

U.M. Law To Offer Part-Time Day Program

Beginning with the Fall 1999 semester, the University of Miami School of Law will expand its part-time program to include a day division.

"For many years (since 1948, to be exact), we have had a very successful part-time evening program for students whose jobs or other responsibilities precluded their enrollment on a full-time basis," noted Interim Dean Mary Doyle. "Many current leaders of the Florida legal profession earned their JD degrees through the evening program.

"We expect this new division to appeal to prospective students who find days more convenient than evenings but still cannot spare enough time to attend full-time. We have had many requests for such a division over the years, and we are pleased that we can respond at this time."

The new division is expected to attract such people as parents of school-age children, as well as police, hospital workers and others who work nights or evenings.

Students in the part-time divisions are required to meet the same admission and graduation requirements as students in the full-time division. They can complete their JD work entirely in the part-time programs in four years. However, they also can finish in three years by taking two years of courses part-time, including two summer sessions, and attending full-time for the third year.

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NEW RECRUITMENT VIDEO—The School of Law's Admissions Office has produced a new 12-minute video to give prospective students a broad view of what to expect at UM Law. Using interviews with numerous current students and faculty, along with classroom and campus scenes, the video emphasizes the School's dedicated and nationally recognized faculty, excellent facilities, outstanding student body, and supportive learning environment. Alumni can get a copy by telephoning the Office of Student Recruiting at 305-284-6746 or by sending e-mail to admissions@law.miami.edu. To defray production and mailing costs, a contribution is suggested.

Legal Spanish Course Unusual for U.S. Law Schools



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Prof. Fernández-Barros

The University of Miami School of Law—located in a metropolitan area that is engaged in a booming commercial and cultural exchange with Latin America—has added a course based on the Spanish civil code and taught entirely in Spanish.

"Obligations in the Spanish Civil Code" is the one of the first courses to be taught in Spanish at any U.S. law school outside of Puerto Rico.

"There have been other courses taught on the Spanish legal system, but generally, they have been surveys, rather than in-depth analyses such as we're doing here, and they have been in English," said Dr. Enrique Fernández-Barros, who teaches the course. Prof. Fernández-Barros is a former professor of law at the Catholic University St. Thomas Villanova in Havana, Cuba, and a former professor of Spanish at the University of Iowa.

"Obligations," which covers both contracts and torts in the Spanish civil

code, are the background of private law, including international law. That is why this is such an important topic for our students," he said.

"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."

While the nations of Latin America have important differences in their legal systems, legal traditions are the same throughout the Spanish-speaking world and in Brazil and Portugal. Moreover, Fernández-Barros explained, many of those traditions also are common to other European countries, such as Germany and Italy.

"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.

Fernández-Barros said he had expected only about eight students to sign up for his class, since it is a new course and taught in a foreign language. Instead, it generated an enrollment of 40.

While a prerequisite for the class is a basic understanding of the Spanish language, he described his students' command of the language as "ranging from very good to really excellent."

Prof. Fernández-Barros is in the process of developing additional courses that could be taught at the Law School in Spanish.

Soon—with the help of Dr. Lesbia de Verona, director of the Cuban Collection at the University of Miami's Richter Library, and a team of student researchers—he plans to begin writing a history of law in Cuba, beginning with the 16th century. "Counting both the

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Message from the Interim Dean



Interim Dean Mary Doyle

Dear Friends:

One of our School's great assets is the Career Planning Center, which, under the leadership of director Marcelyn Cox, is doing an outstanding job of helping our students locate and secure employment opportunities while in law school and after graduation.

Recently released data show that 91 percent of last spring's graduates of UM Law had been hired within nine months of their graduation. The 1998 figure is a sharp increase over that reported to the National Association for Law Placement for the previous year's graduates.

Along with job-placement strategies that are yielding excellent results, part of the improvement in the employment rate also is a reflection of our enhanced ability to keep in touch with people after they graduate and to know when they have accepted employment.

We are also hearing encouraging reports from students who will be graduating this year, many of whom already have secured legal positions around the country.

Increasingly, our graduates are moving on to judicial clerkships. One 1999 graduate will be joining the Hon. Peter T. Fay as a judicial law clerk with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Another will serve as law clerk to Justice R. Fred Lewis, '72, on 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 Miami-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 PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Without diminishing their outreach to Florida employers, the professionals in the Career Planning Center are aggressively making and solidifying contacts with potential employers throughout the country, with special focus on firms in New York, D.C., Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. They also take part in receptions and other functions the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations holds in cities outside South Florida, enabling them to meet and enlist the help of alumni in those cities.

Combined with an extensive on-campus interview program, a career fair that attracted 50 private and government employers to campus last fall, and our counseling and job posting programs, these efforts resulted in a wide range of employment opportunities for our graduates.

It's clear that employers are becoming increasingly aware of the value of a University of Miami School of Law education and eager to hire our graduates. We can thank the talented and hard working professionals in our Career Planning Center for their role in helping bring graduates and employers together.

We also can thank those dedicated alumni around the country who have served as mentors to incoming and current students and recent graduates, provided opportunities for summer clerkships, and extended employment offers to new graduates. They play a vital role in our career planning efforts. For other alumni who also would like to contribute to those efforts, I urge you to contact our Career Planning Center at 305-284-2668. Your involvement will be most welcome.

Sincerely,

Mary Doyle
Interim Dean

Fred Lewis Appointed To Fla. Supreme Court



R. Fred Lewis, who earned his JD from UM Law in 1972, was appointed to the Supreme Court of Florida by the late Gov. Lawton Chiles in December 1998.

While in private practice, he specialized in civil trial and appellate litigation. He also was heavily involved in children's issues, serving as a member of the board of directors of Miami Children's Hospital and many of its committees and panels. He also provided counseling to families of handicapped children and provided pro bono legal services and counseling for cancer patients seeking proper treatment.

Lewis has authored materials published by the Florida Bar's Continuing Legal Education Program and has participated in numerous cases selected for annotation in *The American Law Report*.

While at UM Law, he was on the *University of Miami Law Review* and was an officer in the Student Bar Association. Selected as a justice of the Law School Honor Council, Lewis also served on the appellate moot court teams. He was selected for the Iron Arrow and awarded membership in Bar and Gavel and the Order of Barristers. ■



THE NEWEST DEANS—Four new deans either joined the Law School or were moved into new positions within the past year. They include, from left, William VanderWyden, '84, associate dean of students; Marni Lennon, '95, assistant dean of students and director of disability services; Stephen Halpert, assistant dean for law development and alumni relations; and Carol Cope, '80, assistant dean for external affairs and director of continuing legal education. VanderWyden, who is a former assistant dean of students, was director of law development before returning to the Dean of Student's Office last year as associate dean. Lennon was director of disability services before adding the assistant deanship to her responsibilities. Halpert is a professor of law, although he currently is devoting full time to his deanship activities. A practicing attorney/mediator, Cope joined the Law School last fall.

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Froomkin Criticizes International Internet Proposal

A new plan for resolving disputes over Internet domain names would create an opportunity for "brutally effective blackmail on the part of trademark holders against ordinary people," warns the expert the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) appointed to represent the public interest.

When the WIPO's Panel of Experts met in Brussels, Belgium, in February, University of Miami Law Professor A. Michael Froomkin unveiled a 50-page paper detailing his objections to WIPO's interim report, RFC 3.

[As reported in the Fall 1998 Barrister, Froomkin is one of four Americans on the 15-member panel composed of leading trademark lawyers and Internet experts from around the world. He was selected as the public interest representative.]

"I have serious reservations about this [interim report] document," he said. "I am particularly worried about its possible consequences for the continued development of the Internet as an international safe haven for free expression, and about the likely effect of the proposed dispute resolution process on consumers everywhere."

Froomkin's paper—*A Critique of WIPO's RFC3*—is available in its entirety from <http://www.law.miami.edu/~amf>.

Although the panel of experts had its final meeting in March, its report is to be finalized and submitted by the end of April to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the group WIPO has established to administer the Internet Domain Name System. The ICANN board will meet in late May to consider the panel's recommendations.

WIPO, an agency of the United Nations, is an intergovernmental organization headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, that is responsible for promoting international cooperation to ensure protection of intellectual property rights.

Internet domain names—such as "law.miami.edu"—uniquely identify each host computer attached to the Internet. Domain names ending in .com, .net, or .org, are sold on a first-come,

first-served basis. A gold-rush mentality has developed for certain descriptive or easy to remember domain names (such as "realtor.com") or for names that evoke well-known corporations.

According to Froomkin, the U.S. government has called for measures to address "cyber-piracy" or "cyber-squatting"—buying large numbers of domain names for resale to trademark owners—but RFC3 goes well beyond that narrow mandate.

"The U.S. already has excellent laws that strike a balance between freedom of speech and trademark protection. The RFC3 proposal has the potential to shift that balance against freedom of expression," Froomkin said.

"WIPO proposes that, when a person registers a domain name in .com or other global top level domains (gTLDs), the registrant must agree to a procedure by which any third party, anywhere in the world, at any future time, can require that a dispute about control of that name be arbitrated.

"I am not aware of any contract that I have ever signed (or would ever be induced to sign) that creates a right for any third party in the world to force me into arbitration—potentially in a foreign venue—and to subject me to costs many, many times the value of my contract in the event I lose.

"There are no safe harbors under RFC3. A person might register his own

name, only to find that someone in another country who has a trademark on the same word believes he should be entitled to claim the domain.

"In the U.S., trademark infringement requires commercial use, and ordinarily requires a risk of customer confusion as well. But, under WIPO's plan, one cannot rely on the protection of national law, because the WIPO rules tell the arbitrator to pick and choose 'principles' from among the legal systems of the world. If the complainant wins, the registrant may have to pay the complainant a huge sum of money in expenses.

"My fear is that only the most wealthy would undertake the risk of arbitration under these conditions, and that many ordinary people with perfectly legitimate domain name registrations will feel compelled to surrender without a fight," Froomkin warned.

He suggested that the problem of cyber-piracy or speculation in domain names could be solved by (1) requiring advance payment before registration of a domain, thus greatly increasing the cost of mass domain name speculation, and (2) allowing deregistration (takedown) of domains when contact details are shown to be false by an aggrieved trademark holder.

He added that the situation will be further ameliorated as the courts continue to make clear how domain names will be treated under law.



Professor A. Michael Froomkin

"It would be a mistake to build a baroque contractual and administrative structure on the assumption that technology is static," Froomkin pointed out. "The importance of the DNS system as a tool for users to locate sites may be a temporary phenomenon, one quickly displaced by a new generation of search engines, intelligent agents, or context-driven artificial intelligence."

Until after WIPO issues its final report in late April, Froomkin cannot be sure what effect his critique of RFC3 will have. However, his ideas have been endorsed in whole or in part by the Swedish Patent Office, the U.S. Advocate for Small Business, the Internet Society, a letter signed by 60 law professors and practitioners, and a large number of private citizens. ■

Highly Published Faculty

The recently published "1996-98 Faculty Publications of the University of Miami School of Law" brochure confirms the remarkable range and volume of the faculty's publishing endeavors. Over the three-year period, the fulltime faculty published 58 law-related books and 182 articles, and visiting faculty members listed in the current brochure published another 4 books and 18 articles. ■



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With a nationally acclaimed faculty, an innovative curriculum, a well-stocked and -staffed state-of-the-art library and other facilities, and the availability of financial aid, the Law School offers part-time students a significant opportunity, Doyle pointed out.

If they have not already taken the LSAT (Law School Admission Test), prospective students have until May 21 to register for the June exam. Applicants should apply to the University of Miami School of Law as soon as possible and complete their files by the time their LSAT scores are released.

For further information, they can call the Law School's Office of Admissions at 305-284-6746, send an e-mail to admissions@law.miami.edu, or visit the School's web site at www.law.miami.edu. ■



FIRST-HAND VIEW OF RECENT HISTORY—Senator George Mitchell shares his experience with a group of UM Law students. The former majority leader of the U.S. Senate joined UM Law March 8-10, delivering the 1999 Cole Lecture, meeting with students and faculty, and speaking at a Dean's Circle luncheon for the Law School's major donors. The Senator focused his talks on his historic negotiation of peace in Northern Ireland and his recent investigation of corruption charges arising from Salt Lake City's selection as the site of the next Winter Olympics.

Lit. Skills Program Prepares Students for Real World

"I think this is the most incredible class I've ever taken. It shows you what to do when you walk into a courtroom for real—not theories, not ideas, not principles, but what it's really going to be like.

"It prepares you for what's going to happen before the trial, during the trial, and after the trial—the whole process from start to finish."

Jordan Sills, a third-year law student, was talking about UM Law's nationally acclaimed Litigation Skills Program.

Ann Miller, another 3L, added, "It's the perfect transition between the classroom study that we've done for two years and what I know I'm going to have to do next year. . . . It's a great place to mess up and learn what's acceptable and what isn't . . . to finally learn and understand the rules of evidence, and to start to look at your peers as lawyers and not just as the people you sit next to in class."

Prof. Laurence Rose, director of the program, pointed out that Miami's program is unique. "A lot of other schools teach trial advocacy, but usually as an intensive course taught over a shorter period of time," he said. "A few schools teach pre-trial skills. However, no other school presents it all as one package, for as many class hours as ours and opens it up to all students who want to participate."

Most UM Law student do participate. Currently, about 90 percent of them take the six-credit Litigation Skills I class, which offers students the opportunity to develop fundamental skills through intensive classroom exercise and simulated courtroom trial experience. The class requires at least eight hours of in-class time per week throughout the semester.

About 400 students go through this class each year. Approximately 3,000 have participated since 1990, when the University of Miami School of Law recruited Rose from the University of Kansas to transform the Trial Advocacy Program and a clinical extern program into today's Litigation Skills Program.

Litigation Skills II enrolls about 45 students each year, providing simulated



Jordan Sills



Ann Miller



Hon. Stanford Blake

instruction in advanced litigation matters, such as jury selection, expert witnesses, negotiations, and multiparty or multclaim law suits.

Students in Litigation Skills II specialize in either criminal litigation or business/commercial litigation. Rose noted that he plans to expand the offerings soon to include specialties in

personal malpractice, bankruptcy, and personal injury.

He attributes a great deal of credit for the program's success to the approximately 45 federal and state judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and private attorneys who work closely with student presenters in simulated courtroom situations.

"They simply are the best of the best," he said. "They all are excellent lawyers and excellent teachers."

Rose noted that South Florida's legal community perceives the opportunity to work with the University of Miami School of Law's Litigation Skills Program as a real honor. "I get letters every day from legal professionals who would like to take part," he said.

The Hon. Stanford Blake, a circuit court judge and 1973 alumnus of the Law School, is an enthusiastic participant.

"It's a great opportunity to give feedback to future attorneys—not only from the perspective of my experiences as a lawyer, but also from what I see from the bench," he said.

"What I like to do is to tell them something positive about their presentations—which focus on specific areas, such as opening statements, closing arguments, or the handling of expert witnesses—then I offer suggestions on how they might improve or do something a little differently."

Following the courtroom critique by the judges and lawyers, the students move on to an office setting, where they view their performance on video tape and consult with another attorney or a faculty member from the University's theatre department on how to improve their presentation skills and enhance personal credibility.

After taking Litigation Skills I, many students (about 200 per year) opt to participate in the Law School's Clinical Placement Program, which places each student with one of more than 30 public service agencies, usually in Miami-Dade or Broward County. Each is supervised by a practicing attorney throughout the placement.

Agencies range from the state attorney's office and the public defender's office to the legal aid society and governmental offices. In the summer, students can accept placements in public service agencies anywhere in the U.S. During regular semesters, clinical placements involve 16 hours per week. The shorter summer placements involve 35-hour weeks.

Asked whether the Law School's Litigation Skills Program is recommended for all law students, even those who do not intend to practice in a litigation field, Rose replied, "Yes, I think it would be helpful preparation for any legal field.

"First of all, they might find that they really like litigation and want to redefine their career goals; however, even if they don't, transactional lawyers still need to know what will happen if a transaction blows up and heads to court.

"Moreover, the skills they learn in the Litigation Skills Program—such as interviewing, advocating for clients, and taking part in negotiations—will translate well into any type of legal work.

"A great thing about this program is that it helps law students learn what kind of people they are on the inside. It helps them recognize their strengths in relating to people and helping clients solve problems. In a very real sense, it teaches students how to help people and shows them that lawyers can make a difference."

Last summer, the Roscoe Pound Foundation, an affiliate of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA), named Prof. Rose the winner of its 1998 Richard S. Jacobson Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy. ■



Prof. Laurence Rose

Partnership Connects Students, Legal Community

Partnership for Professionalism held its Spring 1999 dinner meeting March 3 at the University of Miami's Faculty Club, analyzing such issues as the conflicting interests of clients, inappropriate sexual comments to a client, and whether it is an attorney's duty to prevail on behalf of his or her client regardless of cost.

Partnership for Professionalism, now in its tenth year, is sponsored by the Dade County Bar Association, its Young Lawyers Section, the University of Miami School of Law, and the Student Bar Association.

At two dinner meetings each year (in March and October), approximately 90 judges, attorneys, and law students hold informal roundtable discussions based on prepared scenarios that present issues of ethics and professionalism. Each of the 10 tables receives one of the five scenarios, which is discussed at length by the judge, two or three attorneys, and

five students seated there. Toward the end of the evening, a spokesperson from the table makes a presentation based on the discussions.

Judges and attorneys are invited to participate on a rotating basis, and there is much enthusiasm for repeat participation by many members of the local bench and bar, according to Associate Dean of Students William P. VanderWyden, who coordinates Partnership for Professionalism.

"These are interesting and rewarding programs, not only for the student participants, but also for the many judges and attorneys who give up an evening to assist in the development of civility, ethics, and professionalism in our South Florida legal community," he said.

To suggest ideas or volunteer to participate in the October 1999 meeting, please contact VanderWyden at 305-284-4551, or by e-mail at Wvander@law.miami.edu. ■



STUDENTS REACH OUT TO COMMUNITY—More than 200 UM Law students have participated this school year in community outreach activities in Miami-Dade through H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Through Pro Bono Efforts), a project directed by Assistant Dean Miami Lennon. In addition, several student organizations have sponsored numerous outreach and pro bono programs throughout the year. Efforts include ongoing projects, such as law-related education projects in elementary and middle schools, and one-day projects, such as Work-a-Day, sponsored by the ABA/LSD. In the photo, from left, John Reid, Robbie Sacks, and Carol Tempesta were among the 60 students who ensured that the 100 children from after-school programs had a great time at the Spring 1999 'Canes Carnival on the Bricks.

UM Law Student Takes First Place in Essay Contest

The Foundation of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Inc., has awarded first place in its 1998 essay contest to S. Patrick Dray, a third-year student at the University of Miami School of Law.

Dray picked up a \$5,000 prize for winning the competition, which was open to all students at accredited law schools throughout the United States and Canada. A \$2,500 stipend also went to the winner's faculty advisor, Prof. Lonny Rose.

Writing on "The Obligation of a Lawyer: Courage and Advocacy," Dray said in his essay, "To prevail, the courageous lawyer must be candid and advise the judge . . . in a way that avoids personal

animosity and helps the judge make the proper ruling. In this way, the advocate fulfills both his obligation to the client and to the court."

The Irvine, Calif.,-based foundation began the annual contest in 1997 to promote "professionalism in the practice of law" and to stimulate "original and provocative thought on current issues of legal ethics." ■

Alumnus Establishes Advocacy Award

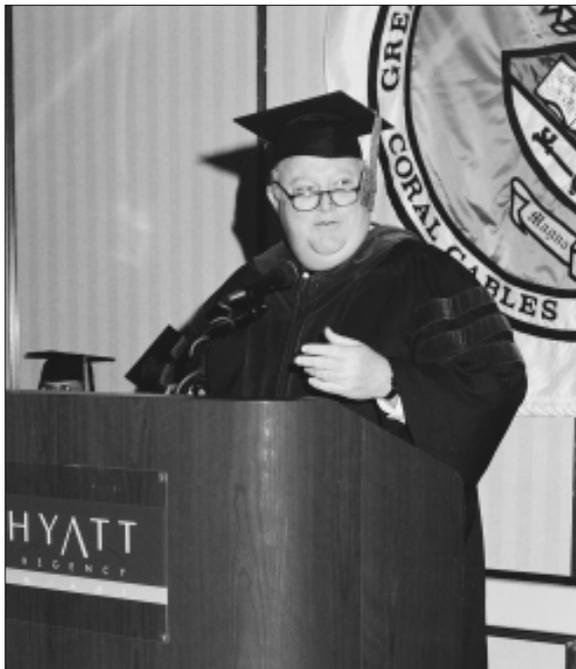


Spencer Aronfeld, Class of '91, has established the *Spencer Aronfeld Award for Oral Advocacy* at the School of Law.

This award is given to a student who demonstrates outstanding skills of oral advocacy in the public service. The recipient must demonstrate the ability and desire to represent the interests of the common person through public service, with preference given to an individual committed to work with Legal Services or as a public defender.

From Aronfeld's annual gift, a portion will go to the year's award winner and the rest will be placed in an endowed account that is expected to grow to the point that it eventually generates the entire amount of the annual award.

The student is chosen each year by a committee chaired by Associate Dean of Students William VanderWyden. ■



MID-YEAR HOODING CEREMONY—Paul T. Dee, '77, the University of Miami's director of intercollegiate athletics, was keynote speaker at the Law School's mid-year hooding ceremony, December 20 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Miami. Some 80 students received JD and graduate degrees.

Students Form Civil Law Society

In keeping with UM Law's emphasis on international law, approximately 10 students met in early April to establish the Civil Law Society.

"Our goals are to educate members in the field of civil law and inform them of opportunities within the international arena that are available in the United States and abroad, especially in Europe, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and other parts of the world that have adopted the Civil Law," stated newly elected president Karyna Gonzalez Rabagh.

Faculty advisors are Prof. Enrique Fernandez-Barros and Associate Dean and Dean of Students Jeannette Hauser. ■

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Law School's collection and the Richter's collection, we have the best Cuban collection in the country," he said.

"The University of Miami School of Law is the perfect school for jumping into the vanguard of international legal education," the professor said. "We have a great law library and an excellent faculty and support staff, plus we are located in an area with a huge Spanish population and incredible cultural and commercial ties with Latin America and Europe." ■

UM Law's Faculty in the News

Local and national news media turned to UM Law faculty members in January for help in making sense of legal issues inherent in the Presidential impeachment trial.

In its January 8 issue, *The Miami Herald* asked **Prof. Terence Anderson** what to expect, noting that he had a unique perspective because he had been the lead counsel 10 years ago for U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), then a federal judge, who was one of the last people to be impeached in the House and tried in the Senate. Anderson told *The Herald* to expect a mixture of arcane debate over centuries-old senate rules and highly charged moments "that will make the O.J. case look benign."

In a syndicated column, Lyle Denniston of *The Baltimore Sun* asked Anderson to comment on the White House's filed response to the House of Representatives' charges. The professor said only one of the three constitutional points made by the White House was completely predictable: that the charges did not rise to the level of an impeachable offense. The other two points, he said, related to "fundamental fairness."

Anderson was also interviewed for impeachment-related articles in the January 14 *Miami Herald*. He observed that the Senate would be charting new territory in the trial.

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In the same article, **Prof. Anthony Alfieri** was quoted as saying, "The impeachment process . . . deviates in significant and material ways from the civil and criminal justice systems and from the adversarial process in general. . . . Important constitutional rights and safeguards have been omitted, and that omission will disadvantage the President's ability to mount an effective defense."

Alfieri also was featured in *The Herald* in a December 11 article about the impeachment proceedings and a November 17 article about the appointment of new legal counsel for convicted (of bank fraud) Miami City Commissioner Humberto Hernandez, whose previous counsel allegedly had had an affair with Hernandez's wife. Alfieri is quoted as saying that the original attorney's actions raised serious questions about "his competence, his ability to pursue his client's best interests, conflicting loyalties, and even his truthfulness with his client."

The January 1999 issue of *Florida Trend* magazine carried an article about Alfieri and his work with UM Law's Center for Ethics and Public Service.

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The press also turned to **Prof. Bruce Winick** and **Prof. Robert Rosen** for legal commentary on the situation with Hernandez's lawyer. The *Sun-Sentinel* quoted Winick as saying, "The fact that the attorney had an affair with his client's wife looks bad and smells bad. A defense attorney is supposed to zealously defend his client. If he's having an affair with the client's wife, that might not happen." In the same article, Rosen agreed but added that that did not necessarily mean that Hernandez should be entitled to a new trial. "Because so many people seek new trials, a very high standard of wrong-doing during a defense is set to grant such motions," the article quoted him as saying. "The judge was right to ask for specific examples of how the defendants' defense was impacted. A conflict of interest is obvious, but that in itself does not meet the standard for a new trial."

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When **Prof. A. Michael Froomkin** released his 55-page critique of the World Intellectual Property Organization's RFC-3 proposal [See article on page 3.], the media noted the seriousness of his accusations. *The New York Times* ran a major feature on the topic in its February 19 issue of *Cybertimes*, and *InternetNews.com* also gave it major play.

Froomkin was also featured in an article in the January 1 issue of *Cybertimes' Cyber Law Journal*. Asked what major court decision would shape the Internet in 1999, he said the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on whether Daniel Bernstein's cryptographic source code is First Amendment speech and hence exportable. Froomkin was quoted as saying, "A win for Bernstein would mean that the case would go to the Supreme Court and a loss would invite the government to rewrite export control rules to include, for the first time in U.S. history, a ban on the export of some books" because the books reprint certain encryption source codes that the government says are illegal to export.

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After a West Palm Beach appeals court reversed itself on an earlier decision that a 15-year-old child (referred

to as "M.W.") in foster care should have had a special court hearing before being locked up in a mental health facility, the January 21 issue of the *Miami Daily Business Review* quoted **Bernard Perlmutter**, director of UM Law's Children and Youth Law Clinic, as saying "It's a disappointing opinion. I think the court has overlooked some significant legal protections for children like M.W." The article said Perlmutter plans to ask the appeals court for another rehearing or for the court to send the issue to the Florida Supreme Court for resolution.

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The November 4 issue of *The Wall Street Journal* reported on **Prof. Samuel C. Thompson's** one-year appointment by the U.S. Treasury Department to provide assistance to the South African government in tax policy and administration. The Treasury's program now reaches approximately 15 nations, primarily in Eastern Europe as well as some parts of the former Soviet Union, the article said.

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At the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in January in New Orleans, **Prof. John T. Gaubatz** was part of a panel on "Retirement Assets as Wealth Transfers: An Introduction to What They Are and Where to Teach About Them." The program was presented by the Section on Donative Transfers, Fiduciaries and Estate Planning.

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WTBJ-TV, Miami's NBC affiliate, featured **Prof. David Abraham** on its news program February 26 and 27 in a discussion of the property takings and just compensation law in regard to the ancient Indian circle that was discovered in downtown Miami.

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Prof. Elliott Manning was one of two faculty members for the 16th Annual Review of Federal Income Taxation, an advanced level program presented by the Florida Bar's Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Tax Section February 12-13 in Miami. The other faculty member was Jerome M. Hesch, of Greenberg Traurig, who is an adjunct professor in UM Law's Graduate Programs in Estate Planning and Taxation.

Prof. Mendales Selected For Judicial Fellowship



The U.S. Supreme Court's Judicial Fellows Commission has selected University of Miami law professor Richard E. Mendales as one of four Judicial Fellows for 1999-2000.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to get involved in judicial policy making and the training of the federal judiciary," said Mendales, who teaches bankruptcy, corporate law and legal ethics at the UM School of Law. "It offers the kind of perspective that I can't imagine getting anywhere but with the U.S. Supreme Court."

Now in its 26th year, the Judicial Fellows Program has enabled exceptionally talented people to contribute to the work of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Federal Judicial Center, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and the U.S. Sentencing Commission. It offers fellows an opportunity to study first-hand both the administrative machinery of the federal judiciary and the dynamics of inter-branch relations.

Fellows are selected from hundreds of outstanding applicants from diverse professions and academic backgrounds, including law, the social and behavioral sciences, public and business administration, systems research and analysis, communications, and the humanities.

Work assignments and projects for the one-year (generally September to August) program reflect the needs of the judiciary and the interests and capabilities of the fellows. ■

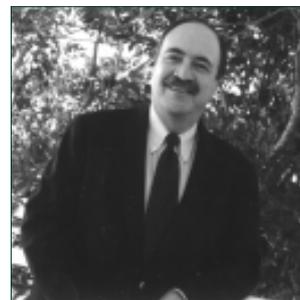
Prof. Oxman to Sit on Council on Foreign Relations

The board of directors of the Council on Foreign Relations has voted to invite Prof. Bernard H. Oxman to become a member of the Council.

A member of the UM Law faculty since 1977, he directs the Master of Laws in Ocean and Coastal Law Program and is coordinating director of International and Foreign Graduate Programs. Oxman also has served as U.S. representative and vice chairperson of the U.S. delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Founded in 1921, the Council on Foreign Relations is a national membership organization and think tank with headquarters in New York, office in Washington, D.C., and programs that extend across the country. Council members include nearly all current and former senior U.S. government officials who deal with international matters, renowned scholars, and leaders of business, media, humanitarian and other nongovernmental groups.

The Council aims to develop insights into international affairs and new ideas for U.S. foreign policy, particularly national security and foreign economic policy. It is host to the widest possible range of views and advocate of none and cultivates an atmosphere of nonpartisanship and non-ideological engagement among members and staff. ■



Dante Fascell Dead at 81

Dante Fascell, South Florida congressman for 38 years, passed away at the age of 81 on November 28 following a long illness.

A graduate of the School of Law and former trustee of the University of Miami, Fascell was a loyal alumnus who participated actively on the Law School's Visiting Committee for many years and was honorary chair of the successful fundraising effort for the Law School Library Building Campaign.

Tad Foote, president of the University of Miami, remembered Fascell as "a kind and wonderful and great man, an outstanding public servant." Among his many honors, Fascell was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, by President Clinton in October 1998.

Fascell graduated from the Law School in 1938, having earned his tuition by playing violin in Depression-era dance bands. He practiced law in Miami until World War II, then enlisted in the Army. After returning to Miami, he began a distinguished career in public service in the Florida Legislature, then moved to Congress in January 1955, where he served until 1992.

In Congress, Fascell was active on several important committees, including serving as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He drafted the War Powers Act after President Nixon bombed Cambodia during the Vietnam War, pushed to make human rights a part of U.S. foreign policy, and drafted legislation that created the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A strong supporter of environmental protection efforts, he was a major force behind the establishment of Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park. South Florida also benefited from



his political involvement in the development of the Port of Miami, construction of bridges in the Florida Keys, and restoration of beaches.

After his retirement from Congress, Fascell joined the Florida law firm of Holland & Knight, where he practiced international law until his final illness.

Dante Fascell was beloved by his constituents as well as his colleagues and world leaders. Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas commented, "If someone fit the definition of a true statesman, he did. Despite all the power this man wielded, he was the most humble, down-to-earth person you'd ever meet."

"Dante was a great friend to his alma mater, always," emphasized Dean Mary Doyle. "There was nothing I ever asked from him that he did not deliver cheerfully and with gusto. His advice and counsel along with his energy and commitment made many things possible for our Law School, and we will be forever grateful to him." ■

Correction: S. Muchnick Is Alive, Well; So Are W. Hoffmann, A. LaRoca

"I have the distinct belief that the *Barrister* owes me an apology... for the inclusion of my name in the Fall 1999 edition of the *Barrister*, in which I am listed under those who have passed away in the last three years," wrote a very alive and humorous Sanford L. Muchnick, '54.

"As a result of this unsolicited mention of my demise," he continued, tongue-in-cheek, "the following have resulted: (a) my former wife has attempted to collect on a life insurance policy. (b) my Partnership Buy-Sell Agreement is presently being negotiated. (c) my friends and acquaintances no longer call me; (d) my children are fighting over the distribution of my estate.

"Now that I have been identified with that great American philosopher, Mark Twain, I would appreciate your putting my name back on your mailing list."

The *Barrister* staff does apologize, profusely, to Mr. Muchnick and to William D. Hoffman, '92, and August F. LaRoca, '82, who were also erroneously listed in the page 10 article on alumni and friends who have passed away within the past three years.

The list of deceased alumni came from the University of Miami's alumni database. A check into the database files for the sources of the erroneous information indicated that two August F. LaRocas (father and son) were University of Miami alumni, that the father had died but someone mistakenly entered the death of both men into the system. All three mistakes have been corrected. ■

Former UM Professor Rafael Benitez Dies

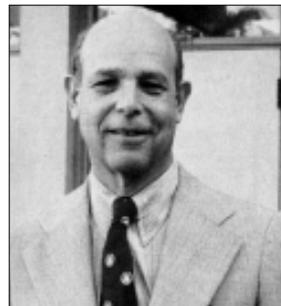


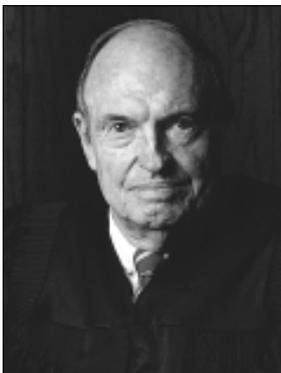
Photo from 1978 *Amicus Curiae*

During his 16 years at the School of Law, he taught international law and served as associate dean, interim dean and director and founder of the foreign student program.

Before joining UM Law in 1967, he had an illustrious career in the U.S. Navy, during which he was awarded two Silver Stars, a Bronze Star and a letter of commendation for completing nine war patrols. He was the commanding officer of the submarines U.S.S. Halibut and U.S.S. Trumpetfish, and of the destroyer U.S.S. Waldron. He also was chief of naval mission in Havana from 1952 to 1954.

He joined Pan American World Airways following his 1959 retirement from the Navy and rose to vice president for Latin America. ■

Judge Atkins Dead at 84



Senior U.S. District Court Judge C. Clyde Atkins—one of Florida's most popular and admired judges and a long-time friend of UM Law—died March 12. He was 84.

In his more than 30 years as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida and an equal number of years as a practicing attorney, he developed a reputation for fairness, compassion, and professionalism that made him a role model for legions of younger lawyers and judges throughout the state.

In 1997, the University of Miami School of Law endowed a moot court program—consisting of the Optional Moot Court Competition and the Advanced Moot Court Competition—and named it the "C. Clyde Atkins Moot Court Series."

A strong believer in the value of moot court and debate experience in preparing law students to succeed in the legal profession, Judge Atkins was an active supporter of the School of Law's moot court program, frequently serving as judge during competitions.

"Although the general public probably knew him best for high-profile cases (involving such issues as school desegregation in Miami-Dade and St. Lucie counties, a national airline strike, the rights of homeless people in downtown Miami, and the status of Haitian immigrants), Florida's legal community is most aware of the astute judgment and strong dedication to the law that he exhibited consistently throughout his career," said Prof. Laurence M. Rose, faculty advisor to the School's moot court program. ■

Rafael Benitez—former professor of law at the University of Miami School of Law—died of congestive heart failure March 6 in Maryland. He was 81.

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 the past few months.

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
C. Clyde Atkins
Richard Barest, JD '60
Rafael C. Benitez, LL.M. '66
Charles Louis De Carlo, JD '51
Dante B. Fascell, JD'38, LL.D. '88
Leonard R. Fels, JD'60, LL.M. '72
Arthur J. Franza, JD '54
Carl David Grimaldi, JD '52
Moses Joseph Grundweg, JD '54

Jane R. Hoade, JD '53
Edward S. Kelly, JD '53
Lois Lewis
Theodore Riley, JD '57
Samuel Moses Rosner, JD '51
Theodore J. Sakowitz, JD '46
Samuel S. Smith, JD '60
Joseph Anthony Von Arx, JD '49
Eric C. van Enter, JD '44

Message from President, Law Alumni Association

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As my term as president of the Law Alumni Association nears its end, I'd like to reflect on some events that have happened at the Law School during the past change-filled year.

We have been very fortunate that Mary Doyle was willing and able to give us the benefit of her talent, experience, hard work and amazing capability as interim dean while the Law School and administration conducted a search to fill the deanship on a permanent basis. We owe her a profound debt of gratitude for shepherding us through this period of transition.

The transition is far from over, and Dean Doyle has agreed to remain at her post until her successor has been hired. That time may not be far in the future. The search committee reviewed applications from more than 100 applicants and has narrowed the list down to just a few highly qualified candidates. There is every reason to hope that a new dean can be in place by the beginning of the fall semester.

The Law Alumni Association—which is represented on the dean's search committee by former LAA president Richard Milstein—continues to play an important role in many aspects of Law School life, contributing both moral and financial support to the current students as well as providing educational, professional, and networking opportunities for our alumni and other members of the law community.

We have offered a variety of programs and activities this year, including a January 13 Continuing Legal Education Ethics Seminar in Ft. Lauderdale at the Broward County Courthouse and a first-ever alumni reception January 21 at the mid-year meeting of the Florida Bar in Miami. Our annual alumni luncheon on January 6 at the Heckerling Institute was very well attended by estate planning practitioners from around the country. We also held a luncheon on January 14 for alumni who serve as in-house corporate counsel, providing them with an opportunity to meet one another and to help us plan programs that would align well with their interests and needs.

On January 22, the University of Miami held a memorial service for our highly esteemed alumnus, Dante Fascell. The service was very well attended and gave the South Florida community a chance to gather and pay their respects to this most distinguished alumnus.

On February 3, Dean Doyle traveled to Washington, D.C., along with Assistant Dean Stephen Halpert to attend an alumni reception at the law offices of Holland & Knight. A similar event took place May 6th in New York City at Greenberg Traurig.

For a thoroughly enjoyable event, it would be hard to beat the annual Law Alumni basketball networking evening, which took place February 6 this year and gave us the opportunity to watch the nationally ranked Hurricanes trounce the Georgetown Hoyas.

Those of you who ordered copies of our first new *University of Miami School of Law Alumni Directory* in eight years will be happy to know that we expect to be able to ship it to you in early June. In case you have not ordered a copy but wish you had, we had a limited number of extras printed. To purchase one, call Cynthia Sikorski, alumni director, at 305-284-4935, or send her an e-mail at csikorsk@law.miami.edu.

Your Law Alumni Association is a strong, productive organization, wholly dedicated to contributing to the goals of the Law School and to the professional growth of our alumni. Nevertheless, we can be better, and we need your involvement to do so. The time to start is now—by using the ballot on page 9 to vote for next year's leaders.

It has been a real pleasure serving as president of the LAA during the past year. Part of the reason it was so enjoyable was that it gave me an opportunity to work with and get to know a lot of terrific people. I would like to thank all the board members, committee members, staff members in the Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations, and others who donated their time and expertise to help our alma mater and our Law Alumni Association grow continuously stronger.



Harlan M. Gladstein
President, Law Alumni Association



Law Alumni Association Calendar

MAY

- 6 New York Young Alumni Luncheon
Noon, Skadden Arps, 919 Third Avenue, 35th Floor, NY, NY
- 6 New York Alumni Reception
6 p.m., Greenberg Traurig, 200 Park Avenue, New York
- 16 Hooding Ceremony
2 p.m., Hyatt Downtown, UM Knight Center
- 20 LAA Annual Installation Ceremony
5:30 p.m., School of Law Courtyard

JUNE

- 3 Third Annual Broward Judicial Reception
5:30 p.m., Tower Club, Ft. Lauderdale
- 9 Dean's Circle Celebration
6 p.m., home of Marjorie Baron, '92
- 12 Law Alumni Association Annual Board Retreat
9 a.m., Law School Faculty Conference Room
- 24 LAA Annual Reception at the Florida Bar's Annual Meeting
6:30 p.m., Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton, FL

SEPTEMBER

- TBA LAA Annual Phone Campaign, 6 p.m., Alumni House
- TBA Palm Beach Judicial Reception
- TBA Dean's Circle Breakfast #1

NOVEMBER

- 15-21 Law Alumni Reunion '99 Week
- 20 51st Annual Homecoming Breakfast
8 a.m., Morning Spirits, Law School Courtyard, 9:30 a.m., Breakfast
- 20 UM v. Rutgers, Homecoming Game at the Orange Bowl
- 20-21 Individual Reunion '99 Class Events

DECEMBER

- 5 Annual LAA Board Holiday Party
4 p.m., Site to be announced.

Events to Be Scheduled:

Continuing Legal Education Ethics Seminars in Miami-Dade, Broward & Palm Beach Counties
Friends of the Law School Luncheons in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties
Regional Receptions in Orlando; Tampa; Washington, D.C.; New York City; Chicago & Los Angeles

Dear Friends of the School of Law,

On behalf of our students, I thank you for your commitment to their legal education. Many of you frequently participate in campus and local events. You lend your support to student functions, judge moot court competitions, and assist in placement initiatives. You report your accomplishments in Class Notes.

As a proud graduate of UM Law, I also solicit your financial support for our students. Your commitment to the Law Annual Fund will assist the School in attracting qualified students with scholarships and in financing worthy student programs.

Recall how our experiences at UM Law have contributed to placing each of us where we are today. Put UM Law and its students on your gift list every year. By ensuring quality education for our students, we continue to invest in our own degrees.

The University's fiscal year ends on May 31. All gifts received by that date will be included in the Honor Roll of Donors to be sent out next fall. Please assist our students by mailing your gift to UM Law this month. We will honor you as a supporting alumnus/a and friend. Our students will be forever grateful.

Let's do our part as alumni! With all best wishes in all of your endeavors, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William P. VanderWyden, JD '84
Associate Dean of Students

LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Nominees for Director 1999-2000 BALLOT

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BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 1999

ATTENTION: Please mail or fax this 1999-00 Ballot form to the Office of Law Development & Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087, FAX 305-284-3968. For questions, contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director, Law Alumni Relations, at 305-284-4935, or by e-mail at alumni@law.miami.edu.

LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

1999-2000 BALLOT

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS

The following candidates have accepted nomination to serve on the Board of Directors of the University of Miami Law Alumni Association. Six (6) are to be elected to serve three-year terms.

GENNIVIEVE O. L. HENRIQUES, JD '92; The Henriques Group, P.A.; *Yearbook of International Law*; American Inns of Court; Bar & Gavel; School Honors in Business; Dean's List; Beta Alpha Psi; Phi Kappa Phi; Beta Gamma Sigma; *The Wall Street Journal* Award; Phi Theta Kappa; Florida, Georgia, D.C. & American Bar Associations; Attorney, CPA Association; Law Alumni Association, Director-Presidential Appointment.

ROBIN J. KING, JD '84, *cum laude*; Law Offices of Robin J. King, P.A., practice areas include Trusts and Estates, Estate Planning, Probate and Guardianships, Private Client Service Group; Dean's List; Member, American, Florida (Guardianship Law and Power of Attorney Committee, Elder Law, Real Property, Probate and Trust Sections), Dade County, and Broward County Bar Assns.; U.S. District Court, Southern District; Estate Planning Council of Broward County; Broward Women's Alliance; South Florida Guardianship Association; Planned Giving Council of Broward County; Graves Museum, Board of Governors; American Red Cross, Broward Chapter Planned Giving Committee; United Way of Broward County, Planned Giving Committee; Broward Community Foundation; Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Florida, Board of Directors and Planned Giving Committee; H.A.N.D.Y.; Broward County Academy of Finance Advisory Board; Author, Florida Bar Publications: "Drafting Marriage Contracts in Florida"; "Basic Estate Planning in Florida"; editor of 1994 Florida Bar Publication, "Practice Under Florida Probate Code."

DAVID A. KOBRIN, JD '76, LL.M.'79; practicing attorney, Miami, Florida. Admitted to the Florida Bar in 1977. Member, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; U.S. Tax Court of Appeals; Eleventh Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court. Author: "Distressed Real Estate," *Proceedings of the 6th University of Miami Institute on Condominium and Cluster Housing*, 1981; "Condominium Conversations Under the Roth Act," *8th Annual Florida Bar Condominium Seminar*, 1980; "Florida Real Estate Time Share Act," *Florida Bar Journal*, 1981; "Proposed Florida Planned Development Law," *Proceedings of the 7th University of Miami Institute on Condominiums and Cluster Housing*, 1982; "Concurrency," *Florida Bar Journal*, 1990. Member, Planned Residential Study Commission, 1984-1985; Trustee of the Public Health Trust of Dade County, 1985-1987; Florida Bar Board Certified Real Estate Attorney, 1988; A.V. rated lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell; Florida Bar Real Estate Certification Committee, 1989 to 1990; member Florida Bar Condominium Committee, 1979-1984, member, Board of Advisors, University of Miami Institute on Condominium and Cluster Developments, 1981 to present; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law, 1982-1984 and 1993 to present; Adjunct Professor of History, Florida International University, 1995 to present.

BRUCE M. LYONS, JD '67; former President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; currently Chair Elect of the Criminal Justice Council, American Bar Association. Law practice devoted to all aspects of criminal defense work, including the application of forensic science, at both the state and federal trial levels. During the past 30 years, he has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and litigated at both the state and federal levels. Recipient of the prestigious Robert C. Heeney Award from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 1997. Licensed member of several state and federal bars, including Florida, Colorado and the United States Supreme Court.

CARLOS J. MARTINEZ, JD '90; Director of Program Development for the Law Offices of Public Defender Bennett H. Brummer in Miami, Florida. Duties include: serving as the Public Defender's liaison to government and private agencies, designing and implementing the Public Defender's Anti-Violence Initiative, including the Juvenile Sentencing Advocacy Project and the Educational Rights Advocacy Project. Appointed by the Chief Judge of the Florida Supreme Court to its Treatment-Based Drug Court Steering Committee. Served on the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) committee that wrote the Key Components for Drug Courts and on the COPS Drug Courts Linkage Committee. Panelist and group facilitator and faculty at several NADCP-sponsored training workshops and conferences. Participated in several Department of Justice (DOJ) focus groups, peer grant reviewer for the DOJ. Served on the Board of Directors of the Spanish American League Against Discrimination and the Miami Beach Hispanic Community Center. Class Agent, University of Miami Law Alumni Association.

MICHAEL S. PERSE, JD '86, *cum laude*, associate, Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin; practice areas include general commercial litigation at trial and appellate levels, insurance disputes, insurance coverage issues and aviation-related matters. B.B.A., University of Miami *magna cum laude*; editor, *UM Law Review*; Member, American, Florida and Dade County Bar Assns.; United States District Court, Southern District of Florida; U.S. District Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; founding member and Director, East Kendall Alliance; member and past president of the Parents' Association, Canterbury School, University of Miami; Law Alumni Association, Presidential Appointment.

DETRA P. SHAW, JD '94; *cum laude*; Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A.; Board of Directors, Dade County Bar Assn.—Young Lawyers Section; Co-Chair, Law Week 1996; Law Alumni Assn. Director-Presidential Appointment.

RICK H. STRUL, JD '97; *magna cum laude*; LL.M. '98; Gustafson & Roderman, P.A.; Order of the Coif; Dean's Scholar; Law Alumni Association—Class Agent; *Entertainment & Sports Law Review*; Society of Bar & Gavel; Phi Alpha Delta—Vice Justice and main hamburger cook; Florida Bar Real Property, Probate & Trust Division Award; Dean's List; Mofsky Award; Boy Scouts of America—Lighthouse District Committee, Unit Commissioner, Troop 281 Committee Chair (immediate past Scoutmaster); Coach, Coral Springs Little League and Coral Springs Youth Soccer.

ERICA N. WRIGHT, JD '97, Mitrani, Rynor, Adamsky, Macaulay & Zorrilla, P.A. *Yearbook of International Law*; International Moot Court Board; Vice President, Black Law Student Association; Historian, Bar and Gavel; Student Life Committee, University of Miami, Board of Trustees; James Mofsky Book Award; Phi Alpha Delta; Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Celebration of Excellence Committee, Dade County Bar Association—Young Lawyers Section; Board of Directors, National Bar Association, Women Lawyers Division; Black Lawyers Association.

1999-2000 Officers Law Alumni Association

The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors of the Law Alumni Association are pleased to announce the following officers for 1999-2000. These nominees were unopposed and, therefore, will not appear on the attached ballot.

PRESIDENT

DET H. JOKS, JD '72; Law Office of Det H. Joks, P.A.; Florida Bar and South Miami-Kendall Bar Associations; Past President, South Dade Bar Association; Past-President, Attorneys' Real Estate Council of Dade County; Past-President, Speaker of the Year and Advanced Designation, South Dade Toastmasters; Chamber South; Founding Trustee, German American Trade Council; United States Supreme Court; U.S. Court of Appeals; U.S. District Court; Recipient of "To Catch a Thief Award"; Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund, Inc.; Miami-Dade County Pro-Bono Program; Miami-Dade County Guardian Ad Litem Program; Miami Board of Realtors; Construction Law Committee—Florida Bar; Moot Court Judge, University of Miami School of Law; Law Alumni Association President Elect, Director and Class Agent.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

GARY M. CARMAN, JD '74; Private Practice; Dade County, Palm Beach County, Florida, District of Columbia, New York, American and Federal Bar Assns.; Miami Coalition, Treatment, Rehabilitation and Recovery Task Force; Director, Legal Services of Dade County; Dade Heritage Trust; Leadership Miami; Traffic Magistrate, Dade County Court; Florida Bar, Judicial Selection Committee; Federal Bar Association; American Bankruptcy Institute; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers; Dade County, Florida and New York Trial Lawyers Assns.; Bankruptcy Bar Association, Southern District of Florida; Director, Fellow, American Bar Foundation; V.P. Palace Condominium Association; Law Alumni Assn. Officer and Director.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ALUMNI RELATIONS

LEWIS B. FREEMAN, JD '74; Lewis B. Freeman & Partners; Forensic Accountants and Consultants; Senior Partner, Freeman Dawson & Rosenbaum, CPAs, Miami, Fla.; Commercial Law League of America; Certified Mediator; Certified Fraud Examiner; Court Appt. Receiver; Board, Miami Youth Museum; Past President, Epilepsy Foundation of So. Fla.; Iron Arrow; Board, UM Hurricane Club; Founder, Friends of the Law School Program in 1992 (Free Law Luncheons in Court House with Guest Speakers), Law Alumni Assn., Director.

CO-VICE PRESIDENTS FOR CLASS AGENTS

DAVID STEPHEN HOPE, JD '96; *cum laude*, Assistant Miami-Dade County Attorney, practice areas encompass litigation, finance and municipal bonds, housing, code enforcement, zoning and personnel; B.S.E., Princeton University; M.B.A., The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; President, Society of Bar & Gavel; Vice-Chairperson, Orientation; Treasurer, Caribbean Law Students Association; Member, Moot Court Board, *Business Law Journal*, *Yearbook of International Law* and Student Life Committee; Member, Princeton University Alumni Council, 1994-1998; Law Alumni Assn. Director.

ELIZABETH S. KATZEN, JD '88; Katzen & Katzen, P.A.; Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Florida; Assistant Public Defender, Law Offices of Bennett H. Brummer; former Director and current Member, Dade County Chapter, Florida Association for Women Lawyers; Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers; Dade County Bar Association; Law Alumni Association, Director; Florida Bar Grievance Committee member and current vice-chair of committee; Chair, Speakers Council, Student Bar Association.

CO-VICE PRESIDENTS FOR FUND RAISING

MICHAEL HIGER, JD '85; Ress, Mintz & Truppman, P.A.; U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, U.S. District Court; Southern District of Florida including Trial Bar and U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. Executive Editor, *University of Miami Law Review*, 1984-1985. Co-Author: "Florida Provides Safe Haven for Forum Shoppers," *The Florida Bar Journal*, October, 1995. "Prejudgement Interest: Uncertainty and Inequity," *The Florida Bar, Business Law Section*, *The Quarterly Report*, March, 1994; "From

the Mailroom to the Board Room: Deason and the Scope of the Attorney-Client Privilege in the Corporate Context," *The Florida Bar Journal*, January, 1995. Participant, Leadership Miami, 1996. Board of Directors, University of Miami Law School Alumni Association. Florida Liaison, Business Litigation Committee, Defense Research Institute. Member: American Bar Association (Member: Intellectual Property Section; Litigation Section; Intellectual Property Committee); The Florida Bar (Member: Business Law Section; Intellectual Property Committee; Chair, Business Litigation Committee, 1997-1998); American Intellectual Property Law Association; The Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers; Florida Bankers Association. Fellow, America Bar Foundation.

TODD S. PAYNE, JD '89; Zebersky & Payne, LLP; U.S. District Court for Southern District and Middle District; ABA; DRI; Iron Arrow; Vice President, UM Hurricane Club of Broward County; Past-President, UM Broward County Alumni Association; UM Law Alumni Assn. Director.

CO-VICE PRESIDENT FOR PLACEMENT

CARROLL J. KELLY, JD '89; County Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Roger Sorino Award; Marshall Award; Iron Arrow; Student Bar Assn. Award; PAD Scholarship; FAWL Scholarship; UM Law Service Scholarship; Moot Court Board; Bar & Gavel; President, Student Bar Assn.; Dade County Bar Association, Past-President, Young Lawyers Section, Chair, Meetings and Programs; Law Week; Domestic Violence and Judicial Reception Committee; Florida Assn. for Women Lawyers, Director; United Way of Dade County—Fund Allocation Committee; Put Something Back Pro Bono Project Steering Committee; AFTL; DCTLA; Leadership Miami; Law Alumni Assn. Officer and Director, 1989 to present.

SHERRY D. WILLIAMS, JD '95; Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP; Dade County Bar Association; Tarrant County Association of Black Women Lawyers; Florida Association of Women Lawyers; ABOTA Scholarship for Outstanding Trial Advocacy; Ewald Scholar; National Mock Trial Team; Semi-Finalist, National Mock Trial Competition, Southern Region; Chairperson, Fundraising Committee, Black Law Students Association; Law Alumni Assn. Officer and Director.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR REGIONAL CLUBS

GUY R. RASCO, JD '87, *cum laude*; Zuckerman, Spaeder, Taylor, Evans, P.A.; Order of the Coif; Order of Barristers; Associate Editor, *University of Miami Law Review*; Moot Court Board, Florida State Champion; Dade County, Florida, Massachusetts, District of Columbia and American Bar Assns.; Law Alumni Assn. Officer, Director and Class Agent.

SECRETARY

ALVIN F. LINDSAY III, JD '91; *magna cum laude*; Steel Hector & Davis LLP; Partner; Dean's Scholar, *University of Miami Law Review*, Articles and Comments Editor, 1990-91; Order of the Coif; Member, American, Florida and Dade County Bar Assns.; U.S. District Court, Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida; U.S. District Court of Appeals, Eleventh and Federal Circuits; Law Alumni Assn., Class Agent.

TREASURER

MICHAEL R. BLYNN, JD '77; Law Offices of Michael R. Blynn, P.A.; President of Express Title Group, Inc.; Iron Arrow; Beta Alpha Psi; Alpha Kappa Psi; Chairperson, Code Enforcement Board, City of N. Miami; Former District Chairperson, Boy Scouts of America; Former Chairperson, Florida Bar Grievance Committee, Miami-Dade County, Florida; Former Core Member, Florida Bar Standing Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law; founding member, Coconut Grove Jaycees; Candidate for City Council, Group 2, City of North Miami; Member in good standing of the Florida Bar; admitted to appear before the U.S. District Court Southern District; currently, Director and former president of the North Dade Bar Association.

Law Alumni Association

The University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association has four committees to more effectively and efficiently serve our alumni and the School of Law. **You and all UM Law Alumni are invited to become involved with one or more of the committees.** Working with a committee is a good way for you to get more acquainted with the Law Alumni Association and learn how you can make a difference as an alumnus/ae. You may participate in the committee meetings via conference call—a popular alternative for alumni residing outside of Miami-Dade County.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson: Lewis B. Freeman, JD '74

This committee is dedicated to planning and implementing a variety of educational, social and cultural activities to serve alumni (both locally and nationally) as well as currently enrolled students.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Carroll J. Kelly, JD '89 and Sherry Williams, JD '95

This committee is dedicated to working closely with the Career Planning Center to develop methods to enhance alumni involvement in the placement of the Law School's graduates as well as to provide assistance to alumni seeking expanded job opportunities.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson: Guy R. Rasco, JD '87

This committee is dedicated to identifying means to expand the Law Alumni Association's interaction within the Law School, the University of Miami, the South Florida community and alumni located in other geographic areas.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Michael Higer, '85 and Todd S. Payne, '89

This committee is dedicated to reviewing existing fundraising methods and recommending and implementing changes in those methods and engaging in the coordination and execution of actual fundraising activities.

If you would like to become involved in a committee, please fill out the information below:

Committee Preference: _____

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (W) _____ (H) _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Suggestions: _____

ATTENTION: Please mail or fax this committee form to the Office of Law Development & Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087, FAX 305-284-3968. For questions, contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director, Law Alumni Relations, at 305-284-4935, or by e-mail at alumni@law.miami.edu. Visit our web site at www@law.miami.edu



Class Notes



CLASS OF 1943

ELIAS POWELL attended UM Law in small classes during the war years in what was popularly known as "the Cardboard College," now the Sebastian Apartments on University Drive. After graduation during the war, Powell moved to Los Angeles, where he served in the office of the district attorney, served as judge, and in disciplinary matters for the State Bar of California. He retired from the State Bar and lives quietly in Los Angeles. He is grateful for his degree at the University of Miami School of Law, which led him into an exciting and productive career.

CLASS OF 1949

The Class of 1949 will hold its 50th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in planning the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director of Alumni Relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

CLASS OF 1952

S. BLAIR ROSS recently married Dinorah Judith, the Mexican cinema star, now known as Dororah Ross. Ross practices in Miami and lives in Coral Gables.

CLASS OF 1954

The Class of 1954 will hold its 45th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in planning the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director of Alumni Relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

CLASS OF 1959

The Class of 1959 will hold its 40th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in planning the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director of Alumni Relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

CLASS OF 1964

MARTIN E. SEGAL, of counsel with the Coral Gables firm of Sacher, Martini & Sacher, P.A., and lecturer in business law at the University of Miami School of Business Administration, received a prestigious



"Excellence in Teaching" award from the School of Business Administration in 1998. He also presented a workshop on "Legal Liability" before the Center for Nonprofit Management at the University of Miami, established the Martin E. Segal Scholarship Fund at the Dade County Community Foundation to benefit needy college-bound high school graduates who demonstrate a

commitment to personal excellence and helping others, and published "Unloading Debts: Reduced Amount Payments Can Leave Creditors High and Dry" in the *ABA Journal* in January 1999.

CLASS OF 1965

RICHARD N. FRIEDMAN is serving as co-chair of the Florida Bar Sports Committee for a second year, while continuing to serve his professional athlete clients as CEO of All-Star Sports Agents, Inc. Friedman is also known as "The Singing Attorney" and continues to perform the National Anthem at major sports events, the latest being on February 16, at the UM-Villanova Big East basketball game in the Miami Arena and at the All-American Bowl in Miami on January 30. On November 12, 1998, Friedman served as a panelist on the "Music Licensing" panel sponsored by the University of Miami Music & Entertainment Industry Student Association. He is also 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 a history of each song and its lyrics. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of the album is donated to the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Girl Scouts of America. Two new music albums performed by Friedman are currently in production.

CHARLES F. SANSONE was in the practice of personal injury law for 30 years, many of those in Tampa. Currently he does most mediation work from his office in his home in west Tampa.

CLASS OF 1966

JEROME H. SHEVIN has his own firm in downtown Miami and practices in the areas of complex civil/commercial litigation at the trial and appellate levels in both the state and federal courts. His firm also focuses on the areas of family law, professional ethics, discipline and licensure matters, bankruptcy adversary proceedings, insolvency law, creditor's rights and administrative law.

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 300 such courts in the United States. Judge Goldstein retired in December 1998.

CLASS OF 1969

The Class of 1969 will hold its 30th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in planning the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director of Alumni Relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

JAMES M. DONOVAN, JR. has his own firm, The Donovan Offices, located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. Organized in 1983, the firm has two major areas of activities: a law practice and private investment banking services. Among the firm's regular clients are entertainment industry service providers, technical groups, distributors, producers, actors, directors, sound editors, live theatre producers, television producers, film finance groups, editors, writers, and insurance services, as well as financial institutions and investors involved with entertainment projects, operating enterprises and high net worth individuals. The firm also services non-entertainment industry clients and regularly serves as local counsel to law firms outside of California.

CLASS OF 1972

JAMES E. FOSTER joined Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., in August 1997, where he practices in the Orlando office with the bankruptcy and creditors rights group. Jim's practice includes the representation of Chapter 7 trustees. He recently concluded a fraudulent transfer case covering more than \$23 million in a Chapter 7 case that was filed as a "no asset" case.

CLASS OF 1973

The Honorable PETER BLANC was appointed circuit judge for the 15th Circuit of Palm Beach County by Governor Buddy MacKay on December 29, 1998. Blanc had a general litigation practice in West Palm Beach, where he did both criminal defense and civil litigation.

JAMES EVANS THOMPSON is a sole practitioner in Phoenix, Ariz., where his practice consists primarily of domestic relations and personal injury matters. Since graduating from law school in 1973, Thompson took the Florida Bar and returned to Phoenix to sit for the Arizona Bar. He has returned to Florida several times since graduation and is still an avid supporter of the Hurricanes.

CLASS OF 1974

The Class of 1974 will hold its 25th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in planning the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director of Alumni Relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

The Honorable BARRY M. COHEN has served as a county court judge in Palm Beach County since 1991 and is currently administrative judge for the county court serving in the criminal division. He has been married for 26 years to Bonnie Sue. His daughter, Mindy, is graduating this year from Smith College, and his son, Jeremy, is a high school sophomore.

CLASS OF 1975

DON S. COHN has been practicing criminal defense in Miami for over 23 years, and he has been active in the Lions Club, particularly in helping that organization achieve one of its main goals: giving assistance to the visually handicapped and hearing impaired.

JEFFREY L. MILLER is a sole practitioner in Greenville, N.C., concentrating in civil and criminal trial and appellate matters with an emphasis on domestic relations law. He reports that his hair and beard are rapidly changing tint from brown to white, a product of the stress of family law practice. After six years of involvement in trials and appeals, all of the charges against his clients in the Little Rascals Daycare child sex abuse prosecutions (North Carolina's version of the *McMartin* and *Country Walk* prosecutions) have been dismissed. Happily, rather than seeking therapy and counseling for the trauma suffered during this battle, he and his wife Rachel have found solace in a small cabin retreat in the North Carolina mountains where he can safely "howl at the moon, fly fish for the wily trout, and pursue other emotionally satisfying activities, such as drinking cold beer, eating more than my recommended dietary needs require, listening to mountain music, and urinating at will off the deck."

CLASS OF 1977

JOHN J. CONTINO, who currently serves as the executive director of the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission, was recently named as the national chairperson of the Council on Government Ethics Laws, an international association of government agencies dealing with ethics, campaign finance, lobbying regulation, and freedom of information laws.

CLASS OF 1978

The Honorable PETER BLANC, formerly a county court judge in Palm Beach County, was appointed a circuit court judge for the 15th Judicial Circuit by Governor Buddy MacKay. After graduating from law school, Blanc worked as an assistant public defender in West Palm Beach, and he worked as a solo practitioner for nine years before he was appointed to the county bench in 1990.

ELLEN C. FREIDIN, of counsel to the Miami office of Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., has been awarded the "Glass Cutter Award" by the Florida National Organization for Women (Florida NOW). Freidin, a member of the 1997-1998 Constitution Revision Commission (CRC), received the distinguished award at Florida NOW's annual statewide convention at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. She was recognized for her leadership in convincing members of the CRC to include equality of women and men in their recommendations for constitutional change. Freidin concentrates her practice on employment discrimination, civil rights and media law at the trial and appellate levels. She was also honored as a "Woman of Impact" by the Community Coalition for Women's History on March 4, at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, where her portrait will be hung along with biographical information as part of the permanent records of the Museum.



ANIL HARISH MANSHARAMANI returned to India after completing his LL.M., where he practices with the family firm of D.M. Harish & Co., Advocates. He specializes in the areas of collaborations and joint ventures, taxation property and corporate law. He served as president of the American Alumni Association in Mumbai, and he frequently gives talks on legal subjects, addressing audiences outside India as well. He serves as director of several companies and as trustee of several charitable trusts.



WAYNE L. SCHIEFELBEIN, a public utility attorney, has joined the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., in the firm's Tallahassee office. He formerly served as a senior attorney with the Florida Public Service Commission, the Bureau of Water and Sewer, and the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, Permitting, Southeast District.

HENRY IRA SOMERFELD is a certified public accountant in his firm on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. After the activities of tax season subside, Somerfeld occasionally turns his chair to glance at a panoramic view of the City of Angeles, with the snow-capped mountains as a backdrop.

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 planning the event for their class

should contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director of Alumni Relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

RICHARD PALMER AYLES has his own firm in the Century Park area of Los Angeles, where he practices general business law. After about five years of practice with Baker & McKenzie in New York, he moved to Los Angeles, where he has maintained close contact with UM Law through events in southern California.

JAMES SCOTT CASSEL is president and founder of Capitalink, L.C., an investment banking firm based in Coral Gables and serving clients throughout the United States and abroad. Capitalink, L.C., specializes in financial advisory services, issuances of fairness opinions and valuation analyses, financial advice in connection with private and public financing, and corporate reorganizations.

IVOR MASSEY, JR. has happily left the practice of law to run a venture capital and real estate development company. He resides in Richmond, Va.

BRIAN ZIEGLER (LL.M. '81) was recently appointed justice for the Village of Woodsburgh, N.Y. He is a partner at the East Meadow law firm of Certilman



Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, where he provides counsel to corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies in all areas of law. A lifelong resident of the five towns area, where he has served as an active member of the community, Ziegler resides in Woodsburgh, Long Island, with his wife Andrea (JD '81) and their daughters, Jeri, Carly, and Ali. His law firm, known as "The Personal Lawyers with the Firm Commitment," was founded in 1965 and has grown into one of Long Island's largest full-service law firms with more than 60 attorneys.

CLASS OF 1980

SIKANDER NASIM (LL.M.) returned to Lahore, Pakistan, as a civil judge after leaving the School of Law. He resigned after a year and returned to the Bar for more than seven years. During this period he remained legal adviser to the Lahore Stock Exchange and the Faisalabad Development Authority. Nasim also examined Punjab University Law papers in civil procedure code and limitation. During this period he also was associated with the *Pakistan Law Journal*, a publication of the Punjab Bar Council. In 1987, Nasim joined government service as a law officer in a department of the Finance Division, later moving to Corporate Law Authority as deputy chief legal counsel and registrar of Modaraba Companies and Modaraba. In 1991, he was appointed judicial member of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal of Pakistan and promoted to his present position of chairman of the Customs, Excise and Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal of Pakistan, December 1998.

CLASS OF 1981

RICHARD A. BERKOWITZ has been named to the board of directors of Beach Bank, a newly founded financial institution that plans to open its first branch in Miami Beach by mid-1999. Berkowitz is founder and managing director of Berkowitz Dick Pollack & Brant, Certified Public Accountants, LLP, a consulting, tax and auditing firm that serves businesses and individuals throughout Florida as well as nationally and internationally. He previously served on the board of directors of Plaza Bank of Miami, from 1986 to 1992, when the bank was sold.

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.

JOHN S. FREUD is a managing partner with the firm of Freud & Abraham, a civil litigation firm specializing in tort and insurance-related matters for plaintiffs and defendants, and commercial litigation. Freud is also a certified circuit and county court mediator, actively mediating throughout South Florida through Mediation Solutions, Inc.

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.

CLASS OF 1982

W. BARRY BLUM was recently promoted as general counsel of Burger King North America. He joined the company in December 1997 as assistant general counsel, moving from Blum Perlman & Cherdack, a litigation firm he founded in 1996. Blum resides in Pinecrest with his wife, Dr. Lori Plotkin Blum, and three children.

ERIC BUERMANN is serving as general counsel for the Republican Party of Florida and as policy liaison between the governor's office, the cabinet, and the Florida legislature.

DONALD W. HAFELE has practiced in his own firm in West Palm Beach for the past five years, where he specializes in personal injury, wrongful death and insurance coverage matters. Hafele recently presented two

seminars on behalf of the National Business Institute, entitled, "Practical Legal Ethics in Florida: Issues and Answers" and "Skillful Legal Negotiation in Florida." He also chairs the fee arbitration committee for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

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

JOHN PAUL PARKS, a shareholder in the Lakeland, Fla., law firm of Wendel, Chritton & Parks, Chartered, has written an article, "Evaluating the Alaska Trust's Ability to Shield Assets from the Claims of Creditors," which was published in the November 1998 issue of *Arizona Attorney*, a publication of the State Bar of Arizona.



JEREMY A. SPECTOR, of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP, was a principal drafter of an ABA report entitled, "Comments Concerning the Guidelines and Appeal Procedures Required to Implement Section 3105 of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998." The recommendations were submitted to the Commissioner of the IRS. 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, healthcare, industrial and infrastructure development obligations. The firm is a full-service law firm headquartered in Philadelphia, with offices in Media, Allentown, Cherry Hill, Trenton, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, and Boca Raton.

CLASS OF 1983

ROB BOVARNICK is head of the bankruptcy and creditor's rights group at Abrahams, Lowenstein, Bushman & Kaufman, P.C. He is the secretary for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference, which represents approximately 300 lawyers in that district, and is an adjunct instructor at Rutgers University Law School. He resides in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.



ERIC H. LUCKMAN was recently elected president of the Palm Beach County Trial Lawyers Association and was sworn in by Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente at a ceremony held in January. Luckman practices personal injury, bad faith and insurance coverage litigation in West Palm Beach. He resides in Boynton Beach.

CLASS OF 1984

IAN COMISKY was a panelist at the 13th Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime on March 4-5 in San Francisco, where he spoke on collateral

consequences of tax prosecutions. He 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.

BARBARA SANFORD CREGAN is married to Bob Cregan, JD '87, and lists her job title as "mom" to two daughters, Kaitlyn and Alyssa. The family has moved several times and lives presently in Basking Ridge, N.J.

CAROL A. LICKO has resigned from her position at the Miami law firm of Thomson Muraro Razook & Hart, P.A., to serve as general counsel to Florida Governor Jeb Bush, whose new administration took office on Jan. 5, 1999. Licko brings to her new position 14 years of litigation and transactional experience from Thomson Muraro, where she successfully represented the State of Florida on a number of important policy issues, including the state's anti-stalking statute and its law prohibiting assisted suicide. She also participated with other members of the firm in representing the late Governor Lawton Chiles and his Democratic administration in various aspects of the recent high-stakes tobacco litigation, and she has represented private businesses in commercial and constitutional matters. A substantial portion of the firm's representation of the State is on a pro bono basis. Representing Bush in business litigation two years ago, Licko gained first-hand experience working with the future governor.

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



DIANA SANTA MARIA, a personal injury trial lawyer and founding partner of the Law Offices of Diana Santa Maria, P.A., in Fort Lauderdale, has been accepted as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. This honorary national organization, comprised of a select group of trial lawyers, seeks to elevate the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession and to preserve the civil jury system.

JOSE SANTOS, a partner in the Miami office of Broad & Cassel, has been appointed to represent the ABA at the UN Economic

and Social Council in New York. He is part of a select group of six ABA leaders, headed by former U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, that represents the ABA at the United Nations in New York and Geneva. The ABA has consultative status at the UN and frequently provides input to the Council on a wide variety of issues relating to the world economic, social and legal order.

CLASS OF 1985

ALI H. A. AL GAHANI joined the Medical Services Department as legal consultant and assistant director of the Investigation Department in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He has his own office in Aolya, Riyadh, consulting in the area of international contracts and investments. He is also looking for cooperative efforts with all his friends—Law School alumni.

BARON J. DREXEL is a sole practitioner in Oakland, Calif. In April 1998, Drexel, as co-counsel, obtained a jury verdict of \$15.5 million on behalf of the plaintiffs in a malicious prosecution case, one of the largest in California for malicious prosecution. The trial lasted six weeks and is presently on appeal.

MICHAEL J. HIGER has been elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization of practicing attorneys, judges, and law teachers whose professional, public, and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities. The objective of the Foundation is the improvement of the legal system through research concerning the law, the administration of justice and the legal profession. Fellows are limited to one-third of one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction. He was also re-elected to a second term as a director of the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association. Higer is a member of the law firm of Ress, Mintz & Truppman, P.A., in North Miami.

DOUG LANDAU, of Allred, Bacon, Halfhill, Landau & Young, PC, in Fairfax, Va., has been teaching personal injury law for the Virginia State Bar's annual "First Day in Practice Seminar" for several years and has been selected to lecture on both Social Security claims and worker's compensation at next fall's first Virginia Trial Lawyers Williamsburg Conference. An active runner for the past 20 years, he continues to compete in road races, triathlons and triathlons.



AMY D. RONNER, law professor at St. Thomas University School of Law, has a new article, "The Demise of the Reasonable Doubt Standard: The Toxic Warts and Putra Decision," which will appear in 60 *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* (1999).

CLASS OF 1986

MARK BIDNER is chairman and chief executive officer of Western Nonwovens, where polyester fiber

is manufactured. The corporate office is in Carson, Calif., just south of Los Angeles.

MICHAEL DIAZ, JR., joined the State Attorney's Office upon graduation from UM Law, where he was promoted to division chief under the Honorable Janet Reno. Diaz left that office in 1990 in order to join a prestigious commercial law/white collar crime defense practice, where he was partner. In August 1998, he opened his new firm, Diaz & Taddeo, LLP, which specializes in commercial litigation and white collar criminal defense. He resides in Coral Gables.

RALPH R. GONZALEZ was recently appointed general counsel for G.E. Capital South America, based in Stanford, Conn., overseeing the G.E. Capital operation in South America, primarily in Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

KIMBERLY D. KOLBACK served as keynote speaker at the Florida Motion Picture & Television Association's meeting held in Miami on October 14, and she was elected treasurer of the Association's Miami/South Florida Division on December 16. The FMPTA is the only industry-wide trade association that unifies all entertainment production professionals who are dedicated to promoting the film, television, recording and media industries in Florida. Kolback serves as chair of the Florida Bar Entertainment & Sports Law Section for 1998-1999, and she is a commercial litigator in the entertainment law department of the Miami firm of Kluger Peretz Kaplan & Berlin. She is a resident of Miami.

WILLIAM J. SPRATT, JR., formerly of Zack Kosnitzky, P.A., joined the Miami office of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP, as a partner in its health care practice division. In November he spoke as a faculty member at the Florida Nursing Law Seminar held at the Biscayne Bay Marriott. The recent federal and state initiative to crack down on nursing home care made the seminar particularly timely and valuable for long-term care nurses. Spratt was a health care administrator before commencing his law practice and has represented facilities and licensed professionals in connection with inspections, surveys and investigations. He teaches a course in ethical and legal issues in the Master of Health Administration program at Nova Southeastern University.

CLASS OF 1987

THOMAS W. ARNST (JD '87, LL.M. '95 in Real Property and Development) was appointed vice president, general counsel and secretary of RailTex, Inc., America's leading operator of short line railroads. The company emphasizes a disciplined acquisition strategy and stresses improving the profitability of its existing railroads and the development of new business opportunities.

ROBERT W. CREEGAN is vice president for sales at BEA Systems, a computer software firm in Liberty Corner, N.J. He resides with his wife, BARBARA SANFORD CREEGAN, JD '84, and their two daughters, Kaitlyn and Alyssa, in Basking Ridge.

KEVIN A. DORSE practices business litigation at the Los Angeles office of Jones Day, a multinational law firm with over 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 offices around the world. The Los Angeles office is organized into four major practice groups—business practice, government regulation, litigation, and tax.

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 attorneys, as well as pursue his interest in forensic psychology. He lives in Phoenix.

CLASS OF 1988

MICHAEL CHESAL, a partner with the Miami law firm of Kluger, Peretz, Kaplan & Berlin, serves as vice chair of the Florida Bar Intellectual Property Law Committee and as sub-committee chair for the International Trademark Association. He is active in community affairs and is teaching an introductory course on Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers) at Aish HaTorah of South Florida, located at its new center in Hollywood. Pirkei Avos is one of the most popular books of the Mishna—the Jewish oral tradition—and its study is considered to be an indispensable prerequisite for the development of proper character and ethics. Chesal also serves as president of the Bais Meдрash of South Florida and as a member of the board of directors of Aish HaTorah of South Florida and Young Israel of Hollywood.



F. LORRAINE JAHN has joined the litigation team of Solomon & Benedict, P.A., in Tampa, where her practice will continue to be concentrated in the areas of commercial litigation, bankruptcy law, and creditors' rights. A frequent lecturer in the areas of creditors' rights and bankruptcy law, she has published articles on bankruptcy issues and served as an instructor at UM School of Law, where she taught legal research and writing and appellate advocacy.



The Honorable CRISTINA PEREYRA-SHUMINER was sworn in as county court judge by Third District Court of Appeal Judge MARIO GODERICH, JD '66, during investiture ceremonies on February 19 at the Miami-Dade County Courthouse. Judge Pereyra-Shuminer is assigned to the county court's criminal division at the South Dade Justice Center, where she presides over infractions, criminal traffic, domestic violence and small claims cases. She formerly served as a public defender, appearing before most of the judges in the criminal division and serving there until her election to the bench last fall. She and her husband, Alan J. Shuminer, are parents of two sons, Daniel, 5, and Marc, 4.

CLASS OF 1989

The Class of 1989 will hold its 10th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in planning the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director of Alumni Relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.



The Honorable CARROLL J. KELLY was sworn into office as county court judge by the Honorable BETH BLOOM, JD '88, at investiture ceremonies on February 11 at the Miami-Dade County Courthouse. Judge Kelly received a split assignment—two days each week to the court at the Joseph Caleb Center, presiding over domestic violence, criminal and traffic cases, and three days as a judge in the domestic violence division

at the Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building. Before her election, Judge Kelly practiced business and general civil litigation, antitrust cases and employment discrimination litigation at the Miami firm of Richman Greer Weil 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.

SCOTT D. KRAVETZ has become a partner in the Miami firm of Bilzin Sumberg Dunn Price & Axelrod, LLP, where he is a member of the litigation department. He practices in all areas of civil litigation and specializes in complex real estate-related litigation, including construction defect and delay litigation. Kravetz has also been involved in a number of large-scale, complex receiverships, acting as counsel for the receivers. Bilzin Sumberg Dunn Price & Axelrod is a full-service firm with 50 attorneys, representing a diverse mix of public and private companies and individuals, both domestic and international.

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 AFB, Mo.

CHRISTOPHER L. THATCHER recently moved to Los Angeles, where he is providing litigation support to law firms and sole practitioners while he waits to take the California Bar Exam. He resides in Sierra Madre, Calif.

CLASS OF 1990

ROBERT R. ADAMS is a founding member of the law firm of Adams, Gallinar, Iglesias & Meyer, P.A., located on Brickell Avenue in Miami. The firm specializes in complex real estate transactions, corporate and aviation law, and international corporate transactions. The firm's shareholders all practiced together at Steel Hector & Davis, LLP, in Miami, prior to establishing the firm. Bob and his wife, Cissy, have two children, with another on the way, and live in Pinecrest.

ANNETTE E. ALVAREZ is a principal in a company she formed five years ago with JOAN SILVERMAN, JD '90. They manage some of America's best-known international actors. Annette is a 1987 graduate of UM's School of Communication, with a major in film and a minor in theatre. While at UM Law, she served two years as editor of the School of Law newspaper, *Res Ipsa Loquitur*.

ALBERT A. A. CARTENUTO has his own firm in Kendall, where he practices civil, criminal, and family law. He does civil and family mediation as well.

LUIS A. CORDERO joined the Miami office of Holland & Knight, LLP, as a partner, where he will continue to practice immigration, nationality and consular law. Cordero is a board member and past president of the South Florida chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and he served on the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee of the Florida Bar. Holland & Knight has more than 800 lawyers and full-service offices in Atlanta, Boston, Mexico City, New York, Northern Virginia, Providence, San Francisco, Washington, and 11 cities throughout Florida.

ELLEN LAIRD became a shareholder in the North Palm Beach law firm of Fleming Haile & Shawn. She is a board-certified specialist in wills, trusts and estates.

JEFFREY M. LANDAU became a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen, LLP, in the insurance practice group of the firm's civil litigation department. Landau

represents insurance companies in coverage disputes involving disability, life and health insurance policies and related ERISA issues. In addition, he is experienced in litigation matters involving franchise disputes, general contract and commercial disputes, business torts, trademark issues, and banking matters. Founded in 1910, Shutts & Bowen has offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Tallahassee, London and Amsterdam. Landau resides in Pinecrest.

CLASS OF 1991



SPENCER ARONFELD served as chairperson for the Academy of Trial Lawyers Seminar on Winning Soft Tissue Cases in March at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott. The seminar featured presentations by a distinguished group of trial lawyers: Luanne Clout, the Hon. Paul Siegel, Aaron Podhurst, Ira Leesfield, Tod Aronovitz, Patty Talisman, and noted litigation psychologist and jury consultant Katlin Larimar.

In May, Aronfeld will travel with Gerry Spence, the legendary trial lawyer from Wyoming, to Barcliff Manor, N.Y., to teach at Spence's Trial Lawyer's Opening Statement and Cross Examination Seminar. The seminar is an exclusive one reserved for the People's lawyers and precludes attendance of prosecutors, corporate attorneys and insurance defense attorneys.

He also has been asked to speak on "Surviving Solo Practice without Starving" in July at the annual ATLA convention in San Francisco.

Aronfeld has his own plaintiff's trial practice, Aronfeld & Associates, in Coral Gables. He and his wife, Dina, announce the birth of their first child, Sara Rose, born on February 3, 1999.

RAPHAEL M. BASTIAN and her husband, JAMES BOINK, JD '93, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Kateri Bastian Boink, on March 30, 1998. Raphael is currently the general counsel and secretary at Southern Air Transport in Columbus, Ohio. Until recently, she was also an adjunct instructor at Ohio State University College of Law, teaching appellate advocacy. In August 1998, James received his M.B.A. from Franklin University in Columbus.

GARY S. KLEIN was recently named partner at Sandak Friedman Hennessey & Greco, LLP, in Stamford, Conn., where he practices commercial and environmental litigation. Beginning in September, he will be teaching a course in law and the environment as an adjunct professor at Fairfield University. Klein lives in Stamford with his wife, Allison, and two-year old daughter, Rachael.

ALVIN LINDSAY and MAYRA PENA LINDSAY (JD '92) announce the birth of their second daughter, Christina Vaughan Lindsay, born on Nov. 4, 1998. Al is a partner at the Miami office of Steel Hector & Davis, LLP.

STUART RATZAN is president-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar, where he will serve during the 2000-2001 Bar year. He plans to expand on the ability of the YLD to reach out to young lawyers through technology, especially through increased e-mail usage. Last year, he co-chaired the division's CLE committee, and this year he chairs the Professionalism Committee. Ratzan does plaintiff's medical malpractice work in the Miami firm of Stewart Tilghman Fox & Biachi. His wife, Mycki, is a criminal defense lawyer. They have a daughter, Baylar, born on Sept. 8, 1998.

BRIAN T. SCARRY and DEBRA C. SACKS, JD '92, were married in March 1995, and they have two daughters, Ashley, born Oct. 8, 1997, and Brooke, born on February 15, 1999. Brian practices admiralty law with the Miami firm of Underwood, Karcher & Karcher, P.A., and Debra is a sales representative with Pharmacia & Upjohn. The family resides in South Miami.



GENE C. SULZBERGER has been named vice president and trust counsel for Fiduciary Trust International's Miami office. He heads the firm's business development efforts and is responsible

for marketing trust and investment management services to wealthy families, individuals and foundations.

ROBERTO A. TORRICELLA, JR. has become a partner in the Miami law firm of Anania, Bandklayder, Blackwell & Baumgarten, a general civil and commercial litigation firm. He and his wife, Denise, welcomed their first child, Noah Matthew, on February 26, 1998.

EDWARD H. ZEBERSKY was recently elected chairman of the insurance committee task force of the AFTL. His firm, Zebersky & Payne, LLP, concentrates its practice in commercial matters and in the representation of corporate clients regarding various issues.

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MICHAEL L. BECKER has his own firm on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles, where he practices criminal defense. He is currently working on the appeal in the Ennis Cosby case.

WILLIAM S. GALVANO and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their second child, William Sterling Galvano, born January 28, 1999. Bill, Julie, and sons, Michael and William, live in Bradenton, where he is partner at Grimes Goebel Grimes Hawkins & Gladfelder, P.A.



JOHN CYRIL MALLOY III heads the litigation department of Malloy & Malloy, P.A., a patent, trademark, and copyright law firm, with offices in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Recently there was some confusion when an attorney with a very similar name was disciplined by the Florida Bar. Malloy would like to assure his friends and colleagues that it was neither he nor anyone associated with his firm, although supportive telephone calls were appreciated.

AMY MAYNE is assistant public defender in Shelby County, Tenn., and she recently moved from general sessions court, where she handled misdemeanors and felony preliminary hearings to Criminal Court, Division 9. Mayne is permanently assigned to that division to handle any cases appointed by Judge Joe Brown, who currently has a television show airing on UPN 30. She resides in Memphis.



DEBORAH R. MAYO (LL.M. in Taxation) joined the corporate and securities department of the Miami law firm, Bilzin Sumberg Dunn Price & Axelrod. Mayo represents businesses involved in

mergers, acquisitions and other business transactions while also consulting them on pertinent tax issues. She was formerly a member of the taxation, business and securities department of Zack Kosnitzky, P.A., and a senior tax manager with the international accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche, LLP. She resides in Miami Shores.

MATTHEW C. SCARBOROUGH has become a partner in the Tampa law firm of Caglianone & Miller, P.A., which specializes in insurance defense. He and his wife, Edesa, are expecting their first child in March.

DAVID H. SPALTER is an associate with the Miami office of Epstein, Becker & Green, where he practices labor and employment law on behalf of management. He resides in Weston with his wife, Pamela, and their two children, Ariana, age 2, and Joshua, age 7 months.



OTIS OLIVER WRAGG recently returned to South Florida after two years in Atlanta and reports, "It's great to be home!" Wragg practices trial law in the areas of personal injury, premises liability and

malpractice at the Miami firm of Ferraro & Associates.

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

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NORMA DE MIGUEL joined the Miami office of Holland & Knight, LLP, where she will focus her practice on corporate and securities law. Prior to joining Holland & Knight, she was an associate at Gunster, Yoakley, Valdes-Fauli & Stewart, P.A. Holland & Knight is a full-service law firm with over 800 attorneys in 11 cities throughout Florida, and in Atlanta, Boston, Mexico City, New York, Northern Virginia, San Francisco and Washington.

LESLIE CECIL KEENE and DENNIS KEENE, JD '93, were married in 1995, and in 1996 they celebrated the birth of their son, Michael. On September 18, 1998, they welcomed their daughter, Erin Mae. Dennis is a captain in the United States Army, working as a defense attorney in Savannah. After four months of maternity leave, Leslie returned to work in January as a staff attorney for the superior court in Savannah. The couple lives in Richmond Hill, Ga.

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 is comprised of 145 attorneys in Albany, Buffalo, Oswego, Saratoga Springs, and Syracuse, N.Y., and in Overland Park, Kan., and its affiliate has offices in Boca Raton, Bonita Springs, and Naples. The firm serves small and large businesses, educational and health care institutions, media, municipalities, non-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, Ariz. 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 two years old last August.

PAUL SCHNEIDER worked for a top personal injury firm, Schneider, Kleinknit, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot, P.C., in Manhattan until 1997. Last year, Schneider opened his own practice in Garden City, N.Y. He is married to UM alumna, Marci Turetsky Schneider, and they have two adorable daughters, Brett Halle, age 2, and Joley Max, age 1. The family resides in Dix Hills, N.Y.

REED J. SLOGOFF was named associate counsel to Philadelphia-based Entercorn Communications Corporation. He has experience in mergers, acquisitions and corporate finance. Prior to joining Entercorn, Slogoff was a member of the business and finance department of the Philadelphia office of Dilworth Paxson, LLP, where his responsibilities included counseling clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and financing transactions. Entercorn is the sixth largest radio broadcasting company in the United States, operating 42 radio stations in eight markets, including Boston, Seattle, Portland, Kansas City, Sacramento, Rochester and Gainesville/Ocala.

CLASS OF 1994

The Class of 1994 will hold its 5th Reunion Celebration this fall. Members of the class who are interested in planning the event for their class should contact Cynthia Sikorski, Director of Alumni Relations, 305-284-4935, with their ideas and suggestions.

JOHN D. AMEEN and Gary J. DRUCKER are pleased to announce the formation of Ameen & Drucker, P.A. The firm concentrates its practice in the areas of personal injury, employment law, commercial and business litigation and insurance law. Its address and telephone number are 3111 University Drive, Suite 608, Coral Springs, Fla. 33065, and 954-340-7277.

DOROTHY F. EASLEY, formerly of Fowler White Burnett Hurley Banick & Strickroot, P.A., practicing commercial litigation, then at Maland & Ross, P.A., practicing appellate law and preservation of error at trial and appeals, is now entering her fifth year of appellate practice, in the Southern District of Florida, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the Third District Court of Appeals, the Fourth District Court of Appeals, and the Florida Supreme Court. Her emphasis is on employment law, negligence and criminal law. Easley is celebrating her twelfth year of marriage, and her daughter, Hannah, is now nearly 5 years old.

ALVARO S. GALLO (LL.M. in Comparative Law) has joined Baker & McKenzie's Sao Paulo office, where he specializes primarily in mergers and acquisitions.

MICHAEL C. GONGORA has been appointed legal advisor to CAMACOL, the Latin Chamber of Commerce of the USA and was just named partner at Cofino & Gongora, where he has worked

for nearly four years. Previously he was employed by Miami-Dade County administrative office of the courts, in the domestic violence division.

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

KEVIN J. MORRIS has joined the Miami firm of Muller, Mintz, Kornreich, Caldwell, Casey, Crosland & Bramnick, P.A., the largest labor and employment law firm in Florida. The firm represents management exclusively. Morris was formerly a staff attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in Miami.

CHARLES H. RATNER and his wife, Mindi, announce the birth of their son, Dylan Nathan, on June 30, 1998. Ratner is a commercial real estate attorney with the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg Dunn Price & Axelrod, LLP, in Miami. Charles, Mindi and Dylan reside in Aventura.

SCOTT REMBOLD and SABRINA MENDOZA-REMBOLD, both members of the Class of 1994, had their first child, Matthew Scott, on November 21, 1998. Scott continues to practice as a litigation associate with Thornton, Davis & Murray, and Sabrina continues to practice in her own firm, Gonzalez & Rembold, P.A. The family resides in Coral Gables.

GLADYS SANCHEZ-ABALLI (LL.M. in Comparative Law, LL.M. in Ocean and Coastal Law) joined the legal department of Blockbuster, Inc., as regional general counsel for Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada, in 1996. She oversees all of Blockbuster's legal affairs, including all corporate matters for business entities and all legal aspects of new business development, franchises and the operation of its retail locations in the region. Previous to Blockbuster, she was with Viacom Inc.'s division MTV Networks Latin America, Inc., MTV Latino, from 1993 until 1996.

RANDY MARC WEBER, previously a commercial litigator with the Miami office of White & Case and trial lawyer with the Miami-Dade County public defender's office, opened his own practice on Jan. 2, 1999, concentrating in criminal and civil litigation. He resides in Hollywood.

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

STEFANIE M. EULITZ works in the trust and estate administration of SunTrust Bank at the Brickell office, where she has been for three years. She acts on behalf of the bank as a corporate fiduciary, as a personal representative or trustee for various trusts. Her office also handles financial services for the bank. Eulitz resides in Coconut Grove.

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.

ANDREAS C. HOFFMANN (LL.M. in Comparative Law) has accepted an offer to become assistant general counsel for Metallgesellschaft AG in Frankfurt, Germany.

MAITRI "Mike" KLINGSKOSM 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. Klingskosm returned to North Carolina after practicing for two years as an assistant public defender in Cook County (Chicago), Ill. Before assuming his current position, Klingskosm practiced with the North Carolina firm of Willardson, Lipscomb & Beal, LLP, in the areas of insurance defense, subrogation, and criminal defense.



DANIEL R. LEVINE has become a partner of Muchnick Wasserman & Dolin, where he practices in the areas of private and public sector labor and employment law, including employment discrimination, wage and hour, labor management relations, civil rights and ERISA litigation, as well as general civil litigation. The firm has offices in Hollywood and Boca Raton.

MITCHELL MORAN is a human rights officer for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, working in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and Herzegovina. Recently he was responsible for monitoring all aspects of the Zvornik Seven appeal—the defendants and Bosniacs accused of murdering four Serbs after the fall of Srebrenica. Moran recently located to Sarajevo to monitor the human rights situation in that city.

MARIANNES. RANTALA, formerly known as Najmabadi, has opened her own practice in Boca Raton, where she concentrates on criminal defense and family law.

NIKKI ROBINSON JACKSON accepted a position with Philip Morris, USA and is now working in Richmond, Va., as a case management specialist in the human resources and compliance department. She was recently certified in collective bargaining from Cornell University and was formerly an affirmative action compliance manager with Georgia Pacific Corporation in Atlanta. She practiced labor and employment law for two years prior to that. She is married to Vince R. Jackson and is mother to one son, Justin Malik Jackson, age 3.

SHERRY D. WILLIAMS is now associated with the Miami office of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart. She is also serving the Law Alumni Association as the vice president for class agents.

CLASS OF 1996

PAUL BASILE is associated with the Miami firm of Buckner & Shifrin, P.A., where he practices in the area of insurance defense. He and his wife, Christy, announce the birth of Patrick Flynn Basile, born March 11, 1999. They reside in Miami Beach.

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

ELLIZABETH O. HUBBART was recently published in the *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal*: "When Worlds Collide: The Intersection of Insurance and Motion Pictures." She is an attorney in the guardianship program of the Legal Aid Society of the Dade County Bar Association.

JAHAN S. ISLAMI practices corporate law, specifically mergers and acquisitions, in the Miami office of Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A., with which he has been

associated for two years. On Oct. 3, 1998, Islami married Julia Consuegra, who works as a human resources officer with SunTrust Bank. The couple lives on Key Biscayne.

MICHAEL C. KLASFELD is an associate at Richard P. Zaretsky, P.A., in West Palm Beach, practicing largely within the realm of real estate law, with a focus on investor's interests, or more specifically quiet title of real property. He resides in Boca Raton with his wife, Mara, and their son, Luke.

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 Hodges & Coleman, P.A.

ROBERT K. LEVENSON has joined the Miami office of Holland & Knight in the litigation department, after serving as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Edward B. Davis. Levenson was formerly an associate in the Miami office, and prior to attending law school he worked as a reporter for the *Orlando Sentinel*, *Omaha World-Herald*, and *Chicago Tribune*. Holland & Knight is a full-service law firm with over 800 attorneys in 11 offices throughout Florida, and in Atlanta, Boston, Mexico City, New York, Northern Virginia, San Francisco and Washington.

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 over 225 attorneys with offices in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Princeton, Wilmington, Harrisburg and Berwyn. Leibowitz lives in Baltimore.

AMELIA MARTINEZ (LL.M. in Comparative Law) recently joined the in-house legal staff of Ingram Micro, Inc., one of the largest distributors of computer software and hardware worldwide. Amelia's new position is corporate counsel, Latin American and Caribbean region.

ELIZABETH NEVINS is currently in her second year of practicing 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 Hodges, P.A., in Sarasota.

LOREN DONALD PEARSON has become an associate with Malin, Haley, DiMaggio & Crosby, where he practices patent and other intellectual property law. He has also been appointed to the Florida Bar Committee on Computer Law. He is married to LISA NADLER, JD '97. They reside in Miami Beach.

JILL SOMAN REITER married Jack R. Reiter, an attorney at Keith Mack, LLP, on October 3, 1998. She practices real estate law at Zack Kosnitzky, P.A., in Miami.

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

MARCO RUBIO practices at the Miami office of Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell, P.A. He was elected city commissioner for the City of West Miami in April 1998.

MARIANNE SALAZAR recently won a construction law case that was 19 days in arbitration with multiple expert witnesses where she represented the plaintiff/claimant, Sierra Construction Services, Inc. Her client was awarded the net sum of nearly \$250,000. Her firm is Salazar & Associates in Hialeah.

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

WILLIAM C. SMAIL has taken up residence in the bustling Los Angeles megalopolis and is currently a successful worker's compensation defense attorney for the mid-size office of Sanford & Cognata in Los Angeles.

HAVA B. VILLAVARDE has joined the Miami office of Holland & Knight as an associate in the real estate, environment and land use department. Prior to joining Holland & Knight, she was an associate with Shutts & Bowen, LLP. Holland & Knight is a full-service law firm with more than 800 attorneys in offices in Atlanta, Boston, Mexico City, New York, Northern Virginia, Providence, San Francisco, Washington, and 11 cities throughout Florida.

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MONICA AMOR, formerly known as Monica Garcia, has opened her own firm in Miami, where she practices in the areas of immigration, personal injury, family law, and general civil litigation. Before starting her own firm, she was associated with Ford Dominick & Wolf, P.A., in Miami.

ERIC N. ASSOULINE has joined the law firm of Adorno & Zeder, P.A., in Miami. He works in the commercial litigation department with emphasis in bankruptcy.

PHIL A. D'ANIELLO is an associate in the Miami firm of Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP, where he practices complex commercial litigation.

CHARLES J. FOSCHINI has rejoined CB Richard Ellis in Miami as a vice president of L.J. Melody & Company, the commercial mortgage banking arm of CB REI. He will remain active in the financial structuring of joint venture, debt and equity requirements, and work in partnership with CB brokers in pursuing institutional quality investment sales. He is a member of the Florida and New Jersey bars.



KERI LYNDA HORVAT has become an associate with the firm of Marcos & Rothman in South Miami, where she practices in the areas of workers' compensation defense and tort litigation. Horvat is a director on the board of the Dade County Bar Association and is on the editorial board of the *Dade County Bar Bulletin* newspaper.

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

ROBERT F. LEWIS has joined Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., as an associate in the firm's Miami office, 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.

ANDREW REISS is a civil litigation associate with the Naples firm of Treiser, Kobza & Volpe, practicing in the areas of business litigation, employment litigation and securities arbitration.

LAURA J. RODGERS has been working as an assistant state attorney for one year and has had over 35 jury trials. She is presently assigned to the domestic violence division, and she is active in the Broward Bar Association and in the Florida Association of Women Lawyers.

LUISA M. ROSEN-ARTZE opened her own law practice in Coral Gables in June 1998. She practices primarily in the areas of family law, real estate, collections and general civil matters. She also recently celebrated her first wedding anniversary.



DAVID M. SCOTT is associated with Hayden & Milliken, P.A., with offices in Miami, Tampa, and Cape Canaveral. The firm practices in the areas of admiralty and maritime insurance defense. He married Josephine Rivera on November 14, 1998. The couple lives in Miami.

BRIAN SUTNICK took the opportunity to go "corporate" after spending a year in private practice doing commercial litigation. He took the opportunity presented by Globecast North America, Inc., and is now in-house counsel and primarily involved in contractual matters and negotiations. Sutnick reports that the scope of the position is widening on a daily basis. Globecast deals with satellite broadcast, production, and telecommunications.

PAT VOSS (LL.M. '98 in Estate Planning) is director of gift and estate planning at Mount Sinai Medical Center Foundation in Miami, where she conducts estate planning seminars, develops information regarding planned giving, and assembles a professional advisory committee to educate the foundation's potential donors about charitable bequests.

CLASS OF 1998

MARVE ANN ALAIMO (LL.M. Estate Planning) practices at the Naples, Fla., office of Cummings & Lockwood, and she is the administrator of a newsletter circulating among the members of the LL.M. Estate Planning Class of 1998. The firm has offices in Bonita Springs, Palm Beach, Greenwich, Hartford, New Haven, and Stamford.

PETER EMERSON BERLOWE is an associate with the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen, LLP, where he practices in the litigation department in the areas of products liability, construction law and creditor's rights. He continues his interest in engineering and remains active in the Florida Engineering Society and the National Society of Professional Engineers. He resides on Brickell Avenue in Miami.

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



ADAM S. CHOTINER has joined the firm of Muchnick Wasserman & Dolin as an associate, where he practices in the areas of private and public sector labor and employment law, including employment discrimination, wage and hour, labor management relations, civil rights and ERISA litigation, as well as general civil litigation. The firm has offices in Hollywood and Boca Raton.

SUZANNE M. DICK, currently completing her LL.M. in Taxation at UM Law, has been hired by Arthur Andersen, to begin in September 1999. She received the joint JD/MBA in 1998.

BRIAN D. EQUI has joined the Orlando office of Adams, Hill, Reis, Adams, Hall & Shiefelin as an associate. The firm is a general litigation law firm involved in virtually all areas of civil litigation, with concentration in the areas of medical malpractice defense, medical staff litigation, antitrust, healthcare law, product liability and general liability.



BRIAN S. HAMBURGER has joined the Princeton, N.J., law firm of Stark & Stark, PC, as an associate in the securities practice group, where he concentrates in arbitration and litigation matters on behalf of public customers, brokers, financial planners and brokerage firms as well as investment adviser and broker-dealer registration and compliance.

MICHAEL V. HERSKOWITZ is an associate in the Miami office of Shotts & Bowen, LLP, where he practices in the litigation department. The firm also has offices in Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Tallahassee, London and Amsterdam.

PAMELA M. MORI HOLCOMBE recently joined the firm of English McCaughan & O'Bryan, P.A., where she practices in the litigation department. On Nov. 21, 1998, she married William F. Holcombe, an internationally licensed yacht captain and engineer. The Holcombes reside in the Las Olas area of Fort Lauderdale.

DON JAMES is associated with the Coral Gables law firm of Downs & Associates, where he practices both commercial litigation and personal injury law.

JEFFREY KAISER joined the Philadelphia office of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP, as an associate in the real estate department. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania. Founded in 1935, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP, has more than 200 lawyers and nine offices on the East Coast.

ANNA KRIMSHEIN has been associated with the Miami office of the Chicago-based law firm of Baker & McKenzie since August 1998, where she practices in the area of mergers and acquisitions, securities law and computer law.

RICHARD E. LANDMAN has joined the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A., as an associate in the firm's bankruptcy practice group. Landman also has experience as a financial analyst and cost accountant. Ruden McClosky is a full-service Florida law firm with offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Naples, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

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

HILDA PILOTO is an associate with the Miami law firm of Mesa, Rodriguez & Machado, P.A. The firm concentrates its practice in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate and employment discrimination law.

REINCE R. PRIEBUS was married on February 20 to Sally Lynn Sherrow in Ventura, Calif., where family, classmates from UM Law and other friends danced the night away at a reception overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The couple lives in Racine, Wisc., and Reince is an associate at Michael Best & Friedrich in Milwaukee, where he works in the business/corporate litigation practice area. The firm has over 230 attorneys in offices in Milwaukee, Chicago, and Madison, practicing as a full-service business/corporate law firm.

PAUL K. SILVERBERG has joined the Miami office of Holland & Knight, LLP, as an associate, where he will focus his practice on bankruptcy and creditor's rights. Holland & Knight is a full-service law firm with more than 800 attorneys in offices in Atlanta, Boston, Mexico City, New York, Northern Virginia, San Francisco, Washington, and 11 cities throughout Florida.

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



RICHARD L. STEINBERG was photographed at the White House as he lit the Chanukah menorah located in the West Wing on the third night of Chanukah in December 1998.

HARRY TEICHMAN is presently working on his LL.M. in taxation at New York University. He permanently resides in Hallandale, Fla.



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