.



University President Donna Shalala with Dean Dennis and Carol Lynch at the Breakfast.



The Honorable Stanford Blake, JD '73, and Sebastian the Ibis.



Professor Mary Doyle, left, with LAA President Elizabeth Katzen, JD '88, and Edna Shalala, retired tax attorney.

Ode to Doc & Soia

by Valerie Jahn Grandin, JD '83

*Hello Doctor, Hello Soia,
Thanks to you two, I'm a lawyer!
Hope that things are going well there,
Cause without you two, we're in a living
hell here!*

*You remember those three airheads,
Stotzky, Lynch, and Patrick Gudridge.
They're still teaching, Lynch is dean now,
Not to worry Elements still haunts those
First Years.*

*Bramble Bush, oh Karl Baby,
UCC, it's all so hazy.
Where is Daniel Murray,
Old Machine Gun and his charming
little ties?*

*Massey, Alloway, Fred Doerner,
Mofsky, Heckerling, and Boyer,
Where have all the great professors gone?
It's simply not the same here now. (SIGH)*

*Wait a minute, I see Manning,
Eats egg salad while he's tanning.
And there's Oxman, still in Conflicts.
Let me just disclose that Lenard's teaching
Ethics.*

*Georgie's back now, raising money,
Oh, our future's looking sunny.
And Jeannette's here, or at Christy's,
This is all too much, my eyes are getting
misty.*

*Looks like UM is still super,
FIU can't match the group here.
Doc and Soia, just relax, dears.
Heaven needs you two, not many lawyers
get there.*



L. to R., the Honorable Stanford Blake, JD '73, the Honorable Melvia Green, JD '78, and the Honorable Gerald, JD '55, and Irene Kogan.



UM Law Campaign Committee Chair Hilarie Bass, JD '81, and Patricia Redmond, JD '79.



Michael Guilford, JD '85, and his father Mort Guilford, JD '56, both SBA presidents while at UM Law.



Valerie Jahn Grandin, left, JD '83, and Lynn Kislak, who helped coordinate the reunion parties.



L. to R., John Kozyak, Harley Tropin, JD '77, and Charles Throckmorton of Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton.



Homecoming Breakfast and Morning Spirits in the Law School Quadrangle on November 15.



Dean Dennis Lynch and UM Alumni Trustee Rudy Moise, JD '97.

Clinics and Special Programs

The UM Law School's award-winning clinics and special programs contribute important services to our community while enriching the education of our students. Some of their activities are noted below.

H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Through Pro Bono Efforts)

Recent events/honors:

- Canes Angels is a holiday program that collects gifts for underprivileged children in the Miami area. Last year, with the support of students and faculty, Canes Angels was able to provide over 300 presents to children in various shelters in the county.
- In November, the UM Citizens Board pledged \$10,000 to support the H.O.P.E. Fellows Program.
- In the fall, children from Ponce de Leon Middle School and John I. Smith Elementary School came to the UM campus to participate in H.O.P.E.'s Books and Buddies program. This semiannual activity is a pen-pal program in which a law student volunteers to read a book simultaneously with a student; communicates through letters with the student; and then gets together with the student at the end-of-program party held on campus. "It promotes reading education in a unique format that stimulates the minds of South Florida's youth," said volunteer Victoria Godwin of the program.
- On August 8, the American Bar Association awarded UM Law's H.O.P.E.

with the Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award. Of 19 schools nominated, UM Law's H.O.P.E. Project was selected as the most outstanding public interest project this year. This is the second consecutive year that H.O.P.E. has received top honors from the ABA.

H.O.P.E.'s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, nationally recognized in 2002 as the Outstanding Student Project in the country by Equal Justice Works and Rookie Site of the Year by the American Bar Association, is continuing to provide free tax preparation assistance in English, Spanish, and Creole to low-income, disabled and elderly individuals. This year H.O.P.E. plans to extend its services by bringing a VITA site on campus as well as to various elementary schools to assist our neighboring communities.



(Left Photo) H.O.P.E. volunteers at a fashion show sponsored by Bloomingdale's, which donated a percentage of the profits to H.O.P.E.



(Bottom Left Photo) The annual Canes Carnival, sponsored by H.O.P.E., was held on September 19 and brought children from after-school shelters to the Law School campus for a day of fun.



(Bottom Right Photo) H.O.P.E. volunteers with elementary students who took part in a four-week Books and Buddies program sponsored by H.O.P.E.

Concert Tickets to Benefit H.O.P.E.

For its spring concert series at UM's Gusman Hall, the Friends of Chamber Music of Miami will donate a portion of proceeds from tickets sold through the Law School to benefit H.O.P.E. Season highlights include the Guarneri Quartet; piano virtuosos Horacio Gutierrez and Bruno Leonardo playing Beethoven, Schumann, Liszt and Ravel, and the 32-member I Musici de Montreal. Subscriptions for the entire 10 concert series are \$250 for reserved patron seating and \$150 for general, nonreserved seating. Call 305-372-2975 for series calendar and tickets. Please mention the H.O.P.E. Project when ordering.

Center for Ethics & Public Service

On November 4, H.T. Smith, Jr., JD '73, received the annual Lawyers in Leadership Award, presented by the Center, the Black

Law Student Association, and the Stonewall Legal Alliance, which honors distinguished members of the bar and bench who have established an important leadership role in the public life of the community. The award recognizes both professional distinction and public service.

"The award series provides a unique learning opportunity for University and Law School students to obtain insight into the hard judgments that inform ethical decision making and moral character in our profession," said Anthony V. Alfieri, UM Law professor and director of the Center for Ethics & Public Service.

H.T. Smith is a trial lawyer specializing in personal injury and criminal defense. Smith was the first African-American Assistant Public Defender in Miami-Dade County and the first African-American Assistant County Attorney in Miami-Dade County. He is the founding president of the Black Lawyers Association of Miami-Dade County and has served as president of the National Bar Association. He led South Florida's Free

South Africa Movement, was the co-spokesperson of the Boycott Miami Campaign, co-chair of the \$200 Million Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Issue, and co-chair of the "Say No to Discrimination" Campaign in 2002. Smith raised \$4 million with attorneys Hank Adorno and Dean Colson to build the NFL YET Center at Gwen Cherry Park in the Scott/Carver Housing Projects. Smith is a co-chair of the School's Professor Robert H. Waters Memorial Fund Committee, which was established in 2002 to honor the late Professor Robert Waters, and also recently received the Thomas Davison III Memorial Service Award by the LAA.

On October 13, the Center for Ethics & Public Service convened an Ethics & Professionalism Roundtable on the subject of Balancing Work & Family in the Law. The Roundtable featured Stephanie Blair (Special Counsel to Morgan Lewis), Ellen Freidin (Of Counsel to Akerman Senterfitt), Beth Johnson (Partner at Fowler White), Center Senior Fellow Harriet Roberts, and Law School Career Planning Dean Marcy Cox. More than 50 students participated in the Roundtable discussing the burdens and challenges of balancing commitments to family and the law. The Center roundtables afford students an informal opportunity to join leading members of the bar, bench, and civic community in debating important issues of ethics and professionalism.

Children and Youth Law Clinic

The C&YLC has recently received several prestigious awards, including the 2003 Clinical Legal Education Association's Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Law Case or Project (awarded for the Foster Children's Mental Health Rights Act); the 2003 National Association of Counsel for Children Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award (awarded for child advocacy efforts); and first runner-up for the Florida Bar Foundation's 2003 Steven M. Goldstein Award for Excellence (awarded for the Older Foster Youth Advocacy Project).



L. to R., Center for Ethics and Public Service intern Kristen McCallion, Lawyer in Leadership Award recipient H.T. Smith, Jr., JD '73, and Center fellows Alex Gomez and Hilton Napoleon II.

Partnership for Professionalism

Now in its fifteenth consecutive year, Partnership for Professionalism is scheduled twice during the academic year and is a joint effort sponsored by the Dade County Bar Association, its Young Lawyers Section, the School of Law, and the Student Bar Association.

The fall 2003 dinner meeting was held on October 8 at the Faculty Club of the University of Miami. Beginning with the spring 2004 meeting on March 5, the Partnership for Professionalism dinner will move to the new dining facility in the University of Miami Convocation Center.

Informal roundtable discussions are held during a dinner provided for the participants, consisting of about 90 judges, attorneys and law students. At each table is seated a judge, two or three attorneys, and five or six students. Prepared scenarios that present issues of civility, ethics and professionalism are discussed at each table. Most scenarios are composed from actual situations experienced by local judges and attorneys.

UM Law alumni from the bench and bar are invited to participate at the spring 2004 dinner. The evenings are interesting and rewarding, not only for the student participants, but also for the many judges and attorneys who assist in the development of



Michael H. Lax, JD '84, of Levy, Airan, Brownstein et al., in Coral Gables, moderated the summations given by the students at the fall 2003 Partnership for Professionalism dinner on October 8.

civility, ethics, and professionalism in our South Florida legal community.

The coordinator of Partnership for Professionalism is Associate Dean of Students William P. VanderWyden. Alumni are encouraged to contact him for suggested ideas and for participation in future meetings. Many of the judges and attorney participants are veterans of the programs attended while they were students at UM Law.

Information and photographs of judges, attorneys and students from recent Partnership for Professionalism dinners are posted on the UM Law Web site: www.law.miami.edu.



Former Judge Phillip Bloom, of Steel Hector & Davis, moderates the table discussion as Leon Patricios, JD '94, and Andrew Rier, JD '94, listen.

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Student Recruiting Office Recognizes Richard Lawrence, JD '90

For years the Office of Admissions and Recruiting has heavily relied on alumni to assist them in recruiting excellent candidates to the School of Law. To recognize alumni who have been exceptionally supportive, the Office is pleased to announce Richard Lawrence, JD '90, as the first recipient of the Office's Annual Recognition Award.



"Richard's assistance, both as a student and every year since his graduation, has been unflagging. Upon meeting and speaking with Richard, prospective students get a sense of the best of what the Law School can offer to them," said Director of Student Recruiting Therese Lambert.

As a UM Law student, Richard Lawrence volunteered his time to give tours of the Law School and the UM campus to prospective students and their families. He found the experience rewarding for himself and beneficial to students and families.

"I found that the tour attendees seemed to be influenced by the image I portrayed of the Law School and the information I conveyed about it to them," Lawrence said.

After graduation, Lawrence moved to Washington, D.C., and took a job in the Office of the General Counsel, Rural Utilities Division, in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Since then, he has continued to participate in UM Law student recruiting activities, joining Therese at recruiting events in the Washington, D.C., area. Lawrence commented, "In the 13 years I have participated in events with Therese, I attended more than two dozen fairs and anticipate continuing for as long and Therese and UM will have me."

According to Therese, the relationship will continue as long as Lawrence is willing. "We are very grateful for his outstanding and continuous support of our efforts. I always look forward to getting together with Richard at recruiting events. He is a terrific representative of our school."

Lawrence graduated cum laude from the University of Miami School of Business Administration in 1982 and earned his J.D. cum laude in 1990 from the Law School. In his law practice in the Rural Utilities Division, Lawrence concentrates on complex financial transactions relating to public utilities. He was also instrumental in designing, developing, implementing, and managing a novel series of network-based computer systems that produce utility loan documents more accurately and efficiently. For this accomplishment, Lawrence received then-Vice President Gore's award for Reinventing Government, also known as the "Hammer" Award.

Alumni in Bar Leadership

We would like to recognize our alumni who are 2003-04 members of the Florida Bar Board of Governors: Francisco R. Angones, JD '76; Jerald S. Beer, JD '80; Steven Chaykin, JD '76; Ian M. Comisky, JD '84; Ervin A. Gonzalez, JD '85; Nancy W. Gregoire, JD '84; Don L. Horn, JD '82; Sharon L. Langer, JD '79; Henry Latimer, JD '73; and Harold G. Melville, JD '72. New Florida Bar President Miles McGrane III is an adjunct professor at the Law School.

Past presidents of the Florida Bar include UM Law alumni Tod N. Aronovitz, JD '74 (2002-03); Edith G. Osman, JD '83 (1999-2000); Samuel S. Smith, JD '60 (1981-82); Edward J. Atkins, JD '51 (1976-77); and Burton Young, JD '50 (1970-71).



L. to R., Mary Alice Rowley, wife of Charles S. Rowley, Jr., JD '93; James Kunick, JD '93; Michael Weinstein, JD '93; Charles Kyriazos, JD '93; Vincent Chen, JD '93; Margaret Haley, JD '93; Kenneth L. Valentini, JD '93; and Director of Student Recruiting Therese Lambert at the Nov. 14 Hausler Bust Unveiling kicking off Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2003.

Heckerling Reception Honors Adjunct Faculty

On January 7, alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the Law School gathered at the Fontainebleu Hotel in Miami Beach for the annual alumni reception during the Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning's week-long conference. Tina Portuondo,



L. to R., Tina Portuondo, director of the Heckerling Institute and Graduate Program in Estate Planning, Dean Dennis Lynch, and Ruth Heckerling.

director of the Heckerling Institute and Graduate Program in Estate Planning, and Dean Dennis Lynch honored Ruth Heckerling, wife of the late Phillip Heckerling, and UM Law's adjunct faculty.



L. to R., Barbara Perez, JD '93; Ruth Heckerling; Debbie Koch, Gibraltar Bank representative; and Dean of Students Jeannette Hausler.



Dean Dennis Lynch, left, Tina Portuondo, fourth from left, and Ruth Heckerling, center, with members of the honored UM Law adjunct faculty.

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For further information, contact the CLE office at 305-284-6276

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Contact Tania Armellino at

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April 2, 2004

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Contact Jennifer Margolis at

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14th Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop

June 3-4, 2004

University of Miami School of Law

16th Institute on Real Property & 29th Institute on Condominium and Cluster Development

October 27-29, 2004

Radisson Hotel Miami

Florida Bar Pro Bono Service Awards

Nancy W. Gregoire, JD '84, and Robert C. Meyer, JD '83, LLM '84, LLMT '85, were among The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Award recipients presented on January 29, 2004, by the Supreme Court of Florida.

The Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award Law Firm Commendation was presented by Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead to the Miami law firm of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A., in recognition of the firm's "significant contribution in the delivery of legal services to individuals

or groups on a pro bono basis." Representing the law firm at the ceremony were Honorary Alumnus John W. Kozyak, Harley S. Tropin, JD '77, Laurel M. Isicoff, JD '82, and Tucker Ronzetti, JD '92.

The Law Firm Commendation is not an annual award, making this presentation especially meaningful. KT&T was founded 21 years ago and since that time has grown from three to 18 attorneys, all of whom have a long-standing commitment to pro bono legal service and community involvement.

Faculty News

UM Welcomes New Faculty

The School of Law welcomes the following new faculty members to the University:

Ricardo J. Bascuas, Associate Professor of Law, received his B.S. from the University of Miami in 1993 and his J.D. from the Yale Law School in 1996. For the three years prior to his joining the School of Law faculty, Professor Bascuas was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Miami, representing indigent defendants at both the trial and appellate levels. Professor Bascuas began his law career practicing civil and criminal law in Miami as an associate at Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP. After three years, he left the firm to clerk for United States District Judge Adalberto Jordan. Professor Bascuas teaches in the areas of evidence, procedure, and criminal law.

Bascuas commented, "Having done my undergraduate studies at the University of Miami, I feel a special attachment to UM and am exceptionally gratified to be able to pursue my career here."

Terri James, Associate Professor of Law, graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 1992, where she was a member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. After graduating, she was a litigation associate with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York, and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Los Angeles. She served as a Fellowship Attorney with the Center for Reproductive Law & Policy from 1993-94 and as a Kennedy-Coleman Fellow with the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU from 1994-95. From 2000-03, she was Counsel for Theatrical Production at the Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, where she drafted and negotiated contracts for motion pictures in development and production, and provided advice on legal issues arising from scripts, trailers, and advertisements. Professor James teaches contracts, entertainment law, and advanced torts.

Faculty News and Notes

Law School faculty members continue to be recognized for their cutting-edge scholarship and service. Some of their activities, awards and honors are summarized here. For more information, please go to www.law.miami.edu where more news items and individual faculty pages can be accessed.

Professor Bernard H. Oxman, one of the nation's foremost experts on the law of the sea, was elected co-Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of International Law*, along with Professor Lori Fisler Damrosch of Columbia Law School. The *AJIL* is the premier scholarly journal of international law in the world. Professor Oxman's election to a five-year term as Editor reflects the high esteem in which academics and practitioners in international law hold his work.



Professor Oxman was also appointed by the Government of Singapore as Judge ad hoc of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in connection with proceedings concerning land reclamation activities in and around the Straits of Johor, making him the first American to serve on the Tribunal. This is also the first time that two members of the same faculty served together on the Tribunal, as one of the elected members, Judge Hugo Caminos of Argentina, teaches at the Law School each spring.

Professor Marc Fajer has been selected by the University's Faculty Senate for its Outstanding Teaching Award. His selection as the recipient of this award, alone among all University faculty, confirms that Professor Fajer is a superb teacher who consistently engages his students in a challenging and rewarding experience. The award and a monetary prize were presented at a ceremony on January 30, 2004.



Professor Elizabeth Iglesias, co-director of the Law School's Center for Hispanic and Caribbean Studies and a leading theorist of Lat-Crit studies, received the Haywood Burns/Shanara Gilbert Award at the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference at St. Johns University School of Law. The award is given annually to an activist law professor whose professional activities exemplify those of Haywood Burns and Shanara Gilbert, dedicated members of the CUNY faculty who died while working on a new constitution in South Africa.



Professor Bruce Winick, nationally recognized for his work on therapeutic jurisprudence, has received the University of Miami Vice President's Award for Service 2002-03 "for improving the quality of life in the Greater Miami Community."

Among his many professional activities, during the summer Professor Winick gave a presentation on Therapeutic Jurisprudence in Wheeling, West Virginia, as part of a program "Introducing West Virginia's Mental Health Courts Program." Last spring he delivered a lecture on "Informed Consent as a Therapeutic Opportunity" at Kumamoto University School of Medicine in Japan. Professor Winick's most recent book is *Judging in a Therapeutic Key: Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the Courts* (2003).

Professor Mary Coombs, an expert in family law and international criminal law, has been elected Chair of the University's Faculty Senate for 2003-04.

Professor Michael Fromkin, internationally recognized authority on Internet commerce and privacy issues, has been appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to a committee on privacy and court records. He also published a major piece on the Internet titled "*Habermas@Discourse.net: Toward a Critical Theory of Cyberspace*" in the January 2003 issue of the *Harvard Law Review*.



Annual Boyer Real Property Institutes Generate Income for UM Law

The annual Ralph E. Boyer Real Property Institutes presented by the University of Miami School of Law and its Continuing Legal Education Center are the premiere real property seminars in Florida. The recent Sixteenth Institute

on Real Property Law and Twenty-Eighth Institute on Condominium and Cluster Developments in October 2003 was especially successful, attracting over 300 attendees from around the state and generating proceeds for the Law School.

The Boyer Institutes were created by the late UM Law Professor Ralph E. Boyer, renowned authority and author of casebooks on real property. In addition to inspiring hundreds of law students as a teacher during his long career at UM Law, Professor Boyer devoted his energy and efforts to establishing the Boyer Institutes as the premiere seminar of its kind in the state.



Professor Ralph Boyer, 1980

From his days as a student and teaching assistant in Professor Boyer's classes, William P. Sklar, JD '80, now a partner with Foley & Lardner in West Palm Beach, served as assistant director, and, since Boyer's retirement, director of the Institutes. He is the guiding force behind the seminars who devotes hundreds of otherwise-billable hours each year to selecting current "hot" topics for the seminars, inviting speakers, assembling panels and presentations, developing and overseeing conference materials, budgeting, marketing, and running the three-day Institutes on-site in Miami. Sklar, a recognized authority in condominium law, persuades Florida regulators to attend the Institutes to discuss cutting-edge topics of interest to practitioners. Sklar was recently appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to chair a statewide commission to hold public hearings and offer guidance on issues involving condominium owner associations.



William Sklar, 1980

Bill Sklar works throughout the year with his blue-ribbon Advisory Committee to develop and present the annual Boyer Institutes. Following the death of Professor Boyer in 2001, Bill Sklar and several colleagues proposed to raise funds for a Law School student scholarship named in honor of Professor Boyer. Volunteers for the funding committee are Chair, Bill Sklar; Douglas Bischoff, director of UM Law's Graduate Program in Real Property Development; Bruce Gorland, partner at Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell, P.A.; Tom Eagan, partner at Steel Hector & Davis LL.P.; and Gary Poliakoff, partner at Beck & Poliakoff, P.A. Dean Dennis Lynch authorized the transfer of proceeds generated by the Boyer Institutes in 2001 to help kick off the scholarship funding effort.

To make a gift or pledge to this important commemorative scholarship, please contact any member of the Boyer Scholarship Funding Committee named above, or the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations at 305-284-6470.

Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop Proceeds Fund Phillips Scholarship

In June 2003, the two-day Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop completed its thirteenth consecutive year of providing bankruptcy skills training for lawyers, paralegals, and other professionals at the Law School. The event was established in 1992 by the Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida to provide continuing legal education for practitioners and to generate proceeds to help fund the Louis Phillips Scholarship at the Law School. Each year dozens of attorneys and other professionals spend hours preparing course content and materials for the workshop,



Barbara Phillips

which offers Continuing Legal Education credits granted by the Florida Bar.

The Steering Committee devotes several months each year to devising program topics of current interest, assembling panels of practitioners, arranging for the participation of U.S. Bankruptcy Judges and others as speakers, budgeting, marketing, and running the Workshop on-site at the Law School. Their only compensation is the satisfaction of creating a highly professional event that supports the Louis Phillips Scholarship at the Law School.

The Law School is grateful for the continuing support of the Steering Committee and countless volunteers who make this event a success each year. Members of the

Steering Committee are: The Honorable A. Jay Cristol, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Emeritus, Southern District of Florida; Douglas J. Snyder, Program Co-Chair; Jerry M. Markowitz, Program Co-Chair; and Barbara L. Phillips, Program Co-Chair, for whose father this scholarship fund is named.

The Fourteenth Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop will be held at UM Law in June 2004. For information about attending the Workshop, or to volunteer your assistance, call the Continuing Legal Education Center at 305-284-6276. If you wish to make a pledge or gift to the Louis Phillips Scholarship, contact the Law Development and Alumni Relations Office at 305-284-6470.



Class Notes

Class of 1954

F. STEWART ELLIOTT resides in Bel Air, Maryland, after retiring from an active legal career spanning 34 years involving government contracts. He



formerly served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Ohio, as a city prosecutor for the city of Lima, Ohio, as attorney-advisor for the Office of Solicitor in the Procurement Law division of the Department of the Interior in Washington, as attorney-advisor for the Office of General Counsel Procurement and Financial Incentive division of the Department of Energy in Washington, as attorney-advisor for the Staff Judge Advocate Office, USAF at Eglin AFB, Florida, as attorney advisor for the Chief Counsel, Staff Judge Advocate Office, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and as adjunct instructor of law at the University of Virginia, Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church. He also taught short courses at Harvard Law School, Washington & Lee Law School, and the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He received an LL.M. from George Washington University in 1978.

Class of 1956

EDWARD FARLEY, of Sebring, died on March 31, 2002, in Boca Raton. He was a former assistant county attorney for Broward County and retired from Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation. Most recently he was associated with Highlands Abstract and Title Company in Sebring. Farley is the grandfather of ELIZA-

BETH ANNE SWINSON, JD '02, former goalie for the Hurricanes Soccer Team.

PAUL M. LOW resides in Dallas, Texas.



JAMES H. NANCE just returned from western Tanzania on a hunting expedition and reports, "That was one hell of a trip as evidenced by the first hour of the first day when we killed a black mombo which is one of the world's most poisonous snakes measuring 9 1/2 feet in length." Along with the lion is pictured Nance's son, Jonas, Nance with his UM cap, and Craig Milner, Nance's professional hunter.

Class of 1964

MARTIN E. SEGAL, lecturer in business law at the School of Business Administration, has authored a new book titled, *The Business Law Survival Guide - Defusing 101 Legal Time Bombs That Can Sabotage a Commercial Transaction*. It presents an anticipatory thinking approach to preventive legal risk management in contracts and sales, through text analysis and case examples.

Class of 1965

BENNETT BRUMMER received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) South Florida, which is widely respected for its work with the mentally challenged and individuals



with other developmental disabilities. Brummer established the first specialized civil mental health unit in a Florida public defender's office to represent clients who were facing civil commitment due to mental illness, mental retardation or autism. He placed attorneys in that unit on long-term assignments, and on the basis of the attorneys' particular interest and expertise in mental health law. Early in Brummer's career he assigned professional support staff who could assist attorneys in developing alternative sentences and advocating for clients who have disabilities such as mental retardation, mental illness, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders. During the 1990s, Brummer established the Public Defender's Anti-Violence Initiative, a more formalized version of his holistic approach to traditional criminal defense representation. Its objectives include improving identification, preventing and treating the ills that lead to criminal behavior, increasing reliance on research based and proven treatment programs and increasing awareness in the community of the cost-effectiveness of using scientifically proven programs that work.

RICHARD N. FRIEDMAN, practicing in Miami and popularly known as "The Singing Attorney," is an acclaimed performer of the National Anthem which he has sung at numerous sports events (e.g., Miami Dolphins

football, Florida Panthers hockey, UM baseball and basketball, FAU football, Gulfstream and Hialeah race tracks, Miccosukee boxing) and special events (e.g., Florida Democratic Party Convention and Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner, American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony). He has also been the featured singer at numerous concerts, charity and social functions, and on television and radio. Recently Friedman produced his third music album, consisting of Broadway's greatest show tunes.

Class of 1967

NEAL R. SONNETT recently led an ABA panel on enemy combatants that called on Congress and the White House to ensure that all defendants before military tribunals have adequate access to civilian lawyers. Sonnett commented, "We must defend those whom we dislike or even despise. The world will be watching us."

Class of 1969

BOB BUTTERWORTH was recently appointed by Presiding Msgr. Franklyn Casale as Dean of St. Thomas University School of Law. Butterworth served as a senior judge for the state of Florida, appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to preside in all judicial circuits and District Court of Appeals. He was elected as Florida's attorney general for four consecutive terms, and in addition to his 34-year legal career, he received numerous awards from environmental, conservation, victim, law enforcement, civic and fraternal organizations and has been a member of numerous state commissions covering issues from land use to education to the environment.



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Class of 1970

ROY BLACK is a legal analyst for NBC News, MSNBC, and CNBC, and a founding partner of the Miami-based law firm of Black, Srebnick,



Kornspan & Stumpf, P.A., which focuses on criminal defense and civil litigation matters. Black is one of the nation's premier trial lawyers and is well known for his successful defense of William Kennedy Smith.

GEORGE (Rocky) HARPER, **JAMES MEYER**, JD '89, and **Manuel Perez** announce the formation of their own law firm known as Harper Meyer & Perez, LLP. Harper, recognized as a leading attorney in the field of Latin American-U.S. business transactions, is a former chairman of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar and is presently a council member of the Inter-American Bar Association and a member of the ABA Advisory Council to the Latin American Law Initiative. Harper and Meyer, whose practice centers on international corporate and business transactions, have practiced together since 1989, at Steel Hector & Davis, Kilpatrick & Lockhart, and originally at Paul, Landy, Bailey & Harper, widely recognized as the firm that pioneered much of what is the international practice of law in South Florida. Perez joined them in 1999 after serving as counsel to one of the nation's largest home builders, and has since been engaged in complex multinational commercial transactions while maintaining an active real estate practice.

CHARLIE SHUFFIELD (LL.M.—Taxation), founder and head of the commercial section of Zimmerman, Shuffield, Kiser & Sutcliffe, P.A., served as 2003 president of the Orlando



Union Rescue Mission and as president-elect of the Rotary Club of Orlando. He has practiced law in Orlando for 33 years, previously served on the Rescue Mission's board of directors, and was vice president in 2002. Shuffield practices in the areas of corporate law, banking, taxation, estate planning and wealth management. He is a member of the Florida and Tennessee Bar Associations, past president of the Central Florida Estate Planning Council and on the board of the Committee of 100. In addition to civic work with the Rescue Mission and Downtown Rotary, Shuffield has also served as president and director of numerous other charitable and community organizations.

STEVE WISOTSKY, professor of law at Nova Southeastern University, has joined Zuckerman Spaeder L.L.P. as appellate counsel. In October, his treatise, "Professional Judgment on Appeal," was published. He resides in Miami.

Class of 1972

ALAN GOLDFARB, the founding partner of the Miami law firm of Goldfarb, Gold, Gonzalez & Wald, P.A., was a speaker at the Auto Insurance Law and Accident Litigation in Florida seminar in October. Goldfarb concentrates in representing victims of serious and catastrophic injuries,

products liability, including vehicle roll-over, wrongful death and medical malpractice. He has been a frequent lecturer on topics including trial tactics, demonstrative evidence, and ethical considerations in personal injury practice. He is a charter member of the Miami branch of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Dade County Trial Lawyers Association, Dade County and American Bar Associations, the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Law and Leading Attorneys, and EAGLE. Goldfarb was recently recognized by *South Florida Legal Guide* in its 2004 edition among the top 250 attorneys in South Florida, and the firm was recognized as one of South Florida's top firms for the fourth consecutive year.

The Honorable **DAVID KRATHEN** was elected in the fall of 2002 for a six-year term as circuit court judge in Broward County and was assigned to the civil division. On May 18, 2003, Judge Krathen participated in the UM Law Commencement Ceremony, hooding his daughter **STEFANIE KRATHEN**. He celebrated his 30th anniversary with his wife, Fran, in October. Krathen has three children: one a doctor, one a lawyer, and one in medical school.

Class of 1973



NORMAN LEOPOLD (LL.M.—Taxation, '76), a partner in the Aventura firm of Leopold, Korn & Leopold, P.A., was appointed chairman to the board of trustees of the Aventura

Hospital and Medical Center. Recently, Leopold was re-elected president of the Southeast Council for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). He is also a member of the National UAHC Board and has served on the national executive committee for the past six years. He also served as president of the Miami-Dade County Association of Reform temples and is past president of Temple Sinai in North Miami Beach.

RONALD M. SIMON, a speaker at the Auto Insurance Law and Accident Litigation in Florida seminar, is a senior partner at the Miami law firm of Simon & Nelson where his practice is limited to plaintiff's personal injury and wrongful death trial practice. Simon is a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, the Supreme Court of Florida, Southern District Court of Florida, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Judicial District, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Judicial District, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Judicial District, The Florida Bar, the American Bar Association and the U.S. Registry's Who's Who in America. He has lectured and hosted a number of seminars on trial practice.

Class of 1974

ROYANNE CHIPPS BAILEY received a master of arts degree in the history of decorative arts from the Parsons School of Design with the Smithsonian Associates in May 2003. She attended the two-year program part-time after retiring as an associate counsel with the Office of General Counsel of the Navy in 1998. Student projects included researching



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carpet design for Mount Vernon's west parlor. The new floor covering was custom-ordered from England—possibly from the same factory where the missing original one was made in 1797—and installed last fall. She has presented papers at the Historical Society of Newport (RI) County and at the Smithsonian.

THOMAS HIRSH, first vice president/counsel of LaSalle Business Credit, finished his third marathon in 2002 and walked away with his future wife, Sandra Crosby. Hirsh met her the previous year on the bus that goes to and from the Health and Fitness Expo. They became acquainted on the bus, and ended up running the race together. On October 13, 2002, Tom and Sandra completed the 25th Anniversary LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon in just over five hours. They married on November 14 in Toronto and honeymooned in Paris.

JERRY M. MARKOWITZ, one of the founding shareholders of the law firm of Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A., is a member of the board of directors of the UM Law Alumni Association. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Annual Bankruptcy Skills Workshop held at UM Law for the past 13 years. A frequent speaker and community leader, Markowitz is one of South Florida's leading business and bankruptcy reorganization law practitioners. His practice concentrates in the areas of creditors and debtor rights, including workouts, bankruptcy, asset recovery, insolvency, receiverships, reorganizations, restructuring and mediation. *South Florida Legal Guide* recently named the firm as one of the top 100 law firms in South Florida, and Markowitz was also named among the top 250 attorneys.

Markowitz is a resident of South Miami.

Class of 1975

DENNIS CURRAN, senior vice president and general counsel for the National Football League, was elected to the board of directors of the Sports Lawyers Association. Curran works at the NFL offices in Manhattan and resides in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. On May 18, 2003, he participated in the UM Law Hooding Ceremony as he hooded his son, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL CURRAN, JD '03.

CHRISTINE HALL, former editor-in-chief of the *Barrister* (1973-75), has moved to Washington, D.C., where she is working on her master's degree in library science at the Catholic University of America. She practiced bankruptcy law in Fort Lauderdale for 27 years and was a visiting professor of legal research and writing at Nova Southeastern University.

The Honorable JAMES R. WOLF, of Florida's First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee, began a two-year term as Chief Judge of that court in July.

Class of 1976

BRUCE P. McMORAN, of the Tinton Falls firm of McMoran & O'Connor, P.C., has been named by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine as one of the best lawyers in New Jersey. The firm concentrates its practice in labor and employment law and has achieved a number of significant court victories. McMoran resides in Sea Girt, New Jersey, and is one of only five Monmouth county attorneys on the best lawyers list.

THOMAS RINGEL, one of the founding shareholders of the law firm of Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A., is one of Miami's foremost real estate attorneys. *South Florida Legal Guide* recently named the firm as one of the top 100 law firms in South Florida, and Ringel was also named among the top 250 attorneys. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the UM Law Alumni Association. He has performed countless residential and commercial real estate closings over the last 25 years in the Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, Kendall, South Miami and Coral Gables areas. Ringel is a resident of Palmetto Bay.

Class of 1978

JANICE M. FLEISCHER has dedicated her full time practice to conflict prevention and resolution activities since the early 1990s. She was the director of the Hurricane Andrew Pro Bono Project and the Pro Se Family Mediation Project, two separate grant programs directed at providing assistance to poverty level and near poverty level families, both of which took place between 1992 and 1995. After concluding her work with the projects, Fleischer became the South Florida office coordinator for the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium, a state office dedicated to public policy facilitation, mediation and conflict prevention processes. In January 2001, Fleischer joined the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) to start a new program assisting multiparty groups with issues related to public policy, the environment and land use. Currently, Fleischer is the program manager at the Institute for Community Collaboration,

Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation under the umbrella of the SFRPC dedicated to the provision of public policy agenda design, collaborative process, facilitation, consensus building and mediation. She shares her life with her son, Jacob, 17, her daughter, Jennifer, 32, her son-in-law, Chris Mullen, David Trench (her husband equivalent), and his two sons, Alex, 18, and Andrew, 21.

DAVID H. GOLD practices in the firm of Goldfarb, Gold, Gonzalez & Wald, P.A., with offices in Miami and Boca Raton. Gold was recently recognized by *South Florida Legal Guide* in its 2004 edition among the top 250 attorneys in South Florida, and the firm was recognized as one of South Florida's top firms for the fourth consecutive year. His son, Phil Gold, is currently a 1L at UM Law.

ROBERT NOVACK, the partner-in-charge of the Short Hills office of the law firm of Edwards & Angell, has been named among the "top lawyers" in New Jersey by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine. Of the 70,000 attorneys admitted to practice in New Jersey, Novack was among the 335 top lawyers listed by the magazine across 24 practice specialties.

Class of 1979

HOWARD A. KUSNICK (LL.M.), of Howard A. Kusnick, P.A., has been appointed vice chair of the Broward Alliance, the economic development organization of Broward County. Kusnick was honored by the Greater Sunrise Chamber of Commerce with its first Lifetime Achievement Award for service to the Sunrise/Broward County community.



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PATRICIA A. REDMOND was honored by the students of UM Law with the Richard A. Hausler Golden Apple Award for outstanding professor of the year, 2002-03. As adjunct professor at UM Law where she teaches bankruptcy, she also led the 2003 UM Law team to a first-place win at the ABI Competition in New York. Previously, Redmond was recognized for over 300 hours of pro bono work each year through the "Put Something Back" service group that is sponsored by the Dade County Bar Association and the 11th Judicial Circuit. Among her many accomplishments, Redmond also helped to establish a bankruptcy assistance clinic at St. Thomas University School of Law, and Roger Williams University School of Law in Providence, R.I., has created a similar clinic after Redmond's model. She is a shareholder at Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff and Sitterson, where she specializes in bankruptcy and insolvency law.

Class of 1981

RICHARD M. BEZOLD, shareholder in the Miami office of Akerman Senterfit, announced the formation of the firm's indoor environmental group, comprised of 35 attorneys from several of the firm's practices. The multidisciplinary group will represent builders, contractors, developers, insurance carriers, homeowner associations and owners in a variety of indoor air quality, environmental and related construction matters. Bezold will head the new group.

BRIAN L. DAVIDOFF practices in the Los Angeles firm of Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff. Davidoff and his partners concentrate their

practice in areas including corporate and securities law, partnership law, employment law, real estate transactions and finance, intellectual property and technology law, family law, business and real estate litigation, alternative dispute resolution, bankruptcy, environmental law, entertainment law, aircraft finance, estate planning for individuals and business planning for closely held businesses. The firm is located in the Century City business district of Los Angeles.

DAVID L. KREIDER, a fluent Mandarin Chinese speaker, has been living in Hong Kong since 1995. Admitted to practice in Hong Kong, and several other jurisdictions, Kreider is the general counsel at China Mobile (Hong Kong) Ltd., Mainland China's leading mobile telecommunications operator and premier New York Stock Exchange listed public company. China Mobile is the world's largest mobile telecommunications company, with more than 120 million customers (NYSE trading symbol "CHL"). "Mine is a unique situation," he says. "There are very few non-Chinese lawyers working in-house at major Chinese companies. In fact, I am the only non-Chinese employed by China Mobile, a company with 60,000 employees operating through 21 subsidiary companies across China. As part of the core team here in Hong Kong, together we have raised nearly US\$15 billion through various global equity and debt offerings to fund the Company's expansion through acquisitions of mobile telecommunications assets in Mainland China."

"Meetings, contract and special project negotiations, due diligence activities are more often than not conducted entirely in Chinese, and the bulk of the documentation is in

Chinese, so my Chinese language and my legal skills get quite a workout here. China Mobile had only about 9 million mobile telephone customers when I joined the company. As we grow, we must continue to ensure at all times that we satisfy the requirements of the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and U.S. regulatory and other authorities. Competition is intensifying within the Chinese telecommunications market. It is a fast-paced industry, operating in the world's fastest growing economy. Working in a Chinese environment adds extra layers of complexity, but it also keeps things interesting.

"Traveling throughout Mainland China with my colleagues is certainly one of the highlights of the job," David explained. "The Chinese are warm and hospitable hosts, and treat 'foreign guests' like myself exceptionally well, and whoever coined the stereotype of Chinese lacking a sense of humor—well, that person just couldn't have been more wrong."

As for life in the "Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" (SAR) after the June 30, 1997 British "hand-over" of its former colony to the People's Republic of China, David comments, "I have observed a great many changes at many different levels, as China increasingly influences decision making here, few of which would be apparent to the casual tourist. But with its superb infrastructure, strategic location and multicultural environment, for those of us focused on China—this is the place to be."

KATHRYN A. PIDGEON, residing in Phoenix, Arizona, specializes in adoption law. She and husband Steve have three boys—Tyler, Greg and Austin. They all cheered on



KATHRYN A. PIDGEON

the Hurricanes at the Fiesta Bowl in January 2003.

JONATHAN K. WALDRON specializes in maritime, international and environmental law with the Washington office of Blank Rome LLP, as chair of the firm's maritime group. His practice involves all aspects of marine transportation regulatory and environmental compliance matters, and he regularly counsels and represents clients in matters involving legislative and regulatory affairs related to vessel and facility operations, security, pollution, coastwise trade and criminal defense matters. Waldron is a member of the Maritime Law Association and frequently speaks and writes on matters related to his practice areas. He participated in the New Operators Seminar at the Ferries 2003 Presentation Program on November 12-14, 2003, in Fort Lauderdale.

Class of 1982

DAVID L. DEEHL ran and completed another 26.2 mile marathon, a decade after his last one (London) to prove that he can finish without enough training. He reports: "The Disney Marathon started at Epcot at 6 a.m. It was around 40 degrees, so I dressed warmly. They had you walk a couple of miles to get to the starting area. This race was the first marathon where I started at the very back of the pack of 16,000 marathoners. It took me over a half hour to reach mile 2. We first walked and ran, and it was so crowded



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there was not much you could do about it to run your own pace. I tried running on the road's shoulder, but the grass surface was uneven, so I went back into the slow-moving pack on the pavement. Later, I tried weaving through the crown to speed up. It ran through Epcot, Magic Kingdom, by the sewage treatment facility, Animal Kingdom, near some sports complex, through MGM and back through Epcot to finish. My legs hurt pretty badly, but I kept going. Then, you have to walk close to a mile after the finish to get to a bus back to the hotel where we (American Heart Assoc. Team in Training to End Stroke) stayed, the Animal Kingdom Lodge (nice to see the wild animals out of your room's window). That was not a fun walk. It feels good to finish, as was my goal. But my legs do not feel too swell (they do feel swollen) today!"

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

SPENCER LEVINE was recently named senior chief assistant attorney general in charge of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for South Florida. He is in charge of a staff of over 70, including attorneys, investigators, and analysts, whose responsibility is to investigate and prosecute criminal and civil violations of Medicaid fraud, as well as

abuse and neglect in nursing homes and long term care facilities. He also was recently named commission attorney to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, which regulates certification, discipline, and training matters for law enforcement. He previously was general counsel to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and chief of the Organized Crime and Official Corruption Division, as well as chief of the Major Crimes/Economic Crimes Division for the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office.

THANE ROSENBAUM has written a book, *The Myth of Moral Justice*, and will be presenting a reading at Books & Books in Coral Gables in late April 2004. It is the first nonfiction book he has written. Thane has also written several articles and commentaries

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STEVEN P. BEFERA, the founding partner of the law firm of Befera & Peterson, was a speaker at the Auto Insurance Law and Accident Litigation in Florida seminar this past October. With his firm based in Coral Gables and Key West, he services clients in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe counties. Befera practices general civil litigation, including commercial litigation and complex multiple party cases in state and federal court. He served as editor-in-chief of the *Dade County Bar Bulletin* from 1994 to 1996 and was named outstanding committee chairman of the Dade County Bar Association in 1996. Since 1994 he has served as adjunct professor of civil litigation skills at UM Law.

JAMIE COLBY, a CNN correspondent based in CNN's New York bureau, covers regional assignments and general news. Before joining CNN in January 2003, Colby frequently anchored the CBS overnight news program, *Up to the Minute*, and was a financial news anchor and reporter for CBS *Market-watch*. She also reported for CBS *Evening News Weekend Edition*. She has received several prestigious awards during her career, including the Gracie Allen Award as well as the National Edward R. Murrow Award for her reporting of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and a Clarion Award for her report on post traumatic stress disorder after those attacks.

VALERIE JAHN GRANDIN moved to Winter Park, Florida, where she carries on her family traditions with husband Dean and daughters Chloe and Chrissy. In November, Valerie gave the Homecoming remarks as the speaker for the honored Class of 1983.

DARRYL B. KOGAN, a shareholder in Kogan & DiSalvo, P.A., was installed as president of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. He has been rated AV by Martindale Hubbell and is a Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney who limits his practice to personal injury and wrongful death cases.

JEFFREY A. O'KEEFE was killed instantly in a traffic accident on August 4, 2000, and in his memory his parents, Augustine and Edith O'Keefe, presented an award last spring to an outstanding Law School graduate from the Class of 2003. Jeffrey was a successful attorney for the firm of Heinrich, Gordon, Hargrove, Weihe and James in Fort Lauderdale.

SCOTT SARASON has been named managing partner of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, where he works in the Miami office and will be overseeing all of the firm's administrative responsibilities. He joined the firm in 1987 and practices in the areas of products liability, general insurance and admiralty law. Sarason is active in the Dade County Bar Association and is a member of the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute and the Florida Defense Lawyers Association.

Class of 1984

SPIROS V. BAZINAS, senior legal officer of the International Trade Law Branch of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, has completed nearly 15 years of service. He serves as secretary of the UNCITRAL Working Group VI (security interests) and has prepared legislative guides on secured transactions. Every year Bazinas travels all over the world lecturing on UNCITRAL topics, which include international sales, arbitration, electronic commerce and insolvency law.

IAN M. COMISKY (LL.M.—Taxation), chair of committee on special projects in the ABA section of taxation, is a partner in the commercial litigation group of Blank Rome LLP. Comisky is a co-author of the two volume treatise, *Tax Fraud and Evasion*, and concentrates his practice in the areas of white collar criminal defense, criminal and civil tax litigation, and commercial litigation including securities, and accountant and attorney malpractice litigation. He is a former assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida and practices in the Philadelphia and Boca Raton offices of the firm. Comisky is co-chair of the firm's White Collar, Internal and Government Investigations Group and



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moderated the program, Guidelines under Attack—The Patriot Act, on December 10, 2003. The program is presented by the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, Section of Taxation.

JERALD M. GOODMAN, a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, recently joined the Philadelphia-based firm in September after his 17-year career with the national law firm Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. His practice focuses on real estate, particularly land use, real estate development, retail and commercial leasing. He also handles national real estate secured financing for lenders, in addition to working with Drinker's significant Pennsylvania and New Jersey developer retail tenant clients. Goodman has significant experience in drafting and negotiating retail, commercial and office leases, and has represented numerous clients involved in land use development and permitting issues. He also has years of experience in helping clients through the municipal permitting process for real estate. Goodman is a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Florida Bar Association, and the Philadelphia Bar Association. He was a contributing author to the *Real Estate Systems Manual* published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and has lectured at seminars on many topics.

JOANNE HARVEST KOREN was named vice-chair of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and was recently appointed to the board of directors of Suited for Success. She is also director of the Academic Achievement Program, an academic support program she created at UM Law in 1994, and serves on the executive board of the American Association of Law

Schools (AALS) Section on Academic Support.

DIANA SANTA MARIA, managing partner of the Law Offices of Diana Santa Maria, P.A., spoke on the topic of "Direct Examination of the Lay Witness" on August 22, 2003 at the A.J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute Seminar in Orlando. She also spoke on "Trial of the Soft Tissue Case" for the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers in Fort Lauderdale. Santa Maria participated in the Florida Association of Women Lawyer's CLE program, "Managing Your Own Law Practice," as a panel/speaker at the Hyatt Regency in Miami. Her firm, which specializes in all areas of personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice, is based in Fort Lauderdale. She also serves on the board of directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers and is a trustee for the Florida Lawyers Action Group (FLA.G.).

WILLIAM P. VANDER WYDEN, III, associate dean of students at UM Law, is always looking for UM Law alumni to participate in Partnership for Professionalism, the roundtable dinner meetings held each spring and fall, where judges and attorneys meet with students to discuss issues of ethics, professionalism and civility. Those interested should contact him directly: wvander@law.miami.edu

Class of 1985

JODY COLLINS has joined the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., in the firm's litigation and bankruptcy practice groups. A former senior assistant attorney

general with the Economic Crimes Division of the Florida Attorney General's Office for 14 years, Collins serves in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office where she concentrates her practice in complex civil litigation, distressed situations and the representation of clients in actions brought by government agencies. Collins is an accomplished speaker and has served as a faculty member of the NITA Deposition Training Seminars since 1997, a CLE lecturer for the Consumer Protection Law Seminar, and a lecturer for the Dade County Bar "Put Something Back" seminars.

ERVIN A. GONZALEZ, a member of the board of trustees of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), is a partner with Colson Hicks Eidson et al. in Coral Gables. He is certified as a specialist in civil trial law (personal injury and wrongful death cases) and business litigation law by The Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Gonzalez currently holds seat three of the 11th Circuit of The Florida Bar Board of Governors. He is past president of the Dade County Bar Association, past president of the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association, and former director of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, and is currently a member of the Academy's Environmental Law Section. He also serves as a member and subcommittee chairman for the Florida Bar's Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure. Gonzalez is an adjunct professor at UM Law in the trial skills litigation program and has published various articles and books on civil litigation. He is a frequent lecturer for the American Bar Association, Academy of Florida Trial

Lawyers, The Florida Bar, The Dade County Trial Lawyers, UM Law, and other bar associations.

MICHAEL J. HIGER, of Mintz, Truppman, Clein & Higer, P.A., has been reappointed by the chief judge of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, to serve on the ad hoc committee on attorney admissions, peer review and judicial grievance, and he also serves on the ad hoc committee on rules and procedure for the Southern District of Florida.

DAVID JOVE serves as city attorney for the city of Hallandale Beach, Florida.

RAQUEL "Rocky" A. RODRIGUEZ is general counsel to Gov. Jeb Bush. She is an international business litigator and former shareholder with the Miami-based firm of Greenberg Traurig. As the governor's general counsel, she supervises attorneys throughout state agencies, advises the governor on legislation and judicial appointments, and defends the governor and executive agencies in any litigation.

Class of 1986

MICHAEL S. PERSE, a member of the law firm of Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin, P.L., was a speaker at the Advanced Judgment Enforcement in Florida seminar in October. He practices primarily in the area of general civil and commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels, with particular emphasis on insurance disputes, insurance coverage issues, bankruptcy litigation, and aviation-related matters. Perse is authorized to practice in the United States District Courts for the South-



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ern and Middle Districts of Florida and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. He is a member of the Dade County Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

SUSAN K. ROBIN was elected shareholder in the Fort Lauderdale office of Gunster Yoakley, where she is a member of the real estate department. She concentrates her practice in the areas of hotels and resorts, mixed use projects, real estate acquisitions, sales and finance, real estate development, public/private partnerships and commercial leasing. Prior to joining the firm, Robin was real estate counsel with AutoNation, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co., and practiced with Kirkpatrick & Lockhart in Miami.

JACQUELINE M. VALDESPINO received the highest public honor from the Florida Supreme Court, logging hundreds of hours working for children's causes and representing children in family court for free. Valdespino, the founding partner of Valdespino & Associates, received the Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award at a ceremony in Tallahassee on January 30. It is awarded each year to an attorney who makes exceptional contributions to the community by providing legal services to people who would otherwise not be able to afford them. She was also awarded the G. Kirk Haas Humanitarian Award at the general assembly of The Florida Bar in June 2003. This award is presented to a lawyer in Florida who possesses the ideals of serving the client without regard to reward or remuneration.

Class of 1987

JOHN J. FUMERO, general counsel of the South Florida Water Management District, resigned from his position on May 30, 2003, to enter private practice to provide strategic environmental, water and governmental affairs counsel statewide for landowners, local governments and industry associations. As general counsel, Fumero was responsible for providing legal counsel to a nine-member governor-appointed board, and for management of a 50 person in-house law office.

GUY A. RASCO is Of



Counsel in the litigation and transactional boutique firm of Devine Goodman Pallot & Wells, P.A., where he continues to specialize in complex civil, commercial and criminal litigation and asset forfeiture.

STEVE ROSSI, a board-certified criminal attorney, is legal counsel for the Broward Teachers Union (BTU), which has nearly 11,000 members. He has given various presentations and workshops on teacher liability issues. Rossi practices in the Fort Lauderdale firm of Braverman & Rossi and lives in Aventura.

Class of 1988

The Honorable MARY BARZEE was appointed judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida and commenced her duties in March 2003.

MARIAELENA GAYO-GUITIAN, a partner at Adorno & Yoss, P.A., joined the firm's Fort Lauderdale

office in November 2002 where her practice concentrates on bankruptcy, insolvency, Chapter 11 reorganization creditor representation and out-of-court workouts. She resides in Weston.

JEFF SONN is partner in the law firm of Sonn & Erez in Ft. Lauderdale and specializes in securities arbitration and litigation, representing investors against brokerage firms and public companies. He recently spoke at the 17th annual FICPA show on "Detecting Fraud in Securities Transactions" in September 2002 and also authored the article, "Survey on Arbitrator Misconduct," presented at the 9th annual Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association in October 2001. He is married to TERRI GRUMER SONN, JD '87, and has two children.

MARK A. TOBIN is a managing partner at Brigham Moore LLP and resides in Miami Beach.

Class of 1989

CHRISTINE D. HANLEY was named to the Federal Labor Standards Committee of The Florida Bar Labor and Employment Section for 2003. Hanley is board-certified in labor and employment law, and she has earned the Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) designation. Her law firm, Christine D. Hanley & Associates, was founded in 1993 in West Palm Beach and limits its practice to employment and labor law and litigation representing employers exclusively.

The Honorable CARROLL KELLY, currently assigned to the Domestic Violence Division, recently returned from the Florida Judicial College for new judges in



Tallahassee, Florida, where she was an instructor for the trial skills and domestic violence courses.

Judge Kelly will be returning to Tallahassee in March to teach Phase II of the Florida Judicial College. She will also be teaching a course on speedy trial issues for the Advanced Judicial Studies Program in May 2004.

She is also an adjunct professor in the litigation skills program at the law school.

JAMES MEYER, a partner in the law firm of Harper, Meyer & Perez LLP, is known for his work as a legal consultant to several of the world's largest general aviation manufacturers in matters concerning Latin America and the Caribbean. He also serves as outside general counsel in the U.S. for several of Latin America's most successful family-based businesses.

TILL MULLER-IBOLD was elected partner of the international law firm of Cleary Gottlieb after having joined the firm's Brussels office in 1991. His practice focuses on European trade and competition law with a special emphasis on State aid; he also practices German competition and administrative law. In the State aid field, he has advised in high-profile cases such as the London Underground State aid investigation, the privatization of the German Railway Worker Housing Estate and the largest ever project finance investment in former East Germany, the Stendal pulp mill project. In the trade area, he recently advised Ispat, Siderar and Kobe Steel on European safeguard and anti-dumping investigations over steel imports into the EU.



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Class of 1990

JODI SEITLIN was sworn in to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States on March 4, 2003. Seitlin is a life member of the Shir Li Group in the Jacksonville chapter of Hadassah and was appointed education coordinator for the Florida Central Region of Hadassah and is a former National Young Women/Young Leaders Convention recipient. She resides in St. Augustine and practices child welfare litigation with the Department of Children and Families Child Welfare Legal Services. Jodi is reaching out to Jewish women attorneys to join Hadassah's national attorneys councils and invites Hadassah associates who are lawyers to email her: Jodi_Seitlin@dcf.state.fl.us

Class of 1991

GLORETTA HANKINS HALL, a partner in the firm of Gary, Williams, Parenti, et al. of Stuart, Florida, is chair of the Board of Bar Examiners, where she will serve through October 31, 2004. The Florida Board of Bar Examiners is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Florida charged with the responsibility of enforcing the rules of the Court relating to admissions to the Bar, involving the supervision of character background investigations as well as the administration and grading of the Florida Bar Examination. Hall resides in Sewall's Pont, Florida.

ALVIN F. LINDSAY, a partner in the Miami office of Hogan & Hartson LLP, is a member of the firm's litigation group and concentrates his work on securities defense, products liability and complex commercial litigation. He played a significant role in the represen-

tation of Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris in the well-known presidential-election cases of the year 2000 and also represented the Secretary of State as lead counsel in another action.

PAUL SACKS is the managing director at Barclays Global Investors and currently resides in San Francisco with his wife and two daughters.

Class of 1992

LOURDES ALFONSIN RUIZ is assistant city attorney of Hallandale Beach, Florida.

ROBERT J. BIRCH was named president of the Morris Animal Refuge in Philadelphia. Prior to being president, Birch served as counsel to the Refuge and was a board member. He is an estates and tax attorney with the Philadelphia law firm of Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman, PC.

JOSEPH H. BOGOSIAN was appointed by President Bush and serves as a Deputy Assistant Secretary ("DAS") for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Serving in the Trade Development Bureau of the Department's International Trade Administration. As DAS, Bogosian oversees trade development and related issues for companies in the aerospace, automotive, and machinery industry sectors. He works to expand export opportunities for all U.S. companies, including large corporations, small- and medium-sized companies and women- and minority-owned enterprises. He strives to enforce the benefits negotiated under trade agreements and to oppose market-distorting tariff and non-tariff barriers to exports. DAS Bogosian advocates on behalf of U.S. industry on international trade policy issues and works with U.S. companies

to open new overseas markets and expand opportunities in existing markets. Prior to joining the Department of Commerce, Bogosian served for 12 years as a federal public affairs consultant for McGuireWoods Consulting LLC. He has represented the overseas interests of companies and entities seeking new markets in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the former Soviet Union. In addition, Bogosian has worked with foreign governments to improve their bilateral ties to the United States. His broad-based experience includes work in or for Armenia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Romania, South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam. Bogosian began his career as a legislative aide to the late-U.S. Representative James J. Howard, then chairman of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee. He also worked for Burger King Corporation, the U.S. House International Relations Committee, the Jorden Burt Law firm, The Jefferson Group, and Jefferson Waterman International. Prior to joining McGuireWoods Consulting, Bogosian founded jbstategies, a public affairs consulting firm.

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

MICHAEL HUGH JOHNSON joined the Birmingham, Alabama, consulting firm of the World Business Advisors LLC, as vice

president and principal. World Business Advisors is an affiliate of the full service law firm of Johnston, Barton, Proctor & Powell and specializes in industrial site selection for manufacturing companies focused on the automotive sector.

CHERIE R. LAZAR, an associate of the regional defense litigation law firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman &



Goggin, concentrates her practice in defending civil litigation and construction defects litigation. She joined the firm's Fort Lauderdale office in December 2002 and is licensed to practice in the state of Florida. Lazar is a member of the American, Florida State and Dade County Bar Associations, as well as the Defense Research Institute. Before joining Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, she served as an associate in the liability department of Kelley Kronenberg Gilmartin Fichtel and Wander, P.A.

GREGORY L. MAYBACK is a partner at Lerner & Greenberg, P.A., patent attorneys located in Hollywood, Florida. *Intellectual Property Today* ranks the firm number 31 on the publication's "2002 Top Patent Firms" list, making Lerner & Greenberg the most successful patent firm in Florida with respect to obtaining patents.

CHRISTOPHER MILLER was elected partner of Pepper Hamilton, LLP, where he concentrates his practice in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, securities, venture



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capital, technology law and general corporate matters. Before joining Pepper Hamilton, Miller was senior counsel with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He practices in the Berwyn, Pennsylvania, office and is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and Florida.

TUCKER RONZETTI has been named partner at the Miami firm of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A. He is currently practicing within the firm's commercial litigation group. Prior to joining the firm, he served for over seven years as an assistant county attorney for Miami-Dade County, where he litigated and advised regarding commercial, labor, employment, civil rights, personal injury defense, construction, and appellate matters. Ronzetti also clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Edward B. Davis of the Southern District of Florida. His work at Kozyak Tropin focuses on litigation involving banking and securities fraud, class action, and professional malpractice.

MARK WALLACE was named deputy campaign manager for President Bush's re-election campaign after having served with FEMA in assisting with the clean-up of the World Trade Center site.

O. OLIVER WRAGG IV has been appointed to the board of directors of the Dade County Bar Association. Wragg is also the executive editor of *The Bulletin*, the monthly publication of the



Dade County Bar Association. He opened The Law Office of O. Oliver Wragg in 1999, practicing in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, representing policyholders in disputes with insurance companies and consumer fraud. His office is located at 12000 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 609, in North Miami and he can be reached at 305-891-5199 or oliver@wragglaw.com.

Class of 1993

PAUL A. CALLI, an attorney in the Miami office of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, was appointed in September 2003 to the Florida Bar Grievance Committee 11-B for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. During his three year term, Calli will review and investigate allegations of professional misconduct filed against attorneys. Calli, who is serving his second consecutive term as an elected member of the board of directors of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Miami Chapter, focuses his practice on complex litigation and white-collar criminal defense.

FREDERICK H. HOOPS III has been elected to partnership in the Detroit firm of Clark Hill PLC, where he focuses his practice in probate and estate planning. He is a member of The Florida Bar and the State Bar of Michigan, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of Florida and the Eastern District of Michigan. His experience includes all aspects of estate planning, tax minimization, asset protection, family partnerships, limited liability companies and the probate and non-probate administration of trusts, decedents' estates, guardianships and conservatorships. He has also

settled and litigated various will and trust contests. Hoops is the co-author of *Family Estate Planning Guide*, 4th Edition, 1995, West Group; *Planning for Estates and Administration in Michigan*, 1995, West Group; *How to Build a Successful Estate Practice*, 1996, West Group; *Estate and Elder Law Advisor*, CD-ROM, 1998, West Group; and "Bringing and Defending a Will Contest in Michigan," Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law *Law Review*, 1997. Hoops has also spoken for the National Business Institute and Lorman Education Services on several occasions. He is an adjunct professor in the Master of Science in Taxation program at Walsh College, teaching income and estate planning courses.

ERIC S. LAKIND practices at Rosenthal & Weissman, in the Port St. Lucie office and has been recently board certified in Workers' Compensation Law. Lakind concentrates his practice in representing injured persons in workers' compensation matters. Prior to joining Rosenthal & Weissman, Lakind spent several years handling workers' compensation, automobile collision and personal injury cases. He has also represented persons in American with Disabilities Act claims, and with claims for disability benefits from the State of Florida Retirement System.

ANNETTE ONORATI is currently the general counsel and compliance officer for Preferred Care Partners, Inc., a state licensed Provider Sponsored Organization with a Medicare+Choice Contract.

KIRK WAGAR, founder of the Wager Law Firm in Coconut Grove, has represented only individuals, from trials in Miami-Dade County's criminal circuit for the county's Public Defenders Office, to a variety

of commercial fraud, personal injury and insurance trials. His commitment to protecting the rights of everyday citizens against government negligence and corporate greed is how he formed his law firm. He actively seeks ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974) and disability cases. Wager is active in the legal community, and over the past several years, he has held leadership positions with the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, Maximum Dance Company and the National Model United Nations. He is also an active member of the Dade County Bar Association, Dade County Trial Lawyers and Trial Lawyers for Public Justice.

Class of 1994

JASON BELL is one of six new partners at the Atlanta-based law firm Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLC, where he has extensive experience in employment, franchise and non-competition litigation.

JENNIFER BELL FISHMAN and Dr. Steven Fishman



welcomed the birth of their twins on October 16, 2002, Kassidy Bell and Jake

Matthew. The family lives in New York City and East Hampton. Prior to having the babies she was working as an attorney for Lucent Technologies and then as an actress and appeared in independent films and on soap operas including *Guiding Light* and *As the World Turns*.

ANDREW FROMAN was named a shareholder in Brown Clark Christopher & Demay, P.A., on January 1, 2003,



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where he heads the firm's labor and employment law practice. Froman currently resides in Sarasota, Florida.

LEONARD L. LOPES, formerly the legal counsel to the lieutenant governor of Rhode Island through January 2003, now serves as chief of staff to Patrick C. Lynch, attorney general of Rhode Island. The office employs 229 persons. Lopes' duties include, but are not limited to, managing the entire office as well as overseeing the legislative efforts at the State House. Additionally, he maintains a small but diverse caseload and serves on the Providence School Board.

JASON S. OLETSKY, a speaker at the Advanced Judgment Enforcement in Florida seminar in October, is a member of Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin, P.L. and practices in the areas of commercial litigation and sports and entertainment law. Oletsky regularly litigates issues involving contract, employment, trade secret, non-competition and shareholder disputes for various firms' private equity and venture capital clients. As a student, he received the Thomas Ewald Memorial Scholarship Award for excellence in litigation skills. He was admitted to The Florida Bar, The Maryland Bar, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and the United States District Court for Maryland. He is a regular CLE lecturer on collection practices and proceedings supplementary in Florida and is a member of the Sports Lawyers Association and The Florida Bar's Entertainment and Sports Law Division.

ELISE SCHECK and husband, Gil Bonwitt, had a girl, Gabriella Bonwitt, on July 5, 2003. Gabriella joins her three older brothers, Joshua,

Keith and David. Elise lives in North Miami Beach and is the legal counsel for Sweet Paper Sales Corp. Her e-mail is escheck@sweetpaper.com

IAN M. SIROTA and wife Stacy announce the birth of Sloane Elizabeth Sirota on Saturday, June 21, 2003.

JEFFREY SULLIVAN and his wife, Michele, announce the birth of their first child, daughter Sophia Renee, on January 20, 2003. Sullivan is a partner with Stidham & Stidham, P.A., in Bartow, Florida, where the firm concentrates on wrongful death, complex civil litigation and serious personal injury. The Sullivans reside in Lakeland.

GREGG D. WENZEL was killed in an accident on July 9, 2003, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Gregg was with the Foreign Service Office of the U.S. State Department, which was why he was in Ethiopia. His first-year housemate, **IAN SIROTA**, JD '94, reports that he was a unique spirit who will truly be missed by our entire UM Law community.

Class of 1995

SHARON BOOTH is Director of Public Interest Law and runs the Pro Bono Honor Program at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center in Ft. Lauderdale.

MICHAEL HAGGARD, of Haggard, Parks, Haggard & Bologna, in Coral Gables recently won a \$100 million jury award in a case involving a four-year-old girl who nearly drowned in an apartment complex swimming pool, leaving her with severe brain damage. The Broward County jury verdict is believed to be Florida's largest personal injury verdict.

JAIRO E. LANAO is busy with many projects: he serves as a part-time consultant to the Inter-American Press Association on media law issues; he works full-time as a public defender with Bennett Brummer's office in Miami-Dade County, doing trials and "loving it"; he is currently adjunct professor of a press freedom seminar at UM Law; he serves as chairman of the Florida Media and Communications Law Committee of The Florida Bar for the 2003-04 term; and he is father of four beautiful girls all under the age of seven.

MARNI B. LENNON, Assistant Dean of Students and Director



of Disability Services at UM Law, and her husband Jason welcomed their new daughter, Jordanna Frances, on

January 5. She was 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 18 1/4 inches. Jordanna joins big brother Jared, 2, in the Lennon household.

PATRICIA A. LEONARD was named shareholder at Beasley & Hauser, P.A. in West Palm Beach, where she practices complex business and commercial litigation. An article she co-authored, entitled "Is Expert Testimony Really Needed in Attorneys' Fees Litigation?" appeared in the January 2003 *Florida Bar Journal*.

JONATHAN G. LISS is a partner with the law firm of Bernstein & Chackman, in Hollywood, Florida, where he maintains an active trial practice, specializing in insurance law, torts and coverage matters. He is married to **GERI LISS**, JD '92, and they have two daughters, Nicole and Sara. He invites fellow alumni who practice in the same areas of concentration to contact him.

ILENE PABIAN, a member of the litigation department in the Miami office of Holland & Knight, was elected partner. She practices in the area of appellate advocacy.

PAUL B. RANIS is a partner of the Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office, where he concentrates his practice in employment and commercial litigation. Ranis has extensive trial experience in the area of employment litigation and has represented employers in numerous employment discrimination claims, under a variety of federal, state, and local laws, including race, religion, gender, national origin, age, and disability. In addition, he has argued commercial litigation matters including landlord/tenant disputes, debtor/creditor disputes as well as other forms of contract and business disputes. He is a member of The Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida.

MAUREEN SCULLY McFADDEN was promoted to senior counsel at the law firm of Jackson & Wallace LLP in San Francisco. She and her husband, Jim, proudly announce the birth of their first child in March, Grace Bridget. Classmates are welcomed to contact her: mmcfadden@jacksonwallace.com

The Law Offices of **ROY L. WEINFELD, P.A.**, has moved to SunTrust International Center, One Southeast Third Avenue, Suite 2200, in Miami. The firm concentrates in the areas of creditors' rights and commercial litigation and





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practices in State, U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts throughout Florida. Weinfeld was just named to the Board of American Jewish Committee Young Professional Network.

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LINCOLN J. CONNOLLY, a



member of the Rossman Baumberger Reboso & Spier, P.A. law firm, has been an associate with the firm since 1996 and

has been actively involved in numerous trials and appeals during his tenure. He resides in Plantation, Florida, and is licensed to practice law in the State of Florida, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

NICOLE DIXON resides in Miami and joined the Children's Legal Services Division of the Florida Attorney General's Fort Lauderdale office in September 2002.

RONALD J. FINVARB is in charge of business affairs, performing the entertainment legal work for the Miami office of HBO—Latin American Group, that distributes programming to Latin American and the Caribbean. He lives in Adventura.

ERIKA KOHLER HUTT joined the legal department of Exide Technologies, the global leader in stored electrical energy located in Alpharetta, Georgia, as senior counsel. She resides in Atlanta.

MICHAEL C. KLASFELD runs his own law office, Michael C.

Klasfeld, P.A., in Pompano Beach, practicing largely within the realm of real estate law. His office also handles marital matters, general litigation, and probate.

MINH T. LE and Anthony N. Hoang, DMD, announce the birth of their daughter, Tu Cam Le-Hoang, on October 12, 2003, Year of the Sheep. Their daughter was baptized on November 15 as Cecilia ("Cici" for short, but she'll be known as Tu). The family resides in Charlotte, N.C.

JOHN RIZVI is a patent attorney at the Fort Lauderdale law firm of Gold & Rizvi, P.A., and an adjunct professor of intellectual property law at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center. Rizvi is also the author of numerous articles in the area of patent law, including recent articles in the *South Florida Business Journal*, "Assessing Your Company's Intellectual Property Assets," March 7, 2003, and "Preventing Insider Competition in a Down Economy," May 16, 2003. In February 2003, Rizvi also gave a workshop entitled "Mining Patents for Competitive Intelligence" on behalf of the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals (SCIP), based in Alexandria, Virginia.

DAVE K. ROY announces that Roy & Associates, P.A. has moved to The Harvey Building, 224 Datura Street, Suite 1100, West Palm Beach 33401, and the telephone is 561-616-0064.

MARCO RUBIO has been tapped as the Speaker of the House of Representatives in 2007, one of the three most powerful positions in state government. He will be the

first Cuban-American Speaker in the state's history.

SHOSHANA SAMOLE ZISK is head of business affairs for George Clinton Enterprises, which represents legendary funk musicians George Clinton, Parliament, Funkadelic, and the P-Funk Allstars. She is married to Brian Zisk, technologies director of The Future of Music Coalition. They welcomed daughter Rachel Miriam Zisk in December 2002.

NICOLE SAUNDERS MESKE announces the birth of Nathaniel (Nate) Aiden David Meske on April 30, 2003.

GREGOR SCHWINGHAMMER was elected shareholder in the West Palm Beach office of Gunster Yoakley, where he is a member of the litigation department. He focuses his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, employment litigation, creditor's rights and general civil litigation. Prior to joining the firm, he was an officer in the U.S. Army Armored Cavalry, serving in Germany and Kuwait. At UM Law, he served as editor-in-chief of the *University of Miami Law Review*.

ELSA E. WAITE of the Ryles & Waite law firm was elected president of the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association for the 2003-04 term and was also appointed



to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Professionalism Council. Her West Palm Beach based law firm concentrates in the areas of personal injury, premises liability, wrongful death, civil litigation and criminal defense.

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ERIC N. ASSOULINE is now located at his new firm, Assouline & Berlowe, P.A., 420 South Dixie Highway, Suite 2M, in Coral Gables. The law firm concentrates its practice in the areas of construction law, commercial litigation, creditors' rights and bankruptcy.

JOSEPH G. COLOMBO is associated with the firm of Mommers & Colombo in Melbourne, Florida.

JAMES DeCHURCH, a shareholder in the Miami office of Fowler, White, Burnett, P.A., practices in medical malpractice and related personal injury defense. He is married to Stephanie DeChurch, M.D., and resides in Miami.

ANGELA GLOVER is Director of Development for the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles, a legal services support center focusing on poverty issues in three major areas—housing, public benefits and healthcare. WCLP is regarded as expert in the field and is often asked to serve as co-counsel on cases affecting the poor. Glover is responsible for all fundraising and external affairs.

ROBERT M. GRAFF practices in the firm of Goldfarb, Gold, Gonzalez & Wald, P.A., with offices in Miami and Boca Raton. Graff was recently recognized by *South Florida Legal Guide* in its 2004 edition among the "up and coming" attorneys in South Florida, and the firm was recognized as one of South Florida's top firms for the fourth consecutive year.

JONATHAN D. LOUIS joined the Law Offices of Stephen G. Melcer, in Boca Raton, and specializes in the area of corporate law. The firm



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provides services in the areas of tax and estate planning, estate and trust administration, real estate and mortgage law.

JANET PERALTA OCHOA is a senior associate at Montero Finizio & Velasquez in Fort Lauderdale, primarily representing plaintiffs and specializing in cases involving wrongful death, traumatic brain injuries, premises liability, and personal injury. The firm also specializes in airplane disasters and has represented families on a worldwide level such as the crashes involving TAME/Air France, American Airlines in Colombia, Value Jet, Fine Air, and American Airlines in New York. At MFV, Ochoa has worked toward accomplishing the firm's goal of providing Hispanics in the Broward and Palm Beach counties with quality representation on a personal level while obtaining optimum settlements. Ochoa has been married for over seven years to her husband, Luis, a civil engineer and they have two children: Sabrina Janette, 4, and Cristian Luis, 2. She is also mentoring a middle school child as part of the Take Stock in Children mentoring program coordinated through Broward County Public Schools.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, the elected chairman of the Greater North Miami Chamber of Commerce, is teaching immigration and nationality law at Barry University's undergraduate program. Pierre practices at the Law Office of Andre D. Pierre and resides in Miami.

ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ-FEO was stationed in Hawaii

before he transferred to the Kingdom of Bahrain as the regional military prosecutor for the area in the JAG Corps of the U.S. Navy. He can be contacted at: Lieutenant Armando a. Rodriguez-Feo, JAGC, USN, Head, Trial Service Office Europe & Southwest Asia, Branch Office Bahrain.

DAHLIA A. WALKER, a Hollywood, Florida, attorney specializing in family, criminal and immigration law, became the first woman to head the 150-member Caribbean Bar Association in its nine-year history.

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LORI ARVANITIDIS ROBERTS teaches legal skills classes at Whittier Law School and also works with her husband, JEFF ROBERTS, JD '95, at The Roberts Law Firm, located in Newport Beach, California. Her practice concentrates in labor and employment issues and general civil litigation. The couple resides in Dana Point.

J. ANTHONY BRADLEY (LL.M.—Taxation) recently announced the formation of Harrison & Bradley, PLLC, attorneys at law, in Memphis, Tennessee. He served as a law clerk to the Mississippi Supreme Court before coming to Miami to pursue his LLM in tax. He practices in the areas of estate and tax planning, business law and transactions, income taxation, trust, probate, and real estate.

THIERRY OLIVIER DESMET, after four and a half years as a litigation associate at Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, has joined the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, where he works as an attorney in the enforcement division. He

recently published "Pushing the Guidelines Envelope: When Loss Overstates the Offense," Volume 17, Number 3, Criminal Justice, Fall 2002. His latest article "Sarbanes-Oxley: A Few Predictions in the Criminal Arena" has also been accepted for publication in *Criminal Justice*, the magazine of the ABA's criminal justice section.

DOUGLAS J. JEFFREY was named partner at the Miami law firm of Gilbride, Heller & Brown, P.A., where his practice area is complex civil and commercial litigation, including trials and appeals in state and federal courts. His experience includes business tort and commercial litigation, as well as handling employment and insurance disputes.

CHRISTOS LAGOS, a trial attorney who concentrates his practice on personal injury and wrongful death cases, announced the formation of the Law Offices of Christos Lagos, P.A., earlier this year. He is a former prosecutor for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office where he litigated criminal cases involving hundreds of victims. He subsequently entered private practice as a litigation associate at Leeds Colby Paris Spence Hoffman & Valori, P.A., where he represented victims of personal injury and wrongful death cases involving automobile negligence, nursing home abuse, premises liability, products liability, and medical malpractice. He will also continue his relationship with Leeds Colby Paris Spence Hoffman & Valori, P.A., as Of Counsel for the firm.

STEVEN D. PINKERT opened the Pinkert Law Firm, P.A., in the Dadeland area, where he concentrates in the areas of medical malpractice, patent law and professional disci-

pline. He has been assisting law graduates with problems relating to admission to The Florida Bar and developed a networked database for the Class of 1998: <http://www.lawalumni.com>

JOHN P. RUTLEDGE (LL.M.—Real Property Development) was recently named legal counsel to the Korer State Government in the Republic of Palau (in Micronesia). He negotiates and drafts land leases and transfers as his focus, and additionally litigates disputes. He maintains his home address in Hoquiam, Washington.

Class of 1999

SHARI MYERS (ERLICH), wife of DANIEL MYERS, JD '00, currently resides in Memphis, Tennessee. She founded the Myers Law Firm in Memphis, where she practices domestic relations. The firm concentrates on custody issues of pre- and post-divorce.

ANTHANETTE FIELDS, after trying out the winter in Minneapolis, accepted a position as staff attorney at the Western Regional Office in Los Angeles, where she also resides.

JASON GOLDSTEIN is an associate at the Newport Beach, California office of Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Younger, where his practice includes financial institution litigation, real property, creditors' rights, trial practice, and alternative dispute resolution. He is admitted to practice in California and Florida. He resides in South Pasadena.

MICHAEL LUNDY, a partner of Older & Lundy, recently formed his Tampa-based law firm with his classmate, BEN OLDER, after leaving the New York office of Alston & Bird,



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LLP in January 2003. Prior to working in the New York office, Lundy worked for Alder & Bird in Atlanta. Older & Lundy focuses on entertainment, corporate, family and general civil cases. Lundy states that he and his partner have enjoyed tremendous success since the inception of their firm.

NICOLETTE MASON is associated with Edelstein, Levine, German & Diamond, LLP, in the firm's Sarasota office, where she focuses her practice on workers' compensation issues.

WENDY SOLOMON KIRKEIDE and Kevin Kirkeide welcomed their daughter, Hayden Louise, on August 19, 2002. Kirkeide remains associated with the technology practice group at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A., in Fort Lauderdale. The family resides in Pembroke Pines.

ERIC T. SALPETER recently presented the subject of "Current Effects of the Collateral Source Statute



768.76" at a seminar given by The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers on January 10, 2003, in Fort Lauderdale. An associate with the firm of Zebersky & Payne, LLP, in Hollywood, Florida, he practices primarily in the area of commercial and tort litigation. Additionally, Salpeter represented the defendant and prevailed on appeal in a reported case: *Aerospace Welding, Inc. v. Southstream Exhaust & Welding, Inc.*

ARI SHAPIRO, an associate in the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster &

Russell, P.A., recently joined the firm's Fort Lauderdale office and its litigation practice group, where he concentrates his practice in commercial, municipal and general civil litigation. Shapiro is a member of The Florida Bar, the Dade County Bar Association, the Dade County Bar Ethics Committee and is a participant in the Dade County Bar mentorship program.

Class of 2000

CATHERINE E. ASHER celebrated her two-year anniversary as in-house counsel for the Golf Channel. Asher works and lives in Orlando.

GARRETT J. BIONDO, of Goldfarb, Gold, Gonzalez & Wald, P.A., in Miami was elected to the board of directors of Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. Biondo practices in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice and products liability litigation. Biondo was recognized by *South Florida Legal Guide* in its 2004 edition among the "up and coming" attorneys in South Florida, and the firm was recognized as one of South Florida's top firms for the fourth consecutive year.

WILLIAM BRADFORD completed an LL.M. at Harvard University, June 2001. He married the former Amy Liv Laing on October 13, 2001, and the couple announces the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Elena Bradford, on September 11, 2002. Bradford accepted a position as law professor at Indiana University—Indianapolis, where he teaches property and national security law.

CHRISTINA CEBALLOS, formerly a clerk for the Honorable Alan S. Gold, is an associate in Kenny, Nachwalter, Seymour, Arnold, Critchlow &

Spector, P.A., in the firm's Miami office.

JASON E. HAVENS (LL.M.—Estate Planning), a shareholder of Hall & Runnels, P.A., in Destin, Florida, practices in the area of estate planning. He also recently pursued an LL.M. in international taxation from Regent University School of Law.

SEVERA IMPERIALI (HURLOCK) was married last June, in Rome, in a ceremony attended by several other students from the LL.M.-MCL program. Severa lives with her American husband, also a lawyer, in London, where both work.

JENNIFER KNIGHT THOMAS, an assistant state



attorney in the 19th circuit, Stuart, Florida, married Raymond Thomas

Jr., a police officer with the Boynton Beach Police Department, on October 19, 2003. The couple resides in Boynton Beach.

WILLIAM T. McCAULEY, a commercial litigator at the law firm of Tew Cardenas LLP, was elected president of the Army and Navy Club of Coral Gables. McCauley is also a member of the West Point Society of South Florida and an avid ballroom dancer.

CHRISTOPHER J. O'RAND, an associate at the law firm of



Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A., joined the firm in October 2003, and concentrates his practice in

general commercial litigation, assignments for the benefit of creditors, probate and guardianship litigation, preference litigation and corporate transactions. Prior to joining Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, he was a commercial litigation and corporate transactional associate at Orshan Lithman Seiden Ramos Hatton & Huessman in Coral Gables. O'Rand is admitted to practice in Florida and is a member of The Florida Bar, Business Law, Computer Law and Litigation Section; American Bar Association; Dade County Bar Association; and South Miami-Kendall Bar Association.

JAMES B. RYAN (LL.M.—Real Property Development) was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C., on April 7, 2003. This privilege allows him to argue cases before the court. The oath was administered by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. At a reception following, Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsberg stopped to offer congratulations. Ryan currently resides in New York.

ERICA W. STUMP joined



Feldman Gale & Weber, P.A., an intellectual property law firm in Miami. Stump focuses her practice in the areas of intellectual

property litigation, including trademark, copyright and trade secret litigation, trademark prosecution, drafting licensing agreements and the procurement and protection of domain names. She resides in Weston.

DAVID ENGLAND WEAVER, IV, of Orlando, and formerly of La Grange, Illinois, died of head injuries on August 17,



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2002. At the time of his death, he was employed by the Orlando law firm of Wright, Fulford, Moorhead and Brown, P.A. David is known for his devotion to public service: coaching a little league basketball team at the Orlando YMCA; volunteering with Orlando literacy programs; and serving as a legal guardian for foster children. He is survived by his parents and many extended family members. Funeral services were held in La Grange.

REBECCA J. WILLIAMS joined the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., in the firm's Miami office. She concentrates her practice in general commercial litigation and bankruptcy law. A former associate of the law firm Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP in Miami, Williams is a member of The Florida Bar, the Broward County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the American Inns of Court.

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ANIELLA GONZALEZ is associated with the firm of Goldstein, Tanen & Trench, P.A., in Miami, where she handles a variety of commercial litigation matters. The firm has an outstanding reputation in litigation and dispute resolution, business law and transactions, employment law, family law, and wills, trusts, estates and probate.

ALEXANDER P. HECKLER is an associate with Greenberg Traurig, in the Fort Lauderdale office, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of environmental and land use and government affairs.

JONATHAN L. INNES (LL.M.—Taxation, 2002) joined the law firm of DeCubellis & Meeks as an associate attorney.

JANPAUL PORTAL has joined the Miami firm of Ratzan & Alters as an associate where he focuses his practice on cases involving medical malpractice, wrongful death, catastrophic personal injury and complex commercial litigation. Prior to joining Ratzan & Alters, he was an associate with Seiden, Alder & Matthewman P.A. in Boca Raton, where he handled medical malpractice, personal injury and negligence cases. Before this, Portal was a law clerk with the Miami firm Leesfield, Leighton, Rubio, Mahfood & Boyers, P.A.

YAPHETT K. POWELL debuted with his first television interview as a sports attorney in Los Angeles on a *CourtTV* panel regarding the Kobe Bryant case on July 25, 2003.

ALLISON L. STONE joined the law firm of Kubicki Draper in February 2003 after completing her clerkship with the Honorable David M. Gersten at the Third District Court of Appeal. She practices in the areas of appellate law and insurance coverage.

JAKE TAYLOR is division chief in a county court division at the Office of the State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County. His responsibilities include overseeing the attorneys in the division and assisting them with their cases while maintaining his own caseload, which includes recidivist DUI cases. Taylor also plans to sit for the Utah bar exam.

ADRIANA VIANNA and Rodrigo Vianna welcomed their twin boys on Sunday, May 27, 2003. Gabriel and Lucas arrived just a bit early but are doing well.

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MARIAN ANCHETA, after receiving her LL.M. at New York University, has returned "home," where she is an associate in the Miami office of Holland & Knight.

VALERIE CARULLO was recently promoted to deputy court administrator, supervisor of the case management unit for the family division of the 11th Judicial Circuit in Miami, where she has been practicing since graduation. She takes on additional administrative responsibilities with attorneys and staff serving under Judges Kreeger, Shapiro and Brown. Her office is located on the 15th floor of the Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center in Miami.

JORGE GALVEZ-PRIEGO announces his affiliation with the law firm of Heller & Chames, P.A., in an Of Counsel capacity, in the firm's Miami office, providing legal services in the areas of real property law, commercial and corporate law, bankruptcy, trusts and estates, and immigration. The firm specializes in commercial and corporate law, civil and criminal litigation, family law, real property law, bankruptcy, trusts and estates, and immigration.

HANS P. HAAHR practices with the Miami office of Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.

ANNE (HAUSHERR) SCHAEFFER (LL.M.—Comparative Law) announces the birth of Carlotta Johanna Emily Schaeffer, born on September 11, 2003.

STEVEN B. JANKO (LL.M.—International Law) is currently in Bamberg, Germany, serving as an Army JAG attorney and reports, "Things are going well for me as I prepare for my adventure down to 'Mesopotamia.' I should be there by February. Here's some news for you: I volunteered to help out our Catholic chaplain as an 'extraordinary minister' while in Iraq because he's shorthanded and a really great guy. It's a program approved by our bishop where Catholic soldiers (like me) help out the chaplains by filling in for them when need be. This may be hard to believe but I'll likely have to cover for the chaplain by performing religious services in Iraq and administering last rites to soldiers on the battlefield if the chaplain is not around to send them off (talk about 'full service' . . . I'll be drafting wills for soldiers and, if need be, sending them off to the afterlife with a blessing). We live in crazy times indeed. If the nuns at my old Catholic grade school could see me now!"

CARMEN KLEIN and RICARDO GUTIERREZ VELASQUEZ, both graduates of the Class of 2002, celebrated their wedding vows on October 4, 2003, in Ulm-Lehr, Germany. They were previously married in a civil ceremony on the UM campus the weekend after their graduation by the Hon. Beth Bloom.

MAYER SIMCHA LEITER passed away suddenly in New York on May 24, 2002, just five days after receiving the Juris Doctor with his classmates at the Knight Center. His degree was awarded posthumously during a special program held at UM Law and presented to his family on June 25. Mayer is survived by his



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wife, Tova, and their children, Chaim and Rosy, and his mother and her husband, Gutel and Jay Goldman. Mayer established the Jewish Comparative Law Society at UM Law and was active in many organizations and projects on campus. Already, the JCLS chapter is named in his memory, along with the "Count the Love" award for student organizations at UM Law, an award that JCLS won in the first year of its existence. The family has established a memorial at UM Law in his honor.

HUNG V. NGUYEN is assistant general counsel for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida. The office advises the judges of the circuit (including county court judges) on all legal matters, ranging from the cases before them to issues of public policy. His office is in the Dade County Courthouse.

MONICA R. ROISMAN joined the Houston-based law firm of Coane and Associates as the managing associate of the Miami office. The firm's main practice is in immigration law, and it also handles labor and employment law issues such as severance packages, wrongful discharge, and discrimination based on age, race, sex, national origin, and religion.

EVAN N. ROSS, after passing the Florida Bar Examination in 2002, passed the New York and New Jersey Bar Examinations in July 2003. He is associated with the Coral Gables law firm of Sacher Martini & Sacher, where he concentrates on estate planning, probate and tax law. He also earned the LL.M. in estate planning from UM Law in May 2003.

JAIME ROTH is completing a two-year judicial clerkship at the New York Court of Appeals in Albany, New York.

JACCI SESKIN has been employed with the Public Defender's office since graduating from law school and passing the Florida bar exam. Her goal is to eventually practice in juvenile court where she has already completed one year of advocacy for children. Seskin currently resides in North Miami Beach.

JEREMY THAKURDIN completed an accelerated, one year, MBA program at Rollins College while doing an international law/property/white collar criminal defense/immigration law/litigation internship since January. After sitting for The Florida Bar, he began working with the Orlando Public Defender's Office, in August.

VINCE TRIMARCO recently began working for the Office of the Public Defender (James Marion Moorman) for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida. Thanks in no small part to the help of his associates in the office (including JENNIFER POWELL, JD '92), but with no co-counsel in second chair, he won his first case on the job and successfully argued a motion for judgment of acquittal in his second case, which was held on the same day. His second case was covered in the December 18, 2002 edition of the newspaper *Highlands Today*. Vince's direct supervisor, John Kilcrease, was one of the final three nominees for filling the county court judgeship for Highlands County. He reports, "This is the best job I've ever had. The office in Sebring is incredibly friendly and supportive. If I can just find a balance with

this work that might still allow me to play live music or even act locally every now and then (which is quite possible—one of the members of the local criminal bar association directs theatrical productions in town), I'll be incredibly happy."

MARIANO C. VIVAS De LORENZI, formerly in the Latin America Region Law Office of ExxonMobil, located in Coral Gables, was named General Counsel, Esso Petrolera Argentina Sociedad de Responsabilidad Limitada, located in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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ABBYE ADELSON is associated with the Office of the Public Defender in Orange County, Florida, and resides in Orlando.

ROGER ALLBRANDT passed the Maryland Bar Examination and is working for the Annapolis firm of Council, Baradel, Kosmerl, and Nolan, P.A. ELIZABETH ALLBRANDT, JD '02, is working as a public defender for the city of Baltimore and is really enjoying her job with a daily docket before a judge and is gaining some really great experience. Currently, she is working in the Central Intake Facility, primarily doing bail hearings. She will move to misdemeanor-bench trials in a few more months, and from there to jury trials and finally felony jury trial division.

ROBIN I. COHEN gave the speech at the induction ceremony for the 4th DCA because she had received the highest score on the Florida Bar Exam for the 4th DCA and was informed that she had one of the top 10 scores within the

entire state. She is associated with the Boca Raton firm of Shapiro, Blasi & Wasserman, P.A.

ALYSON M. DION, editor-in-chief of the *Amicus Curiae*, UM Law Yearbook, reports that the 2002-03 *Amicus Curiae* won the International Printing Award (Premier Print Awards). Each year the contest offers one award (The Benny) for each category. In some years no awards are offered if the submissions do not rise to a level of recognition. If there are two publications that are worthy of recognition for this distinguished honor, then two awards are offered (the Benny and a Certificate of Merit). This was a worldwide contest, and the *Amicus Curiae* received the Certificate of Merit for the yearbook division. UM Law will be receiving a plaque from Friesens in the near future to commemorate this honor.

JODI EZRIN, RICHARD JURGENS and XIMENA SKOVRON won the National Bankruptcy competition in 2003 in New York. They were awarded first place for their oral advocacy and received the best brief award. Alumna and adjunct professor PATRICIA REDMOND, JD '79, coached the winning team.

DANIEL HARWIN is working in Coral Gables, for Patino & Associates, doing mostly insurance defense, including medical malpractice defense and general liability. His first major case was a medical malpractice suit filed against two doctors, Hialeah Hospital and the HMO. He also handles a few plaintiff's cases.

SAM KANE accepted a two-year clerkship with federal Judge Robert C. Brack in New Mexico and reports that it is an exciting change from teaching



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math to eighth graders. He resides in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

ARNALDO B. LACAYO won the 2003 Burton Award for Legal Achievement, the nation's premier legal writing awards program awarded by the Burton Foundation, a not-for-profit cultural and academic organization devoted to promoting the legal profession.

NEKISHIA LESTER recently joined the law firm of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A., as an associate practicing in the areas of asbestos defense litigation, employment litigation, premise liability and insurance-related litigation. While in law school, Lester was awarded the Koyzack, Tropin & Throckmorton Award for outstanding performance in trial advocacy and was selected

as a Florida Bar Fellow in 2001. Lester is a member of The Florida Bar Association and the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr., Bar Association of Dade County, as well as the Dade County Bar Association.

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MARISSA ALTMAN taped an episode as a contestant on the *The Weakest Link*. She auditioned in January 2003, was called back in September, and then flown to Los Angeles for two additional audition rounds. Altman did make it on the show, although she was not allowed to mention the outcome until it aired.

YIOSET DE LA CRUZ, while pursuing her legal education, is also the current mayor of Hialeah Gardens.

Miami Law Alumni Want to Know

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

It's easy to ensure that your news gets into the communications network: Just fill out the form below and send it (along with a photograph of yourself, if you like) to Law Alumni Office, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087, or classnotes@law.miami.edu.

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

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Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Fax: _____

Job Title: _____

Type of Business: _____

Employer/Firm: _____

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Would you like your e-mail address included in a directory available on UM Law's Web site? Yes ☐ No ☐

Information for "Class Notes":

LAA Holiday Reception

The Law Alumni Association held its annual holiday party at the home of LAA President Elizabeth Katzen, JD '88, on December 21.



L. to R., Jessica Gabel, SBA President Shane Weaver, Elizabeth Katzen, JD '88, Federal Magistrate Ted Kine, JD '66, Mary Natiello, and Fred Harrison, JD '67.

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UM Law Events Calendar

For additional information regarding any of our Law Alumni events, or if you are interested in hosting an alumni reception in your area, please contact the Law Alumni office at 305-284-3470 or www.law.miami.edu.

February 2004

February 4-10

ABA Midyear Meeting
San Antonio, Texas

February 12

Momentum Campaign Committee Reception
Hosted by Hilarie Bass

February 23-24

New York Law Momentum Campaign Alumni Events
TBA

February 27

Reid Mentschikoff Scholarship Dinner
UM Faculty Club
Whitten Memorial University Center
Coral Gables

March 2004

March 1 - July 15

"May It Please the Court"
A solo exhibit by Xavier Cortada, JD '92
Florida Supreme Court, Tallahassee
For more information, please visit
www.cortada.com/calendar.htm

March 13-21

Spring Break

March 25

South Florida Regional Counsel Conference
International Student Reception
Morgan Lewis, Miami, TBA
Contact: Janet Stearns 305-284-5402

March 26

Law Day for Admitted Students
Luncheon with Alumni
Coral Gables Campus

April 2004

April 3

Society of Bar and Gavel Barrister's Ball
Intercontinental Hotel, Miami
Reception, 7:00 p.m., Dinner and Dancing, 8:00 p.m.
\$60/person (Grads from 1999-2003: \$45/person)
Contact: BarandGavel@law.miami.edu
or 305-284-1133

April 5

Passover (begins at sundown)

April 9

Good Friday

April 19

Palm Beach Law Alumni Association Judicial Reception
Governors Club, West Palm Beach, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Mellon Bank

April 25

UM Board of Trustees Retreat

April 26-27

Chicago Law Momentum Campaign Alumni Events
TBA

April 29

Miami-Dade Dean's Circle Reception
TBA

May 2004

May 13

Broward County Law Alumni Association Judicial Reception
Tower Club, Ft. Lauderdale, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Mellon Bank

May 14-16

Class of 1954 Reunion Events and Commencement
Ceremony

5/14 – Dinner (reunion events sponsored by
Larry Hoffman at Greenberg Traurig)

5/15 – Reunion and Law School Commencement Reception
Law School Courtyard

5/16 – Hooding Ceremony, Convocation Center

May 18

ALI Meeting
Washington, D.C.

May 20

Law Alumni Executive Board Happy Hour
Raleigh Hotel, Miami Beach

June 2004

June 23-26

Florida Bar Annual Meeting
UM Law Alumni Reception, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (tentative)
Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton, Florida

LAA Holiday Reception (continued)



Xavier Cortada, JD '92, and the Hon. Carroll Kelly, JD '89.



L. to R., Dr. Michael Spritzer, Marjorie Baron, JD '92, and Dean Jeannette Hausler.



LAA President Elizabeth Katzen, JD '88, far right, with her parents Jerry and Barbara Katzen.



Todd Payne, JD '89, and Dean Dennis Lynch with guests.