

## Dennis O. Lynch Is Law School's New Dean



Dennis O. Lynch, professor and dean emeritus at the University of Denver College of Law and prominent expert on Latin American law is the new dean of the University of Miami School of Law.

He succeeds Mary Doyle, who had been interim dean since the May 1998 resignation of Samuel C. Thompson, Jr. Doyle, who also served as dean in 1986-1994, rejoined the faculty as professor of law.

"Dennis Lynch has had a close association with this law school since 1974. He loves this institution, and he will bring his considerable talent and experience to bear as dean," she pointed out. "Our school will be in very good hands."

Lynch, who joined the Miami faculty in 1974 and served as associate dean in 1983-86, moved to Colorado in 1990 to become dean of the University of Denver's law school.

Fluent in Spanish, he has been a Fulbright Scholar in economics in Ven-

ezuela, a program officer with the Ford Foundation in Colombia, and a consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development on constitutional reform in Colombia, legal reform in Nicaragua, and the administration of criminal justice in Central America. In 1973-1977, he held an International Legal Center Research Grant to study the Colombian legal profession.

Lynch's teaching specialties are civil procedure, employment law and labor law.

A well-known lecturer on current issues in labor arbitration, he also has been a consultant to the Federal Trade Commission on labor antitrust issues and a member of the boards of directors of the International Third World Legal Studies Association and the Inter-American Legal Services Association.

A 1965 graduate of the University of Oregon, Lynch holds a JD degree from Harvard Law School and J.S.D. and LL.M. degrees from Yale Law School. He was admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia in 1969.

His selection to head the University of Miami School of Law was the culmination of an intensive nationwide search. The search committee, headed by Bernard Fogel, dean emeritus of the University of Miami School of Medicine, and co-chaired by Robert Waters, professor of law, included four other law professors, Law School alumni and student representatives, and a professor from the UM Department of Management.

"I look forward to this opportunity to work with the University of Miami's talented faculty students, and administration," Lynch said. "I am especially eager to meet with the Law School's alumni, to become re-acquainted with many of my former students and learn first hand about their professional careers."



## Law Library's Everglades Collection Is Rare, Valuable Resource

By Alberto Montero-Valdes  
Curator, Everglades Litigation Collection

The Everglades litigation collection housed in the School of Law Library's Special Collections and Archives Department is the largest collection assembled anywhere of legal documents and multimedia materials regarding the Everglades.

The collection was awarded to the Law Library in 1994 by the United States Attorney's Office for the South-

ern District of Florida following a bidding process that included Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University.

Based primarily on documents produced from years of complex litigation over water quality degradation and water quantity disruption in the Everglades, the collection includes a

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## Law School Reflects City's 'Gateway to Americas' Role

The University of Miami School of Law—located in Coral Gables, just minutes from downtown Miami—has capitalized on its "Gateway to the Americas" location by developing one of the most extensive arrays of international expertise and course offerings to be found in any of the nation's law schools.

The international (especially Hispanic) focus is evident in the make-up of the student body. Over the last two years, UM Law has conferred 133 JD degrees on Hispanic students—the most of any U.S. law school outside of Puerto Rico. This year, the School has 241

Hispanic-Americans and students from 10 foreign countries enrolled in its three-year JD program.

At the graduate level, approximately 25 Hispanic-Americans and students from Spanish-speaking countries are enrolled in the Law School's seven LL.M. programs, the majority of them in the International Law program. Among them are many lawyers who have received degrees from foreign law schools.

In spring 1999, the Law School added a course based on the Spanish civil code and taught entirely in Spanish. It was one of the first courses to be taught in

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Members of UM Law's Hispanic Law Students Association.

## Loyalty, Challenge, Potential Bring New Dean to UM Law



In early August, soon after he officially became UM Law's dean, Dennis Lynch talked with *The Barrister* about his decision to accept the position and about his expectations for the Law School.

**Barrister:** Why did you decide to accept the University of Miami School of Law's offer to return as dean?

**Lynch:** There were a number of reasons.

On a personal level, the University of Miami is the school that gave me the opportunity to be a legal scholar and educator. It was very good to me and gave me plenty of support, both professional and personal. It is an institution for which I have a lot of professional loyalty, so the opportunity to come back and lead the school is very gratifying.

Moreover, it's exciting to lead a school with such potential. We have one of the most productive and scholarly law faculties in the country, and we're located in the most dynamic, international city in the U.S. The faculty, the city, a strong legal community, a carefully selected and culturally diverse student body, a superb library—they're all here. The potential has never been fully realized, which presents us with a wonderful opportunity.

**Barrister:** How do you think that potential can be realized?

**Lynch:** We need to build on the quality of our educational programs—get the message out to the local and national bars of just how good they are.

We should make more use of a variety of ways for presenting or marketing our message to potential students, as well as to members of the legal and international communities. These will include not just brochures, media releases, and other written materials, but also more face-to-face meetings.

**Barrister:** Do alumni play a major role in your plans?

**Lynch:** Absolutely. Alumni are our ambassadors to the world—to potential students, to the legal community, to other alumni. It's very important that we keep them informed, involved with students, and proud of their school.

**Barrister:** It may be too early in your tenure to be asking this question, but how healthy do you think the Law School's relationship is with its alumni at this time?

**Lynch:** In terms of financial support, it's obvious that we're not at the level we need to be. Private law schools that are reaching their potential are receiving greater financial support from their alumni.

However, we do have good support from our alumni in terms of involvement in school activities. They are involved with our students in a number of ways, such as mentoring,

participating with moot court activities, and helping students find jobs. We need to take even more advantage of their eagerness to be involved in those ways.

Also, we need our alumni to have confidence in our educational mission. It is important that they understand how much our faculty cares about educating students. Alumni should take pride in the quality of our faculty and their commitment to teaching.

Alumni have strong views. They care about the school, and we must listen to them and to the rest of the legal community and take their suggestions to heart. What our alumni have to say is very important. The fact that our alumni population is so large—approximately 14,000 altogether—and successful is a real asset for us.

**Barrister:** What do you think are other strong assets of UM Law?

**Lynch:** The most obvious is our faculty. We have one of the top faculties in the country, as measured by the volume of their publishing and the frequency with which their articles and books are cited by others. The faculty has an incredible range of interests and expertise, and they are especially strong in the areas of international law and social justice. Moreover, they are an excellent teaching faculty.

Our distinctiveness is a major asset, particularly in regard to our multicultural location, student-body, and faculty. This is the place to come to study transnational law, and we are one of the main educators of bilingual law graduates. Moreover, not only are we at the main point of contact between the U.S. and Latin America, our South Florida location also brings us considerable legal interaction with Europe.

**Barrister:** What are the primary challenges facing the Law School?

**Lynch:** At this point, the most imminent challenges are probably financial—taking the School through this period of student body downsizing, with its accompanying drop in revenue from tuition. It is crucial that we be able to maintain a good student-faculty ratio to ensure that students can have the interaction they need with faculty members.

We need to generate strong financial support from sources other than tuition to maintain and build on the strength of our programs. This requires convincing alumni and other members of the legal and business communities of the importance of our goals.

Other challenges are to take greater advantage of our faculty's wide-ranging legal expertise and to ensure that our students and graduates have excellent job opportunities.

The challenges are significant, but they pale in comparison to our potential. As the world moves rapidly toward a truly global economy, we are in a far better position than most law schools in our ability to capitalize on that evolution.

## Former UM Law Dean Mary Doyle Accepts Interior Department Post



the vital issues and mission of the Department of the Interior. Mary has shown this high level of dedication to the environment for many decades and has made a sizeable contribution throughout her distinguished career."

Most recently, Doyle has specialized in research on the legal, political and scientific issues surrounding the restoration of the Everglades ecosystem in South Florida. Following her initial service as dean of the School of Law, she took a leave of absence to be dean-in-residence at the Association of American Law Schools in Washington, D.C. for one year. Her expertise involved legal education and the development of an environmental law curriculum in Russia and the Ukraine.

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

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

Doyle is a graduate of Radcliffe College and attended Boston Law School and Columbia Law School, where she received her law degree. While attending Boston College Law School, she was elected to the *Boston College Law Review*.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt has announced the appointment of UM Law Professor Mary Doyle as Counselor to the Secretary a position recently vacated by David Hayes, who is now Acting Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Doyle, who is on leave from her position as tenured professor of law, was dean of the Law School in 1986-94 and served as interim dean in 1998-99.

"I am delighted that someone with the talent and legal stature of Mary Doyle has agreed to serve in the important position of Counselor to the Secretary," Secretary Babbitt said.

"It requires a person with a proven track record and great commitment to

## 1980-99 Yearbooks Available

The *Amicus Curiae* office has a limited supply of unclaimed copies of the Law School's yearbook, dating back to 1980.

While they last, any alumnus who never received a complimentary copy for his or her 3L year can get one by contacting editor-in-chief Catherine Than at [ct2653@law.miami.edu](mailto:ct2653@law.miami.edu) or executive editor Kris Willig at [kw4214@law.miami.edu](mailto:kw4214@law.miami.edu), or by calling the *Amicus Curiae* office at (305) 284-1860.

Yearbooks for other years are available at \$10 per copy.

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# As Florida Bar President, Osman Aims to Improve Lawyers' Image

As the new president of the Florida Bar Association, Edith Osman, Class of 1983, is a woman with a mission: to protect the nation's legal system by helping restore what it needs most to survive—the confidence of the people.

"Our legal system survives only because the people let it. If we lose the confidence of our citizens, we run the risk that lawlessness and self-help will slowly erode the rule of law," she warned.

In an speech to UM Law's first-year students during orientation in August, Osman pointed out that "our profession has faced much ridicule in last two decades. The Florida Bar is working very hard on many fronts to re-educate the public about who lawyers are and what we are committed to, and to restore to our profession the respect it deserves."

Osman was installed as president of the 65,325-member bar in June, after serving a year as president-elect. She is the second woman to hold the position. (The first was Patricia Seitz in 1993.)

"As attorneys, we are the guardians of the laws that define our society," she said at her swearing-in ceremony. "But, conventional wisdom tells us that, in the eyes of the public, we have gone from being a source of pride to a source of punch lines."

According to Osman, surveys show that 80 percent of the public perceives the U.S. legal system to be the best in the world. Furthermore, she said, the people who claim to dislike lawyers most have had the least contact with the legal system. "Put another way," she said, those who know us best, like us best, and for good reason."

In 1998, she said, Florida's lawyers contributed nearly one million hours in pro bono work and nearly \$2 million in legal aid funding. In addition, nearly 15,000 Florida lawyers provided more than 1.5 million hours to local boards, schools, churches, synagogues, charities, civic groups and other organizations.

"Do you know another profession that has shown that kind of community commitment," she asked. "I don't. I also don't know of another profession that more effectively speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves. . . . We must let the public know it."

"Studies find that the key to turning around destructive cynicism lies in education—encouraging a better understanding of both the system and the people who toil in it. We need to bridge this information gap with the truth about our profession."

Osman said implementation of a communications program developed by the Florida Bar's board of governors over the past two years is one of her top priorities. The program centers on a new theme and logo: "The Florida Bar: Protecting Rights, Pursuing Justice, Promoting Professionalism." The words will appear on all Bar materials, letterhead, and brochures and on radio and television announcements.

A second major educational goal is to expand the Bar's professionalism initiative. "We must acknowledge and respect the diversity within our community," she emphasized. "We must recognize that fundamental fairness is at the core of our judicial system, and we must treat all people with courtesy and respect."

A third educational tool is the creation of media teams of local lawyers, who will write op-ed pieces for their hometown newspapers and respond to letters to the editor. "Team members also will sit down with editors and broadcasters to discuss coverage of legal issues. Moreover, the nearly 800 lawyers who have volunteered for the Bar's speakers bureau also will help carry the message to civic groups and into the public schools."

Another important Bar initiative is the recently-established Commission on the Legal Needs of Children, which will study how the justice system treats children. Chaired by Circuit Judge Sandy Karlan, the commission has 28 members, including Bernard Perlmutter, director of UM Law's Children and Youth Law Clinic.

Asked what issues the Florida Bar will be dealing with this year, Osman replied, "The multi-disciplinary practice question is the biggest issue on the horizon. The ABA has proposed a rule change to allow professionals to share fees with non-lawyers (such as accounting firms). This raises some ethics questions and could have a major effect on the way we practice law. The Florida Bar has proposed keeping the status quo until the issue has been more fully explored. We have a committee in place to study the issue before deciding whether to support the ABA's proposal or any other potential rule change."

A shareholder of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler, P.A., Osman practices commercial litigation and family law in the firm's Miami office. She joined the firm in 1998, after running her own practice for five years.



Edith Osman

Asked whether her Bar activities preclude carrying a full caseload at her law firm, she said, "With speaking engagements, writing projects, meetings and general Bar involvement, being president of the Bar is really a full-time job; however, with a lot of help from my partners and associates, I'm also able to maintain my practice." She added that her workdays typically last 12-14 hours.

However long hours are nothing new for her. She has been working doubletime for two decades, since the day she entered UM Law as a full-time student with two small children.

"I've been able to work like this because I love it," she said. "I love the legal profession—with its countless opportunities to do good—and I really like lawyers."

In her August 14 orientation remarks, she told 11s they were "blessed to be able to attend the University of Miami School of Law. It's a great learning institution, with a stellar faculty."

She urged students to not "let monetary considerations sway you. Work for justice, serve your clients, and follow your conscience, and the rewards will come."

## Four Other UM Law Alumni Have Headed Florida Bar

In addition to Edith Osman, the current president of the Florida Bar Association, four other UM Law alumni have headed the organization, including: Burton Young, Class of 1950; Edward J. Atkins, '51; H. Russell Troutman, '58; and Samuel S. Smith, '60.

### Burton Young

A partner in the North Miami Beach law firm Young, Berman & Karpf, Young was president of the Florida Bar Association in 1970-71 and served as president of the Florida Bar Foundation from 1975 to 1977. He also has chaired the 1977 Chief Justice's Advisory Committee of the Florida Supreme Court, the Florida Supreme Court's Select Committee to Study the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, and the Florida Bar's Family Law Rules Committee. In June 1985, an article in *Town & Country* magazine included him in its article on "The Best Lawyers in the U.S." Similarly, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 1993-94, an annual reference guide polling lawyers nationwide on the top practitioners in their field, named him one of the best divorce and family lawyers. In 1998, at the Florida Bar's annual meeting, he was honored with the Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor for his service and dedication to the public and for his administration of justice.

### Edward J. Atkins

President of the Florida Bar Association in 1976-77, Atkins had served as a member of the association's board of governors for the 10 preceding years. He presided over the Dade County Bar Association in 1965-66 and was a member of the Federal and American Bar associations as well as the International Association of Insurance Counsel and the Judge Advocates Association. In 1978, he was president of the University of Miami's Law Alumni Association. Atkins was associated with the Miami firm Walton, Lantaff, Schroeder & Carson. Nearly nine years after his death in 1979, his son, Michael, died in an automobile accident just before receiving his JD from UM Law.

### H. Russell Troutman

When Troutman was president of the Florida Bar (1977-78), the American Bar Association conferred its Project Excellence Award upon the organization for its creation of the first interest on trust account program for the funding of legal services to the poor. In 1968-69, when he was president of the Orange County Bar Association, the Florida Bar Association named it the Outstanding Local Bar Association. He also has been on the board of governors of the Florida Bar and chaired the Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission. He is a founding partner of Troutman, Williams, Irvin, Green & Helms in Winter Park and Oviedo, Florida.

### Samuel S. Smith

President of the Florida Bar Association in 1981-82, Smith also was president of the Florida Bar Foundation in 1989 and secretary of the American Bar Association from 1993-96. Prior to assuming the presidency of the Florida Bar, he served on the association's board of governors for eight years. A partner in the Miami law firm Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, Smith was a nationally known probate litigator and law office management expert. He was instrumental in establishing Dade County's model guardianship program and devoted countless hours of community service, usually benefiting programs helping children. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at UM Law. Shortly before his death from cancer early this year, the Florida Bar Foundation recognized his many contributions when it bestowed upon him its annual Medal of Honor, the Foundation's highest award for service to the public and profession.

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million pages of documents and a million frames of microfilm, along with several hundred megabytes of scientific data, deposition transcripts and database information. Interspersed among formal legal documents such as pleadings, consent decrees, and hearing and deposition transcripts are maps, photographs, and reports, providing insight into the nature of the Everglades and its integral place in Florida's history and development.

One of nature's unique and most varied ecosystems, the Everglades has been recognized worldwide for its haunting beauty. The largest federal wilderness area in the east, Everglades National Park is also of international significance, having been designated as a World Biosphere Reserve in 1976, a World Heritage Site in 1979, and a Wetland of International Importance. It is the only wetland in the Western Hemisphere to receive these multiple designations.

Decades of governmental and private intervention in the form of drainage projects for flood control and agricultural development and increased urbanization, however, have diminished the primeval everglades to half its size.

Today the Everglades is one of the nation's most fragile and threatened ecosystems. Human intervention in this century has also disrupted the quality, timing, and path of the vital water flowing through its remnants.

The collection's materials come primarily from documents filed and produced in a landmark civil action filed by the United States in 1988 and from subsequent litigation spawned by that lawsuit, some of which continues to this day. In the original lawsuit, the United States government sued the South Florida Water Management District and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, alleging that they had violated state water quality laws and contributed to the degradation of the Everglades National Park and the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

The Everglades case spanned thousands of pleadings, hundreds of depositions, and over a million pages of documents.

After four years of bitter litigation, the case was settled in 1992, when Judge William Hoeweler entered a settlement agreement between the federal and state parties, recognizing the severe harm the Park and Refuge had suffered and would continue to suffer if remedial steps were not taken. The agreement set out in

detail the steps the State of Florida would take over the next 10 years to restore and preserve water quality in the Everglades. It was founded on the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Act, Ch. 91-80, Laws of Florida, developed with the involvement and consent of agricultural interests.

The settlement agreement, however, allowed affected non-signatories to pursue state administrative remedies. Agricultural interests filed several such challenges, alleging that they were substantially affected by the agreement's remedial program, i.e. the final SWIM (Surface Water Improvement) Plan by the district and DER. These SWIM challenges were later consolidated into one action, *Cooperative vs. SFWMD, DOAH 92-3038*. The United States intervened on the district's side. Thirty-six collateral lawsuits were filed in different fora by the agricultural companies.

Settlement discussions between the district, the United States, and the agricultural interests eventually led to new state legislation, the Everglades Forever Act, Fla. Statute 373.4592, which removed the underlying basis for the SWIM challenges, and most of the lawsuits were dropped. By 1994, the last of these actions was withdrawn.

In August 1994, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the 1992 Consent Decree and remanded the original federal law suit to district court for further consideration in light of the Everglades Forever Act (28 F.3d 1563 (11th Cir 1994)).

New litigation, however arose when the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida filed several lawsuits against the federal and state governments over provisions of the Everglades Forever Act.

Generally, the most frequent in-person users of the collection have been University of Miami undergraduate and law students. The Law Library is working with law faculty and faculty in other University departments to integrate the collection's contents into environmental and political science courses.

Providing access to the collection's contents through the internet has become a major focus of the Law Library's goal of reaching as wide an audience as possible. The collection's Web site debuted in April 1997 after a conference on Everglades litigation was held in the Law Library. Since then the site has broadened the scope of its holdings on the internet making available hundreds of pleadings and deposition and hearing transcripts.

Web site visitors tend to be more diverse than in-person visitors. A representative sample of site visitors would include: law firms involved in complex environmental actions, scientists seeking documents related to remote sensing and economic impacts of legislation, environmentalists, and graduate students writing reports on Everglades hydrology. The site has gotten "hits" from as far away as Taiwan.

While it may not be possible to put all of the collection's materials online, staff members are identifying pleadings, depositions, hearings, exhibits, and other materials that will provide researchers and the general public with an understanding of the issues involved in the long line of Everglades water quality litigation.

Aside from presenting as much of the collection's contents online as possible, the staff intends to gather and make available pleadings and other docu-

ments from recent litigation, along with new legislation and links to news articles. Researchers can request hard copies of materials not available online but listed in indices. Indices and bibliographic databases cover a large percentage of the collection's holdings.

The Law Library's goal is to preserve and make accessible a balanced representation of the issues and arguments underlying the positions of diverse interests in important battles over the stewardship and preservation of one of nature's most unique and endangered ecosystems.

Researchers can view the collection at <http://www.law.miami.edu/library/everglades/>. Anyone who prefers to review the collection in person, should call 305-284-4093 at least 24 hours before he or she intends to visit.

To communicate with curator Alberto Montero-Valdes by e-mail, the address is: [amontero@law.miami.edu](mailto:amontero@law.miami.edu)

## 3 UM Law Alumni Lead Fight to Save Everglades



From left: Maureen Donlan, Suzan Hill Ponzoli, and Tom Watts-Fitzgerald

Three assistant U.S. attorneys who graduated from the University of Miami School of Law were leaders in the Everglades litigation.

Suzan Hill Ponzoli, '78, was the lead litigation attorney from 1988, when she and a team of attorneys, scientists, and resource managers drafted the first complaint aimed at restoring the Everglades, until 1994, when the litigation was settled in the Florida Legislature through the Everglades Forever Act. She led a team of U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) and Department of Justice lawyers that included as many as eight attorneys at one point. The large-scale efforts at restoration that are going on today are a direct outgrowth of that long, difficult litigation.

For her leadership, Ponzoli was recognized with numerous awards, including a 1994 Department of Justice Directors Award, a 1992 Everglades Coalition Public Service Award, a 1991 Florida Audubon Society Conservationist of the Year Award, and a 1989 Florida Wildlife Federation Award of Recognition.

Currently, she is deputy chief of the USAO's Appellate Division.

Tom Watts-Fitzgerald, '79, was a key litigator in the Everglades dis-

pute when the federal government had already settled with the state agencies and was facing the sugar and agricultural industries head on. Today, he is chief of USAO's Environmental Crimes Section.

Maureen Donlan, '80, was one of the earliest litigation attorneys who represented the federal government through the USAO, joining Ponzoli in early efforts to get the State of Florida to acknowledge the pollution problems. Donlan continues to be a civil litigator for the USAO.

According to Ponzoli, the UM Law Library's Everglades Collection is an invaluable resource for researchers because of its wealth of historical and scientific documents. "It contains the scientific, historical and political documents produced by each party to the litigation," she pointed out.

"For the state and federal governments, this meant that agencies that had studied the flora and fauna of the Everglades for decades had to produce all documents reflecting those studies. For the industry litigants, their expert witnesses were compelled to share years of research. Sometimes, the industry research was only repetitive water quality data, but sometimes, it included, for example, a search of all the newspaper articles ever written on the Everglades—a fascinating compilation of clippings available just for the taking."

Also important, from Ponzoli's perspective, is evidence of the impact a powerful industry can have on the formation of policy regarding the use and preservation of a publicly held resource. "The sugar and agricultural industries have dominated the public policy decisions that have been made in regard to the Everglades from the very beginning," she observed. "The impact of that influence is undeniable when examining the documents in the collection."

## New Generation of Lawyers



The Law School's Spring 1999 Hooding Ceremony saw the beginning of a new tradition, as several alumni who had children in the graduating class hooded them themselves.

In the photo above, Caroline Soret receives her hood from her mother, Assistant Dean for External Affairs Carol Cope, JD '80. Other hooding parents and their graduating children included: Nathan P. Diamond, JD '72 and Peter Diamond; Gary Carman, JD '74, and Jennifer Carman; Sandor F. Genet, JD '73, and Sol Genet; and Paul T. Dee, JD '77, and Tad Dee.

Altogether, UM Law conferred 400 JD and 87 LL.M. degrees at the May 16 ceremony at the Knight Center in downtown Miami.

Major B. Harding, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, was the keynote speaker.

## UM Law Students Offer Day of H.O.P.E.

University of Miami School of Law students started the new school year by offering a day of community service to six different Miami-Dade County agencies.

H.O.P.E. (Helping Others through Pro Bono Efforts) is a UM Law School program that offers opportunities for law students, faculty, staff and alumni to participate in a myriad of community outreach and legal advocacy projects.

On Saturday, August 28, approximately 45 H.O.P.E. volunteers spent the day brightening the lives of individuals in the Miami-Dade community. Groups of volunteers went to the Esperanza Center, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Miami Bridge, Camillus House and South Beach to do various service projects, from a beach clean-up to visiting residents and providing cheer with games, food and fun.

Vikky Mendez led a group of enthusiastic volunteers to the Esperanza Center where they entertained children and presented them with coloring books, markers and crayons. Project leader Ami DiLorenzo and friends brightened the day for patients at Jackson Memorial Hospital by sharing magazines, books and stories, while Betsy Goldsmith and friends played sports and ate pizza with residents of Miami Bridge, a youth services center that provides safe shelter to runaway and homeless teens. Ivette Arango's crew, including her grandmother, served lunch to more than 150 people at Camillus House, and Rob Rice

and his beach patrol cleaned up the beach from 1st to 6th streets on South Beach. Alicia Hughes led a group of enthusiastic volunteers to the Ronald McDonald House, where they treated families of hospitalized children to a day of food and fun.

Mendez, DiLorenzo, Goldsmith, Arango, Rice, and Hughes all are second- and third-year law students. Many of the volunteers were first-year law students.

In addition to its volunteer activities, H.O.P.E. is raising funds to establish a fellows program that will allow students to continue their efforts in legal advocacy and community outreach throughout the school year.

H.O.P.E. invited members of the Law School and South Florida communities to support the fellows program by participating in a September 30 fundraising auction at the University of Miami Faculty Club. Local businesses and individuals donated a large number of attractive items for auction, ranging from BAR/BRI bar review courses to theatre and concert tickets, rounds of golf, meals at various restaurants, weekends in resorts, museum passes, health club memberships, car rentals, and software.

Individuals who would like to make monetary donations to the H.O.P.E. fellowship fund can do so by calling Dean Marni Lennon at 305-284-2599. Naming opportunities are available to donors interested in sponsoring specific fellowships.

## School Reflects City's 'Gateway Role'

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Spanish at any U.S. law school outside of Puerto Rico.

"Our goal is to give students a meaningful legal vocabulary in a real historical and cultural context. We want them to learn the words and learn the system, from an international comparative point of view," said Prof. Enrique Fernández-Barros—a former professor of law at the Catholic University St. Thomas Villanova in Havana and professor emeritus of Spanish at the University of Iowa—who teaches the course.

"Not only do our students see this area of study as an exciting intellectual challenge, they also know that it is very practical—especially here in Miami, one of the world's most international cities and a city with a massive and growing need for attorneys who understand a foreign system," he said.

Because of the popularity of the course in civil code, Fernández-Barros will teach it again next spring. This fall, he is teaching a course on the Spanish commercial code, also in Spanish. Moreover, in the spring semester, Prof. Edgardo Rotman—a world-renowned figure in international penology and crime policy and one of 10 individuals selected to help prepare an upcoming U.N. conference on the subject—will teach a Spanish-language course in comparative criminal law.

According to Associate Dean Richard Williamson, the Law School is considering several other courses to be taught in Spanish in the near future.

Much of the School's growing reputation as one of the nation's best places to study international law can be credited to its highly regarded faculty, many of whom have extensive international legal experience. In fact, of the School's 48 faculty members, 26 have published articles or books or taught courses in international law, comparative and foreign law, or maritime law within the past five years.

The School's Dean Dennis O. Lynch—who was a Fulbright Scholar in economics in Venezuela and served as a legal and constitutional reform consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Colombia and Nicaragua—is a recognized authority on Latin American law, employment law, and labor arbitration.

Associate Dean Williamson is an expert on disarmament and international environmental law.

Prof. Keith S. Rosenn, the School's senior expert in comparative law and one of America's leading experts on Latin American law, holds the Inter-American Jurisprudence Prize from the Inter-American Bar Association for his "distinguished contribution to the development and clarification of law" in the Americas.

Prof. Bernard H. Oxman, the Law School's senior expert on public international law, is the director of the Law of the Sea Institute and frequently advises the U.S. State Department and foreign governments on international law issues.

Prof. Irwin P. Stotzky has been an advisor to elected Haitian Presidents Aristide and Preval and to Argentine President Alfonsín. He is one of the world's leading experts on the transition from dictatorship to democracy.

Prof. Alan C. Swan is UM Law's senior expert on private international law and international trade and the author of the most widely used text on international business transactions.

Prof. Elizabeth M. Iglesias and Prof. Francisco Valdes are driving figures in the "LatCrit" movement and co-directors of UM Law's Center for Latin American and Caribbean Law and of the School's highly popular Summer in Spain program.

The Law School also attracts visiting faculty from around the world, as well as adjunct faculty with experience in international transactions, adding even greater depth to the international and foreign programs.

A frequent visitor is Prof. Hugo Caminos, a judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, in Hamburg, Germany. He is professor of law emeritus at the University of Buenos Aires, former Argentine ambassador to Brazil, and former general counsel of the Organization of American States.

With the international expertise and involvement of its faculty, its location at the Gateway to Latin America, and its multi-cultural student body, the University of Miami School of Law has become known as one of the nation's best places to study international and foreign law.



Following a June 7 luncheon in his honor, former Dean Mary Doyle thanks James H. "Booty" Nance, '56, for his \$100,000 gift to the School of Law. In gratitude for his generosity, the Law School has dedicated its courtyard fountain to him.

## UM Law's Faculty in the News

As an expert on cyber law, Prof. Michael Froomkin continues to be quoted in article after article on the topic.

For instance, the *Washington Post* (August 21), *Cyber-Times Today* (July 21) and the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* (July 11) all sought his opinion for major features on encryption issues.

On the controversy surrounding the new regulatory powers assumed by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the *Washington Post* (July 22), the *New York Times* (online version, June 7), and *The Industry Standard* (July 9) turned to him.

Articles in *IntellectualCapital.com* (June 10) and *InternetNews.com* (June 22) on "cybersquatting" (buying up various versions of domain names that someone else might be willing to pay a premium for at a later date) quoted him.

And, both the *Wall Street Journal* (front page, June 21) and the *Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition* (August 31) published articles about a paper ("The Next Economy") that he co-wrote with economic historian J. Bradford DeLong of the University of California at Berkeley. The article in the *Interactive Edition* called it "some of the most provocative thinking I've yet seen about the ways in which the Internet is going to change the world." ["The Next Economy" can be accessed on Froomkin's Web site at <http://www.law.miami.edu/~froomkin>.]

After a Florida jury ruled against the tobacco industry in the first class-action lawsuit by ailing smokers to come to trial, the media turned to Prof. Clark Freshman for commentary.

He was featured in articles in *USA Today* (July 8), *Time* magazine (July 19), *The Miami Herald* (July 9 and September 4), the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* (July 7), the *International Herald Tribune* (July 9), and the *Washington Post* (July 8), and on CNN's *The World Today* (July 7), and *The NewsHour* with

*Jim Lehrer* (July 8). On CNN, he said, "This is going to be the largest exposure the tobacco companies have ever faced, and that's going to mean lots of money—lots of money coming out of the shareholders of tobacco companies, and it's also going to mean, probably, lots of claims in other states."

On September 4 *The Miami Herald* following a court ruling that the tobacco companies could deal with damage claims of each member of the landmark class-action suit on an individual basis, quoted Freshman as saying, "Big Tobacco will not have to write one big check for billions of dollars, but they will have to write hundreds of thousands of small checks for several million dollars over many years."

In a July 1 *New York Times* article on the outrage expressed by Miami's Cuban-American community after a well-publicized attempt by the U.S. Coast Guard to turn back a boatload of Cubans, Prof. David Abraham said, "The outcry is a function of the power of Cuban-American politicians in South Florida and the spectacle of seeing the incident live [on television]."

Another *New York Times* article (July 21) on the ongoing attempts of Cubans to illegally immigrate to the U.S. quoted Prof. Stephen Schnably as saying that another mass exodus from Cuba could come only with Fidel Castro's blessing, that "If he makes it clear at a time that people can just leave the island, then you will have an exodus."

A September 6 column in the *Miami Herald* carried the headline "UM Reopens JFK Case" and focused on "Evidentiary Inference and Advocacy: the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy," a course being taught this semester by Prof. John Hart Ely. The columnist, Joan Fleiselman, noted that, 35 years ago, Ely served as one of 17 staff lawyers on the Warren Commission.

News that the Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism had honored Prof. Anthony Alfieri with its 1999 Professionalism Award received coverage in the *Coral Gables Gazette* and the *Miami Herald*. (See article below)

The *South Florida Sun-Sentinel's* July 19 article on Broward County's plan to improve the education of foster children quoted Bernard Perlmutter, director of UM Law's Children and Youth Law Clinic, as saying that the school district needs to refine its definition of surrogate parents. "My pet peeve is their failure to acknowledge that every child who is a ward of the state is entitled to a surrogate parent," he said.

In its "Professions" column, *The Miami Herald* noted that UM Law now offers a course based on the Spanish civil code and taught entirely in Spanish. It quoted Prof. Enrique Fernández-Barros as saying that expertise in a foreign legal system is especially important in Miami.

An article in the August 9 *Miami Herald* on Florida's grand juries over the past 52 years, quoted Prof. Bruce Winick as saying that, while grand juries across the country issue indictments on a range of criminal cases, in Florida, they generally hear only capital crimes. In the *Herald's* June 4 Broward edition, columnist Sue Reisinger cited Winick's "therapeutic jurisprudence" method as a means for law to play a role in healing society's drug- and alcohol-related crime problems.

## Prof. Rose Heads NITA's Education Program



Prof. Laurence M. (Lonny) Rose has accepted the position of vice president and executive director of education for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), effective July 1.

Responsible for the quality of NITA's faculty and for all of the organization's education initiatives, he will recruit and coordinate teachers who meet NITA's high standards for teaching trial advocacy. NITA has more than 1,000 faculty members and more than 50 program directors.

Last year, Rose was the winner of the 1998 Richard S. Jacobson Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy. Presented by the Roscoe Pound Foundation, an affiliate of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, it is based upon the candidate's contributions to professional literature, student evaluations, demonstrated excellence in the trial advocacy program, teaching style, and interaction with students.

His affiliation with NITA is long-standing, dating back to 1975, when he was a student at the organization's National Session. He has been a member of NITA's teaching faculty since 1978. He founded NITA's Mid-America Regional program in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1981, and has been program director of both the Hanley Advanced Advocates program and the National Session since 1985.

Rose, who was vice dean of the University of Miami School of Law from 1995-98, will continue his responsibilities as professor of law and director of the School's Litigation Skills Program.

## Fla. Supreme Court Professionalism Award Goes to Alfieri



the award is a tribute to Alfieri's work in developing the Center for Ethics and Public Service at UM Law and to the Center's work in providing training to law students, the business and legal communities, and the general public.

"This program is truly one to be proud of and one that we hope can be duplicated in or expanded to other parts of the State," Justice Harry Lee Anstead said in a letter informing Alfieri of his selection.

The commission created the annual award recently to recognize a faculty member in one of Florida's law schools who, through teaching, scholarship, and service to the profession, best supports and exemplifies the organization's mission.

[The mission is: "To promote the fundamental ideals and values of the justice system and the legal profession, and to instill those ideals in those persons

servicing and seeking to serve in the system."]

Last year, the Center for Ethics and Public Service received the American Bar Association's prestigious E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award.

The Center is an interdisciplinary project focused on teaching the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in the practice of law. Staffed by Law School student fellows and interns performing under Alfieri's supervision, it provides training in ethics and professionalism to the Law School and to the University as well as to Florida's business, civic, educational and legal communities. Since its founding in 1996, the Center has reached out to help educate nearly 2,000 people.

At the Law School, the Center sponsors workshops and symposia,

participates in an ethics orientation program for first-year students, and presents continuing legal education courses.

Workshops sponsored by the Center have included: Criminal Defense Ethics; Women in the Legal Profession; Race and the Legal Profession; Balancing a Family and a Legal Career; Ethical Dilemmas in International Lawyering; Media, Law and Politics; Prosecutorial Ethics; Hiring and Promotion Ethics; Women Rainmakers; Sports Law Ethics; and In-House Counsel Ethics.

Symposia have included: Hate in America; Town Meeting—Crisis in the Legal Profession; Hate on the Internet; and Lawyer Professionalism.

The Center recently accepted an appointment as legal ethics advisor to The Alliance for Ethical Government, a countywide consortium of public and private leaders from selected business, civic, educational, and legal communities.

The Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism has selected University of Miami School of Law Professor Anthony Alfieri as the winner of its 1999 Professionalism Award.

Presented at the Judicial Luncheon held during the Florida Bar Association's annual meeting in Boca Raton June 24,

## Author, Company Founder—She's Off to Fast Start



February 8, 1999, issue of the *New York Law Journal* and "Raising Capital on the Internet—A Realistic Examination of eSecurities" in the February 1999 issue of *eSecurities*.

The new company and the magazine articles had their genesis less than two years ago, when she was working part-time for a Fort Lauderdale law firm (Atlas, Pearlman, Trop and Borkson), where she was responsible for researching how to offer securities over the Internet. Through her research, she met Leo Feldman, president of IPOnet, a company that does Internet security offerings. In 1998, she joined IPOnet as director of business relations. She and Feldman formed Rule 506.com as a subsidiary of IPOnet to complement the parent company's security offering program; they are awaiting final SEC approval to conduct business.

Her work with those two companies was the basis for the three articles.

"The articles explored a very timely issue—the offering of securities over the Internet—that is relevant to a cross-section of legal concerns and specialties," she commented.

Meltzer has accepted an associate position in the Miami office of Gunster, Yoakley Valdes-Fauli, and Stewart.

After many years in the workforce, most people would be proud to state that they had formed a company and published articles in three journals. Renae Meltzer had done that even before she finished law school.

The co-founder of a company called "Rule 506.com," she published an article on "The Expansion of the General Solicitation Rules of the 1933 Act" in the June 1999 issue of the *Florida Bar Journal*.

Other articles by Meltzer—who received her JD from UM Law in May—include "Raising Capital with Regulation D's Three Exceptions" in the



From left, Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton partners John Kozyak and Kenneth Hartmann with scholarship-holder Val Shealey.

## Kozyak, Tropin, Throckmorton Strong Supporter of UM Law

It's good to have friends, and UM Law has been fortunate to have the friendship of the Miami law firm of Kozyak, Tropin and Throckmorton.

Each year, for the past five years, the firm has presented a full-tuition scholarship to a third-year student who is both an African American and has an outstanding record in trial advocacy.

The current holder of the Kozyak, Tropin and Throckmorton Scholarship is Val Shealey, who, as a second-year student, distinguished himself in last spring's Litigation Skills I class.

The firm also awards the John Kozyak Bankruptcy Prize of \$5,000 each year to the student who performed best in the previous year's bankruptcy classes. Kozyak has contributed a considerable amount of time and effort to help UM Law students compete in a national

bankruptcy moot court competition, arranging a local competition, raising funds, and accompanying students to New York City for the national event.

Last fall, the firm gave UM Law \$50,000 as the lead gift for the Friends of the Litigation Skills Program's enhancement fund. In recognition of that gift, the litigation skills center is now known as the Kozyak, Tropin and Throckmorton Office Suite. For many years, firm members Harley Tropin, Paul Huck, and Ken Hartmann have been active instructors in the Litigation Skills Program.

In addition, Laurel M. Isicoff (partner) and Detra Shaw-Wilder (associate) serve on the board of the Law Alumni Association, and members of the firm volunteer to help in student recruitment and serve as mentors to minority students.

## In Memoriam

The dean, faculty, students, and alumni of the University of Miami School of Law honor the following alumni and friends of the School of Law who have died during 1999.

We are grateful for their participation in the development of UM Law, and we extend condolences to their family members and friends as they mourn their loss. While these friends will always be a part of the School of Law we will miss their presence among us.

Angelo Anthony Ali, JD '52  
Rafael C. Benitez, LL.M. '66  
Meyer M. Brilliant, JD '66  
S. James Cohen, JD '52  
Charles Louis De Carlo, JD '51  
Leonard R. Fels, JD '60, LL.M. '72  
Jose A. Fernandez, JD '91  
Arthur J. Franza, JD '54  
Albert Alton Gordon, JD '69  
George Griffith Graham, JD '54  
Carl David Grimaldi, JD '52  
Moses Joseph Grundwerg, JD '54  
Jane R. Hoade, JD '53  
Scott Hunter, JD '86  
Edward S. Kelly, JD '53

Jesse A. Kimmel, JD '55  
Donald Francis March, Sr., JD '54  
Richard T. O'Connell, JD '54  
Vincent F. O'Reilly, JD '55  
David Popper, Sr., JD '52  
Theodore Riley, JD '57  
Andrew S. Rubin, JD '80  
Debra I. Orenstein Rubin, JD '80  
Theodore J. Sakowitz, JD '46  
Martin S. Saxon, JD '56  
Kenneth B. Sherouse, JD '49  
Phillip W. Smith, JD '58  
Samuel S. Smith, Esq., '60  
Sharon Leslie Wolfe, JD '76

## Judge Popper Was Admired By Peers



David Popper, Class of '52, passed away May 19 at age 73.

Popper was a lawyer for 15 years before being appointed by Gov. Claude Kirk to the Dade Circuit Court bench, where he served for 11 years before returning to private practice.

As a Dade Circuit Court judge, in 1971, he was among the first to rule in favor of a patient's right to die, determining that Carmen Martinez, a Cuban refugee with a terminal blood disease, should not have to live in pain.

During his judicial tenure, Popper had the distinction of not only sitting as a circuit court judge, but also of sitting on several district courts of appeal as an associate judge or visiting judge, as well as sitting on many occasions as a visiting judge on the Florida Supreme Court.

Admired by his judicial peers, he was honored by a Resolution Memorandum from the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges stating: "... his sterling years on the Circuit Bench, in Dade County, Florida, were evidenced by his steadfast adherence to the rule of law combined with his compassion and understanding for the need of the people who came to the Court seeking fairness and justice at his hand. ..."

## 91% of 1998 UM Law Grads Found Jobs Within 9 Months

Ninety-one percent of the Law School's spring 1998 graduates found jobs within nine months of graduation. This hiring level is a sharp increase over that reported to the National Association for Law Placement for the previous year's UM Law graduates.

The current 91 percent hiring figure reflects improvement in both the national and South Florida legal markets and the high-quality work of UM Law's Career Planning Center, headed by Marcy Cox.

"The Center has developed job-placement strategies that are yielding excellent results for our graduates," Cox stated. "In addition, the Career Planning Center now has much better ability to keep in touch with students after graduation and to know when they have accepted employment. Our statistics on the classes of '98 and '99 are much more accurate than for previous years."

There are also encouraging reports from students who graduated last spring, many of whom already have secured legal positions around the country.

Increasingly, UM Law graduates are moving on to judicial clerkships. One 1999 graduate has joined the Hon. Peter T. Fay as a judicial law clerk with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh

Circuit. Another has joined Justice Fred Lewis, '72, as a judicial law clerk with the Supreme Court of Florida. Other graduates have secured judicial clerkships stretching from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to the State Court of Appeal in Hawaii.

In addition to prestigious judicial clerkship opportunities, many 1999 graduates have been offered positions with some of the best firms in the nation, including Baker & McKenzie; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft; Dewey Ballantine; Dorsey & Whitney; Greenberg, Traurig, Hoffman, Lipoff, Rosen & Quentel; Holland & Knight; Howrey & Simon; Kirkpatrick & Lockhart; Lord, Bissel & Brook; McKenna & Cuneo; Morgan, Lewis & Bockius; Proskauer Rose; and White & Case.

Along with courts and private law firms, government and public interest groups (such as the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago and the offices of the Dade County Public Defender and the Miami-Dade State Attorney) have extended employment offers to this year's graduates, as have such corporate employers as Chase Manhattan Mergers & Acquisitions and Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

## Message from President, Law Alumni Association

### Greetings to My 14,000 Fellow Alumni:

Yes, believe it or not there are more than 14,000 alumni of the University of Miami School of Law.

Sometimes wonder what all of you are up to in your careers and in your lives. I recently spoke to the incoming 1Ls at the Dean's Welcome Dinner, and it was fun reporting some of the successes of members of my class, the Class of 1972. Of course every graduating class has its own honor role of alumni who have had wonderful careers and who have had special achievements in their lives.

The Law Alumni Association is putting together a plan to recognize our most distinguished graduates, celebrating the achievements of UM Law alumni from our School's founding 71 years ago to the present. What we have in mind is evidence of high achievement, such as landmark legal victories, election to high public office, appointment or election to the judiciary leadership in major corporations, awards recognizing outstanding professionalism or public service, etc. However our plan is still in the formative stage, and we welcome your ideas for what criteria we should use and who should be honored.

For the project to be a success, we will need help from a large number of people, from every class that has ever graduated from UM Law. Along with your ideas, we need to hear from you about your successes and those of your classmates and alumni friends. Please send your comments to me by e-mail at [alumnipres@law.miami.edu](mailto:alumnipres@law.miami.edu).

A new and excellent communication tool is the *1999 Law Alumni Directory*, published this summer by the School of Law. Listing all 14,000 alumni by name, class, geographic location and areas of specialty it is a wonderful book (or CD Rom) that can help us locate and reconnect with one another. In case you forgot to order one, a limited number is still available by calling the publishing company at 1-800-982-1590.

Along with the e-mail addresses listed in the directory, we continue to collect new e-mail addresses and update others. If you would like to be added to an e-mail list to receive Law Alumni event information or to participate in Law Alumni e-mail discussion forums, please let us know by contacting me at the e-mail address above or the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations at any of the addresses listed in the masthead on page 2.

A great opportunity for rekindling our relationships with the School of Law will be our 51st Annual Homecoming Breakfast, on Saturday, November 20, preceded by the ever-popular "Morning Spirits" party on The Bricks. It is a wonderful tradition and a tremendous amount of fun. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Law Alumni Association is pleased to welcome Dennis Lynch as our new Dean of the Law School. He is an outstanding choice, selected from well over 100 highly qualified candidates. It is a new beginning, and it looks like a very promising one at that. Dean Lynch has expressed a strong interest in forging a solid relationship with alumni and hopes to meet many of you in the near future and welcome you back on campus for a visit. The Law Alumni Association will build a new unity with Dean Lynch and the faculty to give the students the best legal education possible and to help the University of Miami School of Law reach new heights.

Det H. Joks

President, Law Alumni Association



## 51st Annual LAA Homecoming Breakfast

The 51st Annual Law Alumni Association Homecoming Breakfast—the last such breakfast to occur this century—will take place on Saturday, November 20, on the Coral Gables campus.

The Hon. R. Fred Lewis, JD '72, who was recently appointed to the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, will be the keynote speaker. New UM Law dean, Dennis O. Lynch, will address the audience during the program. This year's master of ceremonies will be Ted Klein, JD '64, who will delight and amuse the crowd with his lively sense of humor.

Plan to join fellow alumni, friends, and members of the South Florida judiciary and School of Law faculty be-

ginning at 8:00 a.m. with everyone's favorite happy hour, "Morning Spirits," on the Law School Courtyard (the Slab). The Homecoming "power" breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the newly renovated Whitten University Center Food Court (the old "Ibis Cafeteria"), a short stroll away.

Don't miss the Law Alumni Association's preeminent event of the year and the opportunity to renew your support for the University of Miami School of Law. Homecoming is a good time to recognize this great institution we are all affiliated with and to acknowledge the valuable contributions UM Law has made to the South Florida community.

## Continuing Legal Education 1999–2000 Schedule

### Litigation Skills Series:

A Day on Trial—Advocacy for the New Millennium  
September 17, 1999  
Sheraton Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL

### What Jurors Are Saying Behind Closed Doors

October 14, 1999  
Sheraton Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL

### Alumni Luncheon Series\*

#### "Ethical Government . . . an Oxymoron? Can Attorneys Help?"

Speaker: Gerald Kogan, JD '55  
President, Alliance for Ethical Government  
Former Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court  
September 16, 1999  
Faculty Club, Coral Gables, FL

#### "Preparing Tomorrow's Lawyers—The Challenges of Legal Education"

Dennis O. Lynch  
Dean, University of Miami School of Law  
October 21, 1999  
Faculty Club, Coral Gables, FL

### Ralph E. Boyer Institutes:

Twelfth Institute on Real Property Law  
Twenty-Fourth Institute on Condominium and Cluster Developments  
November 3–5, 1999  
Miami Airport Hilton, Miami, FL

### Annual Institute on Law, Psychiatry and Psychology

November 12–13, 1999  
Shelborne Hotel, Miami Beach, FL

### Thirty-Fourth Annual Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning

January 10–14, 2000  
Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Towers, Miami Beach, FL

### Fourth Annual Institute on Mergers & Acquisitions

February 10–11, 2000  
Sonesta Beach Resort, Key Biscayne, FL

### Third Annual Institute on Tax Considerations in Mergers & Acquisitions

February 24–25, 2000  
Sonesta Beach Resort, Key Biscayne, FL

\*The Alumni Luncheon Series provides UM Law Alumni with the opportunity to enjoy lunch with classmates and colleagues, hear a fascinating speaker, and earn one free CLE ethics credit hour—all for the cost of lunch (\$15.00). This ongoing series is monthly.

For information contact:

The Center for Continuing Legal Education at 305-284-6276



**NEWLY INSTALLED**—Among the executive board members installed at the Law Alumni Association's Installation Ceremony were, from left, Todd Payne, '89; Elizabeth Katzen, '88; Hon. Carroll Kelly, '89; Alvin Lindsay, '91; David Hope, '96; Michael Blynn, '77; and president Det Joks, '72. The event was held June 3 in Fort Lauderdale during UM Law's Third Annual Broward Judicial Reception. For complete list of officers, see page 15.



# Dean's Circle Members Tops Among UM Law Benefactors

Membership in the University of Miami School of Law Dean's Circle reflects a high level of commitment to the School and a shared vision for ensuring excellence in legal education.

By making annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Law Annual Fund, members place themselves at the head of a partnership of alumni, parents, and friends who, with the dean, students, faculty, and administrations, are dedicated to ensuring that the School takes its place among the nation's leading law schools. Each year, the Law School holds several events especially for Dean's Circle members.

Current members include:

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- Susan H. Aprill, Esq., '82
- Arthur Andersen Foundation
- David T. Berg, Sr., Esq., '63
- William J. Berger, Esq., '75
- Richard A. Berkowitz, Esq., '81
- Howard J. Berlin, Esq., '79
- Mark Bidner, Esq., '86
- \*Roy Black, Esq., '70
- Donna R. Blaustein, Esq., '95
- Ian Barry Blaxberg, Esq., '77
- Hon. Beth Bloom, '88
- Gary M. Carman, Esq., '74
- \*Sue M. Cobb, Esq., '78
- \*Albert N. Cohen, Esq., '53
- David L. Cohen, Esq., '81
- Richard P. Cole, Esq., '75
- Marc Cooper, Esq., '75
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- Hon. A. Jay Cristol, '59
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- Fredrica B. Elder, Esq., '88
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- Marsha Barbabel Elser, Esq., '75
- Richard J. Essen, Esq., '63
- Exxon Education Foundation
- Lynda Wolfson Fadel, Esq., '86
- Glenn Phillip Falk, Esq., '73
- Martin Fine, Esq., '49
- Edwin J. Fitzpatrick, Esq., '76
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- Florida Bar Association
- \*\*Leo Fornero, Esq., '54
- Lewis B. Freeman, Esq., '74
- Stuart H. Giltitz, Esq., '75
- Harlan M. Gladstein, Esq., '86
- Barton S. Goldberg, Esq., '57
- Jonathan Goodman, Esq., '83
- Mac A. Greco, Jr., Esq., '72
- Stephen K. Halpert
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- Burton Harrison, Esq., '52
- Steven E. Hartz, Esq., '53
- Jeanette F. Hauser, '53
- Florence Ruth Hecht
- Kevin S. Hennessy, Esq., '86
- Vincent C. Hennessy, Esq., '71
- Deborah Hoffman, Esq., '83
- \*Larry Hoffman, Esq., '54
- Holland & Knight LLP
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- J. Bruce Irving, Esq., '65
- \*Laurel Myerson Iscoff, Esq., '82
- Judith A. Kaplan.
- Seymour D. Keith, Esq., '47
- Jennifer Kaufman Kesset Esq., '94
- Theodore Klein, Esq., '64
- Benedict P. Kuehne, Esq., '77
- James A. Lanier II, Esq., '62
- Henry Latimer, Esq., '73
- Larry R. Leiby, Esq., '73
- Bennett M. Lifter, Esq., '50
- Susan Lytle Lipton, '70
- John F. Lisk, Esq., '77
- Erik P. Littman, Esq., '79
- Ramsay G. Ludington, Esq., '52
- John D. Mallah, Esq., '84
- Elliott Manning, Esq.
- Ray E. Marchman, Jr., Esq., '61
- Jerry M. Markowitz, Esq., '74
- Ivor Massey, Jr., Esq., '79
- Patrick McGroarty, Esq., '57
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- \*Steven Mishan, Esq., '72
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- \*Rene V. Murai, Esq., '90
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- Sheldon B. Palley, Esq., '57
- Michael J. Parenti III, Esq., '74
- \*Robert Paul, Esq.
- John W. Perloff, Esq., '86
- Pamela I. Perry, Esq., '84
- Alfredo P. Piccini, Esq., '56
- Francis M. Pohlsg., '64
- Steven Bart Posner, Esq., '76
- Mark Raymond, Esq., '83
- Richard J. Razook, Esq., '75
- Patricia Redmond, Esq., '79
- Luis Reiter, Esq., '80
- Dennis A. Richard, Esq., '72
- \*Jack S. Ring, Esq., '57
- Frank M. Robbins, Esq., '52
- Harvey E. Robins, Esq., '58
- Raquel Rodriguez, Esq., '85
- Neil S. Rollnick, Esq., '68
- Charles L. Ruffner, Esq., '64
- Donald Spencer Rose, Esq., '57
- Elizabeth Koebel Russo, Esq., '78
- Charles F. Sansone, Esq., '65
- Reuben M. Schneider, Esq., '61
- Carl Schuster, Esq., '63
- Peter S. Schwedock, Esq., '68
- Gail D. Serota, Esq., '79
- \*Joseph Serota, Esq., '78
- Hon. Robert L. Shevin, '57
- \*Edward R. Shohat, Esq., '72
- Marshall E. Sigel, Esq., '83
- Hon. Samuel I. Silver, '37
- David A. Simon, Esq., '77
- \*\*Samuel S. Smith, Esq., '60
- Jay H. Solowisky, Esq., '79
- Nel R. Sonnett, Esq., '67
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- Thomas R. Spencer, Jr., Esq., '69
- \*\*John W. Spinner, Esq., '54
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- Joel L. Tabas, Esq., '85
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- John W. Thornton, Jr., Esq., '77
- Mindy S. Thornton, Esq., '78
- Eileen L. Tilghman, Esq., '86
- Robert H. Traurig, Esq., '50
- William VanderWyden III, Esq., '84
- Irving Walton, Esq., '52
- Roger G. Welcher, Esq., '57
- Thomas J. Whitehouse, Esq., '77
- Thomas Delancey Wood, Esq., '56
- Larry J. Wyman, Esq., '80
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The Law School's Annual Dean's Circle reception was June 9 at the Miami Beach home of Marjorie Baron, '92. In the first photo, she chats with Robert Panoff, '76, and his wife, Jeanne. In the second photo are, from left, Rene and Luisa Murai with Pamela Perry, '84, Ely Cristol, wife of Judge A. Jay Cristol, '59, and Robert Stok, '90, converse in the third photo.



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# Class Notes



## CLASS OF 1949

The Class of 1949 will hold its 50th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact John Benjamin, '49, on 305-670-9994 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

## CLASS OF 1952

BURTON A. LANDY received the Lifetime Membership Award from the Dade County Bar Association for his many years of active practice as a member of the association. Landy practices at the Miami office of Akerman Senterfitt.

## CLASS OF 1953

JACK ACERMAN was awarded the Palm Beach County Bar Association Professionalism Award on May 27, 1999, for "Excellence in Practicing Professionalism in Palm Beach County." He lives and practices in West Palm Beach.

AL PALMER and his wife, Connie, spend most of the year at their new home in Robbinsville, N.C., where they are closer to their children and families who live in Knoxville, Atlanta and Highlands. Al and Connie return often to Miami, where he is still associated with Palmer, Palmer & Mangiero, P.A., on South Dixie Highway and continues his volunteer work with the Archdiocese of Miami.

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

## CLASS OF 1954

The Class of 1954 will hold its 45th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Ainslee Ferdi, '54, on 305-445-3557 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

DONALD E MARCH, Sr. died on July 15, 1999. He was a sole practitioner in Miami who worked with his wife of 55 years, Lillie May, who was his secretary. In 1945 he joined the Miami Police Department and eventu-



**IMPROMPTUREUNION**—At Wolf Laurel Country Club in North Carolina last July, several members of the Class of 1951 took advantage of an opportunity to become reacquainted. From left are: Marie Rose; Carl Rose, '51; Shirley Stover, '51; Prof. M. Minnette Massey, '51; Shirley Kaiser; and Julius H. Kaiser, '51.

ally rose to the rank of captain. He was on the board of directors of Goodwill Industries and a lifetime member of Kiwanis. He is survived by his wife and sons, Don Jr. and William, daughter Patti, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## CLASS OF 1957

TALA ENGEL practiced immigration law in Chicago and now resides in Washington, D.C. She is written up in *Who's Who in the World*, 2nd edition, and had her own A/V rating from Martindale Hubbell. Engel has traveled in 55 countries and was married to James A. Colias, now deceased. She would love to hear from her classmates from the School of Law. [TalaEngel@aol.com](mailto:TalaEngel@aol.com).

SONIA PRESSMAN FUENTES has written her memoirs, *Eat First—You Don't Know What They'll Give You: The Adventures of an Immigrant Family and Their Feminist Daughter*. Written with warmth and humor, her memoirs reveal how she went from being a five-year-old immigrant from Germany in 1934 to become the first woman attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the Equal Opportunity Commission (EEO C) in 1985, one of the founders of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in 1966, the highest paid woman at the headquarters of two multinational corporations, GTE and TRW, and an international speaker on women's rights for the United States Information Agency. The book will be published soon; information is available from: [http://www.erratimpulse.com/~feminism/html/sonia\\_pressman\\_fuentes.htm](http://www.erratimpulse.com/~feminism/html/sonia_pressman_fuentes.htm) and can be ordered in paperback from bookstores.

## CLASS OF 1959

The Class of 1959 will hold its 40th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact the Hon. A. Jay Cristol, '59, on 305-538-3058, Alvin Malnik, '59, on 561-482-1010 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

## CLASS OF 1961

JAMES FLANNERY is chairman of the board of the White Way Sign Company, a purveyor of custom electronic signage and scoreboards, located in Chicago.

Founded in 1916 by Thomas Flannery, Sr., the company is now under its third generation of family ownership and management. Flannery joined White Way as a corporate attorney and served as president for 20 years before assuming his present position. He is active in area civic and service organizations and was honored with the Welzmann Institute's 1994 Man of the Year award and the 1991 Mother Cabrini award.

## CLASS OF 1962



EDWARD P. AHRENS, JR., retired in 1993 from Florida Power & Light Company as its senior and managing

attorney and its assistant corporate secretary. He now devotes his time to circuit mediation and freelance writing. He is especially interested in instructing and helping attorneys to instruct non-attorneys on avoiding the legal dangers of imprudent writing. Ahrens has just published the second edition of his popular book, *The Perils of Imprudent Writing—How to Watch What You Write and Stay Out of Court*.

## CLASS OF 1964

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

## CLASS OF 1965



BENNETT H. BRUMMER, public defender for Miami-Dade County, received the prestigious Criminal Justice Award of the

Dade County Bar Association, presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the criminal justice system in Miami-Dade County. During Law Week 1999, Brummer also spoke to students at Miami Senior High School about the criminal justice system and how his office functions within it. In June, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals presented Brummer with its Founders Award in recognition of his support of the county's first drug court, established in Miami a decade ago. The Miami Drug Court became a model for more than 600 drug courts in operation or in the planning stages. The award was presented in Miami Beach at the association's annual conference.

RICHARD N. FRIEDMAN spearheaded the successful fight against a proposed 1 percent increase in the sales tax for Miami-Dade County. To be used to expand the Metrorail system. The special referendum vote on July 29, 1999, turned out 28 percent of the registered voters, who rejected the mayor's Penny Tax Plan by a 68 percent to 32 percent margin.

In 1976, in 1980 and in 1991, Friedman also successfully led overwhelming voter opposition to proposed 1 percent sales tax increases in Miami-Dade County for Metrorail. Also, in 1987, he led the successful statewide fight to repeal the services sales tax statute, which became effective July 1, 1987. After a ferocious political battle, the governor and the legislature repealed the tax on December 11, 1987.

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

## CLASS OF 1967



The Honorable EUGENE J. FIERRO received the American Bar Association Section of Family Law Pro Bono Award for his

efforts in providing pro bono legal assistance to the poor and to victims of abuse. Judge Fierro is administrator of "Put Something Back" and has authored several legal publications, including "The Lawyer's Trial Book—A Guide to the 1977 Amendments to the Rules of Florida Civil Procedure."

BRUCE E. RAPEE is married to LeAnne Moore of San Francisco. They live in Miami with their daughter, Brienne. Following a very brief career in law, Bruce has been an investor in commercial real estate for the past 30 years and administers the investments of several employee retirement trusts, when he and the family are not traveling.

## CLASS OF 1968

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

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

## CLASS OF 1969

The Class of 1969 will hold its 30th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Thomas Roy Spencer Jr., '69, on 305-374-7700 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

## CLASS OF 1970

PHYLLIS DOUGLAS retired after 28 years as leader of the legal team for Dade County Public Schools with plans to relocate with her husband, Grail Douglas, a sculptor, to Ashland, Ore., a place they discovered while attending the city's year-round Shakespearean festival. Douglas had worked for seven superintendents; she advised school officials on how to handle the large number of immigrant children and navigated the first labor agreement that gave public-school teachers collective bargaining powers in the early 1970s.

## CLASS OF 1972

ROBERT A. DULBERG is a diplomat with the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators and is celebrating his 10th year as a certified mediator. He maintains mediation suites throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties, and he has a website at [www.mediate.com/rdulberg](http://www.mediate.com/rdulberg).

## CLASS OF 1973

SAMUEL B. HORNSTEIN serves as secretary of the Bucks County (Pa.) Bar Association and treasurer of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bucks County. He formerly served on the national board of directors for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Hornstein is widowed and has a daughter attending the University of Miami in her sophomore year.

## CLASS OF 1974

The Class of 1974 will hold its 25th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Lewis B. Freeman, '74, on 305-443-6622 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

GARY CARMAN, a senior litigation partner and head of the litigation group of the Miami office of Broad and Cassel, is president-elect of the University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association for the current academic year and will be president in 2000-2001. Carman practices in the areas of civil

trials, arbitrations and lobbying and negotiation of corporate transactions. He hobbies before Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami Commission for various corporations regarding zoning, retail space issues at Miami International Airport, and other matters.

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



DON RUSSO is a principal in the firm of Russo & Heffernan, P.A., in Miami, which has a statewide reputation in the field of medical negligence and catastrophic tort claims. Russo recently presented several CLE-approved seminars on a variety of timely trial-related issues. He presented his techniques for skilled jury selection and dynamic opening statements and closing arguments at the Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section seminar in Miami, then followed with a Dade County Trial Lawyers Association seminar on commercial trial skills in a "David versus Goliath" commercial trial. Russo also addressed lawyers and students at the Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section in its week-long Advanced Trial Advocacy Seminar in Gainesville. He recently presented an update and summary of legislative and case law changes in the area of medical malpractice litigation at a seminar sponsored annually by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

#### CLASS OF 1975



THOMAS NEWCOMB HYDE was recently named national director of training for the legal department of Liberty Mutual

Insurance Company. The department now has over 700 attorneys in more than 70 offices throughout the United States and in Canada and offers four training programs in trial advocacy advanced trial advocacy, attorney management training, and deposition and discovery training. He resides in Tampa.

#### CLASS OF 1976

SHARON WOLFE, an appellate specialist in the Miami firm of Cooper & Wolfe, died July 15 after a long battle with lung cancer. In her career of 22 years, she handled more than 500 state and federal appeals. Her brief for partner MARC COOPER, JD 75, in *Stahl v. Metropolitan Dade County* led to a much cited 1983 ruling by the Third District Court of Appeal concerning causation, a basic element of negligence.

Wolfe and plaintiff's lawyer Charles Lipcon were successful before the United States Court of Appeal for the 11th Circuit in expanding the seaman's entitlement to sick wages to include tips. She is survived by her husband, STEPHEN T. MAHER, JD '75, and two daughters, Meaghan Wolfe Maher and Caitlin Wolfe Maher.

#### CLASS OF 1977

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

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



BENEDICT P. KUEHNE has just completed an outstanding year as president of the Dade County Bar Association, the fourth largest

local bar association in the United States. He is now focusing his voluntary contributions on the Metro Miami Action Plan Trust, a Miami-Dade County department organized to help stimulate economic development in disadvantaged areas of the county. He was appointed to the MMAP Trust by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Honorable ERNEST G. MAYO was appointed judge of the municipal court of Warren, R.I., on April 12, 1999. He is also assistant professor of legal studies at Johnson & Wales University in Providence.

GEO RGE D. PERLMAN joined the Miami office of Holland & Knight LLP as of counsel, where he will practice tax law with a focus on complex international transactions and foreign trusts. He was formerly a sole practitioner, with offices in both Miami and London. He is a member of the tax section of the Florida Bar, as well as the American Bar Association, International Fiscal Association, and the New York Bar.

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

#### CLASS OF 1978

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



ELIZABETH K. RUSSO has been appointed chair of the Board of Legal Specialization and Education of the Florida Bar. The board oversees board certification of attorneys and the bar's continuing legal education program. She practices at the Russo Appellate Firm, which handles a full spectrum of civil appeals before state and federal courts and works with trial firms on cases involving class actions and other complex commercial cases. Russo is a board-certified appellate lawyer in Florida and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, a number of federal circuit and district courts, the Florida Supreme Court and all Florida district courts of appeal.

#### CLASS OF 1979

The Class of 1979 will be the honored class at Homecoming 1999, holding its 20th Reunion Celebration. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Alan Atlas, '79, on 305-374-6762; Joseph Lowe, '79, on 305-670-3700; Gal Sorota on 305-854-0800 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

RUDY M. BRO WN practices in a small office in Brooklyn, N.Y., with one other attorney, where he is mainly involved with civil rights litigation. His current case of greatest significance is a federal lawsuit against the New York State Psychiatric Institute, Columbia University and doctors, for using minority children ages 6-10 as human guinea pigs to test the drug fenfluramine.

CHARLES W. EDGAR III, currently serves as president of the Gulf Stream Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is a shareholder at the West Palm Beach firm of Nason, Yaeger, Gerson, White & Liose, P.A., where he practices real estate law.

HOWARD A. KUSNICK, LL.M. '79, has been selected to serve as chair of the Consumer Protection Committee of the Florida Bar for 1999-2000.

The Honorable CINDY S. LEDERMAN has been chosen to one of 30 fellows for Zero to Three's prestigious Leaders for the 21st Century program, a new leadership development initiative that provides each participant with an opportunity to collaborate with top leaders from many disciplines as well as receive assistance for an innovative project aimed at improving the lives of very young children. Judge Lederman, a circuit court judge for Florida's 11th Circuit

and an administrative judge for the juvenile division, will focus her work during the two-year fellowship on developing assessments and interventions in dependency court settings that are sensitive to child development and parent-child attachment issues. Zero to Three is a national nonprofit organization founded by leading pediatricians and child development specialists to share new knowledge on how children develop in the early years. Judge Lederman is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the U.S. Advisory Council on Violence Against Women, and the Florida Supreme Court Dependency Court Improvement Committee. In June, Judge Lederman was invited to speak at the plenary session of "Safe from the Start: The National Summit on Children Exposed to Violence." She spoke about the effects of violence on maltreated children, discussed recommendations for changes in policy and practice, released preliminary data on the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and violence from the Dependency Court Intervention Program for Family Violence and discussed how that program has improved child welfare outcomes in Miami-Dade County.

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

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

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



BRIAN ZIEGLER was recently elected justice for the village of Woodsburgh, N.Y., for a two-year term. He is a corporate partner at the East Meadow law firm of Certlman Blum Adler & Hyman, LLP, where he provides counsel to corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies in all areas of law. A lifelong resident of the five towns area, Ziegler resides in Woodsburgh with his

wife, Andrea, and their daughters, Jeri, Carly and Ali. Certlman Blum Adler & Hyman, known also as "The Personal Lawyers with a Firm Commitment," has grown into one of Long Island's largest full-service law firms, with more than 60 attorneys.

#### CLASS OF 1981



BRUCE A. BLITMAN, president of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, represented the academy in

Boston at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution's first annual conference, "Breaking Down the Barriers: ADR in the New Millennium." Blitman participated in a panel discussion entitled "State Regulation of Ethics and Professional Responsibility in Court-Connected ADR Programs." He recently published the first issue of his mediation newsletter, "Bruce's Mediation News." He is a certified county family circuit civil and federal mediator with offices in Miami, Pembroke Pines, Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, and Palm Beach County.

BRIAN L. DAVIDOFF (LL.M.) specializes in bankruptcy at Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff, a general practice firm in the Century Park area of Los Angeles, where he is a partner. The firm offers a full range of legal services, with special emphasis on aircraft finance, banking and financial transactions, bankruptcy and insolvency, business litigation, commercial transactions, corporate transactions, business entities, employment, entertainment, environmental matters, estate planning and probate, family matters, intellectual property and technology transfer, and real estate.

THOMAS S. MAHR practices commercial litigation and entertainment litigation at the firm of Katten Muchin & Zavis in the Century Park area of Los Angeles. The firm also has offices in Chicago, New York, Washington and Irvine.

CARL C. RADOM recently became of counsel to the Kansas City law firm of Polsinelli, White, Vardeman & Shalton, P.C. For more than 20 years, he has concentrated his practice in the area of estate planning, and he is admitted to practice in New York, Indiana, Florida, Kansas, and Virginia. He is director of education for the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys in La Jolla, Calif., and he is the author of several publications on estate planning, probate and property, small business taxation, and individual taxation. With more than 90 attorneys, Polsinelli, White, Vardeman & Shalton has offices in Kansas City, St. Louis, Jefferson City, Overland Park and Topeka.

JOSE ROJAS is a partner in the Miami office of Broad & Cassel, where he chairs the firm's intellectual property and technology practice groups. At an engagement sponsored in Miami last spring by Worldtalk Corporation, a Silicon Valley-based

internet security solution provider Rojas spoke about employee use of e-mail and access to the internet. He is past chairperson of the Computer Law Committee of the Florida Bar

## CLASS OF 1982



**LANG BAUMGARTEN** was recently elected to the board of trustees of the Miami Art Museum. He is managing director for Miami-based Artec Group, Inc., where he focuses on arranging commercial mortgage financing.

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



**JEREMY A. SPECTOR**, of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP, was appointed chair of the Subcommittee on

Important Developments of the Tax-Exempt Financing Committee of the Section on Taxation of the American Bar Association for a two-year term. Spector heads Blank Rome's public finance tax practice and counsels clients in all areas of tax law relating to municipal bonds, including governmental, utility, transportation, housing, health care, industrial and infrastructure development obligations. The firm is a full-service law firm of more than 280 attorneys headquartered in Philadelphia, with offices in Media, Allentown, Cherry Hill, Trenton, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, and Boca Raton.

## CLASS OF 1983

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

**TAMMY FOX-ISICOFF** was re-elected to the board of governors of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association. She practices with Bander, Fox-Isicoff & Associates, in Miami.



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

## CLASS OF 1984



**DANIEL F. BEASLEY** recently moved from Miami, after 14 years with Fowler, White, Burnett, Hurley, Banick & Strictroot, P.A., to join the firm of Lanier Ford

Shaver & Payne, P.C., in Huntsville, Ala. This move places him,

his wife, Tammy and their two boys, Adam and Luke, closer to their extended family and a family farm. Beasley continues to practice civil litigation.



**IAN COMISKY** is scheduled to participate in the 12th annual Professional Liability Underwriting Society International Conference on November 10-12 in New York City. He is a panelist for the session on "Directors' and Officer's Liability Beyond the Year 2000: Reporting and Enforcement Issues Affecting Financial Institutions." Comisky is a partner in the law firm of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP, where he concentrates his practice in the area of white collar criminal defense of corporations and individuals, including criminal and civil tax litigation. Comisky is a former assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and practices in the Philadelphia and Boca Raton offices of the firm. He is co-author of *Tax Fraud & Evasion*, a two-volume treatise, and is a member of the American College of Tax Counsel.

**PERRY CONE** is general counsel and vice president for regulatory and public affairs, AIB Insurance Group, Inc. Miami, and its property and casualty insurance subsidiaries. For the 1998-99 term, he served as chair of the Automobile Committee of the Florida Insurance Council, Florida's largest insurance company trade association, whose member companies hold more than 90 percent of Florida's market in residential and private passenger automobile coverage. During 1998, Cone served as an alternate to the board of directors of the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association, a state-mandated association providing wind coverage to Florida uninsureds who are unable to obtain it in the marketplace. For 1999, Cone was a director, vice president, and treasurer of Florida Property and Casualty Association, whose members are Florida domestic auto carriers.

**ADALBERTO JORDAN** became a federal judge September 8, when the U.S. Senate confirmed him by a vote of 93 to 1. He has been a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and headed the appellate division in the U.S. attorney's office in Miami. In recommending Jordan to President Clinton, U.S. Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.) said, "Florida will benefit from his outstanding legal skills, broad experience, and commitment to public service."

**LAURIN D. QUAIT** was elected partner in the Denver office of Baker & Hostetler LLP, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of construction litigation, including suretyship matters and commercial and domestic litigation. Baker & Hostetler is among the nation's largest law firms, with more than 500 attorneys in offices in Beverly Hills, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Houston, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Orlando, and Washington.

**MARK REVES** left his practice in the Miami office of Steel Hector & Davis to begin his studies for the Roman Catholic priesthood at the North American College in Vatican City; it is a vocation he has wanted to pursue since graduating from UM Law.



**DIANA SANTA MARIA** was re-elected to the board of directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers at its annual convention in Aventura. At that time, she also received the Academy's "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" award for her service as a director of the Coalition for Family Safety. She is a trial lawyer who specializes in all areas of personal injury and wrongful death. She is founder and managing partner of the Law Offices of Diana Santa Maria, P.A., in Davie.

**JOSE (TONY) SANTOS** has joined Greenberg Traurig as a shareholder in the Miami office. Santos is the former chairman of Broad & Cassel's international practice group.

**HARVEY SEPLER, JD '84**, has served as the advisor to UM Law teams for many years.

## CLASS OF 1985



**MICHAEL J. HIGER** chaired the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar's seminar entitled, "Hot Topics in Commercial Litigation," where he was the featured speaker on copyright law. He has also been appointed secretary for the South Florida Patent Law Association and is a partner at the North Miami firm of Rees, Mintz & Truppman, P.A., where his practice is devoted to litigation in all aspects of intellectual property law, including patents, copyrights and trademarks.

**STEVEN C. MARKS** has been elected chair of the Aviation Law Section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America

(ATLA). Marks practices at the Miami office of Podhurst Orseck Josephson Eaton Meadow Olin & Perwin, P.A., and specializes in aviation, commercial, personal injury and wrongful death litigation as well as product liability.

**JAVIER PEREZ-ABREU** and **ANA MARTIN-LAVIELLE** have achieved board certification in marital and family law from the Florida Bar. They practice in the Coral Gables office of Perez-Abreu & Martin-Lavielle, P.A., which deals exclusively in the area of marital and family law and alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration.



**AMY D. RONNER**, law professor at St. Thomas University School of Law, has a new article, "Punishment Meted Out For Acquittals: An Anti-

therapeutic Jurisprudence Trocity" in 41 *Arizona Law Review* (1999).

## CLASS OF 1986

**BRIAN SCOTT HUNTER**, formerly a partner in the Miami law firm of Angones, Hunter McClure, Lynch & Williams, died April 7, 1999. He was 38. Hunter was board-certified in trial practice, and he taught tennis at Coral Oaks in Pinecrest and tennis summer camp at UM. He is survived by his wife, Sherida Chiu-A-Kiem, and a daughter Kelly.

**CRANE A. JOHNSTONE**, a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of George, Hartz, Lundeen, Flagg & Fulmer has been elected to membership in the Fort Lauderdale chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. This honorary organization encourages respect for the law the courts and the jury system.

**MICHAEL PERSE**, a litigation associate with Kluger Peretz, Kaplan & Berlins Miami office, was elected to the board of directors of the University of Miami Law Alumni Association. His three-year term begins immediately. Perse practices primarily in the area of general commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels, with particular emphasis on insurance disputes, insurance coverage issues, and aviation-related matters. He resides in Kendall.

**BARBARA STEINER WALTON** has a book being published this fall, "101 Little Instructions for Surviving Your Divorce," by Impact Publishers of San Luis Obispo, Calif. She reports that it is sure to be a best seller! Walton practices family law in Meadville, Pa.

## CLASS OF 1987

**KAREN H. BROMBERG** practiced commercial litigation with an emphasis on intellectual property disputes for 10 years with the firm of Parker, Duryee, Rosoff & Haft, in New York City. She recently joined Advantage Television Advertising as general counsel and senior vice president. Advantage is a privately held company that syndicates television commercials around the world. Bromberg resides in Scarsdale.

**KEVIN A. DORSE** practices business litigation at the Los Angeles office of Jones Day, a multinational law firm with more than 1,200 lawyers in 20 locations. Offices in the United States are in Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Irvine, Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh and Washington. There are 10 other offices around the world. The Los Angeles office is organized into four major practice groups—business practice, government regulation, litigation, and tax.

**DONALD B. MITCHELL** joined the firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP, as counsel resident in the Atlanta office. Mitchell was formerly at Delta Air Lines where he was the general manager for aircraft acquisition and sales and a senior attorney. He has experience in fleet management, procurement, operations and general commercial matters, and he is an

experienced litigator representing airlines, manufacturers, maintenance facilities, fixed base operations, general commercial businesses and individuals in personal injury, wrongful death and commercial claims.

**RICHARD SHEEHY** is currently in the last year of his Ph.D. program in counseling psychology at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. Sheehy is presently completing his dissertation, in which he looked at the efficacy of a stress/anxiety management intervention on stress levels of first-year law students. In his spare time, he is also the assistant director of the Career Planning and Placement Office at the Arizona State University College of Law. He hopes to continue his work counseling law students and as well pursue his interest in forensic psychology. He lives in Phoenix.

## CLASS OF 1988

**MICHAEL CHESAL**, a partner in the intellectual property group of the Miami law firm of Kluger Peretz, Kaplan & Berlins, has been appointed to serve as chair of the Intellectual Property Law Committee of the Business Law Section of the Florida Bar. He had served as vice-chair of the same committee for the past two terms. He has extensive experience in trademark, copyright and trade secret matters, as well as general commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Chesal also serves as president of the Bais Medrash of South Florida and as a member of the board of directors of Aish HaTorah of South Florida and Young Israel of Hollywood.



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

## CLASS OF 1989

The Class of 1989 will hold its 10th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Todd S. Payne, '89, on 954-989-6333 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.



The Honorable **CARROLL J. KELLY** serves as county court judge in Miami-Dade County, presiding over domestic violence, criminal and traffic cases. Before her election, Judge Kelly practiced business and general civil litigation, antitrust cases and employment discrimination litigation at the Miami firm of Richman Greer Well Brumbaugh Mirabito & Christensen. Kelly said that it was her ambition to

perform public service that led her first to become a lawyer and then seek election as a judge.



**LORING N. SPOALTER** has his own firm in Fort Lauderdale and practices in the areas of criminal defense and plaintiffs'

employment litigation issues including sexual harassment, whistle blower claims, defamation and discrimination based upon race, gender age and disability. Three of his articles on employment law themes have appeared in the *Wall Street Journals* "National Business Employment Weekly." The *Chicago Tribune* published a feature story on Spolter's litigation work on behalf of employees, which was reprinted in the Fort Lauderdale *Sun-Sentinel* and more than one hundred other newspapers. After gaining courtroom experience as a prosecutor in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, Spolter returned to Florida in 1991.

**LYNN M. STOPPY** recently joined the Cass County prosecutor's office in Harrisonville, Mo. She and her husband, David Brackin, SSGT USAF, have a daughter Kayla, born in July 1995, and a son, Kyle, born in May 1998. Lynn is admitted to the Bar in Florida, Arkansas and Missouri. The couple resides at Whiteman AF, Mo.

**RUSSELL WHITTLE** is a partner in the Ft. Myers office of Conroy, Simberg & Ganon, P.A., where he specializes in worker's compensation defense. He and his wife, Laura, have lived in Ft. Myers for two years with their sons, Jamie and Douglas. Conroy Simberg & Ganon is a full service insurance defense firm with more than 75 attorneys and offices in Hollywood, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Coral Gables, and Pensacola, in addition to Ft. Myers.

#### CLASS OF 1990

**ALBERT A. A. CARENUTO** has his own firm in Kendall, where he practices civil, criminal, family law and civil and family mediation. He resides in Kendall with his wife, Beverly and sons Albert Anthony IV and Quentin Xavier.

**THOMAS H. LOFFREDO**, a partner with Holland & Knight, has moved his practice from Miami to the Fort Lauderdale office.

**MICHAEL J. SIPOS** is general counsel to the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, a developing island nation of about 210,000 persons in the western Pacific. FSM's 1,600 islands (most of which are uninhabited) are spread across 1,800 miles of ocean, midway between Hawaii and the Philippines. The FSM is funded by the U.S. under a Compact of Free Association. For about \$100 million annually the U.S. retains exclusive military rights to the area but currently has no active military presence there.

As general counsel, Sipo drafts appellate and trial court opinions for official publication, creates and revises court rules, consults with the justices on

administrative matters, and supervises four staff attorneys.

He also volunteers as an adjunct professor with the College of Micronesia's Trial Counselor Certificate Program, which he helped found as the first formal legal education available in the nation's 20-year existence. He taught torts last semester, teaches civil procedure this fall, and will teach evidence next spring.

Sipos came to the court in 1998 on leave of absence from the Santa Monica, Calif., law office of Haight, Brown and Bonesteel LLP, where he practiced as a trial attorney specializing in products liability.

**ROBIN R. WEINER** was appointed standing Chapter 13 trustee for the Southern District of Florida by the Department of Justice in 1993. Since her appointment, Robin has administered approximately 15,000 cases and is presently developing and conducting a pilot debtor education program for the southeast region of the United States. She lectures extensively for bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy associations and has just recently coordinated and moderated a panel discussion regarding attorneys fees and ethics for the National Association of Chapter 13 trustees in New York City. Robin is one of 21 Chapter 13 trustees trained to mediate budget disputes between Chapter 13 trustees and United States trustees across the country. One of her major concerns is the elimination of the unauthorized practice of law in bankruptcy. She has investigated and successfully moved the court to prohibit and sanction numerous non-attorney petition preparers.

#### CLASS OF 1991



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

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

**WILLIAM J. GROSS** has been named a director with Tripp Scott, in Fort Lauderdale. He has been with the firm since 1993, concentrating his practice in finance and general corporate law.

**LINDA KNOERR HOBALES**, partner in the law office of DeCarlo & Knoer, P.A., is now the president and owner of

Atlantic Coast Title, Inc., which handles residential and commercial closings. The primary practice in the law firm consists of residential and commercial real estate, including development, construction and closings. The firm also handles wills, collections, construction lien notices and entertainment law.

**ADAM M. NEJINA** and his wife, Tiffany, announce the birth of their first child, Zoe Marlena, born April 20, 1999. Nejina practices commercial litigation at Camner, Litsitz and Poller, P.A. He and his family reside in Aventura.

**SPENCER ROSE** is associated with the Coral Gables firm of Nicklaus & Wicks, where he specializes in insurance defense. Rose also announces his engagement to Elaine Walker, a writer for the *Miami Herald* A spring wedding is anticipated.

**KENNETH SCHWARTZ** was elected a partner in the New York-based international law firm Grant, Herrmann, Schwartz & Klinger LLP. He will continue to concentrate on private equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, and securities transactions involving emerging and established Latin American companies.

Prior to joining Grant, Herrmann, he was a foreign associate at the Mexican law firm Blyan, Gonzalez Vargas y Gonzalez Bae, in Mexico City and Ciudad Juárez, where he concentrated on strategic investments by U.S. multinational corporations in Mexican telecommunications and cable television companies. He met his wife, Maryela, while working in Mexico. Last year, the couple back-packed to Macchu-Pichu on the Inca Trail in the Andes and then traveled by canoe to a remote ecological station in the Peruvian Amazon jungle.

Schwartz recently addressed the Associação Brasileira de Analistas do Mercado de Capitais (Abamec) in São Paulo, Brazil, on private equity investments in Brazil. He is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese and has published several articles and spoken at conferences on private equity, Latin American law and NAFTA.

**KIMBERLY NOWORYTA SUNNER** has been named shareholder of Gray, Harris & Robinson, P.A., in Orlando. She concentrates in the areas of real estate transactions and financial institutions and lender representation.

**EDWARD H. ZEBERSKY** was recently elected to the board of directors of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers. He has been appointed chairman of the AFTL Insurance Task Force and has received the Legislative Leadership "Shoe Leather Award" for his efforts throughout the past year. His firm, Zebersky & Payne, LLP, concentrates its practice in commercial matters and in the representation of corporate clients regarding various issues.

#### CLASS OF 1992

**SCOTT BROOK** became partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of the insurance defense firm of Peters, Robertson et al. in January 1999. In December 1997, he married Brenda Post and her three

children, Patrick, Tia and Matthew. On January 29, 1999, Brenda gave birth to Alexander Joshua Brook. In 2002, Brook plans to run for the Florida state house. He welcomes e-mail from his classmates: [SBrook@PetersRobertson.com](mailto:SBrook@PetersRobertson.com).

**ERIC BRUCE** and **LISEBETH PERUCKI BRUCE**, JD '92, have been married since 1991 and have two wonderful children: Steven Joseph, born Nov. 29, 1996, and Valerie Ann, born April 3, 1999. Lisabeth has been employed as a real estate attorney for the Bradenton firm of Blacklock, Landers, Waters & Vogler, P.A., for six years. Bruce is a child support enforcement attorney with Legal Services of Manatee County. Prior to taking this position, he maintained his own practice for five years.

**ALAN D. DANZ** recently founded the firm of Kronengold & Danz in Weston, Fla. Danz focuses his practice in the areas of employment-related litigation and probate litigation.

**WILLIAM S. GAIIVANA** will partner at Grimes Goebel Grimes Hawkins & Gladfelder, P.A., in Bradenton, Fla. He resides in Bradenton with his wife, Julie, and sons, Michael Saint and William Sterling.

**KEITH SINGER** is a registered representative with Northwestern Mutual Investment Services on Brickell Avenue in Miami, where he specializes in pension, real estate and insurance planning. He and his wife, Lauren, reside in Hollywood with their son, Jacob, who was born Dec. 28, 1998.

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

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

#### CLASS OF 1993

**ANNETTE G. CIL** serves as clerk to Judge Gerald B. Cope in the Third District Court of Appeal, Miami.

**PAUL LIMMIATIS** joined the Syracuse, N.Y., law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, LLP, as an associate in the firm's labor and employment law department. Limmiatis was previously employed as an ERISA litigation associate with the Washington law firm of Feder & Associates.

Founded in 1897, Bond, Schoeneck & King comprises 145 attorneys in Albany, Buffalo, Oswego, Saratoga Springs, and Syracuse, N.Y., and in Overland Park, Kan., and has an affiliate with offices in Boca Raton, Bonita Springs, and Naples.

The firm serves small and large businesses, educational and health care institutions, media, municipalities, not-for-profit

organizations, and individual clients.

**JON PALADINI** left full-time municipal government practice earlier this year for private practice as a partner with the firm of Spector/Shumway PLLC. The firm has offices in Scottsdale and Sedona, Arizona. Paladini manages the Sedona office and continues to practice in the areas of land use/zoning, municipal law, administrative law, civil litigation and appellate practice. He has argued two cases before the Arizona Court of Appeals on behalf of the City of Sedona, both involving issues arising from the state constitution. He was also named by the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix to the school board, which oversees policies and operations of all Catholic schools in the northern half of Arizona.

In November he was profiled in the *Arizona Business Gazette* and he returned to South Florida for the first time since graduation to attend the International Municipal Lawyers Association Conference in Miami Beach. While there, he had the opportunity to meet with Interim Dean Mary Doyle and take a tour of the remodeled Law School. "Impressive is the first word that comes to mind!" Paladini was named to the Arizona Conservation Acquisition Board, which makes recommendations to the governor and the State Parks Board regarding the acquisition of land and property rights for conservation purposes.

Finally, he and his wife, Jo, keep busy finishing the building of their house and out-buildings and managing a growing cattle and horse ranch on about 17 acres of land in Sedona. All this is in addition to raising their beautiful identical twin girls, Tyler Rae and Nicole, who turned three years old last August.

#### CLASS OF 1994

The Class of 1994 will hold its 5th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in helping plan the event for their class should contact Steven Levine on 954-922-9100, Andrew Rier on 305-899-1212 or Cynthia Sikorski, director of alumni relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

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



**BRIAN H. BIBBER** has been an associate of Joel Hirschhorn, P.A., in Miami, for the past five years, concentrating on federal and state criminal defense as well as fraud and regulatory litigation.

On August 22, 1998, Bieber married his sweetheart of six years, Wendi, senior account manager at Avanti, Case & Hoyt in Miami.

**KAREN BERG BRIGHAM** is returning to the practice of labor and employment law with Whelan, DeMaio & Kiszkiel, P.A., in Miami. She has lived in Paris, France, for the past five years and has many happy memories from her *sejour*. Her daughter, Cassandra, is now perfectly bilingual.

**DARREN J. DEVLIN** is associated with the firm of Mulvaney Kahan & Barry in San Diego.

**ANDREW FROMAN**, formerly with Kunkel Miller & Hamet in Sarasota, Fla., is proud to announce the opening of the Law Office of Andrew Froman, P.A., 27 Fletcher Avenue, Sarasota 34237. Telephone: 941-363-0132. Fax: 941-364-9393. Froman practices labor and employment law and commercial litigation.

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

**BEN NEWMAN** and his wife, Christina, announce the birth of their first child, Zachary Lewis, born April 15, 1999.

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

#### CLASS OF 1995

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

**CARY B. HALL** is doing plaintiff's work in criminal defense and general business litigation with Margols, Pritzker & Epstein, PA, in

Towson, Md. following stints as a judicial law clerk in Baltimore County Md. and as a solo practitioner. He and his wife, Jennifer Citrone (whom he met in the 1993 London Summer Program), have two children: Luke, 2, and Tess, who was born last April. He would love to hear from classmates in his area and beyond. E-Mail: mpdval@erols.com.

**MAITRI MIKE "KLINKOSUM** is an associate with the law firm of Vannoy, Colvard, Triplett &

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

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

**BRIAN H. NELSON** joined the Miami office of Akerman Sentrifit as an associate in the corporate practice group, focusing on the dynamic field of information technology, internet and new media law. Nelson represents clients on technology transfer, electronic commerce, joint

ventures, licensing and distribution, Y2K liability and related corporate, corporate finance and commercial matters. He is a member of the executive council of the Florida Bar International Law Section and serves as co-chair of the Section's Technology and Telecommunications Committee. He is general counsel to the Miami Internet Alliance, a group dedicated to making Florida the internet gateway to the Americas and Caribbean. Founded in 1920, Akerman Sentrifit is one of Florida's oldest and largest law firms with more than 230 lawyers offering a full range of legal services in corporate, banking, elder law, employment/labor, environmental, health care, insurance, litigation, maritime and real estate law.

**SCOTT F. ROSENBERG** is an attorney in private practice and a bank consultant in Miami. He was previously a national bank examiner with the O.C.C. and a bank executive officer. Rosenberg is currently awaiting the approval of Beach Bank, a new bank he is forming on Miami Beach, where he will be a director at the South Beach location.

**BENJAMIN P. SHENKMAN** (LL.M. in Estate Planning) is pleased to announce the opening of his new law office in Boca Raton, Fla. His practice is concentrated in the areas of wills, trusts, estate planning and probate.

**SHERYD D. WILLIAMS**, associated with the Miami office of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, has been elected by the Law Alumni Association as the vice president for placement.

#### CLASS OF 1996

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

**CHRISTOPHER ECK** was recently hired as director of the Division of Historic Preservation for Miami-Dade County. Both prior to attending UM Law and afterwards, he worked as an archeologist and historian, and he now oversees the management and designation of countywide historical and archeological sites, including the renowned "Miami Circle." He recently donated dozens of rare law and other books from his personal collection to the UM Law and Otto Richter libraries. He resides with his wife, Tracy, in Fort Lauderdale.



**JUSTIN B. ELEGANT** has become associated with the law firm of William L. Petros, P.A., located at 2937 S.W. 27 Avenue, Miami 33133. Telephone: 305-446-3699. Elegant, formerly of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP, will continue to practice in the areas of commercial, personal injury, and wrongful death litigation. He lives in Miami Beach with his wife, Jennifer.

**INGRID EULIN** has just taken a position with the United States Patent and Trademark office in Washington, D.C.

**ANDREW GUSSERT** serves the senate majority leader in Wisconsin as director of the Senate Democratic Caucus. Gussert says, "It's the job I always dreamed of having." He coordinates all policy and political activity for Wisconsin Senate Democrats. He reports, "It's cool up here."

**CHRISTOPHER J. KONICEK** has moved to the Tampa firm of Butler Burnette & Pappas, where he practices insurance law. Konicek formerly practiced at the Orlando office of Cameron Marriott Walsh Ho dges & Coleman, PA.

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

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

**ANDREW L. PATTEN** practices insurance law at the Tampa firm of Butler, Burnette & Pappas. Patten formerly practiced at Kass Ho dges, P.A., in Sarasota.

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

**DAVE K. ROY** recently expanded the Law Office of Dave K. Roy, PA., with the addition of DAVE M. SCOTT, JD '97, formerly associated with Hayden & Milliken, a maritime insurance defense firm in Miami. The West Palm Beach firm is now known as Roy & Associates, P.A., handling general civil litigation, including real estate, commercial transactions, admiralty and maritime, as well as criminal defense and appellate work in all areas.

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

**WILLIAM C. SMALL** has taken residence in the bustling Los Angeles megalopolis and is currently a successful worker's compensation defense attorney for the midsize office of Sanford & Cognata in Los Angeles.

**CARLOS TARRAGO** is in charge of contract compliance and negotiation liaison for the outsourcing agreement for information technology at Ryder System, Inc., in Miami.

#### CLASS OF 1997

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

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

**DIAMELA DEL CASTILLO** has joined the Miami office of Holland & Knight, LLP, as an associate in the commercial litigation section. Prior to joining Holland & Knight, she was an associate with Herzfeld & Rubin in Miami. Holland & Knight is a full-service commercial law firm with more than 850 attorneys practicing throughout 19 offices in the United States, Mexico and Israel. The firm is among the 20 largest law firms in the world, providing global representation in more than 85 areas of law.

**ROBERT S. DONALDSON** left the business world in January 1999 after 25 years to pursue a long-term goal of becoming an

attorney. He practices corporate law, municipal law, and civil and criminal defense in the Hollidaysburg, Pa., law firm of Evey Routh, Black, Dorezas, Magee & Levine, LLP.

**SABIBA GHOGHAWALA** is primarily involved in drafting and negotiating licensing agreements and other corporate contractual matters at an in-house contracts attorney at Portal Software, Inc.,

in Cupertino, Calif. She worked most recently on preparing for Portal's initial public offering, which took place in May. She resides in Santa Clara.



**KERI LYNDA HORVAT** was awarded the first Young Lawyer Professionalism Award by the Dade County Bar Association

Young Lawyers Section for personal and professional devotion to integrity and civility in the practice of law.

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

**ROBERT F. LEWIS** is an associate in the Miami office of Raden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., where he concentrates his practice in the representation of alcoholic beverage and tobacco licenses, alcoholic beverage licensing, administrative litigation and zoning. Lewis was formerly associated with Chadroff, Terminello & Terminello, P.A., in Miami.

**PEDRO MENOCAI** left his position at Steel Hector & Davis, LLP and is now associated with the Miami office of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP.

**MARNIN MICHAELS** (LL.M. in Estate Planning) has joined the international tax trust practice group of Baker & McKenzie in its Zurich, Switzerland, office. He continues his practice in cross-border estate planning and resides in Zurich.

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



**DAVID M. SCOTT** is now associated with DAVE ROY, JD '96, in the West Palm Beach firm, Roy & Associates, handling general civil litigation, including real estate, commercial transactions, admiralty and maritime, as well as criminal defense and appellate work in all areas. Scott was formerly with Hayden & Milliken, P.A., a maritime insurance defense firm in Miami.

#### CLASS OF 1998

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

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

CARLOSI CARDELLE is an associate with the Miami law firm of Hardeman & Suarez, P.A., which specializes in general civil litigation with major emphasis on products liability defense, insurance defense, medical malpractice and legal malpractice defense.

NATALIEJ. CARLOS is an associate with Adorno & Zedet P.A., in Miami, where she practices in the areas of commercial litigation and appellate law. Carlos, who is currently clerking for magistrate judge Stephen T. Brown in the Southern District of Florida, reside in Coral Gables.

AMANDA JASON has joined the Miami office of Hinshaw & Culbertson. Prior to joining the firm, she served as a clerk for the Coral Gables firm of High, Stack, Lazenby & Palahach. Hinshaw & Culbertson is a national law firm founded in 1934 and headquartered in Chicago. The firm has more than 400 attorneys in offices located in Illinois, Arizona, California, Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri and Wisconsin. The firm practices in the corporate, litigation and transactional areas and provides service to a range of clients in banking, health care, insurance, manufacturing, real estate and other industries.

AMY A. KLEIN completed her LL.M. in Real Property Development at the University of Miami School of Law in 1999.

ELIZABETH A. LEFFERT was engaged to Mark J. Heise on Christmas Eve 1998. The couple will live amongst family and friends this fall in Venice, Italy at the Hotel Cipriani. The bride is an associate with the litigation department of Gunster Yoakley Valdes-Fauli & Stewart, P.A., Miami, and the bridegroom is a partner with the firm of Hanzman, Criden, Chaykin, Ponce & Heise, P.A., concentrating in securities class actions. The couple resides in Coral Gables.

ANAMARIE MARLOW MAITZMAN is a federal judicial clerk for the Honorable Ursula Ungaro-Benages in the Southern District of Florida. She resides in Coral Gables.

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

GINA ROMANIK has joined the Keyes Company Realtors. In Miami, as an associate attorney, where she handles commercial and real estate litigation.

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

BRIAN L. SMITH has joined the Orlando office of Adams, Hill, Reis, Adams, Hall & Sheffield as an associate. The firm is a general litigation law firm involved in virtually all areas of civil litigation,

with concentrations in medical malpractice defense, medical staff litigation, antitrust, health care law, product liability and general liability.

ELEN V ON GEYSO (JD '98, LL.M. '96 in Comparative Law) married Max Andrew Widmer, a portfolio manager at ABN/AMRO Bank in Miami. Ellen is a transactional attorney practicing business, real estate and immigration law at Friedman & Heydachs, P.A. in Miami. The couple resides on Key Biscayne.

#### CLASS OF 1999

BARBARA DIAMOND has joined the Miami office of Hinshaw & Culbertson as an associate. Hinshaw & Culbertson is a national law firm founded in 1934 and headquartered in Chicago. The firm has more than 400 attorneys in 32 offices in Illinois, Arizona, California, Florida, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. The firm practices in the corporate, litigation, and transactional areas and provides service to a range of clients in the banking, health care, insurance, manufacturing, real estate and other industries.

PAT DRAY is working with the office of the state attorney for Miami-Dade County.

SUSAN ESCALERA-GREEN is published in the August 1999 issue of *Glamour* magazine with her touching story, "Siblings. Separated for Life," that refers to the 35,000 siblings nationwide who are split up by foster-care and adoption activities. Green is working in the office of the public defender for the 17th judicial circuit in Broward County.

JOHN TRAVIS GODWIN is associated with the firm of Shear, Newman, Rosenkrantz, Burton & Lamb, in downtown Tampa.

WALT MATHEWS is associated with the Miami admiralty firm of Keller & Houck.

TORRENCE R. PHILLIPS received the American Board of Trial Advocates award through the Litigation Skills program for being the top third-year minority law student who is interested in becoming a civil trial lawyer. Phillips also served the UM Law community as its Student Bar Association president during his third year.

ANDREA Y. WANG will join a non-profit human rights and civil rights organization in Patterson, N.Y. She can be reached at 914-306-0700.

#### CLASS OF 2000 THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS

CHRISTIE CEBALLOS spent the summer after her first year as an intern for Judge Alan Gold, a U.S. district judge for the Southern District of Florida, and continued to work for him during the fall semester of her second year. Following graduation, she plans to return to work for him as a judicial law clerk. Through the On-Campus Internship Program, she has been employed by the Miami-based law firm of Kenny, Nachwater, Seymour, Arnold, Critchlow & Spector, with whom she is working during the fall semester of her third year.

ANDREA BAWART, who is interested in public and international law, spent the summer working for Holland & Knight in Washington, D.C. She said her most interesting projects included: research on a public land use issue involving right of way for the D.C. government to build a bridge; interpretation of D.C. environmental regulations to determine possible penalties for failure to disclose underground storage tanks on property that has been put up for sale; involvement in various lobbying efforts; and research on international arbitration law under NAFTA.

STEVE HELFAND and BARBARA WEISS each received the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers award through the Litigation Skills program as the top two second-year law students who show great promise in the practice of criminal litigation.

BROOKS HOLCOMB was a 1999 summer associate in the tax and estate planning department of O'Connor, Cavanagh, Anderson, Killingsworth & Beshears, P.A., a full service firm of approximately 150 attorneys in Phoenix, Ariz. He researched and drafted memoranda of law on the following projects: Estate tax valuation discounts for LLC operating agreement restrictions in lieu of I.R.C. Chapter 14, double step-up in basis for Arizona community property with right of survivorship, and tax effects of using CRUTs as beneficiaries of IRAs and other qualified plans. "I had a fantastic experience," he said. "My interviewers were cognizant of Miami's strong reputation in tax and estate planning, and that helped me get the job."

ADAM HO ROWITZ was a judicial intern with the Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of New York during the summer of 1998. He said the job was exciting because the district is the venue for some of the largest bankruptcy proceedings in the country. He was responsible for researching diverse bankruptcy law issues and drafting memoranda. He also prepared reports detailing facts and legal issues of particular cases.

NELDA LAWRENCE, KIM LEARY, JORDAN LEWIN AND DAN ROGERS represented UM Law at the state moot court competition held at the annual meeting marking the 50th anniversary of the Florida Bar in Boca Raton in June 1999. AMY BUDOW was the alternate who prepared with the team members each step of the way.

GUILLERMO LEVY worked as a judicial intern in the chambers of Judge Gerald Cope, a judge for Florida's Third District Court of Appeals, during the summer following his first year of law school. Following his second year, he worked as a summer associate in the Miami office of Steel, Hector, and Davis, where he completed assignments from several of the firm's practice areas, including real estate, corporate, and bankruptcy. He also had the opportunity to work in the firm's Venezuela office for two weeks.

VICTORIA MENDEZ found her summer 1999 employment in the Dade State Attorney's office through the Litigation Skills Clinical Placement Program. "The experience I gained was terrific," she said. "I represented the State on the circuit and county level. In the circuit level, I participated in Baker Acts and Marchman Acts. I also performed research, attended depositions, and attended court on a daily basis. I strongly encourage students to participate in the clinical program."

KATHLEEN PHANG was presented the Thomas Ewald award during the Spring 1999 semester. The award is given every semester to the law student in the Litigation Skills program who best exemplifies the devotion to high standards and ethical conduct followed by Tom Ewald.

VALDOSTON SHEALEY received the Kozvak/Tropin & Throckmorton scholarship from the Litigation Skills program. Established in 1995 by one of Miami's leading law firms, the third-year full scholarship is awarded to a second-year minority law student with an interest in trial advocacy.

DON WERNER spent the summer as an intern for sports agent Leigh Steinberg in Newport Beach, Calif. West performed a wide range of duties, including devising and managing an agent registration program to comply with regulations in 20 states, and he often attended dinners with Steinberg's clients and learned much of what industry insiders already knew. West serves as the president of the Student Bar Association, as vice-president of Iron Arrow Society and as an active member of the Society of Bar and Gavel.

KELLY L. WRIGHT spent the summer of 1998 as an intern for a state criminal court judge through the law school's Eleventh Judicial Circuit program for 1Ls. "I made valuable contacts, which led to me being recommended to newly appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrea M. Simonton for a summer internship this year," she said. Her responsibilities for Judge Simonton included drafting proposed judicial orders, and preparing the judge for hearings by researching the law and reviewing the submitted motions, as well as the entire file. Wright hopes her experience will lead to a federal clerkship following graduation.

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## Law Alumni Association Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER '99

Tues., 10/5	Alumni breakfast at the 54th Annual Florida Bar Workers Compensation Conference; Dean Dennis Lynch, Guest speaker 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Clarion Plaza Hotel, Salon 11, Orlando, FL
Thurs., 10/21	Alumni CLE Luncheon Series II Dean Dennis Lynch, Guest Speaker 12:00 noon, Faculty Club, UM Campus
Thurs., 10/28	Friends of the Law School Luncheon 12:00 noon, Miami-Dade County Courthouse

### NOVEMBER '99

Tues., 11/9	Law Alumni Association Full Board Meeting 5:30 p.m., Downtown Miami location TBA
Thurs., 11/18	Homecoming/Reunion 1999 Weekend Class of 1949 50th Reunion Luncheon 12:00 noon, School of Law, Faculty Meeting Room, Coral Gables
Fri., 11/19	Class of 1954 45th Reunion Event — TBA
	Class of 1959 40th Reunion Dinner The Forge, Miami Beach
	Class of 1969 30th Reunion Event — TBA
	Class of 1974 25th Reunion Party Home of Jeff and Elaine Berkowitz
	Class of 1979 20th Reunion Party 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the home of Gail & Joe Serota
Sat., 11/20	Class of 1989 10th Reunion Event 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Faculty Lounge, 4th Floor Law Library
	Class of 1994 5th Reunion Party 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., location TBA
	51st Annual Homecoming Breakfast 8:00 a.m., Morning Spirits, Law School Courtyard 9:30 a.m., Breakfast, Whitten University Center/Food Court

### DECEMBER '99

Sun., 12/5	Law Alumni Association Annual Holiday Party 6:00 p.m., (location TBA)
Sun., 12/19	Hoarding Ceremony 2:00 p.m., location TBA

### JANUARY '00

Thurs., 1/6	Alumni/Faculty Reception 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Washington, DC
Wed., 1/12	Annual Alumni Luncheon at the 34th Annual Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning 12:30 p.m., Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida

### MARCH '00

Thurs., 3/16	Law Alumni Association Full Board Meeting 5:30 p.m., 4th Floor Law Library Faculty Conference Room
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### MAY '00

Sun., 5/21	Hoarding Ceremony 2:00 p.m., James L. Knight Center, Hyatt Regency Miami
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### JUNE '00

Thurs., 6/1	Fourth Annual Broward Judicial Reception/ LAA Installation Ceremony
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## 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.

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The Law Alumni Association is expanding its class agent program and needs representatives from each class year and from all areas of the country to help strengthen ties between classmates and the School.

Among the ways class agents can help are:

- Calling and/or writing to classmates to encourage participation in upcoming events such as reunions, homecoming, and special receptions;
- Calling and/or writing to classmates to encourage their support for fundraising;
- Hosting events in their homes or offices for local classmates and other alumni;

- Contacting companies about sponsoring School of Law events;
  - Collecting information from classmates on careers, marriages, births, etc., to use in the "Class Notes" section of the *Barrister*
- Alumni interested in serving as class agents should contact Elizabeth Katzen or David Hope, co-vice presidents/class agents in care of the Law Schools Alumni and Development Office at: 305-284-3470 (telephone); 305-284-3968 (fax); or [alumni@law.miami.edu](mailto:alumni@law.miami.edu) (e-mail).



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