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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Message From The Dean

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Through the generosity of our law alumni, faculty and friends, the University of Miami School of Law is able to report another record year for fundraising. Once again, your unwavering support of our School and its mission has enabled us to sustain our efforts to improve the educational experience for our students. I am grateful to our alumni leadership, the Board of Trustees, our faculty and administrators for their support of our School. The School is fortunate to have an extremely talented faculty and administration working together to achieve our shared educational mission.

As you know, I began my academic career at the School of Law as a professor of law from 1974 to 1990. After serving as Dean of the University of Denver School of Law from 1990 to 1997, I returned to our campus in 1999 as Dean of the School of Law. My goal has been to serve as your Dean throughout the University's Momentum Capital Campaign and to assure its successful completion. I am happy to report our campaign exceeded its goals, raising \$21,140,498 as of May 31, 2007.

With the Campaign almost complete, my decision to resign as Dean becomes effective in the Summer of 2008 at which time I resume my career as a law professor at the School. President Shalala has appointed a Search Committee to conduct a national search for the next Dean of the School of Law, and we will keep you advised of the Committee's progress. We still have much to accomplish together during the 2007-2008 academic year, and I look forward to your continuing support during my last year as Dean. I have greatly enjoyed my time as your Dean, and I hope you believe, as I do, that together we have accomplished many important goals.

Teaching law, researching and writing have always been my primary career goals, and I look forward to getting back into the classroom. Our students are remarkable. Each year, the incoming class brings strong credentials, dedication, and commitment to the legal community and to the ideals of our profession. I am privileged to be able to work with such fine students and to continue my academic career at this great School.

The challenges in providing the best legal education for our students continue to grow. We must seek out and attract the best faculty and students, build programs in important new areas, and be leaders in innovative methods of legal education. Resources provided each year by the individuals listed in this Honor Roll of Donors assist us in meeting these challenges and are a vital part of the well-being of our School.

As I embark on my final academic year as your Dean, I hope to continue to merit your support. My continuing goal is to increase annual support for scholarships at the Dean's Circle level and above. Finally, I thank each of you personally for your unwavering support of our efforts over my nine years as Dean. I am honored by your friendship and support.

Sincerely,

Dennis

Dennis O. Lynch has been a Fulbright Scholar in economics in Venezuela, a program officer with the Ford Foundation in Columbia, and a consultant to the U.S. Agency for International Development on Constitutional Reform in Columbia, legal reform in Nicaragua and the administration of justice in Central America. His teaching specialties are civil procedure, employment law, and labor law. A well-known lecturer on current issues in labor arbitration, he has also been a consultant to the Federal Trade Commission on labor antitrust issues. He is a 1965 graduate of the University of Oregon and holds a JD degree from Harvard Law School and JSD and LLM degrees from Yale Law School.

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The recipe for an outstanding law school would be incomplete without brilliant faculty, driven students, and dedicated alumni. The University of Miami School of Law has all those ingredients and more. As the *Momentum* Campaign draws to a close this year, the Law School would like to recognize three leaders who have shown a remarkable capacity for dedication and generosity, not only to the University, but to the community as a whole. Dean Colson, J.D. '77, Hilarie Bass, J.D. '81, and Wayne Chaplin, B.B.A. '79, J.D. '82, have managed to find ways to balance their professional lives with the needs of those around them. They are prominent members of the community, and yet they hold on firmly to their roots. While they may have very different careers, their beliefs drive their passion. The School of Law is fortunate and thankful to have such committed alumni.



HILARIE BASS, JD '81

Before prominent Miami attorney Hilarie Bass, J.D. '81, had all eyes on her in a courtroom, she was in a very different kind of spotlight. After graduating with a B.A. in political science from George Washington University in 1975, Bass became a professional actress in New York City. Fortunately for the law profession, Bass decided acting was not the career choice for her. In the field of acting, "Hard work and ability had very little correlation with success," she explained. Instead, Bass returned to her hometown of Miami and found her true calling in the law.

Bass has fond memories of her days at the Law School. "I loved every minute of it," she said, emphatically. Always a strong student, Bass excelled in every area of her studies, and she graduated first in her class. After law school, Bass went to the firm Greenberg Traurig, where she still works today. In her current position, Bass is the national chair of the litigation department and serves on the firm's Executive Committee.

When she is not being a high-powered litigator, Bass manages to find time to devote to the organizations and causes that are important to her. "I am a strong believer in being involved in the community in which you live," she said. In her view, lawyers in particular have a debt to society because they have so much to offer community organizations. Bass is active in the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, and the Dade County Bar Association. She is also deeply committed to the United Way of Dade County, serving for two years as the Chair of the Board of Directors. Bass credits the United Way for giving her the training to fundraise and reach out to the community of potential donors, whatever the cause.

Four years ago, Bass was elected to the University's Board of Trustees. She is the Co-Chair of the Law School's *Momentum* Campaign, working closely with Wayne Chaplin, J.D. '82. "The *Momentum* Campaign has been very gratifying to me personally," she said. "We are working to make the Law School a better place for the next generation of students." Bass sees the University as a critical component of the community, and her commitment drives her passion. "I don't have any problem with fundraising when I am doing it for something that I believe in," she explained.

Bass admits that finding a balance between work and community involvement takes effort, but she lets her convictions lead the way. "I really believe in what I am doing," she said. Bass has the same advice for law students that she offers her associates. "Find something that you love to do," she urged.



WAYNE E. CHAPLIN, BBA '79, JD '82

Unlike many graduates of the School of Law, Wayne E. Chaplin, B.B.A. '79, J.D. '82, did not study law to become a litigator. The President and Chief Operating Officer of his family's business, Southern Wine and Spirits of America, Inc., he viewed law school as a chance to learn how to think, reason, and express himself in a public forum. "My father believed that you have to create value in yourself before you create value in a family business," Chaplin explained. He took his father's advice and went to law school to further his education.

At the Law School, Chaplin liked the business and tax courses he knew he would find interesting, but he was surprised by how much he enjoyed constitutional law and participating in moot court. After law school, he worked for two years at the Miami law firm of Stuzin and Camner, gaining experience in banking and securities transactions. "I learned from the bottom up," he recalled. In 1984, Chaplin joined

Southern Wine and Spirits, working his way through the company's ranks to become the President and Chief Operating Officer in 1994.

Chaplin was elected to the University Board of Trustees in 2001, when Carlos M. de la Cruz Sr. was the Chairman. Chaplin is the Co-Chair of the School of Law's *Momentum* Campaign, and he has worked closely with Co-Chair Hilarie Bass, J.D. '81, encouraging the alumni and community donors to support this monumental effort.

For Chaplin, devoting time and energy to the University is an easy choice. "I have been fortunate to be able to give back to many causes," he explained. "The University is truly a university on the move." Reflecting this culture of giving, Chaplin and

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Southern Wine and Spirits have established The Chaplin Scholarship at the Law School as well as endowed scholarships at the School of Business Administration. They have also created an endowed seminar in Supply Chain Management at the College of Engineering. Chaplin also serves on the boards of Mount Sinai Medical Center on Miami Beach and the Miami Country Day School.

Combining a solid work ethic with a deep concern for individuals, Chaplin's philosophy is clear. "The possibilities are endless for anyone who has the desire to work hard," he said. "Leave no stone unturned [because] you never know under what rock you are going to find the greatest opportunity of a lifetime."



DEAN C. COLSON, JD '77

Born and raised in Miami, Florida, attorney Dean Colson, J.D. '77, has devoted much of his life to giving back to his community. After receiving a B.A. from Princeton University in 1974, the history major knew that law school was the obvious choice. Colson returned to Miami to study law and has devoted the past thirty years to the practice of law and the betterment of his community.

Colson's memories of his days at UM Law are vivid. His first year coincided with Dean Soia Mentschikoff's first year, and Colson described the experience in one word. "Extraordinary," he said. "Every first year student had to go to class on Friday nights and Saturday mornings," Colson recalled. "[Dean Mentschikoff] wanted everybody to stay on campus and be a law student first." Her influence reached the whole class. "When she walked the halls, she walked around like a legend, and she was a legend."

As the Dean, Mentschikoff brought in many young scholars who added excitement to the classes and challenged the students. Colson's mentors include professors Irwin Stotsky, Dennis Lynch, and the late Richard Hausler. Not only was Hausler an influence in the classroom, but he was also Colson's neighbor for many years.

Upon graduation from law school, Colson clerked for Fifth Circuit United States Court of Appeals Judge Peter Fay and then for William Rehnquist, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. A partner in the law firm Colson Hicks Eidson, Colson's practice focuses on both personal injury and commercial cases.

Colson has been a member of the University of Miami Board of Trustees for the past fifteen years, and he recently finished a three-year term as Chairman. The Board of Trustees has over eighty members, with an Executive Committee of twenty. While a number of the trustees are alumni, more of them are community leaders. Colson hopes to see more alumni involved on the Board in the future. "There are lots of ways to give back," he explained. "This is one way."

As Board Chair, Colson was also the Head of *Momentum*, the University's one billion dollar comprehensive fundraising campaign. Colson has worked closely with University President Donna Shalala. "She is a wonderful fundraiser and a great leader in this area," he said. As the seven-year *Momentum* campaign draws to a close at the end of this year, its goal has not only been reached, but surpassed. The campaign reached one billion dollars last spring, and then the goal was increased to raise a billion and a quarter. Currently, the campaign has raised over one billion three hundred million dollars.

Ironically, the art of asking people for money did not always come easily to Colson. "I hated asking for money at first," he admitted. "My first ask was for one hundred million dollars. I didn't get it, but I got excited." The excitement and the commitment joined together, and in this case the formula was right on target. "If you really believe in what you are doing, it becomes a lot easier; your excitement comes through, and your mission becomes clear. I believe so much in the mission that it's not a hard thing for me to do anymore. All great cities have to have great universities."

Colson is an active member and past president of the Dade County Bar Association and served on the Florida Bar's Board of Governors. He was also a member and past president of the Orange Bowl Committee and chairman of the Super Bowl Host Committee. In 2000, Governor Jeb Bush appointed Colson to the Commission on Ethics, and in 2002 he was appointed to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. He was elected the Chair of the Commission in 2004.

Colson's commitment to the University and the community comes as no surprise. His father, the late Bill Colson, JD '48, modeled a strong tradition of dedication and public service and was also a University trustee for many years. A founder of the law firm Colson Hicks Eidson, Bill Colson believed that the firm's lawyers needed to stay involved in the community, and he made sure they had the support of the law firm. "Back then," Colson recalled, "the issue of the day focused on civil rights. My father was always trying to do the right thing, [and] I always admired him."

The Colson family's connection to UM is about to get even stronger. His daughter will enter as a freshman in the fall of 2007. Colson believes that children learn a lot from their parents about community involvement and giving back. "Kids pick stuff up by watching their parents. They see a lot more and hear a lot more than they let on," he explained. The opportunity to pass on that sense of obligation is powerful. To Colson, there is no option. "It is incumbent that you leave your community a better place when you exit this world," he said.

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NEAL R. SONNETT, JD '67 2007 ALUMNUS OF DISTINCTION

The Law Alumni Association hosted another successful annual event as over 300 members of the bench and bar gathered at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables to honor alumnus Neal R. Sonnet, JD '67.



(l-r) Alumnus of Distinction Committee Chairman Hon. Gerald Kogan, JD '55; Board of Trustees member Hilarie Bass, JD '81; with Neal R. Sonnett, JD '67; President of the Law Alumni Association Alvin F. Lindsay, JD '91.



University of Miami Department of Theatre Arts student entertained the audience.



(l-r) Renny and Michael Nachwalter, JD '67; Prof. Thomas Robinson; Neal Sonnett, JD '67; Hon. Celeste H. Muir and William Muir, JD '81; Mrs. Thomas Robinson



Gary and Yolanda Voyles, Pat and Neal Sonnett, JD '67



(l-r) Hon. A. J. Krieger and wife Irene; Charles Intrigo; Pat and Neal Sonnett, JD, '67; Jeannette Hausler, JD '53; Lewis B. Freeman, JD '74



(l-r) Hon. Gerald Kogan, JD '55, presented Margorie A. Baron, JD '92 with a gift on behalf of the Law Alumni Association in recognition of her work in producing the video for this event.

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Neal R. Sonnett

* The American Bar Association responded to the tragedy of 9/11 by enlisting the services of its most sensitive and capable to assure our country that its dedication to liberty would not suffer in our efforts at self-defense. Three Task Forces were created, the ABA Task Force on Domestic Surveillance in the Fight Against Terrorism, the ABA Task Force on Presidential Signing Statements and the Separation of Powers Doctrine, and the ABA Task Force on Treatment of Enemy Combatants. Neal Sonnett was named as Chair of two, tasks that serve as a metaphor in many ways for the professional life of one of the most skilled courtroom trial lawyers in our country, border to border and ocean to ocean. As a Past-President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and as current President of the American Judicature Society, Neal has graced, and continues to grace, many pulpits. When Justice Anthony Kennedy challenged the American Bar Association to do affirmative and positive work to rid the nation of a sentencing cancer which was destroying lives in being and lives not yet conceived, Dennis Archer, its then President, turned to Neal as one of the Commissioners charged to seek the causes of this societal illness and, possibly, its cures. In 2002, he became the Chair of the ABA Task Force on the Treatment of Enemy Combatants, shouldering a most burdensome task interlaced with the political and emotional strife that taxes us all to this day. Discharging these

responsibilities, and they are merely reference points in a life that challenges the fullness of each day as a working lawyer, is demonstrative of how Neal has continuously served the people through his efforts to make our system of law more considerate and caring. His voice has been of strength and sensitivity; thus, he has been inspirational and instructive to the bar and to the citizenry.

There is a slight touch of the surreal in listing instances, there are so many, of Neal's service to the bar and to the profession on an occasion when he is again being honored. Happily, he has not been "born to blush unseen" and has been the recipient of honors and accolades far too many to mention. Enough to say that he is deserving of them and more. Now, the University of Miami School of Law, from which he received his JD in 1967, recognizes him as an alumnus of distinction. This is far from idle praise as it is only the fourth time that this honor has been bestowed. As with all the honors that Neal has received, each understates his value to the profession. I have known him as a lawyer and friend for roughly forty years, so I feel that I can speak with some authority about more aspects of the abilities and talents of Neal than would be disclosed in a legal directory. One instance stands out in my mind though I look back over twenty years to put it in focus. Neal was young, comparatively speaking, and trying a difficult case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. As was customary, much of the case was predicated upon the testimony of a once faithful friend who, when confronted by threatened lengthy imprisonment, became, in the estimation of Neal's client, a traitor. Naturally, much of the case hung on the cross-examination. The judge arranged for the court proceedings to be piped back into chambers so that the law clerks could profit from hearing an extraordinary lawyer conduct an examination with skill and finesse. Staff, as well, could enjoy listening. This incident tells us much about Neal and why he fits the definition of Alumnus of Distinction.

Neal is gifted. He has a voice that rings in pleasant tones, and yet it can reverberate in command, earning the unwavering attention of the listener. His presence matches his physical gifts so whether he rises in court or addresses the audience of more than five hundred in the ABA House of Delegates, there is respectful silence followed by cascading applause.

Time after time, he has addressed that body on subjects that touch at the heart of our system of law. His Guantanamo arguments, whether addressing habeas corpus or right to counsel are classics. Their academic content or their emotional power make them uniquely compelling besides educating the audience. Neal's presentation transcends the factual content and the legal question so that there is bestowed on the listening body a production that is intellectual and visceral. They generate a response that is for all practical purposes one of unanimously supporting whatever specifics he was urging on the audience. Quite understandably, when he goes to the front of the House as a speaker, the temper of the House becomes one of excitement and anticipation. They know that what Neal will say is addressed to a matter of importance. They also know that what he will say is of merit and value, well formed, demonstrating a rational basis for his argument, and yet voiced in lyrical sounds of poetic construction. What he says is not the worn fabric of a threadbare cloak covering mere sound and fury, but rather the trumpet call of the herald reminding the populace of the glory of the soul of our Constitution. What more can be asked of the one who speaks for us who may be speechless.

A unique component of his strength as a trial lawyer as well as a representative of those on whose behalf he may speak is his ability to engage in mortal combat that is disguised as an exercise as civil as that on a bowling green in times less competitive. He is the ultimate diplomat. By grace and moderation, he leads instead of drives. So, in these days of strife and confrontation, he can undertake, as noted above, the Chair of the ABA Task Force on Enemy Combatants and satisfy members from every political point on today's compass, as to a mutually agreeable course to follow. One need not look past the first page of any newspaper to appreciate the apparent practical impossibility of accomplishment of this kind of effort. Representatives of interests as diverse as the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Central Intelligence Agency were guided down a path of mutual respect and understanding. Judges, prosecutors, professional military, and those from every opposing opinion base came to the table and left after preparing a document stating positions acceptable to all, by consensus, no less.

This does not just happen. Someone has to make it happen, and that person, as on many other occasions, was Neal Sonnett living and acting out his pledge to serve and to protect the delicate and fragile structure of our liberty.

Albert Krieger

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CARLTON FIELDS HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF PRO BONO WORK

While pro bono work performed by top law firms has reportedly decreased this past year, the University of Miami School of Law has for many years encouraged their law students to make pro bono work part of their law career at school and beyond. Recently the Florida-based law firm Carlton Fields was recognized for increasing the amount of time spent on pro bono representation over the last year. The firm is demonstrating its commitment with a special gift to the UM School of Law to secure the Carlton Fields H.O.P.E. Scholarship Fund (Helping Others Through Pro Bono Efforts).

"A commitment to pro bono work is one of Carlton Fields' core values, and we expect every lawyer to participate in pro bono work," said Gregory Cesarano, J.D. '76 and firm shareholder. "This scholarship shows what we believe to be a very important part of the legal profession, and emphasizes our firm's belief that our lawyers should demonstrate their willingness to contribute to those in need of legal services."

"Carlton Fields is a perfect partner to help the University of Miami School of Law instill the sense of passion for pro bono work and community service in our students," said UM School of Law Dean Dennis O. Lynch.

Each academic year, the School of Law will award the Carlton Fields H.O.P.E. Scholarship to a rising second-year law student, based on merit and each student's high level of interest in being involved in the implementation of H.O.P.E. pro bono projects and dedication to public service. As a resource center, H.O.P.E. provides information, guidance and support for students seeking to do public interest work and community service. H.O.P.E. also seeks to recognize our students, faculty and alumni by spotlighting some of our leaders in Public Interest Law. Their commitment, passion and expertise contribute in countless ways to individuals and communities in need.

Carlton Fields is ranked No. 3 nationally in Pro Bono by *The Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms* (2007 edition). Beyond pro bono legal work, Carlton Fields attorneys have a long tradition of service through such organizations as the Florida Bar Foundation, Southern Legal Counsel, the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, many pro bono-tasked American Bar Association committees and boards of directors of legal services and legal aid agencies.



Back Row (left to right): Amy Lane Hurwitz JD '00, Christopher Aird JD '04, Angela Puentes-Leon JD '01, Kasey Peake JD '05, Jay Steinman JD '83, Steve Brodie JD'81, Managing Partner, UM Law School Dean Dennis Lynch, Gregory Cesarano JD '76, Edith Osman JD '83, David Smith JD '90, Victoria Rivas-Vazquez JD '07, Jose Loredó JD '86, **Front Row (left to right):** Adrian Felix JD '06, Jay Rosen JD '02, Seth Joseph JD '79, Jason Alderman JD '99



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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE
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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

University of Miami alumni Jay Shapiro and Robert Weissler presented the School of Law with two generous gifts to establish two endowed scholarships. Shapiro and Weissler are shareholders at the firm of Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.

The scholarships will be named the "Jay B. Shapiro/Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Endowed Scholarship Fund" and the "Robert I. Weissler/Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson Endowed Scholarship Fund." Each scholarship will be provided to a rising second year and third year student based on merit and financial need on an annual basis.

"I'm very pleased to be able to give something back to the UM Law School, to which I owe a large part of my professional success," stated Shapiro. "It is important for all UM law alumni to support the law school in its efforts to attract and retain the highest caliber students."

"Our firm's many graduates of UM Law School exemplify the exceptional quality and creativity in the legal work that is afforded to our clients," said Weissler, whose daughter, Kimberly Feldman, JD '04 is a graduate of the School of Law. "I am committed to support, and financially provide for, the success of future graduates of the Law School."

"We are very grateful for the generosity of our alumni Jay Shapiro and Robert Weissler," said UM School of Law Dean Dennis Lynch. "Our students will benefit from their continuing support for years to come. Jay and Robert epitomize the highest ideals of our profession and serve as role models for our students. We are proud of their success and their commitment to our School."



Jay B. Shapiro, JD '87



Robert I. Weissler, JD '70, LLM '73



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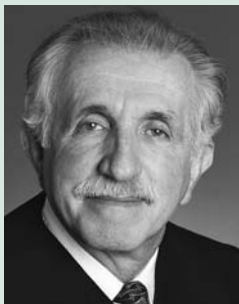
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Friends and family gathered at the School of Law on November 30, 2006 to honor and celebrate the life of an exceptional individual, The Hon. Theodore Klein, JD '64. Ted was born in Czechoslovakia during the Nazi occupation. His parents fled their homeland with his sister, Miriam, when he was 9 months old, making their way to Lisbon. They eventually immigrated to the United States in 1941. In 1957 Ted enrolled at the University of Miami, where he received both his undergraduate degree and his J.D., with honors. While in Law School he was an Associate Editor of the Law Review, and was elected to membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and the Society of Iron Arrow. He was awarded a fellowship to attend Yale University where he earned an LL.M.

Ted served as a Law School adjunct faculty member for over 37 years and was a mentor to countless law students and young attorneys. He was President of the Law Alumni Association in 1980, during the deanship of Soia Mentschikoff. He dedicated his life to the legal profession and was known as an accomplished leader in organizations including The Florida Bar, the Dade County Bar Association, the Florida Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association, the Federal Bar Association, and Florida Legal Services. He was the first male member of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

One of Ted's many talents was his remarkable sense of humor. For many years he was the emcee of the Law School's Homecoming breakfast, where he would bring the crowd to howling laughter. Ted always had a joke, a smile and the beautiful ability to make people laugh and be happy. He stood as a model of integrity and humanity. Ted's life was rich, full and remarkable. He has left a lasting legacy and will always be remembered with deep love and affection.



Hon. Theodore Klein, JD '64

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We gratefully acknowledge the members of the Committee for their generosity and hard work. Their efforts have enabled the School of Law to establish an endowed scholarship in Judge Klein's memory for students who excel in Trial Advocacy. For more information: alumni@law.miami.edu

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, BARBARA PEREZ, JD '93

What is the Dean's Circle? It is the support of alumni and friends of the Law School who help maintain student scholarships, establish important programs that benefit the students and our community, and help the growth and prominence of the University of Miami School of Law. Membership is easily within your reach because if you graduated in the last ten years or are a member of the judiciary, it is only \$500 annually, and for those of us who graduated a few years before that, it is \$1,000 (or more if you'd like).

As a Dean's Circle member, you are benefiting the School of Law but, you too enjoy benefits. Your contribution is tax deductible, and you can use a credit card for your contribution (annually or monthly) to earn miles or points. Secondly, and more importantly, you are invited as guests to a variety of lunches, receptions, discounted CLE's and other fun events exclusively for Dean's Circle members and/or President's Circle members because you automatically become a member of the President's Circle by virtue of being a Dean's Circle member. I, and every other Dean's Circle member, can attest to the fact that membership has its privileges! I look forward to seeing my fellow Dean's Circle members at upcoming events and meeting a whole group of new members.

We are grateful to the following 2006-2007 Dean's Circle Committee Members:

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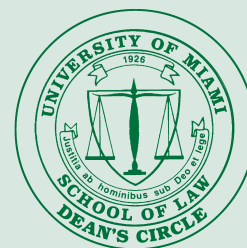
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Serving as your Law Alumni Association President has been a privilege and a tremendously rewarding experience. Over the past year, the Alumni Association hosted alumni reunion events in New York, Washington DC, Chicago, Boston, Tallahassee and Orlando, in addition to our annual Homecoming, and Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach judicial receptions. At each event, our graduates came out in large numbers to reconnect and support our School. What shines through is that, at all levels, we are a remarkable community.

Our alumni include local and national leaders of law firms, business, sports, the military and, of course, the judiciary and public service. We have recognized some of our graduates with Alumni Achievement Awards (the School’s “life achievement” award) and Alumni Leadership Awards (in recognition of specific leadership achievement), and we intend to continue lauding our graduates’ accomplishments. The problem is, we will be needing more awards.

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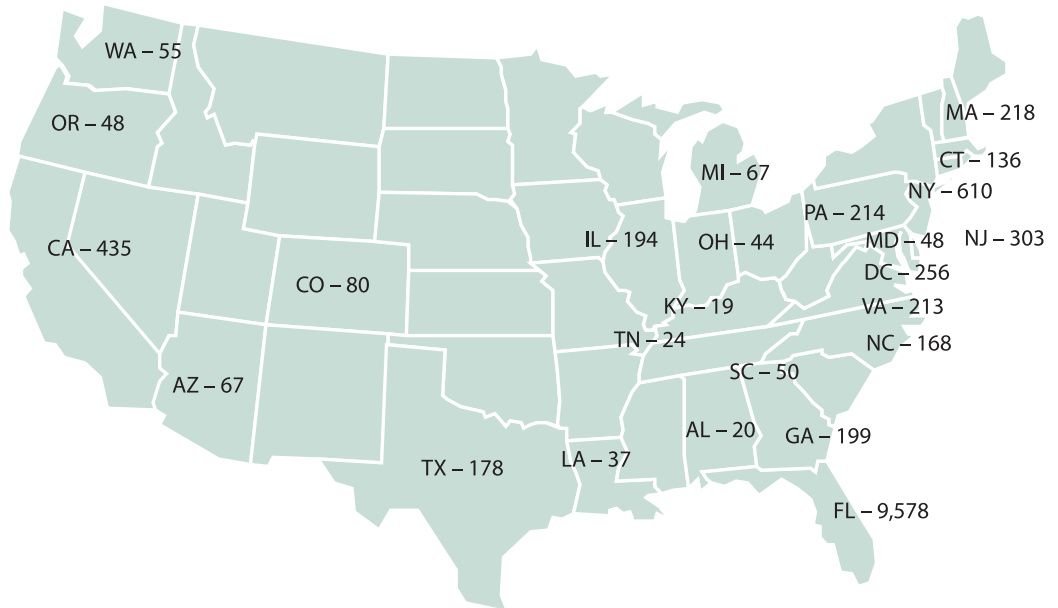
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I am honored to serve as the University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association's President for 2007-2008. Dean Lynch and I look forward to visiting alumni around the country this year, and we hope to see you at one of our many events. An important facet of the Alumni Association is participation in the Annual Fund. For those of you who have contributed, I applaud you! By donating, you have improved the Law School's facilities, provided scholarships, fellowships and other program incentives. Most importantly, you have raised the profile and prestige of our alma mater.

Each graduate of the University of Miami School of Law is automatically a member of the Law Alumni Association and has the benefit of access to our law library, Continuing Legal Education programs (CLE), law school publications, and exclusive alumni events. These benefits are offered to graduates free of any membership dues and emphasizes the importance of voluntary contributions by our graduates. Please visit our website at www.law.miami.edu/alumni to learn more about these benefits and what your Alumni Association is doing for you.

We plan to continue to increase the exposure of our School by recognizing our excellence in every way possible. Law Alumni Achievement and Leadership Awards will be given to honor alumni throughout the country. I encourage you to contact your Alumni Relations and Development office at (305) 284-3470 or by email at alumni@law.miami.edu in order to let us know how we can make your Law Alumni Association the best in the country.

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CENTER AWARDED TWO PRESTIGIOUS AALS AWARDS



Anthony V. Alfieri

As the Center for Ethics and Public Service entered its eleventh year of service, it was honored as the recipient of two national awards from the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

The 2007 **William Pincus** Award was given to Professor Anthony V. Alfieri, founding Director of the Center. The William Pincus Award honors individuals or institutions of

clinical legal education who have demonstrated excellence in service, scholarship, program design and implementation, and other activity beneficial to clinical education or to the advancement of justice.

The second award, the 2007 **Father Robert Drinan** Award, from the AALS's Section on Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities, was given to Professor Alfieri and the Center for Ethics and Public Service for its decade of public service. The AALS recognized Professor Alfieri and the

Center for mentoring a generation of clinical teachers and students, and moreover, for developing a new field of interdisciplinary scholarship integrating client narrative, critical jurisprudence, and the lawyering process. Colleagues of Professor Alfieri attribute much of the success of the Center to his "vision, commitment, and energy."

The awards are a meaningful affirmation of the hours of public service given by the Center's leadership team, Fellows, and Interns over the past decade.

CENTER FOR ETHICS AND 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 four educational programs provide legal representation to low-income communities in the fields of children's rights, public health entitlements, and non-profit economic development, and deliver 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 (CYLC) 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 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. In addition, the Clinic engages in impact litigation, law reform advocacy and community lawyering.

The Community Economic Development and Design Clinic (CEDAD), a collaboration between the Schools of Law and Architecture in cooperation with Florida Legal Services, 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 direct service clinic in which law students advocate on behalf of individual clients who have been neglected by our country's health care system. The clinic is operated in partnership with the Schools of Medicine and Nursing and law students conduct client intake sessions and provide information and advice in clinical field settings operated by our medical partners. CHRE clinical students provide legal advice and advocacy in the areas of health rights, public benefits, education, permanency planning and immigration, offering 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. In the 2006-2007 academic year CHRE students provided free legal services to more than 100 clients, conducted several administrative and court hearings, and secured tens of thousands of dollars in subsistence benefits for several clients living in poverty.



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. CAPR consists of student fellows and interns who devote 10 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 Elder Law Workshop is a pilot project to design an interdisciplinary model for the delivery of legal services to the impoverished elderly in cooperation with the School of Medicine. In the 2007-2008 academic year, students will research and explore the legal needs of the elderly through focus groups and other outreach; substantive legal issues affecting the elderly such as probate and estate law; and public interest lawyering for elderly clients.

The Joint Program on Law, Public Policy and Ethics (LPPE) sponsors interdisciplinary colloquia, seminars and workshops in cooperation 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 clinics and outreach programs.

In the Miami Street Law Program, the Director and law students teach law, public policy, and ethics in Miami-Dade County public and private schools, and in freshman and upper-level honors courses in the College of Arts & Sciences. The program, registered under www.StreetLaw.org, is unique in its focus on ethics and on outreach to the youth of our community. Each year more than a dozen law students and undergraduate students participate in this program. These "Street Lawyers" reach out to high school, undergraduate and law school students through exploring contemporary legal, moral and ethical issues and dilemmas. We pursue this mission through teaching, mentoring and facilitating discussions, case studies, mock trials, convocations, lectures, colloquia, and partnerships. 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.

HIGHLIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN CLINIC

The Innovative Service in the Public Interest Award was awarded collectively to CEPS students Ali DiMatteo, Sarah Jones, Trey Jordan, Paul Kaster and Trung Ngyuen; all Fellows in the Center's Community Economic Development and Design Clinic (CEDAD). The Innovative Service in the Public Interest Award is granted to graduating 3L students whose work contributed an innovative expansion of an existing program or lead to the creation of a new program that addresses public interest concerns. These five Fellows received the prestigious award for logging in over 3,000 hours of service dedicated to the assistance of the disadvantaged and underrepresented communities of Miami-Dade County in the last two years. Working as a team, they expanded both upon the strong base of the Clinic and its scope in order to provide greater benefit to the Miami communities.

Together the students provided technical support and corporate counseling to several faith-based and secular non-profit organizations as well as other community action groups. Over the past two years the group strengthened an existing relationship with the non-profit, community based organization Coconut Grove Collaborative, Inc. ("CGCI"). Through that relationship, the group has worked on a number of projects designed to represent and protect the interests of the residents of Coconut Grove Village West tax credits. The group also developed, produced and distributed *A Guide to Tenants' Rights Under Law*, a publication that provides a user-friendly summary of tenant rights and responsibility under Florida law. Additionally, through its relationship with CGCI, as well as the Homeowners and Tenants Association of Coconut Grove Village West, the fellows serve as standing members of the Tenants Transition Team, a consortium of community leaders dedicated to mitigating the negative effects of gentrification in Coconut Grove.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Proposed a transit oriented development at the 27th Avenue metrorail stop which would include 60 units of low- and workforce-housing
- Worked with the Miami Worker's Center and Power U Center for Social Change, non-profit community groups in the Liberty City, Little Haiti, and Overtown communities on several issues including organizing a campaign, including pre-litigation research and fact finding in opposition of a proposed I-95 on-ramp to be located in Overtown
- Performed substantial legal research for litigation involving FEMA payouts to migrant workers in the wake of the 2005 hurricane season
- Presented a University-wide symposium on the "House of Lies" scandal, one of the most widely publicized issues involving the Miami Housing Authority in Miami-Dade County



CEDAD Fellows Paul Kaster, Trey Jordan, Trung Ngyuen, Sarah Jones, Ali DiMatteo, and Center Director and Professor Anthony Alfieri

CENTERS AND CLINICS

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Through their work, Ali, Paul, Sarah, Trey, and Trung have shown both unity of purpose and uncommon devotion to the improvement of the communities they serve. This experience has given them a greater sense of purpose and direction to take with them as they begin their legal careers. "This award would not have been possible without the guidance and leadership of Professors Charles Elssesser, Anthony Alfieri, and Purvi Shah." Trung Nguyen, Citizens Board Fellow, Community Economic Development and Design Clinic, Class of 2007.

Student Highlight: Jenna Pantel, Street Law. *"Street Law and the Center for Ethics and Public Service provided me with the most rewarding two years of my educational career. As a Street Lawyer, I went into a local high school twice a week to teach students the law and ethics. Not only did I learn about new and exciting facets of the law, but I was serving the local community. Hopefully my work has empowered my students to understand the law and its impact on their lives."*



The Ethics Center gives students more than just a legal education; it broadens horizons and humanizes the law. We are all more prepared to start our legal careers because of the training we received from the highly skilled and truly inspiring Center faculty. I am amazed at the great work my fellow Center students have accomplished. They work with real clients and produce real, life-changing results. My time in the Ethics Center was truly the highlight of my legal education and I only hope that more students get the opportunity to participate in similar clinics at UM in years to come." **Jenna Pantel, Hunton & Williams Fellow, Street Law Program, Class of 2007**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH LAW CLINIC



Bernard Perlmutter

The 2006 - 2007 academic year was one of continued growth and accomplishment for the Children & Youth Law Clinic (CYLC). Under the supervision of Bernard Perlmutter and Kele Williams, the clinic's 24 legal interns and fellows provided legal services and law reform advocacy for children in the foster care system. They were joined by Wendi Adelson, a 2006 UM Law graduate, who worked primarily on immigration cases. In addition, consistent with its interdisciplinary approach to legal representation, CYLC collaborated with two forensic psychiatrists from the UM Department of Psychiatry and two graduate students from the UM School of Education.

CYLC's advocacy helped dozens of teenagers in their struggles to achieve self-sufficiency after aging out of the foster care system. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) provides financial support and services to former foster youth enrolled in school and these clients have many significant and complex legal issues requiring the assistance of counsel. CYLC prevailed or secured favorable settlements in several administrative appeals involving the termination or reduction of clients' benefits. To achieve law and policy reform in this area, the CYLC negotiated policy changes with DCF to address program eligibility for youth who miss school due to pregnancy and child birth, and an appeal currently pending in the First District Court of Appeal raises novel issues of DCF's obligation under federal and state law to provide child care before reducing benefits. CYLC is also collaborating with the lead foster care agency in Miami to improve the provision of independent living services to prepare youth for adulthood.

There were also victories for individual clients in other substantive areas. For example, CYLC obtained permanent guardianships with loving caregivers for five clients who had been abandoned by their parents or orphaned after a parent's death; helped a client secure nearly \$90,000 in life insurance proceeds from her adoptive mother's estate, which family members had failed to provide her after the mother's death; secured over \$17,000 in SSI disability benefits for a client in a complex federal appeal; obtained a domestic violence injunction for a teenage mother against the father of her child; and navigated the complex Medicaid bureaucracy to obtain a new wheelchair for a client.

Another significant accomplishment was the launch of two innovative new policy reform projects. CYLC began statewide advocacy to improve the educational achievement of children in foster care who typically lag behind their peers in school. Through public records requests, CYLC obtained information from all 67 counties regarding compliance with a state law requiring DCF and the lead private foster care agency to enter interagency agreements with local school districts regarding education for children under DCF supervision. A report and recommendations will be issued shortly that will form the basis for ongoing legislative and administrative advocacy. The second project is an Integrated Healthcare Project, which includes Juvenile Court Judge Jeri Beth Cohen, Planned Parenthood, the lead private foster care agency and others to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections among teens in foster care.

Other successful law reform work included participation as amicus curiae in an appeal supporting disabled foster children's rights to receive developmental services on a crisis basis (*Russell v. APD*, 929 So.2d 601 (Fla. 1st DCA 2006)) and advocacy in the Florida Supreme Court for an amendment to the Rules of Juvenile Procedure to require appointed counsel for foster children in hearings on the administration of psychotropic medications (*In re Amendments to the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure*, Rule 8.355, 952 So.2d 517 (Fla. 2007)). CYLC also filed an amicus curiae brief in an appeal pending before the Fourth District Court of Appeal that addresses the constitutionality of the practice of shackling juveniles in delinquency court hearings. In the area of public education and advocacy, CYLC published a manual for lawyers and judges on Special Immigrant Juvenile Visas and is about to publish its report on school district-DCF interagency compliance.



HOPE PUBLIC INTEREST RESOURCE CENTER

Since 1998, HOPE has been committed to providing assistance to low-income and underrepresented individuals through extensive outreach and advocacy projects. Begun with a single project aimed at children in shelter and foster care, HOPE, the Public Interest Resource Center at the University of Miami School of Law, has grown to include over 25 different projects each year, reaching various underserved and at-risk populations locally, nationally and abroad. With over 400 volunteers, 25 project leaders, and a growing number of HOPE Summer Fellows, we are constantly striving to provide access to justice and community support for those who are marginalized. By impressing upon students the importance of public service as an integral part of being a lawyer, we strive to promote pro bono advocacy and community service as a way of life for all.

In the Summer of 2007, HOPE was able to send 14 students worldwide to promote access to justice and to enhance the delivery of legal services in communities near and far. HOPE Summer Fellows worked nationally to assist clients diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and coordinated access to services for children, homeless, poor and disabled clients in South Florida, Harlem, and the Katrina-ravaged communities of New Orleans. In addition, HOPE Fellows worked to provide legal assistance to marginalized clients in North Carolina, Colorado, New York and Pennsylvania. Internationally, HOPE Fellows also made a tremendous impact. Work with the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT) in Geneva, Switzerland and the Violence Against Women Programme enabled one HOPE Fellow to promote woman's human rights world-wide with urgent appeals, training, research, and lobbying with committees at the United Nations. A team of Fellows joined the Institute of Justice and Democracy/Bureau des Avocats Internationaux in Port-au-Prince, Haiti to counter governmental human rights violations against Haitian prisoners and provide advocacy and assistance to grass-roots organizations. Locally, nationally and internationally, HOPE Fellows are making a difference.



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STUDENT PROFILES

Public Interest and Public Service are central to the mission of the University of Miami School of Law. The increasing costs of undergraduate and law school education has caused many law students to incur large educational debts. To offset some of this burden and to recognize outstanding students who have demonstrated a commitment to public interest/public service, the School of Law has instituted a Public Interest Scholarship for rising 3L who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to public interest/public service and demonstrate financial need. They are awarded scholarships and are provided educational and networking opportunities with the bench and the bar.

2007 PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



NIYA FONVILLE, 3L

Since the day that Niya decided to make “my own ripples in this fight for social justice,” she has consistently sought out organizations that would allow her to do just that. She has worked dependency cases for foster children while participating in the Children and Youth Law Clinic. She also supported Florida Youth S.H.I.N.E. by helping to compile a list of solutions to foster care system failures. She is involved with several student organization such as the Black Law Students Association, HOPE Public Interest Resource Center and Miami Law Women.



MEGYN GREIDER, 3L

Megyn says, “I have been given the opportunity of a lifetime – to enter a profession that will enable me to open doors for others.” Megyn excelled in her HOPE Fellowship after her first year of law school and dedicated herself to the provision of information and advocacy on behalf of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. She serves on the Steering Committee for AquaGirl, a foundation that grants awards to community organizations serving the lesbian, bisexual and transgender women of South Florida and provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate LBT women to pursue careers in service to the community. Megyn has immersed herself in various public interest organizations on campus serving as President of OUTLAW, Student Director of the Wrongful Convictions Project and is an active HOPE volunteer. She has also received several awards: HOPE Fellow 2006, Student of the Week, Society of Bar and Gavel, Louis P. Mills Student Award from the University of Miami Women’s Commission, Florida Bar Foundation, and the Legal Aid of Palm Beach County.



SARAH KING, 3L

Known for public interest/public service work and passion, Sarah King has worked tirelessly in the public sector. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, served as a legal intern for the Department of Homeland Security, worked with the Community Health Rights Education Clinic providing legal assistance on social security and immigration matters, worked at the Children and Youth Law Clinic, and volunteered her time with numerous HOPE projects in the community. She has also worked as a HOPE Summer Fellow for the World Organization Against Torture and Violence Against Women Program in Geneva, Switzerland. Sarah was the winner of her 1L Moot Court Competition, and she was the Best Oralist and was a Semi-Finalist in the Advanced Moot Court Competition. She also won the Book Award for the Children and Youth Law Clinic in the Fall of 2006.



COREY LAZAR, 3L

Corey is dedicated to improving the lives of those who are impoverished and disenfranchised. She has worked with the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center interviewing, translating and performing intakes for detainees. She has also been instrumental in planning community-collaborative projects and in working on internal policy changes for a multi-jurisdictional community court through the Center for Court Innovation (Red Hook Community Justice Center Project in New York, New York). Corey has also volunteered her time to make a difference in the lives of children and the homeless through her service with the Books and Buddies Program and Community Partnership for the Homeless Outreach, among other projects. Corey says that she is, “committed to studying and practicing immigration law, so that I may help shape a more just and functional immigration system.” Corey HOPE Fellow Fall 2006, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center; HOPE Summer Fellow 2007, International Rescue Committee, NY. Corey would like to head her own advocacy project offering legal, educational and health services targeting immigrant communities.

STUDENT PROFILES



ANNA MANCE, 3L

Anna is a founding member of SOHR – Student Organizations for Human Rights – an organization conducting research on human rights in Haiti. She also worked in the public interest law firm of Chavez & de Leon, assisting Mexican and Guatemalan immigrants, as well as other indigent communities in Miami, facing immigration and social security issues. Anna has been a HOPE volunteer on various initiatives and worked with Habitat for Humanity. She received the Florida Association of Women Lawyers Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton Scholarship.



RASHIED MCDUFFIE, 3L

Rashied has demonstrated a commitment to public interest through his participation in various organizations. He is the Chairman of Community Service of The Black Law Students Association Executive Board. He also participates in the Wrongful Convictions Project, the University of Miami's Literacy Program and the Kellogg Leadership for Community Change – a project working to improve the quality of teaching and learning and community awareness in all stages of the education process. Rashied participated in HOPE School Supply Drive as a project leader and in Ronald House Day of Service as a project leader. He is involved in the Center for Ethics and Public Service, the Black Law Students Association, Miami Law Women, and in the

Ambassadors and Mentor Program. He was a semi-finalist in the moot court competition and is the recipient of the Dr. Greg Daniel Scholarship and of the Minority Bar Scholarship.



NANCY MILLAR, 3L

An accomplished journalist, with a former career at the New York City chapter of the National Organization for Women, Nancy wants to, “bridge the gap.” She is definitely on that road by being active in several organizations such as the Florida Freedom Partnership, an organization that helps victims of human trafficking. Nancy has also interned at the International Rescue Committee, a global non-profit organization that assists refugees and asylees in relocation and resettlement. Nancy is a member of the Wrongful Convictions Projects and a member in the Caribbean Bar Association. She has also served as the secretary of the Society of Bar and Gavel and is an active member of the National Association of Women Lawyers. She served as a HOPE

volunteer for Books and Buddies, Canes Carnival and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Project. She has received a Miami Scholars Student award, the Lenore Carrero Nesbitt Public Service Scholarship, National Association of Legal Search Consultants Freedom Fellowship, and a HOPE Summer Fellow 2006, UN Barbados. Nancy seeks to be at the forefront of advocacy for social change through legal reform and litigation.



JOY PURCELL, 3L

Joy Purcell has spent the last year working with the Community Health Rights Education Clinic performing client intakes at Jackson Memorial Hospital of patients in need of legal representation related to health care, government benefits and immigration matters. She has also assisted the Dade County Legal Aid Society by participating in the production of motions, legal memoranda and court orders in landlord-tenant law, and disability benefits. Joy has been active with community programming, on-campus public interest initiatives and has served as a volunteer with Books and Buddies and the Canes Angels Program. She is a member of the Society of Bar & Gavel, a recipient of the Dean's Merit Scholarship, a recipient of the Lenore Carrero Nesbitt Public

Service Scholarship, a HOPE Summer Fellow 2007 at the Harlem Community Office in New York and an Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Member. She says, “For me a career in public interest law is the only career path I plan to pursue with my law degree.”



MINDY REINSTEIN, 3L

From the first day that she stepped on to the University of Miami campus, Mindy has immersed herself in serving others in our community. “I wanted to get to know the face of my future clients in the Miami-Dade area.” Mindy served as project leader for Canes Carnival and has been instrumental in bringing speakers to the Public Interest Luncheon Series. While serving as a HOPE Summer Fellow, Mindy committed to working in the HOPE office by using her influence and opportunity to rally almost 100 students together for HOPE Day of Service. This day they reached out to six different sites, including Camillus House and the Ronald McDonald House. As a 2L, Mindy worked with the Street Law program in the Center of Ethics and taught Ethics and

Professionalism in Miami-Dade schools. She is the President of the Society of Bar and Gavel, a HOPE Summer Fellow 2006 and a Senior HOPE Fellow 2007.

STUDENT PROFILES



MICHELLE VALERIO, 3L

As an intern at the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Michelle has observed hearings in immigration court and work on asylum, cancellation of removal and criminal waiver cases. She has also interned in the Community Health Rights Education Clinic, where she assisted low-income populations with matters related to HIV, permanency planning, and immigration. She is a member of the Moot Court Board, Community Health Rights Education Clinic, Immigration Law Society – co founder, Immigration Law Society, and participated in the ABA Regional Arbitration Competition. She was a recipient of the Miami Scholar Award, a Florida Bar Fellow, Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Fellow, and was a Moot Court Competition semi-finalist.



Carlos Martinez, JD '90

ALUMNI IN PUBLIC SERVICE

As a boy at Kinlock Park Junior High in Little Havana, Carlos Martinez, JD '90, had his share of visits to the assistant principal's office. Fast forward to 1987: Orientation at UM Law School. "I thought Dean Hausler looked familiar," recalls Martinez, Chief Assistant Public Defender, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, in Miami. "When I realized she was my assistant principal, I didn't dare reveal who I was!" he laughs. Twenty years later, he has finally come clean. "Dean Hausler remembered me and was delighted to see that I had turned out well after all."

An American success story, Martinez arrived from Cuba at age 9, and worked his way through high school and college from an Exxon carwash attendant to managing six Exxon stations in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. "I started law school thinking I'd become a corporate lawyer for Exxon, but it didn't turn out that way," he recalls. A UM Honor's Course at the Public Defender's office changed everything. "My first assignment was in the jail, coordinating interviews for clients with grievances about their representation. That's when it was very clear to me: 'this is what I was meant to do'.

Today, Martinez is Chief Assistant Public Defender, working in the office of fellow UM alum, Public Defender Bennett Brummer. "Most of my professional activities and Bar activities started out with people I met at UM," he says. Amongst his myriad responsibilities, he establishes and maintains collaborative relationships between the Public Defender's office and academic institutions such as UM. "Our office is hooked into UM. We see their students as a tremendous resource and we, too, are a resource for them," he explains, adding that he mentors UM law students who intern in the Public Defender's office. "I know the program and the professors. There's a certain amount of pride I have in the work that UM has done, and I want to make sure that [the interns] succeed."

Martinez also devotes time to the School's Children and Youth Law Clinic. "I worked closely with director Bernard Perlmutter, JD '83, on substantive issues of children being shackled in Florida courtrooms," explains Martinez, who utilizes interns and students in the trial practice clinical programs to help with cases. "The knowledge base at UM, their expertise in international, children's and criminal law is extraordinarily valuable," asserts Martinez. "Maintaining linkages between the Law School and the Public Defender's office is paramount."

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For Przemyslaw Jan “PJ” Kubicz, the road to the School of Law has traversed countries and continents.

Born in Poland, PJ

moved to the United States at the age of ten, settling in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Fluent in Polish and German, the young PJ quickly learned to adapt to his new language and home. He graduated summa cum laude from Colorado State University in May 2007 with a B.S. in psychology and a B.A. in German.

A member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, PJ was chosen by the International Scholar Laureate Program to travel to China in May of 2007. Comprised of dean's list recipients and honor roll members across the country, the delegation spent twelve days touring and studying Chinese anthropology and archaeology. While PJ's interests range from psychology to politics to music (he is also a self-taught musician), he is approaching law school with an open mind. The areas of corporate, international, and constitutional law intrigue him, but he is focusing on preparing himself for the rigors of law school in general.

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