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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Message From The Dean



Dennis O. Lynch earned his JD degree at Harvard and his JSD and LLM degrees from Yale. A former Fulbright Scholar and advisor to the Ford Foundation, he is a specialist in Latin American law and Labor law. He taught at the University of Miami for 17 years, was named Dean of the University of Denver College of Law, and returned to become Dean of the University of Miami School of Law in 1999.

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Thank you! On behalf of the University of Miami School of Law, we greatly appreciate your support. Without your continued loyalty, the Law School could not have achieved the prominence we now enjoy, nor could we hope to realize our ambitions for the future.

This year we are grateful for a multitude of reasons. Through contributions made to the Annual Fund, we have been able to attract excellent students by increasing the amount of scholarship dollars awarded this academic year. Your generosity made it possible for us to reach our \$16 million goal for the School's Momentum Campaign. As part of this important university wide effort, we obtained gifts to support our award-winning clinics; we endowed our academic programs and established new chairs and distinguished professorships.

I thank in a special way the generous contributions of the following university trustees: Hilarie Bass, JD '81; Wayne E. Chaplin, JD '82; Michael R. Klein, JD '66; Laurie S. Silvers, JD '77; Carlos de la Cruz, JD '79; Stuart A. Miller, JD '82 -- all outstanding graduates of the School of Law. Their recognition of the importance of our mission and academic excellence is a source of pride for all of us.

During this academic year, we continue to stress the importance of annual support for scholarships, our clinical programs and the construction of the Skills Training Center building. This fundraising project will be a major focus as we conclude the Law School's Momentum Campaign. The Skills Training Center will help us to enhance our educational mission by providing students with greater access to real life and simulated legal experiences.

Leadership gifts help the school attain its goals and are greatly appreciated. However, all gifts -- whether \$25.00 or \$1,000,000 -- are evidence that our alumni and friends identify with the needs and aspirations of our School and are doing what they can to help. This Honor Roll recognizes those gifts and is a very sincere expression of our appreciation.

We thank you for your commitment, allegiance and support. Through your annual contributions, you continue the legacy that is the University of Miami School of Law.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis O. Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis O. Lynch
Dean

DEAN OF STUDENTS EMERITA *Jeannette Fuller Hausler, JD '53*

DEAN OF STUDENTS EMERITA, JEANNETTE FULLER HAUSLER, JD '53, IS THE FIRST WOMAN RECIPIENT OF THE ALUMNA OF DISTINCTION AWARD



On May 19, 2006, the University of Miami School of Law honored Dean of Students Emerita Jeannette Hausler with the 2006 Alumna of Distinction Award at a gala at the Biltmore Hotel. The Alumna of Distinction Award is granted to a graduate for outstanding contributions to the University.

More than 450 guests, including members of the Law Alumni Association, the Bar, and the judiciary, gathered with faculty, administrators, students and friends, to honor and celebrate Dean Hausler's thirty-two years of service to the Law School as its Dean of Students. Proceeds over \$180,000 were raised to establish the Richard and Jeannette Fuller Hausler Endowed Scholarship Fund.

We follow Dean Hausler's beacon of devotion, love, faith, and lifelong commitment to her profession and the community. "She is part of our lives, a true trail blazer, community pillar, mentor, counselor, daughter, wife, mother, and trusted friend," said Todd S. Payne, JD '89, Alumna of Distinction Award Gala Chair and Past President of the Law Alumni Association.

Education has always been a central theme throughout her life, including her distinguished career of fifty years in law. She enrolled in Westbrook College at the age of sixteen, transferring to the University of Miami to receive her B.A. in 1951. She entered the School of Law where, she remembers, not every professor truly valued the benefit of educating women in the law. Graduating in 1953, Jeannette was one of only four women in her class. The girl Dean Russell Rasco affectionately called "Little Bit" was timid at first, but she overcame these obstacles to become a mentor for generations of women.

In 1974, after spending twelve years as a valued teacher and assistant principal at Kinlock Park Junior High School, she came to serve her alma mater as the first Dean of Students. She has significantly impacted legal education and has influenced the lives and careers of countless students and lawyers.

Dean Hausler is the current Chair Emerita of the St. Thomas University School of Law Board of Advisors. She is an active member of the Church of the Epiphany, where she is a Eucharistic Minister. She is also a Dame of Malta, the designation reserved by Pope Paul II for those who resolve to work tirelessly with a spirit of deep and generous devotion for those less fortunate.

Father Patrick O'Neill of the Archdiocese of Miami, quoting Elie Wiesel, said, "There is one power left in civilization, and that power is kindness. Our Jeannette's power is her enormous capacity for kindness."

Today, her devotion and love continue to make an impact on the lives of those who are lucky to cross her path.

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DEAN OF STUDENTS EMERITA *Jeannette Fuller Hansler, JD '58*



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SELF-PROCLAIMED ANIMAL LOVER ESTABLISHES ANIMAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM AT UM SCHOOL OF LAW



Barbara and Arnold Grevior, JD '55

“A dog is a man’s best friend,” is a saying that rings true with Arnold Grevior. Grevior, an alumnus of the University of Miami School of Law, JD '55, established an endowment to fund an animal advocacy program at the School.

“As an alumnus, I wanted to do something for the Law School and also find a way to educate our future legislators, judges, and prosecutors about the importance of animal advocacy. I hope others who feel as I do, will support this endeavor.”

Grevior’s gift will be used to establish the “Arnold and Barbara Grevior Animal Advocacy Endowment Fund” dedicated to promoting awareness of legal issues related to animals. The gift will help create a classroom curriculum devoted to animal advocacy. Students will have an opportunity

to see how all facets of the law whether it is probate, contract, negligence or criminal (animal cruelty), affect or are affected by the welfare of animals. This endowment will also fund a fellowship program for students to provide pro bono services outside of the classroom dealing with animals such as work at an animal shelter.

“By making this generous donation, Mr. Grevior has provided the financial resources with which future lawyers can be trained to appreciate the importance of the myriad of legal issues surrounding animals,” stated Dean of the School of Law Dennis O. Lynch.

Grevior has been practicing law for over 50 years. The Fort Lauderdale resident has been actively involved with the Humane Society of Broward County as well as several other animal treatment and care organizations. He lives with his wife, Barbara, and at least two dogs at any given time, usually rescue animals, at their home in Fort Lauderdale.

The Animal Law class will commence at the Law School in January 2007 and will be taught by Professor Marcy I. LaHart to second and third year law students. LaHart has over 14 years of administrative, environmental and animal law practice in both the public and private sector, including substantial litigation experience in the areas of companion animal custody disputes, veterinary malpractice, and dangerous dog determinations.

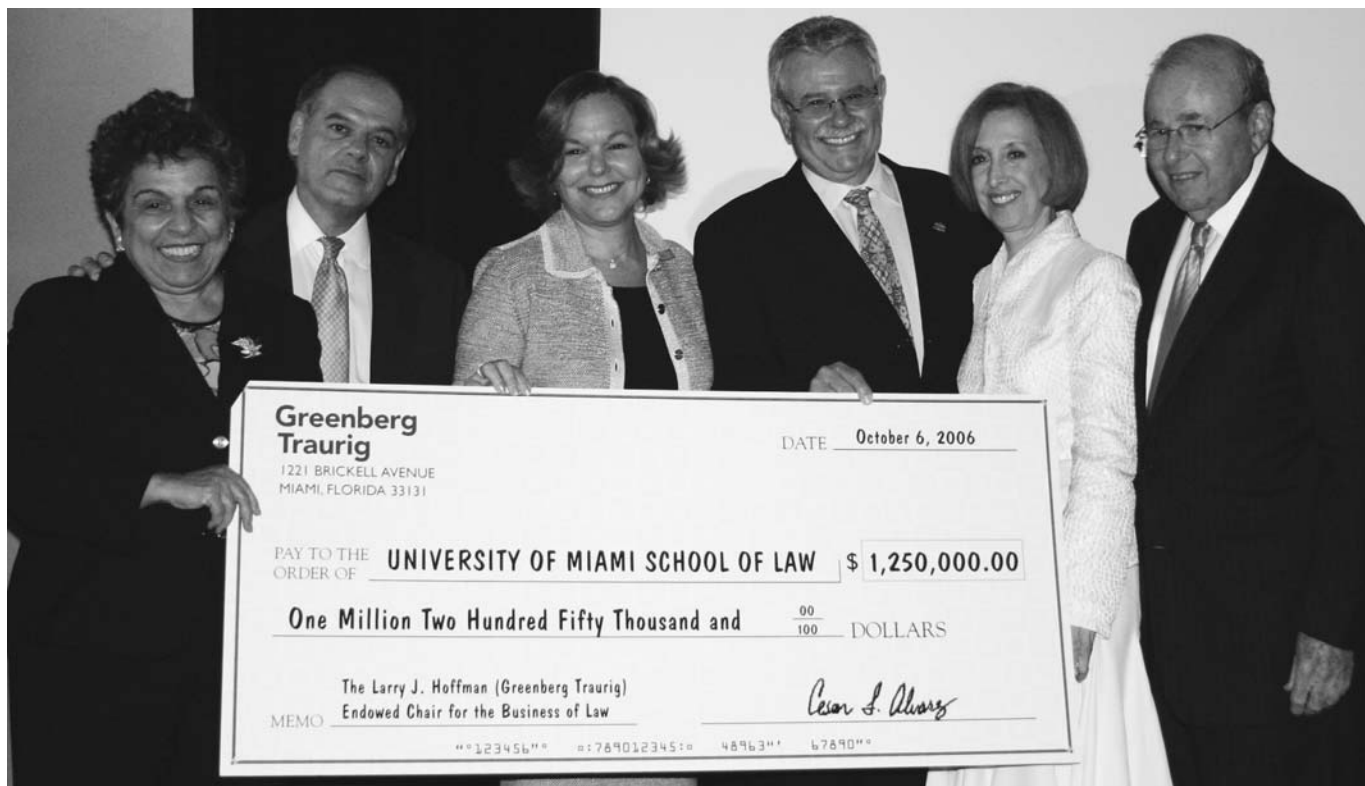
“Sharing our lives with companion animals can present a myriad of complicated legal issues including pet custody, dog bites, neighbor, landlord, pet trusts, among others,” said Professor LaHart. Legal advocates with specific training in those issues are currently rare, but very much in demand. Taking this class will prepare students for handling practical legal problems stemming from our relationships with companion animals as well provide them with the skills to advocate for a legal system that better protects the interests of animals.”



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GREENBERG TRAURIG ENDOWS THE LARRY J. HOFFMAN GREENBERG TRAURIG DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN THE BUSINESS OF LAW IN HONOR OF FOUNDING PARTNER LARRY J. HOFFMAN, JD '54



L-R, UM President Donna E. Shalala poses with Greenberg Traurig President and Chief Executive Officer Cesar Alvarez; UM trustee Hilarie Bass, JD '81; UM School of Law Dean Dennis O. Lynch; Deborah Hoffman, JD '83; and Larry J. Hoffman, JD '54.

When Greenberg Traurig, the seventh largest law firm in the country, sought to honor Larry J. Hoffman, J.D. '54, founding partner and Chairman of the Board, the firm asked Hoffman to designate a recipient for an endowment on his behalf. Hoffman immediately requested that the firm direct its gift to the University of Miami School of Law. "The University of Miami School of Law has always been an important part of our family," Hoffman explained.

The Hoffman family's ties to the University of Miami span over fifty years. In addition to Hoffman, his wife Deborah, son Kenneth and a niece and nephew all graduated from the School of Law. In fact, Deborah and Kenneth both graduated in the class of 1983, making them the first mother and son to graduate from the School of Law together. She also received an undergraduate degree from the University, as did Hoffman's

brother, Bob. The Hoffman's daughter-in-law, Hillary Hoffman, is an adjunct professor of statistics in the psychology/neuroscience department and their grandson, Julian, is currently enrolled as an undergraduate. In 2004, Hoffman chaired the Reunion Committee for the Class of 1954 and Deborah Hoffman participates on committees planning various tribute dinners in connection with the Alumni Office at the School of Law.

"Establishing the Larry J. Hoffman Greenberg Traurig Distinguished Professorship in the Business of Law endowment is a fitting tribute to Larry Hoffman," stated Cesar Alvarez, President and Chief Executive Officer of Greenberg Traurig. "Larry is a true visionary of the legal community," Alvarez explained, "He was the leader that created transformational change at Greenberg Traurig by taking us from a local firm to



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an international firm that now ranks at the very top of the legal marketplace. He did this by recognizing that law firms are a ‘business’ of professionals.”

According to Dean Dennis O. Lynch, the endowment will be used to fund a professorship that will focus on research and teaching students about the structure and management of law firms, including the relationships between law firms and clients and, within law firms, between partners and associates. “This will provide an opportunity to University of Miami law students to graduate with a much better understanding of some of the important concepts they will be dealing with as lawyers,” stated Hilarie Bass, head of Greenberg Traurig’s national litigation practice and chairperson of the School of Law’s fundraising campaign.

President Donna Shalala, accepting the gift from Greenberg Traurig, stated, “On behalf of the University of Miami and our Law School I want to thank Cesar Alvarez and all of Larry Hoffman’s colleagues for your wonderfully generous gift to our School of Law in honor of Larry. Debi and Larry are the quintessential ‘Canes family.” President Shalala continued, “This endowment is a fitting tribute to Larry Hoffman and his legacy of integrity and professionalism. This generous gift is an investment in our community and University of Miami, so we are deeply grateful for this gift.”

“When I attended the University of Miami School of Law, I never planned to actually practice law,” recalled Hoffman, who expected to use his legal training as a businessman. In fact, he explained, “If there had not been a fine law school in Miami, I probably would not have attended law school at all.” Once in school, however, Hoffman found that his classes at the School of Law “created a real spark in my mind that maybe I would be interested in actually practicing law.” Directly after law school Hoffman followed his initial plan and went into business. However, when that business was sold several years later, Hoffman decided to pursue his newly found interest in law and began his career in private practice as a corporate lawyer.

A few years later, in 1967, Hoffman joined together with two other attorneys, Mel Greenberg and Robert Traurig, to start their own firm. “From the beginning,” recalls Hoffman, “Mel was the driving force behind the vision for the firm. He wanted to be a ‘Wall Street’ firm, producing the highest quality legal work. We started the firm with only one associate and junior partner.”

Throughout his career at Greenberg Traurig, Hoffman earned a reputation as an exceptional mentor. “Larry really made me

into a securities lawyer,” explained Susan Lipton, the first woman partner at Greenberg Traurig. “When I graduated from law school in 1971, there were no women in law firms. Mel Greenberg hired me and assigned me to Larry. I was a lucky woman.” Describing Hoffman as the consummate business lawyer, Lipton recalled how Hoffman always treated her like a businesswoman and professional equal, an unusual experience for a woman in the 1970’s. “Larry taught me to understand business and what was important in a business relationship. He was one of the most ethical straightforward bosses or lawyers I ever worked with.” Lipton credits her training under Hoffman with her professional successes as an attorney and an investment banker on Wall Street.

Although the three founding partners always planned to grow the firm, they initially were not interested in opening offices outside of Miami and Fort Lauderdale, much less becoming an international law firm. It was in 1991, after Hoffman became the firm’s managing partner, that the firm began to consider greater expansion: “We began to consider the idea of moving into other cities, beginning with offices in Tallahassee and West Palm Beach,” Hoffman stated. With typical modesty, Hoffman insists that he had no grand plan to grow the firm at that time, asserting that the extraordinarily successful expansion of Greenberg Traurig in the past 15 years arose from an “incremental vision.”

It was a few years later, when Greenberg Traurig open its New York office that Hoffman realized the firm had unique qualities that supported expansion. As he describes it: “The firm was able to attract very fine lawyers from other fine firms because the firm culture had something special to offer the lawyers. We found these lawyers joined because we had begun to talk about and define our culture, which was unique.” Hoffman describes the culture of the firm as one of “empowering and motivating individuals and fostering collaboration and coordination between lawyers.”

As the firm has grown, Hoffman believes that its distinctive culture has only become stronger. Hoffman explained that the firm has worked very hard to integrate their attorneys, staffs and offices into a cohesive unit. To do so, the firm sponsors introductory weekends for new attorneys, and several different types of retreats – regional, practice and shareholder – in order to educate attorneys about the firm culture and enable attorneys from different geographical or practice areas to get to know each other. In planning these get-togethers, the firm tries, when possible, to include the families to build a sense of community.



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Attorney retreats are nothing new to the firm. Although much larger in scope now, in the early days, Larry and Deborah Hoffman would plan the firm's picnics and retreats. Mrs. Hoffman describes the firm culture, then and now, as focusing on the individuals that make up the organization: "The law firm treats people with respect; they like each other and care about each other as human beings, not just professional colleagues." Like her husband, she believes this culture remains strong at the firm. Comparing the growing firm to a growing family, she explained "The culture is a constant in the firm regardless of its size."

Another aspect of the Hoffman's personal philosophy, and the Greenberg Traurig culture, is an emphasis on service to the community. In addition to their activities on behalf of the University of Miami, Deborah Hoffman has been involved in numerous organizations, including founding "Fifty Over Fifty," now called Funding Arts Network, an organization which

brings together women in the community to provide funding to local arts groups. Further reflecting this sense of responsibility to the larger community, the partners of Greenberg Traurig have unanimously agreed to donate a percentage of their annual compensation each year to specific charitable organizations in each city in which Greenberg Traurig has an office.

"I see many parallels between the growth of the School of Law and the growth of Greenberg Traurig," said Hoffman, "Both came from humble beginnings, both have risen to be admired institutions important within their industries, both try to deliver the best and most creative services, both have a strong culture dedicated to the profession and committed to the community. Most importantly, both have a commitment to continue to change, grow and improve."



Larry and Deborah Hoffman



Hoffman Family



Foreign LLM Alumnus Oliver Felsenstein Establishes Scholarship Fund

Oliver Felsenstein, a partner in the Frankfurt office of Clifford Chance LLP, has just created a new scholarship fund for students in the Comparative LL.M. Program.

Mr. Felsenstein, who graduated from the Comparative LL.M. Program in 1991, created the scholarship in appreciation to the University of Miami School of Law for the pivotal role that his master's degree played in his legal career. His gift of \$25,000 will provide a \$5000 scholarship over five years to meritorious foreign students from developing countries. Dean Lynch commented on this gift: "The Felsenstein Scholarship sets a new standard for the generosity of our Foreign LL.M. Alumni. This scholarship will help us to continue to recruit the best and brightest students from around the world to attend our graduate programs."

Anne and Charles Cay Papy III, JD '77, Make A Generous Pledge To Endow The “Charles Cay Papy, Jr., JD '53” Moot Court Board At The University Of Miami



L-R Anne M. Papy; Jennifer A. Papy, JD '04; Kevin E. Probst, President Charles C. Papy, Jr. Moot Court; Charles C. Papy, III, JD '77; Jeannette F. Hausler, Dean of Students Emerita; Charles C. Papy, Jr., JD '53; Deborah Papy; and Ryan Papy.

“Our family’s relationship with the University of Miami is long and deep,” explained Charles C. Papy III, JD ’77, managing partner of the Miami office of Duane Morris. Discussing his, and his wife, Anne’s, decision to create an endowment at the University of Miami School of Law Moot Court Board in honor of his father, Charles C. Papy, Jr., JD ’53, Papy III noted that his father, himself, and his daughter are all graduates of the School of Law. “My family’s experiences at the University of Miami and the opportunities that those experiences opened up for us in South Florida inspired Anne and me to make a gift to the School of Law for a specific purpose,” stated Papy III.

By making their gift to the Moot Court Board, the Papys directed the funds to an organization within the School of Law that reflected Papy Jr.’s distinguished career as a trial lawyer. In appreciation for this generous gift, the University of Miami is naming the Moot Court Board in honor of Charles C. Papy, Jr.

Papy Jr. began his practice as a trial lawyer, specializing in insurance defense, over 50 years ago. Today, he practices with his granddaughter, Jennifer Papy, who became the third

generation of Papy lawyers to graduate from the University of Miami School of Law in 2004 – making the Papys the first family to have three contiguous generations of School of Law graduates. During his long career, Papy, Jr. has tried over 800 cases, often handling two or three trials a week. “I believe that the jury system is the best way to resolve disputes,” asserted Papy, Jr., “The Moot Court teaches lawyers the art of advocacy in our jury system.”

A man of strong integrity, Papy, Jr. believes that the Moot Court Board should not only educate law students on trial techniques, but also emphasize the fact that law is an honorable profession through which lawyers serve the interests of society as a whole. Papy, Jr.’s sense of responsibility has been reflected in his lifetime of service. He was a member of the Florida Legislature from 1972 to 1978 and has judged Moot Court competitions at the University of Miami School of Law for many years.

“We are extremely honored and grateful for this gift and excited to have Charles C. Papy Jr.’s name associated with the Moot Court Board,” stated Dean Dennis O. Lynch. Kevin Probst, President of the Moot Court Board, explained that – in keeping with the stipulated purpose of the gift – the Moot Court Board plans to use the funds to help support interschool teams and competitions, including the ABA Arbitration Regional Competition and the C. Clyde Adkins Advanced Moot Court Series. Papy III hopes that, in making this gift, he and his wife will encourage others to donate to the Moot Court Board and ultimately raise sufficient funds to create an endowment to support the team’s future endeavors. Indeed, others have already joined in this effort. Through the donation of Charles C. Papy III and Anne Papy, the Moot Court Board will have greater opportunities to train a new generation of trial lawyers to follow in the tradition forged by Charles C. Papy, Jr.

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Brian F. Spector, JD '78
Chair, Dean's Circle Committee

How can one express the impact that the Dean's Circle has on the University of Miami's School of Law? Simply visit the school and the evidence is all around you. Whether it be the administration, faculty, staff, and, most importantly, students, support through the Dean's Circle has propelled the School of Law into the ranks of some of the finest legal institutions in America!

The University of Miami School of Law thrives on support through the Dean's Circle. While it has had enjoyed considerable growth in recent years, the Dean's Circle requires increased participation to enable the School of Law to fulfill its mission. Generosity of Dean's Circle members is essential in maintaining student scholarships, implementing important programs, and enhancing the quality of student life and our academic programs.

Annual membership in the Dean's Circle is \$500 for those who have graduated within the past ten years and also for members of the judiciary; otherwise annual membership is \$1,000 for everyone else. Donations can be made in installments in order to stretch out the cost and begin your involvement immediately. You will be invited not only to important Law School events, but also excellent programs sponsored by the University of Miami School of Law.

Members of the Dean's Circle encourage those of you who have not previously joined to participate in the enhancement of the University of Miami School of Law's future. Please make a gift and join us today!

Best Regards,

Brian F. Spector
Chair, Dean's Circle

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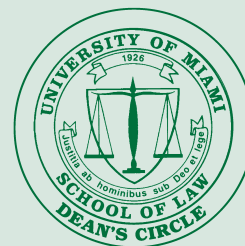
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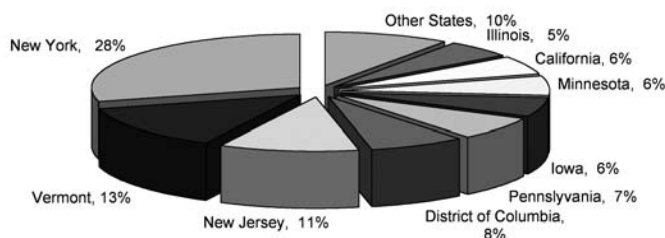
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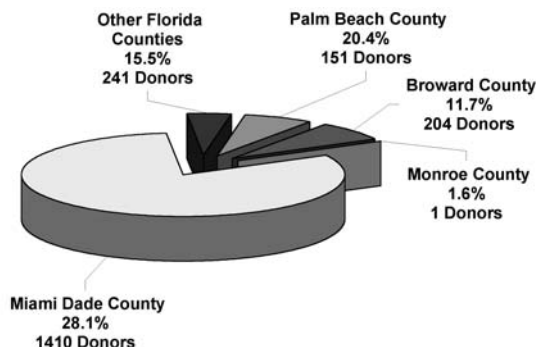
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*Dennis Lynch, right,
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*Churchill was awarded
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CENTER FOR ETHICS & PUBLIC SERVICE/ TEACHING ETHICS AND SERVICE

Founded in 1996, the School of Law's Center for Ethics and Public Service is an interdisciplinary clinical program devoted to the values of ethical judgement, professional responsibility, and public service in law and society. The Center's three in-house clinics and three educational programs provide legal representation to low-income communities in the fields of children's rights, public health entitlements, and non-profit economic development, as well as ethics education and training to the Law School, University and Florida business, civic and legal communities.

The Center observes three guiding principles: interdisciplinary collaboration, public-private partnership, and student mentoring and leadership training. Our goal is to educate law students to serve their communities as citizen lawyers.

The Children & Youth Law Clinic is an in-house, live-client clinic established in 1995 by the Law School. Law students are supervised by two clinical faculty members who are licensed Florida attorneys. The Clinic has a caseload of approximately sixty active cases, in which approximately a dozen student interns each semester provide direct legal services to clients in a range of legal matters.

The Clinic primarily serves the legal needs of children in the foster care system in dependency, health care, mental health, disability, independent living, education, immigration and other general civil legal matters, ensuring that they have a voice in the court proceedings, and engaging in impact litigation, law reform advocacy and community lawyering.

The Community Economic Development and Design Clinic (CEDAD), a collaboration between the University of Miami Schools of Law and

Architecture, responds to community needs in the face of increasingly rapid economic development by providing advocacy for low-income constituencies, and counseling for non-profit organizations that provide vital services for underserved people in Miami-Dade County.

Established in 2000 and supported by the generosity of Greenberg Traurig, CEDAD has four key goals:

- first, and primarily, to provide economic development education and self-help advocacy training to low-income communities;
- second, to compile research assessing the economic development impact of government policies, banking and insurance practices, and private housing markets on low-income communities;
- third, to develop a teaching and curricular model for transactional legal skills in urban economic development; and
- fourth, to establish a clinical practice model for economic development assistance to low-income communities.

The Community Health Rights Education Clinic (CHRE) is a community-based, live-client, in-house law clinic operated in partnership with the Schools of Medicine and Nursing. Supervised by clinical faculty who are licensed Florida attorneys, and working alongside medical and nursing faculty, staff, and students serving vulnerable populations throughout Miami-Dade County, CHRE clinical students provide legal advice and advocacy in the areas of health rights, public benefits, education, permanency planning and immigration.

The Corporate and Professional Responsibility Program (CAPR) offers

continuing legal education ethics training to South Florida (tri-county) bar associations, courts, law firms, and nonprofit groups. Additionally, CAPR provides ethics and professional liability (compliance, risk management, and loss prevention) training for the for-profit and nonprofit corporate community and recently branched out into the financial services market.

CAPR consists of student fellows and interns who are 2nd and 3rd year law students who have applied for and been accepted into CAPR as part of a highly competitive application process. Once accepted into the program, the students devote ten hours per week to the trainings, both to the preparation of case studies and the implementation of the training. The students receive academic credit for all work done with CAPR.

The Joint Program on Law, Public Policy and Ethics (LPPE) sponsors interdisciplinary colloquia, seminars and workshops with the College of Arts and Sciences that explore a wide range of issues affecting the law, public policy, and ethics. The projects sponsored by the program represent collaborative efforts among individuals and groups throughout the University and local community. Additionally, the program oversees undergraduate student interns at the Center's six clinics and programs.

The Miami Street Law¹ Program teaches law, public policy, and ethics in Miami-Dade County public and private schools, sponsors interdisciplinary ethics and leadership colloquia, and teaches freshman and upper-class honors courses in the College of Arts & Sciences. It is a registered program under www.StreetLaw.org yet it remains unique in its focus on ethics and on outreach to the youth of our community. Each year a dozen law students and three to five

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undergraduate students participate in this program. These “Street Lawyers” reach out to middle school, high school, undergraduate and law school students through exploring contemporary legal, moral and ethical issues and dilemmas. We aim to effect this mission through

teaching, mentoring and facilitating discussions, case studies, mock trials, convocations, lectures, colloquia and partnerships. An emphasis is placed on encouraging maximum discussion from the students to facilitate experiential learning. The program is designed for

the benefit of teenagers in our community and is of great benefit to the Center students who can learn the law most effectively through the research, writing and teaching of the law.

¹ “Street Law” began in 1972 at Georgetown Law Center and is currently conducted at over 70 law schools in our country and in many law schools around the world.[†] See www.StreetLaw.org.

HIGHLIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY HEALTH RIGHTS EDUCATION CLINIC

CHRE is a direct-service clinic in which law students advocate on behalf of individual clients who have been neglected by our country’s health care system. This unique perspective also enables students to identify and address systemic failures in the public healthcare system which can be addressed legally. CHRE law students conduct client intake sessions and provide information and advice in clinical field settings operated by our medical partners. The students conduct legal health rights “check-ups” for low-income families and individuals, providing information about their eligibility for a range of public benefits programs and about the legal services offered by CHRE. Public benefits eligibility issues addressed by CHRE include Medicaid, Florida KidCare, food stamps, Social Security disability benefits, and TCA (Temporary Cash Assistance.) When an individual’s health-related public benefits have been erroneously denied, reduced or terminated, students appear as attorneys of record before courts and administrative agencies to defend those entitlements. Students also draft health-related permanency planning documents such as living wills, health care proxies, powers of attorney, and guardianship instruments. Students have also represented immigrant clients in removal and deportation proceedings where a health-related legal issue has arisen and have advocated for health related waivers of immigration requirements.

The CHRE clinic gives law students the opportunity to represent real clients with real legal problems, to handle litigation from beginning to end, to take full responsibility for clients’ cases, and to learn lawyering skills at both a practical and a theoretical level. The clinic offers student-attorneys individualized instruction in the lawyering process and constructive feedback enables them to learn and practice law by taking significant responsibility under the guidance of clinical faculty. In this way, student-attorneys begin to understand the parameters and demands of being a lawyer. They must often struggle with ethical problems presented by their cases and confront the social context and institutional frameworks within which client problems arise. Through this participatory process, students experience the “real world” of law in society.



“Participating in the Center for Ethics and Public Service was the single most important component of my law school education. Through the Center, I learned how to incorporate the principles I learned in other classes and transform them into tools of advocacy to help my clients. I believe my experience with the Center not only made me a better law student, but will also make me a better attorney.” Mary Clark, Peter Palermo Fellow, Children and Youth Law Clinic, Class of 2006 and Equal Justice Works Fellow.

2005-2006 CLINICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The CHRE 2005-2006 academic year was marked by success on several fronts. Most notably, CHRE:

- Provided free legal services to over 130 impoverished clients and achieved several important victories on behalf of low-income residents of Miami-Dade County
- Initiated a new partnership with the UM-Jackson Memorial Hospital's Adult Clinical Immunology housed at the South Florida AIDS Network to serve impoverished adults living with HIV/AIDS and their families
Partnered with the UM medical student organization to conduct education, outreach and intake at medical student-run public health fairs in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties
- Provided services on-site at the medical clinics conducting client intakes and meeting with existing clients on pending cases an average of three full workdays a week during the academic year
- Contributed more than 5,000 hours of free service to the low-income communities of Miami-Dade County.

FLORIDA LAWYERS' LEGAL INSURANCE CORPORATION DONATED \$2000 TO THE DAN BRADLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW.



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"The Center for Ethics and Public Service has been the pinnacle of my legal education. The Center has taught me that if you have the resources and ability to give back to the community, there is absolutely no excuse to refrain from doing so. As citizen lawyers we have a duty to use our knowledge in positive, meaningful and constructive ways. The Center has shown the legal community how this can be done, and I hope that it continues to educate and donate for years to come."
Michael Odrobina, William M. Hoeveler Fellow, Street Law Program, Class of 2007.

HIGHLIGHT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH LAW

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2005, our tenth year of operation, the Children & Youth Law Clinic (CYLC) achieved major milestones both institutionally and for clients. The University of Miami School of Law faculty voted to approve the CYLC and the Community Health Rights Education Clinic (CHRE) as permanent in-house clinical programs. The law school also created new clinical faculty lines to enhance professional skills training opportunities for students. After a national search, the law school hired the CYLC's long-time director Bernie Perlmutter and Kele Williams (an attorney at the NYU Law School Brennan Center for Justice) as Assistant Clinical Professors in the CYLC, and JoNel Newman (an attorney with Florida Legal Services) as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the CHRE Clinic.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment for our clients during the grant year was a multi-pronged effort to organize older foster children, provide them with workshops and trainings about their rights in the foster care system, and give them opportunities to advocate for reform of the system. Related to these accomplishments were the training and technical assistance on advocacy for older foster children that we provided to grantee programs and pro bono lawyers in private practice. We also participated in extensive individual case advocacy, law reform litigation, submission of amicus curiae briefs, and administrative and legislative advocacy on behalf of children aging out of the state's foster care system. For example, in *DCF v. T.R.*, 906 So.2d 335 (Fla. 4th DCA 2005), we submitted an

amicus brief in the Fourth DCA on behalf of Florida's Children First and the CYLC, addressing a child's eligibility for independent living services under federal and state law where the child had been placed by DCF in a non-licensed, non-relative home prior to her 18th birthday. The brief argued that federal law did not prohibit the use of Chafee funds to assist this youth with independent living services after her eighteenth birthday, notwithstanding the fact that she was not in licensed foster care when she turned eighteen. Although the district court reversed the trial court ruling that she qualified for independent living benefits, the CYLC/FCF amicus educated the court about the policy underpinnings of federal and state law governing the eligibility standards for participation in Chafee and Road to Independence Act funded programs.

A second significant accomplishment was the successful conclusion of a multi-year, precedent-setting lawsuit against the Commissioner of Social Security in *Joubert v. Barnhart*, 396 F.Supp.2d 1320 (S.D. Fla. 2005), which challenged the denial of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to a disabled immigrant former foster child on alien eligibility grounds. The district court's decision in this case significantly expands immigrant eligibility for disability benefits under the Cuban/Haitian Entrant status category of the Refugee Education Assistance Act and is the latest in a series of Southern District Court rulings to do so (see, e.g., *Nodarse v. Barnhart*, 319 F. Supp.2d 1333 (S.D. Fla. 2004)).

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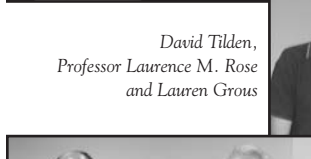


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Catherine Dorvil

For Catherine Dorvil, law and medicine go hand in hand. After graduating from the University of Puget Sound in 1996 with a B.S. in occupational therapy, Catherine went on to receive her M.S. in maternal and child health from Harvard University in June 2001 – a focus that reflected both her passion and background.

A Los Angeles native, Catherine grew up going to work with her mother, a nurse at L.A. County Hospital. Her interest in public health goes back as far as she can remember. “Los Angeles is a melting pot in and of itself,” she explained. “I was exposed to so many immigrant populations [and]...I always knew I [wanted to] work overseas, in the area of international health.”

Fluent in Haitian Creole, Catherine has crossed the globe in her efforts to help underprivileged populations become more educated about nutrition and disabilities. She researched her master's thesis in Bangladesh, working to develop programs for students with disabilities in rural schools and interning for Save the Children. In Haiti, Catherine volunteered as an occupational therapist at the Pazapa Center for Disabled Children and also served as Program Director of the Children's Nutrition Program.

Catherine's decision to study law evolved from her experiences abroad. She wants to pursue human rights law in the hopes of securing legal recourse for underrepresented people. “I really would like to continue working with women and children and addressing human rights issues in developing countries,” she said. The Mentschikoff Scholarship has made it possible for Catherine to follow her passion. “I wouldn't be here with out it,” she said. “Having worked in non-profit for so many years, I had no savings. Had I not gotten the scholarship, I would not be in law school at all.”



Freddy Funes

Freddy Funes is a Renaissance man with a true thirst for knowledge. Born and raised in Miami Beach, he earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2004. A child of parents who never graduated from high school, Freddy was taught the value of education from a young age. “In a sense, I felt that I was given a better opportunity than they were, and that I should not waste it,” he said.

His activities in college included advisor at the Academic Resource Center, political science research assistant, writer for M.I.T.'s student newspaper, and intramural ice hockey and soccer player. Freddy has a passion for learning new subjects, and his interest in law grew along side his studies of science and engineering. “My shift from engineer to lawyer was a drawn and gradual phase,” he explained, attributing the change to a freshman year philosophy course on the nature of justice. “The idea of applying logic, history, and the law to define ‘justice’ and what society needs from justice, intrigued me.” Freddy found himself reading Supreme Court decisions in his spare time and, from then on, knew that law school was in his future.

Returning to his hometown, Freddy is eager to continue his education. “Almost every aspect of the law interests me,” he said. The Mentschikoff Scholarship has made it possible for him to pursue his goal. “At first, I was merely excited at having obtained a full scholarship...but in class, I learned who [Dean] Mentschikoff was, and what amazing feats she did in the field of law. I am extremely honored and awed to have been given a scholarship named after such a stalwart of the legal field.”

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**Watcharin (Henry)
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When Watcharin (Henry) Photangtham graduated with a B.A. in art history from the University of Virginia in 1996, students did not carry laptops to class and the internet was in its infancy. Following graduation, Henry worked at UnitedHealthcare, most recently as manager of new business development for the entire mid-Atlantic region. Although he has been in the workforce since college, Henry has remained true to his art history background. For the past seven years, he served as a weekend docent at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C.

After ten years on the corporate fast track, Henry's job had become second nature, and he felt it was time to sharpen his critical thinking skills and develop the ability to analyze like a lawyer. "For me, law school is really my second career," Henry said. "I have always had nagging thoughts about going to law school." The Dean's Scholarship was a critical part of his decision. "It allowed me to make a clean break – to quit my job and concentrate on going to law school and studying."

With most of his family still in Virginia, Henry, a native of Thailand who is fluent in Thai, is learning to adjust to life in Miami. "The biggest adjustment so far has been going from the working world to the classroom," Henry admitted, "versus a seamless transition for the younger students who went right from college to law school." With such diverse experiences, Henry's career track is open-ended. "I'm not sure what I'll do when I graduate," Henry said. "I may choose to take my degree and return to the business world, or I may decide to explore the legal world instead."



Jessica Melia

Jessica Melia is as comfortable in a picket line as she is in a classroom. A 2003 graduate of Wesleyan University, Jessica earned departmental honors, including the Robert S. Lynd Award, given to the senior with the best essay in the sociology department. Fluent in Spanish and proficient in Portuguese, Jessica spent a semester at the School of International Training in Bolivia. During her time abroad, she saw firsthand the legal ramifications of an oil spill that contaminated 13 percent of the land. "Most of the lawyers in the case were doing their work *pro bono*," Jessica explained, "and seeing the tangible impact that they had motivated me to study law." At Wesleyan, Jessica led the Student Labor Coalition and worked to organize the janitors into their own union. Before coming to law school, she was an organizer for UNITE HERE, a group that helps service sector workers form their own unions and train leaders in New York City. To Jessica, the choice to go to law school was an obvious one. "[Law school] is a natural extension of my life and my endeavor to address essential questions of how to create a more equitable society," she said. "The Mentschikoff Scholarship gives [me] the financial freedom to take the jobs that I envision having the greatest impact on the world."



Karen Shafir

Karen Shafir is part student, part activist. The 2006 graduate of Cornell University's College of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) is an ardent supporter of women's rights and passionate about the law's role in safeguarding them. She started early on her path to law school. She interned as a high school student for U.S. District Judge Patti Saris in Boston, Massachusetts. The relationship with such a strong, intelligent, influential woman inspired Karen to pursue a pre-law major as an undergraduate, and she joined the Pre-Law Society, Women in Politics, and the University Women's Committee. Karen spent her junior year abroad in Sydney, Australia, interning at the Office for Justice and Fair Trading in the Parliament of New South Wales and working to improve the state's prison system. This experience and a college internship with the Housing Department of Greater Boston Legal Services where she helped battered women find safe housing cemented Karen's interest in the underserved and women's rights. It is a focus that feels in synch with the School of Law and surrounding community. "I am impressed with how forward the legal community is in Miami with regard to women's rights," she said. The Mentschikoff Scholarship could not have found a more appropriate recipient. "It is like winning the lottery," Karen said. "I recognize the late Dean Mentschikoff's influence on the field of law for women everywhere. I feel very honored to have my name attached to her name."

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Nicholas Sherman

Nicholas Sherman feels right at home among the School of Law's diversity and international flavor. The son of journalists, he lived overseas for most of his childhood, spending time in France, Japan and Egypt. He is fluent in English and French and has a working knowledge of Arabic, Italian and Japanese. Nicholas returned to the United States for college, earning his B.A. in political science and economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999. After a stint at Prudential Securities in New York City, he found that his desire to travel far outweighed his desire to move up the corporate ladder. Although he had no exposure to the military, Nicholas joined the United States Navy as a way to see the world. "I did a good deal of travel before joining the military," Nicholas said, "but the military lifestyle allowed me to push that into overdrive." He spent nearly six years serving his country and received multiple awards as an officer, including three Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medals, an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and a National Defense Ribbon. His service took him across the globe, including Italy, Zambia, Mali and Iraq.

Nicholas' military experience fueled his existing interest in international law and human rights, and he decided to return to the States to begin law school. "Law is a great way to address issues of human rights and conflict resolution," he explained, "two issues I studied in college and had a significant exposure to in the military." After law school, Nicholas plans to resume his travels – practicing international law overseas. "The Dean's Scholarship has given [me] the opportunity to follow through with [my] ideals," he said. "I am very, very grateful."



Nina Marano

Nina Marano never expected to go to college, let alone attend law school. She spent most of her childhood in rural Pennsylvania and was the first in her family to graduate from a university. In her community, the typical path was to finish high school and get a job. Nina followed the track but realized that she needed a college degree to reach her true potential. Seventeen years after graduating from high school, Nina earned her B.A. in French Literature from Columbia University in 2006. Fluent in French, German and Spanish, she earned numerous awards and scholarships, including the School of General Studies Certificate of Leadership, the Excellence in French Award and the Excellence in German Award. She was also on the Dean's List every semester. Her passion for French language and culture inspired her to form *L'atelier*, a French performance troupe. While college life suited Nina, she had not given the idea of going to law school much thought until her husband of sixteen years convinced her to give it a try. "He is my greatest supporter," she said.

The accomplished student has found comfort and camaraderie in Coral Gables. "I really love the School of Law," she said. "The students are wonderful, the professors are not only wonderful but approachable." Nina is interested in both real estate law and international law – or even some combination of the two. "I feel so honored to have been given the Reid Scholarship," she said. "I received similar offers from other law schools, but after meeting the faculty, staff and the other students, I was so impressed that I made my mind up to come here."

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Isabel Guell

Five years ago, Isabel Guell was living in Cuba and spoke no English. Her family was granted political asylum and moved to California during her junior year of high school. After an intensive summer English language program, Isabel took the SAT, graduated from high school and began college at the University of Southern California. She studied business administration and art history. “I wanted to learn everything I could about capitalism,” Isabel said. “I came from a place where you couldn’t own a business to a place where you had the freedom to do anything you wanted as long as you followed the rules, and I wanted to know how the rules worked.” At USC, Isabel was active in the Marshall Women Leadership Board, an organization that planned community service and outreach events for local public schools. She also interned at JobStarts, Inc, where she guided people through the process of starting and running a small business.

It was during college that Isabel realized her true interest was in the law. “In Cuba, laws were about prohibiting people from doing things, but here I began to see that laws are also to protect society and to allow people to do things in an organized manner,” she said. “Every aspect of society seemed to be related to law, and I wanted to learn about those laws.” Isabel couldn’t be happier at the School of Law and in Miami. Isabel credits the Mentschikoff Scholarship with giving her the freedom to follow her principles, something that she never knew was possible five years ago.



Samantha Feanny

For Samantha Feanny, the field of law is all in the family. The 2006 graduate of New York University earned her B.A. in history with minors in French and fine arts. Her father, who studied law before becoming a pilot, works for Air Jamaica, and her mother is an intellectual property lawyer. Two older sisters are also lawyers, one of whom graduated from the School of Law in 2000.

When she was not traveling with her father, Samantha spent her summers interning for her mother’s law firm in Kingston, Jamaica. “The firm handled just about every kind of law,” she said, “so I had the chance to learn about different areas and work on all kinds of cases.” Samantha is fluent in French and studied in Paris during her junior year of college. Her love for travel rivals her interest in the law, and she appreciates Miami’s international flavor. “People always talk about diversity, but in Miami, it really is diverse,” she said.

The Reid Scholarship gives Samantha the chance to heed her parents’ philosophy. “My parents always told us to do what you want to do as long as you’re happy doing something,” she explained, “and the [Reid] lets me focus on law school by taking a lot of the burden off of me.” Following in her mother’s footsteps, Samantha may pursue intellectual property, but she wants to explore other areas as well. “I am really looking forward to learning more about international law and resume the traveling that I did as a child.”

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