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Now that the new academic year is underway and we have launched into a new fiscal year, I would like to thank all of the listed donors for their generous support of our alma mater during the fiscal year that just ended. Without your financial support – in any amount – we could not accomplish our goals of providing alumni networking, CLE, and Homecoming events, funding scholarships for deserving students, and assisting current students by providing mentoring, networking, job placement, and other programs that strengthen the Law Alumni Association's bonds with our future alumni.

During the new academic year, we will continue all of our successful programs, including traveling with professors and administrators to visit our out-of-state alumni, celebrate their impressive career achievements, and bring news of their alma mater. We had a smashing Homecoming with Class Reunions (1968, 1978, 1983, 1988, & 1998), which was followed by a most extraordinary celebration—Professor Minette Massey's Retirement Party! We will also continue our popular, local judicial, networking, and award receptions. Please visit our website at [www.law.miami.edu](http://www.law.miami.edu) to access our calendar of events and plan to join us for as many as you can.

We will also implement new initiatives this year. First, under the excellent leadership of Elizabeth Honkenen, JD '98, our VP of Fundraising, we have completed the initial draft of our 5-year Strategic Plan, which has been carefully crafted to coordinate with the School of Law's and the University's strategic plans. As soon as the Law Alumni Board approves the final version, we will make it available for your review. Second, under the enthusiastic leadership of Charles Rowley, our VP for Regional Programs, we are implementing a student leadership mentoring program. Under this initiative, volunteer members of the Law Alumni Association board and other active alumni in the area will be paired with the various law school student organizations, such as the law reviews and the various student government, service, and interest groups. These mentors will then act as a resource the organizations and their leaders can turn to for advice and support. We welcome you to join us in this effort, which we guarantee will be both fun and fulfilling. You can volunteer to mentor an organization you belonged to while in law school or one of the organizations formed since your graduation. Both are equally in need of support and guidance!



**LUCINDA A. HOFMANN, JD '91**

Again, thank you for your past contributions to the Law School Alumni Association. We hope you will continue your generous support of the School, our scholarships and endowed chairs, and the Association's many worthy programs. A gift in any amount is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. We invite you to return to our beautiful campus and participate in as many alumni events and programs as your busy schedule permits.

All the best,

Lucinda A. Hofmann, JD '91  
2008-2009 President,  
University of Miami Law Alumni Association



# DEAN DENNIS O. LYNCH

Standing: Dean Dennis and Carol Lynch, Richard C. Milstein JD '74; seated: Carlos de la Cruz JD '79, Laurie Silvers JD '77, Mitchell Rubenstein



Standing: Carol and Dean Dennis Lynch; seated: Linda and Dr. Olin McKenzie III, Larry Lynch



Standing: Carol Lynch, Barbara Silverman JD '76, Dean Dennis Lynch; seated: Deborah Hoffman JD '83, Peter Lederer, Yuriko Lederer, Robert Ades JD '73



Dean Colson JD '77, Dean Dennis Lynch, University of Miami Executive Vice President and Provost Thomas J. LeBlanc



BY PATTY SHILLINGTON

**UM** LAW SCHOOL DEAN DENNIS O. LYNCH took a self-described unconventional path to legal academia. All the roads he traveled—rural and urban, international and local—led him to his first academic post in 1974 at the University of Miami. More than three decades later, as he steps down from the deanship after nine years to return to the classroom, Dean Lynch is approach-

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ing another intersection in a long and impressive academic career.

Hailed by UM President Donna Shalala as a "terrific leader" who "brought his intelligence and integrity to all aspects of the Law School," Dean Lynch has inspired faculty, students and alumni with his scholarly acumen, rigorous expectations and quick-witted yet low-key management style.

Under his leadership, the Law School's endowment has nearly doubled since 2000 and the recently completed Momentum Campaign generated more than \$22 million in donations, exceeding the fundraising goal of \$16 million by some 45 percent. He also focused on developing the clinical, pro bono and litigation skills programs, expanding scholarships for students and recruiting young, diverse and talented faculty.

"These expanded programs have become an important part of our mission," Dean Lynch said. "And we're well-suited financially to face the future."

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Several hundred guests expressed their warm regard for Dean Lynch at a spirited dinner gala and humorous “Lynching” at the Biltmore Hotel on May 8. Alumni, colleagues and Law School friends also opened their wallets to honor Dean Lynch, donating \$300,000 to create the Dennis O. Lynch Endowed Scholarship Fund. “We made our goal,” announced gala chair and master of ceremonies Richard Milstein, JD ’74. “But I’m not stopping there.”

Lewis Levey, JD ’86, and Lucinda Hoffman, JD ’91, president and president-elect of the Law Alumni Association, unveiled a commissioned portrait of Dean Lynch that will hang on display in the Law Library.

“Dean Lynch has done it all—from being a professor to being well recognized for his research and writing to being a wonderful dean for our school,” said Hilarie Bass, JD ’81, national chair of Greenberg Traurig’s litigation department and a UM trustee who co-chaired the Momentum Campaign. “I think what makes Dean Lynch so unique is that he’s always looking at things from the students’ perspective and he’s always looking to enhance the student experience at the Law School by providing the best professors and the best job opportunities.”

Wayne Chaplin, JD ’82, co-chair of the Momentum Campaign and co-chair of the UM Board of Trustees, attributed the fundraising success to Dean

Lynch’s “special style of putting people at ease.”

“I enjoyed my experience in law school,” said Chaplin, president and chief operating officer of Southern Wine and Spirits of America. “It was great being a student, but coming back and working with Dennis as dean was something that was really special.”

Many alumni and faculty have known Dean Lynch as professor and colleague, administrator, leader and friend. It is this well-rounded perspective and broad experience that has marked his tenure as dean.

“Dennis Lynch taught me first year civil procedure 30 years ago and I still remember how he made the subject matter come alive,” said Carlos de la Cruz Sr., JD ’79, a member of the UM Board of Trustees and chair of the Law School Visiting Committee. “I loved going to his classes and signed up for some advance courses just to have him as the professor.”

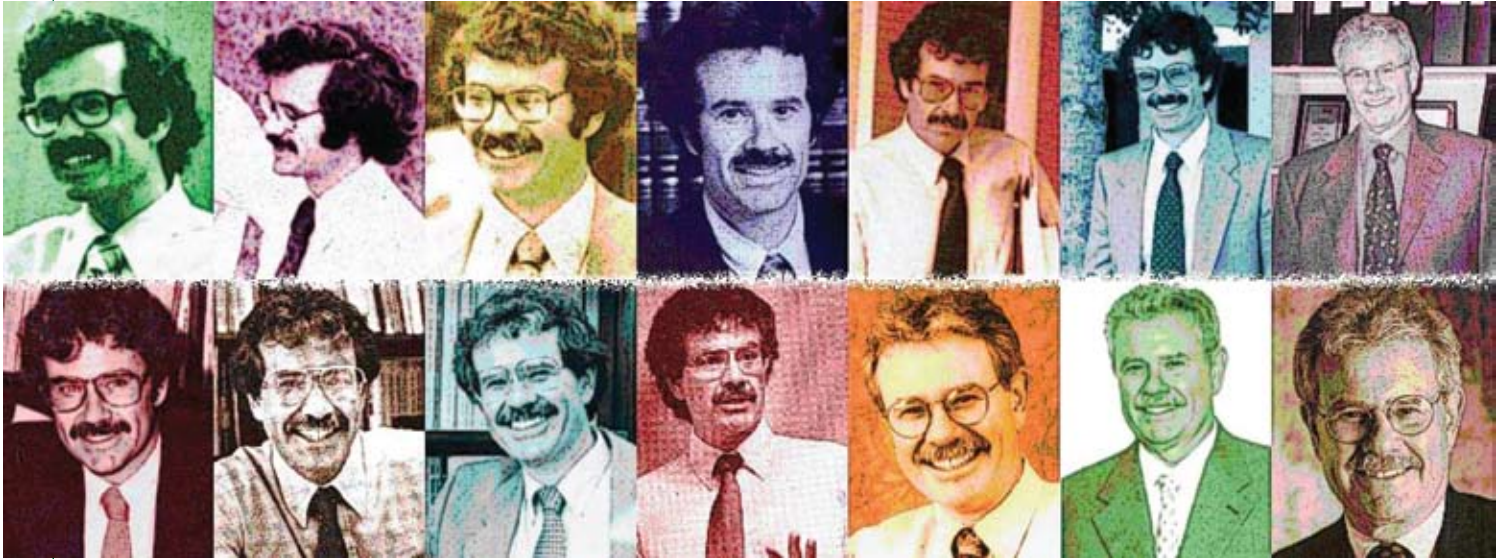
When de la Cruz, chairman of Coral Gables-based CCI Companies, served as UM Board chair, he was impressed by Dean Lynch’s “unwavering efforts to only lead the law faculty by consensus. Dennis has a brilliant mind which benefited from an excellent education but, more importantly, he is a good human being and a friend.”

De la Cruz is funding the Center for the Study of Democracy in Latin America, a UM Law School program he founded with his general counsel, Cristina Moreno, JD ’78, with their eye toward Dean Lynch’s expertise in Latin American law. “My business is bottling and distributing beverages in the Caribbean and I have had to become familiar





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with their laws and the judicial enforcement of their laws,” de la Cruz said. “The purpose of the program is to help strengthen due process in the Caribbean.”

Deborah Enix-Ross, JD '81, a Dean's Circle Committee member, said Dean Lynch has inspired her enthusiastic support and involvement as an alumna.

“The Law School has done quite well both academically and financially and I think it's due to that quiet, deliberate stewardship that he offers,” said Enix-Ross, litigation practice group manager at Debevoise and Plimpton in New York City. “As fantastic as I thought the Law School was when I graduated in 1981, the stature has been raised exponentially. I just hope I've been a part of spreading the word about what a wonderful institution it is, especially outside Florida, on the national stage.”

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a “tremendous tenure” that has prepared the Law School for the coming era of change. “It is well known that he has been a successful fundraiser for our institution, and that speaks volumes to his ability to connect with the legal community and to our alumni,” said Clark. “In addition to his fundraising, Dean Lynch brought some much-needed stability to UM Law during his years as dean.”

Longtime UM Law Professor M. Minnette Massey, JD '51, called Dean Lynch “a consensus builder” who used his intellect and leadership ability in gentle—but powerful—ways. “He brings out the best in people,” Massey said. “He's patient and understanding and he listens. He's reasonable and he'll reason with you, and then he will make a decision right there. He has always been a gentleman and a scholar at all times.”

Dean Lynch has begun a yearlong sabbatical to spend time with his three young grandchildren and to travel far and wide with his wife, Carol—from Idaho to Europe to Australia. Then he will come full circle, resuming the role of law professor at UM where he first engaged the minds of students 34 years ago.



Dean Lynch was the second son of journalists who ran the Argus Observer, the local newspaper in Ontario, Oregon, population 10,000, near the Idaho

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border. His brother, Larry, who was flown in to surprise Dean Lynch at the Biltmore event, followed in their parents' footsteps to become a journalist and writer. After graduating valedictorian from his high school class, Dean Lynch headed to an honors program at the University of Oregon. By the time he was a junior, he had his eye on law school. But he also had an adventurous spirit. Delaying his senior year for a year, he set off to travel around Latin America and Europe. "I wanted to get out and experience some things," Dean Lynch said.

In Guatemala, he taught English and learned Spanish, living on a sugar plantation, before he explored Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. In Rio de Janeiro, he hopped on a ship to Barcelona where he continued his Spanish studies. "Then I hitchhiked my way through Europe," Dean Lynch recalled.

In the fall of 1964, he "hustled back to school" for his senior year as the military draft in America heated up. He graduated in 1965 with a BA in Honors Economics.

He deferred law school at Harvard University for a year to accept a Fulbright Scholarship in Economics in Venezuela, where he carried out a regional economics study and sharpened his fluency in Spanish. In 1966, he headed to Harvard Law School with a vision for his future. "I thought I would go into government. I was interested in economics, policy and foreign relations," he recalled.

The next summer, he worked for New York Mayor John Lindsay in a job-training program in the Bronx. It was a hot summer with heated riots, a gritty, real-world experience for the young idealistic law student who "wanted to bring government closer to the people."

Dean Lynch was among a group of students who



▲ Professor Irwin Stotzky, Paul Dee JD '77, former athletic director, Professor Ricardo Bascuas



▲ Dean Dennis Lynch and Hilarie Bass JD '81, UM Trustee

▼ The gala featured live entertainment courtesy of several students from the University of Miami's Frost School of Music



wrote and were awarded a grant from the Ford Foundation in their final year of law school. They produced a 1,000-page report on how to decentralize and restructure Boston's local government to make it more accessible. "My third year was a mixture of politics, law, political theory, democracy and the labor movement," he said. He graduated with a JD, cum laude, in 1969.



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## Paul R. Verkuil, Acting Dean

Paul R. Verkuil was appointed in August 2008 to a one-year term as Acting Dean of the University of Miami School of Law. Dean Verkuil holds an A.B. from the College of William & Mary, an LL.B. from the University of Virginia where he was an editor of the Virginia Law Review, LL.M. and J.S.D. degrees from New York University, and an M.A. from the New School for Social Research. He is a professor of law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University in New York, and senior counsel at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP.

A distinguished legal scholar, academic administrator, and practitioner, Dean Verkuil has served as dean of Tulane Law School, president of the College of William & Mary, and dean of Cardozo Law School. He was appointed Special Master by the U.S. Supreme Court in the original jurisdiction case of *New Jersey v. New York*, which determined sovereignty to Ellis Island in New York Harbor. He has written over 65 articles on public law subjects and is author or coauthor of numerous books, including *Administrative Law and Process* (4th ed., 2004), the leading student treatise in the field. His academic interests encompass contracts, government regulation, and the protection of individual rights.



Instead of considering his options at Wall Street law firms, Dean Lynch returned to South America, working with the Ford Foundation in Bogota to design a legal education program in Colombia and Venezuela.

After that, he went to Yale University as a Fellow in Law and Modernization while completing his LLM in a year. He also took research methodology and social theory classes, “trying to understand how law impacted social development.” That focus led him back to Colombia again, with an International Legal Center Research Grant that advanced his growing expertise in Latin American law. “By that time, I was so far down the academic track that I decided to interview for a teaching job,” he said.

Miami was the perfect landing spot, “an ideal opportunity to merge my interests.” Dean Lynch was 28 when he accepted an offer from UM while finishing his JSD at Yale. “It was kind of a goofy career pattern,” Dean Lynch said. “I was regarded as a strange bird as a law professor.”

His teaching specialties became civil procedure, employment law and labor law. “I had a great time in the classroom,” he said. “It was a marvelous amount of fun.”

During his 16 years as a UM law professor, Dean Lynch accepted outside assignments in his areas of expertise—Latin American law and labor arbitration. He consulted for the U.S. State Department on the administration of justice in Central America, constitutional reform in Colombia and legal reform in Nicaragua. He consulted on labor antitrust issues and did labor arbitration, mostly in the public sector.

In the mid-1980s, he got his first taste of institution building as an Associate Dean under Dean Claude Sowle, which sparked an interest in academic administration. After his two daughters were off to college, Dean Lynch left UM in 1990 to serve as Dean of the University of Denver College of Law. He returned to the classroom in Denver seven years later. “I didn’t anticipate coming back to UM as Dean,” he said.

But UM wooed him back to Miami in 1999, leading Dean Lynch to “the most challenging and rewarding years of my professional life.”



## The **Judy Proller** Endowed Scholarship

JUDY PROLLER, JD '84, has established a scholarship to assist single mothers attending the University of Miami School of Law. The \$50,000 donation will allow the Law School to give \$2,500 scholarships for single women who are working towards their JD while raising their children.

When she started at the Law School in 1981, Proller was married with a three-year-old daughter and a husband who was also studying for his Ph.D. at the University of Miami. In addition to loans and scholarships, including a half-tuition scholarship from the Law School for all three years of her studies, Proller took a part-time job to help support the household.

Halfway through her legal studies, Proller and her husband separated, finalizing their divorce shortly after she graduated.

"I was facing the prospect of raising my child as a single mother while still in school," said Proller. "Finding balance in my life was already a challenge, but this really taught me how to make every minute count, how to budget my time, and how to balance my priorities – lessons I passed on to my daughter."

Being a single parent was also a challenge after graduation, but Proller already had a sense of how she wanted to live her life. Refusing to work at a job that required long hours and sacrificed time with her daughter, Proller sought out positions that allowed her to maintain the balance she had worked so hard to achieve during law school. Over time, she developed her practice in plaintiffs' personal injury and worker's compensation, ultimately becoming a partner in a small firm.

Proller's ability to balance her personal and professional lives has stayed with her throughout her life. In addition to serving as a role model for her daughter and maintaining a successful legal practice, she made time for professional development, serving as President of the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association from 1993 to 1994.

"I'm very grateful to have had the opportunities I've had," said Proller. "I know that the support offered to me by the University of Miami School of Law was instrumental in providing the groundwork for service and giving back, and for supporting others who face similar challenges."

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## Remembering **Claude Eichel**, JD '63

**CLAUDE  
LAZARE  
EICHEL,  
JD '63**



by Chuck Ruffner, JD '64

**CLAUDE LAZARE EICHEL** was my good friend. We met in September 1960, when we both enrolled in the night school program at the University of Miami School of Law. Claude was a practicing CPA, and I was an Internal Revenue Agent.

Claude was born in Paris, France in 1937 of Polish parents who had fled the Nazis. Claude and his family fled again in 1940 and made it into Spain only 10 cars ahead of the closing of the border by the Vichy French. The family arrived in New York City by boat from Portugal in 1941. His mother became seriously ill due to the devastating emotional effects of fleeing the Nazis and was placed in the care of her own parents in Sydney, who had fled to Australia from Vienna. All contact was lost with her until Claude traced her to a relative's home and went to visit her in Australia when he was 21. In the meantime, Claude's father re-married an émigré from Vienna, who raised Claude, and they had two daughters, Yvonne Sherington and Barbara Gee, who now reside in London.

Claude had been diagnosed with lung cancer in his early 20's and settled in Miami to recuperate after an operation. Claude's father always blamed his illness on x-rays taken while they were on the run in France. Claude was not told of his condition and thought he had made a complete recovery, although he sometimes had severe stomach pains while in law school.

Even though Claude tired easily, he managed to work full time as a CPA and to excel in both accounting and law school, graduating cum laude from law school in 1963 and serving with me on the editorial board of the *Miami Law Review*. After graduation, Claude obtained his LL.M. in taxation from Harvard Law School in 1965, also cum laude. While studying at Harvard, Claude visited me frequently in Washington, D.C. where I was working as a trial attorney in the Department of Justice Tax Division. During one of his visits, I took him to a Justice Department party where he met his idol, then-Attorney General Bobby Kennedy.

After I entered private practice in 1967 with a boutique tax law firm in Miami, Claude and I spoke about forming a partnership after I had established my own client base. While I was building my practice, Claude served as chairman of a subcommittee of the Tax Section Committee of The Florida Bar, as a scoutmaster for a troop of handicapped boys, and as president of a B'nai Brith Lodge.

To my great sorrow, our partnership plans never materialized. Claude's cancer became active once more and his condition deteriorated steadily. Claude died in 1971 at the age of 34 after a prolonged and painful illness. An article in the November 1971 issue of the *Miami Review* newspaper properly described him as "a scholar and a humanitarian." Claude's father died shortly thereafter "of a broken heart," and at that time his family relocated to Europe.

In 1975 I established the Claude Lazare Eichel Memorial Loan Fund at the University of Miami School of Law, to benefit law students enrolled in the evening program. Contributions to the fund continued over the years and helped many students. However, the evening program was discontinued several years ago, and since then a new direction for the fund has emerged, thanks to a recent Miami Law School graduate named David T. Podein.

I had the privilege of speaking with David recently, who shared with me his story and his feelings about the new scholarship fund.

David obtained his JD from the Law School in May 2008. As he began his second year of law school, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Despite surgery to remove the tumor the cancer spread, necessitating more time off from his studies.

When David first realized there might be a health problem, he went to the University of Miami Student Health Services Center, which conducted medical tests and returned the results the same day. The difficult news of his diagnosis added to his already considerable pressure as a first year law student, and in that moment he took the final leap into adulthood, trying to figure out how best to break the news to his family, friends, and the faculty and administration at the Law School. Very shortly thereafter, David underwent surgery to remove the tumor.

After surgery, David believed he would miss two weeks of school at most. But two weeks later, as he was preparing to return to classes, his surgeon called him at 11 o'clock at night to tell him the bad news – the cancer had spread to his lymphatic system, and he would need to undergo chemotherapy. Fortunately, just as the University had helped with his diagnosis, the Law School helped ease his transition. The Dean of Students Office was able to assist David in withdrawing from classes and taking a leave of absence.

David then moved home to Grand Rapids, Michigan so his parents could help with his medical care as he completed three rounds of chemotherapy over three months' time, something he couldn't have done on his own in Florida. Chemotherapy, as he explained, is very hard both physically and mentally on the patient.

Unfortunately, he had already paid his tuition for the semester, purchased textbooks, and started classes. As a result, he wasn't eligible for a full refund.

Facing the stress of lost tuition dollars gave him the idea for a scholarship to help other UM Law students like himself, who face serious health issues during their legal studies. After David approached the Law School's administration to discuss the possibility of starting a scholarship fund to assist other students in similar circumstances, Dean Dennis O. Lynch suggested converting the Claude Eichel Scholarship Fund into one that might meet this need, and so a new purpose was created for this scholarship, for which preference will be given to assist enrolled students who are struggling with a life-threatening illness.

"Life-threatening illnesses are a drain on all resources, especially financial," David said. "When it interrupts your studies, you shouldn't have to worry about making up the extra costs of that interruption."

When David returned for the Spring semester his 2L year, he had no hair due to the chemotherapy, and he knew it would be noticed. David made the courageous decision not to try to cover it up, and after working with me and with the Law School administration to establish this new scholarship fund, he began raising money for it,

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David T. Podein JD '08, Chuck Ruffner JD '64, Dean of Students Janet Stearns

even though he was not a beneficiary.

Partnering with the Law School's Society of Bar and Gavel, he organized a fundraiser that brought in more than \$1,500 in contributions towards the scholarship fund. This May, in honor of his graduation, David's parents contributed another \$1,000 to the fund. Claude's two sisters also made substantial contributions to the fund on Claude's behalf, but our ultimate goal is to raise sufficient funds to stand as an independent scholarship fund for those enrolled at the Law School who are in need of assistance due to a life-threatening illness.

Meanwhile, a year and a half after his diagnosis and treatment, David's cancer is still in remission.

We welcome your tax-deductible charitable contributions to the Claude Lazare Eichel Endowed Scholarship Fund. We have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Please make checks payable to the University of Miami School of Law. You may also make a secure online gift at [www.law.miami.edu/alumni](http://www.law.miami.edu/alumni).



## Burton Young Endowed Scholarship Fund



**BURTON  
YOUNG  
JD '50**

BURTON YOUNG, JD '50, has left an indelible mark on the Florida judiciary. His legacy includes a war of words with a Florida governor, an election upset with The Florida Bar, a distinguished career, and a lifetime of public service that has permanently reshaped Florida's legal system. Now, his legacy will include an endowed scholarship fund and an externship program that will train UM Law students to be the future generations of family lawyers.

Young's legal practice got an early start when, as a junior at the University of Miami, he transferred into the Law School and earned his law degree.

"I was probably too young then for law school," he recalled. "I had just been elected to the student senate as a junior, and had been a freshman and sophomore senator. Then I transferred to the law school. That ended my political career at the university."

Graduating shortly before his 22nd birthday, Young went to work for the attorney he had been working for throughout law school, a woman who represented most of the night club owners on Miami Beach. A year later, he joined forces with classmate Hon. Marshall Ader, JD '50. Soon after that, they were joined by Richard E. Gerstein, who later became the State Attorney for Miami-Dade County and uncovered the first direct links between the Watergate burglary and the White House of President Richard M. Nixon. While Gerstein served as State Attorney, he appointed Young as an acting state attorney in the prosecution of news celebrity Larry King on charges of grand larceny, stemming from private funding for Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

After establishing a solid legal practice in the Miami community, Young set his sights on The Florida Bar in 1970.

"Even though the presidency of The Florida Bar was decided through a statewide election by members of the organization, the Board of Governors had a lot of power over who ran and who won," he said. "Up to that point, the presidents had all been members of the Board of Governors, and I had not been."

Young won a substantial victory on a platform of increased transparency and a push to bring the antiquated processes of The Florida Bar into the 20th century.

"It was time for some new blood," noted Young. "A lot of lawyers were very suspicious of The Florida Bar."

His term was a year of firsts: he was the first Jew and the first UM graduate to be President of The Florida Bar, and he was the first president that had not been on the Board of Governors. Despite this, said Young, the Board of Governors was very supportive, leading to a year of significant accomplishments, establishing a public relations department for the organization and spearheading its activities to improve the administration of justice and the selection of judges. It was this last activity that led to a public falling out with then-Florida Governor Claude Kirk when Young openly accused him of "kicking the administration of justice in the teeth."

Shortly after Young's term as President of The Florida Bar was completed, Florida's new governor, Reubin Askew, asked him to help draft a judicial nominating commission plan, where judges would be appointed by governor based on commission recommendation. With only slight modifications to the draft, the plan was adopted by executive order, and is now a substantial part of an amendment to Article 5 of Florida's Constitution.

"Reubin and I worked very well together," recalled Young. "While I was President of The Florida Bar, he sent me to a University of Florida program for state citizens lacking post-secondary education. We listened to them, really listened, and made recommendations to Reubin to address the problems these people brought to us."

While he was at this conference, Young met a student interested in going to law school, who greatly impressed him.

"I thought this kid would make a great lawyer someday," he said.

So great, in fact, that when the student asked Young for a letter of recommendation, he got it – a rare event for Young when he was President of The Florida Bar.

"As it turns out," recalled Young, "he did make a great lawyer. He went to UM Law, and got his degree in 1976."

The student's name was Frank Angones – the first Cuban-born President of The Florida Bar. When the 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society honored Young as a Legal Legend in 2007, Angones was one of several people who appeared in a video to praise him.

# NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Young's professional efforts continued after his term as President of the Bar ended. He also served as President of the Florida chapter of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. In 1980, *Canakaris v. Canakaris* adopted by judicial fiat the doctrine of equitable distribution in Florida divorce cases, a legal concept usually enacted by legislation. It was the most modern method for distributing marital assets and liabilities, but the decision vested almost absolute power of discretion in distribution of assets to circuit judges, resulting in great disparity.

"I thought this was going to clog the courts, and we ought to have a statute enacted," said Young.

Deciding to take action, he called his close friend, Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Alan Sundberg, and told him they should appoint a Supreme Court commission. A few days later, the Florida Supreme Court justices approved a 30-person commission, headed by Justice Ben Overton, and Young was asked to serve and recommend members. After three years of work by the committee, the Florida Legislature adopted an amended statute to bring uniformity to law with regards to distribution of assets, a move that is still seen as a major accomplishment in family law in Florida.

Throughout his career, Young's connection with the University of Miami School of Law has been constant. Both his children are UM alumni, with his son, David, following in his father's footsteps. After graduating from UM Law School, David was an assistant state attorney. He was then elected to the Circuit Court, later resigning to become a TV judge on the Judge David Young Show.

"UM is my school," he said. "I taught Legal Ethics here in the 70's, and I've had good relationships with the administration throughout my professional life."

Young met late UM Law Dean Soia Mentschikoff when he asked her to participate in a long-range planning committee on legal education, and how it would affect the administration of legal justice in the next 20 to 30 years.

"Soia Mentschikoff was a close friend of mine," said Young. "She was iconoclastic. We would meet periodically for lunch and have spirited debates."

Young's activism in the legal profession has continued to this day.

With such a successful career and a full life, the partners at his law firm had a difficult time deciding what to get Young for his 80th birthday last August. In the end, they turned to Young's alma mater to give him a meaningful gift.

"We were trying to come up with something different for his birthday present," recalled Mitchell Karpf, JD '84. Karpf and Andrew Berman, JD '83, are partners with Young's firm, Young, Berman, Karpf & Gonzalez P.A.

"What do you get for a man who already has everything he wants?" added Berman.

Knowing how difficult it was financially for Young to attend the University of Miami School of Law, they decided there would be no better way to honor him than to establish an endowed scholarship fund in his name.



**Standing, left to right: Donna Coker, Associate Dean & Professor of Law, Joel H. Brown, Administrative Judge, Family Division 11th Judicial Circuit, Sandy E. Karlan, Associate Administrative Judge, Family Division 11th Judicial Circuit, Gina V. Colas, Burton Young Externship award recipient, Joke Dekeersschietter, Burton Young Externship award recipient, Bernard P. Perlmutter, JD'83, Associate Professor of Clinical Legal Education. Seated, left to right: Mitchell K. Karpf, JD'84, Burton Young, JD'50, Andrew S. Berman, JD'83, Partners of Young Berman Karpf & Gonzalez.**

"We knew that this was the right gift," said Karpf. "He's already created such a substantial legacy in the legal community."

"The scholarship fund would last beyond Burton's lifetime, and preserve his legacy for future generations of attorneys," noted Berman.

They made the announcement at Young's 80 birthday bash last year.

"I was stunned!" said Young. "I was floored, I was shocked, I was delighted. It was one of the first times in my life I was actually rendered speechless. I was so touched by their generosity."

Gina Colas, a rising third-year student at the Law School, was selected to be the first extern of the program. As an intern last year for the CYLC, she worked on a wide variety of projects from legal memos and presentations to dependency matters and working with unaccompanied refugee minors.

"I am so honored to be the first student selected for this program," said Colas. "The experience I've gained at the Clinic will serve me very well, and I'm going to learn so much more about the realities of family law and the judicial system."

"This is an exciting program," Young agreed. "Gina is a superb student and she will make a wonderful advocate. I'm thrilled that she will be participating in the externship program this year. This is why we have the scholarship and the externship program – to train and assist future generations of family law practitioners."

"This is really what it means to leave a legacy."

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On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank all of our Dean's Circle members for their generosity towards the Law School and welcome new Dean's Circle members who contributed during the fiscal year of June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008.

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Jeff James was headed toward a career in business after earning a Bachelor's at the University of Florida, but now James says "going to law school is one of the best decisions I've made."

James, a Miami native, transferred to the University of Miami School of Law after studying law for a year at Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, California. After returning to Miami, James interned for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida under Judge Jacqueline Hogan Scola, JD '82. The experience, along with his work as an intern in the Misdemeanor Division of the Miami Dade Public Defender's Office, unearthed a passion for criminal law. "I feel that people don't really know their rights and can be taken advantage of," James says.

When it comes to his dream of being a criminal defense attorney, James says receiving the Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton Scholarship is confirmation that his dreams are becoming a reality. "I realize that I can do this," he says.

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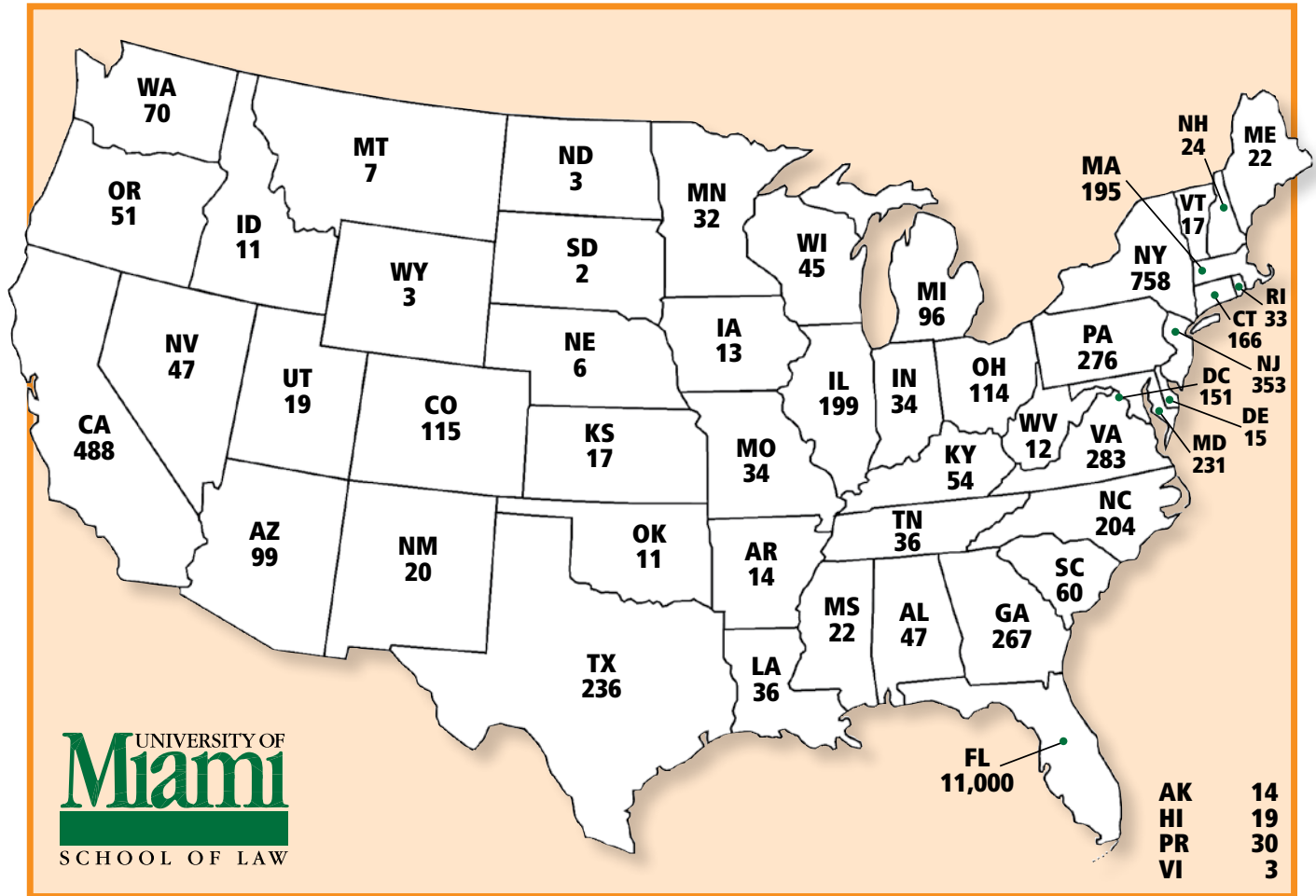
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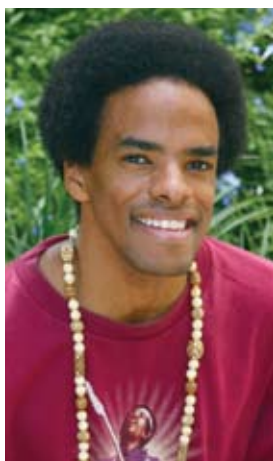


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Committed to helping others, Rob worked as a mentor with a program Friends of the Children, taught English each week to U.S. immigrants, and volunteered with a number of organizations involved with the environment, the arts, the homeless, the elderly, and the physically and mentally challenged. He wants to commit his legal career to serving others and ensuring everyone has equal access to justice.

**CATHERINE DORVIL**, CLASS OF 2009, earned her Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Puget Sound in 1996 and a Master's degree in Maternal and Child Health from Harvard University in 2001, focusing on international health, disabilities, and nutrition.

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. Catherine also worked as the interim executive director of the Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti based in Chattanooga, Tennessee; the program director of the Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti in Leogane, Haiti; coordinator of the Soldier of Health Women's Health Group in Roxbury, Massachusetts; Disability Coordinator/Public Health Intern for Save the Children (USA) in Dhaka, Bangladesh; Food and Hunger Intern at Rosie's Place in Boston, Massachusetts; and Occupational Therapist for the Pazapa Center for Disabled Children in Jacmel, Haiti.

The Mentschikoff Scholarship has made it possible for Catherine to follow her passion. "I wouldn't be here without 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."

Catherine is a Dean's Fellow and a member of the UM Law Review and the International Law Society. She is currently interning with the Department of Homeland Security in Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In 2007, she interned with the Institute of Justice and Democracy in Haiti, evaluating Haitian juvenile detention centers. She also worked as a summer associate with Hogan and Hartson, LLP, in Miami, and has accepted a permanent offer to work there after graduation in the areas of litigation and health law.

"I look forward to opportunities for pro bono work, and plan to use principles of law to advocate for the rights of the powerless throughout the developing world and to protect the dignity of the severely destitute so that they might not feel compelled to use violence to give their lives purpose," she says.

**FREDDY FUNES**, CLASS OF 2009, earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2004. Born and raised in Miami Beach to 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.

While at MIT, Freddy worked as an associate advisor in the school's academic resource center and was a research assistant in the political science department. He wrote prolific reviews of philosophical works by John Stuart Mill, John Rawls, Noam Chomsky, Robert Nozick, and Fredrick Engels. He also wrote music and book reviews for MIT's student paper, *The Tech*. Freddy has a passion for learning new subjects, and his interest in law grew alongside 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," he said. Freddy found himself reading Supreme Court decisions in his spare time and, from then on, knew that law school was in his future. Freddy is executive editor of the University of Miami Law Review. He is interested in patent law, international law, and constitutional law.

**ISABEL GUELL**, CLASS OF 2009, earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Corporate Finance and a minor in Art History from the University of Southern California. Isabel's family



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immigrated to the U.S. from Cuba during her junior year of high school, prior to which she did not know English. After an intensive summer English language program, Isabel took the SAT, graduated from high school and began college at the University of Southern California.

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 didn't always know was possible. Isabel is interested in business law, commercial law, and family law. During her undergraduate career, she served as a summer finance-accounting intern, a production manager assistant at Levlad Inc., an outreach coordinator assistant for JobStarts Inc. and USC Development Center, and an accounting assistant at USC.

**JENNIFER HAMMITT**, CLASS OF 2011, graduated from the University of New Mexico in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in English and Philosophy. She was co-captain of the National College Bowl Team and chapter officer of the American Civil Liberties Union at UNM. Jennifer also studied at St. Johns College in New Mexico in the "Great Books" program, where she was a regular contributor to the college's newspaper and a Polity Student Government Officer.



In 2006, Jennifer went to Guatemala to work as technician in the Appropriate Technology Project of the Peace Corps, where she worked to build technologies and products in a sustainable manner to improve the health and hygiene of rural Guatemalans. Jennifer also coordinated community development projects with CARE International, a worldwide non-profit organization, and worked with local community groups and government offices. Jennifer is interested in international law pertinent to trade and international business development with a focus in the application and establishment of the rule of law. At the Law School, Jennifer volunteers with the HOPE Workers' Justice and Workers' Wage Misclassification Project, working to raise awareness of wage theft problems affecting low wage employees in South Florida and increase workers' access to remedies.

**JESSICA MELIA**, CLASS OF 2009, earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Wesleyan University in 2003, where she received departmental honors in sociology and the Olin Fellowship. While in college, she wrote a senior essay titled, "The Negotiation of Power and Resistance in the



Aftermath of a Bolivian Oil Spill." She had the opportunity to extensively investigate the oil spill discussed in her essay as part of her semester abroad at the School of International Training in Bolivia. Both the essay and Jessica's oral defense of the essay were deemed honors level by the departmental faculty in sociology, earning Jessica the Robert S. Lynd award, given to the sociology major with the best senior essay.

Throughout her years at Wesleyan, Jessica, who is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Portuguese, was involved in many organizations, including the United Student Labor Action Coalition, the Bolivian Environmental Law Foundation, and United Students Against Sweatshops. Additionally, she was a research intern at the ACLU-Drug Policy Litigation Project and a gymnastics instructor at the YMCA Middletown Gymnastics Program. Upon graduating from college, Jessica, who was born in Glen Head, New York interned at the AFL-CIO Organizing Institute in New York City for a few months before working as a union organizer for UNITE HERE. "Law school is a big change in pace and direction from union organizing, but it's also a natural extension of my life and my endeavor to address the inequities in our society," she said.

Jessica has participated in the Law School's International Law Society and volunteered with VITA, a volunteer tax preparation service organized by the HOPE Public Interest Resource Center. Jessica is interested in labor and employment law, civil rights law and environmental law.

**WILLIAM NICHOLSON**, CLASS OF 2010, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Georgia in Athens with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. He has traveled the globe, visiting 23 countries on five continents where he has enriched his studies of foreign politics, geography and world history.

At UGA, William was a presidential scholar and a recipient of the HOPE Scholarship, UGA Charter Scholarship, and the I.W. Hughes Scholarship. His senior undergraduate thesis analyzed the Federal Trade Commission's Horizontal Merger Guidelines, focusing on how the commission's policies have impacted consumer welfare. William also collaborated with an attorney at the UGA Office of Legal Affairs, where he interned, on a presentation analyzing the USA PATRIOT Act's impact on security measures taken on university campuses. The presentation was given at a University System of Georgia conference. Before law school, William volunteered for the

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Georgia Unit and worked as a legal assistant at the New York office of Chadbourne & Parke LLP.

William has been quite active at the Law School as well. He was a Dean's Fellow and a teaching assistant. In addition, he is currently a candidate on the University of Miami Law Review, and works with the Ethics & Professional Responsibility Program in the Center for Ethics & Public Service. During the summer of 2008, William interned for Judge Leslie B. Rothenberg at the Third District Court of Appeal of Florida. He is interested in constitutional law, property, place and identity, and ethics, and ultimately hopes to pursue a career in academia.



**KAREN SHAFRIR**, CLASS OF 2009, received her Bachelor's degree from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, where she participated in a number of student organizations, served as a research assistant to two professors and tutored varsity athletes in the subjects of statistics and writing. During her time at the University of Miami, Karen has undertaken numerous activities, including serving as executive editor of the International and Comparative Law Review; a research assistant to Professor Anthony V. Alfieri; a fellow in the Center for Ethics & Public Service; an intern to the Honorable Kenneth Ryksamp; and a law clerk at Boise, Schiller and Flexner, LLP. Most recently, Karen worked as a Summer Associate in the Miami office of Carlton Fields and as a law clerk in the United States Attorney's Office, Economic Crimes Division.

Upon graduation, Karen will serve as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera, one of seven judges sitting on the Court of Appeals of Maryland. Karen is certain that the one-year position on the state's highest court will be a wonderful experience and a great introduction to the legal profession.

## Dean's Scholars

**WATCHARIN (HENRY) PHOTANGTHAM**, CLASS OF 2009, earned a Bachelor's degree in Art History with distinction from the University of Virginia in 1996. While at UVA, Henry was admitted to the Distinguished Majors Program in Art History and completed a senior thesis on the Athenian Acropolis during the Fifth Century B.C. Additionally, he received the Department Recognition Award in his major.

Prior to law school, Henry was the manager of

the Corporate Sales and Marketing Department at UnitedHealthcare, where he worked since graduating from college. Through the years, he held various supervisory and managerial positions in their Corporate Sales and Marketing and Technical Support Departments. In 1999, he began working as a weekend docent at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for leading groups of visitors through the museum's art collection and special exhibits. Henry, who was born in Thailand and moved to the United States when he was 11 years old, speaks both English and Thai fluently.

During the spring semester of 2008, Henry worked as a legal intern in the Healthcare Fraud Division of the U. S. Attorney's Office in Miami, FL. During this past summer, he interned at the District of Columbia's Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking in the Securities Bureau.

**NICHOLAS SHERMAN**, CLASS OF 2009, earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999. As the son of international journalists, Nicholas 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.

After earning his Bachelor's degree, Nicholas worked as an accounts consultant at Prudential Securities in New York City before joining the United States Navy, where he was stationed in Tokyo, Japan, as the air intelligence officer for Strike Fighter Squadron 195 aboard the USS Kitty Hawk. As an air intelligence officer, Nicholas was responsible for strike planning, intelligence briefings and mission debriefings during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Nicholas 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. In 2002, he was named the Naval Intelligence Junior Officer of the Year. Later that year, he left Japan for an assignment at the Naval Airstation Capodichino, Field Operating Base in Naples, Italy, where he served as a Defense Liaison Officer for the American Embassies in Lusaka, Zambia and Bamako, Mali. Sherman was also deployed to Iraq in support of the Iraq Survey Group. In 2004, he was named Company Grade Officer of the Year for the Defense Intelligence Agency service component.

Nicholas's military experience fueled his existing interest in international law and human rights, and he returned to the States to begin law school. He has earned Dean's Certificates of Achievement in Constitutional Law I, Civil Procedure II, and for his work with the International and Comparative Law Review. During the summer of 2008, Nicholas interned at Shakalany Law Office in Cairo, Egypt in the transnational contracts division.

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**RENEE DARVILLE**, CLASS OF 2011, graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville, majoring in Linguistics with a double minor in Spanish and Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), and received the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and United States Navy Collegiate ROTC Scholarship.



Renee, a Florida native, was involved in several community service endeavors. She mentored cadets in the Boca Raton Community High School NJROTC unit, worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami, and volunteered for the Florida Research Institute for Equine Nurturing, Development and Safety.

Renee also worked as a Staffing Manager at Robert Half International, an international corporate recruitment firm. She is fluent in

Spanish and conversational in French, Portuguese, and Basic American sign language. Renee is interested in contract law and international law.

**MICHAEL HOLT**, CLASS OF 2011, earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Miami in Psychology with minors in Biology and Business Law in 2002. He also earned a Master's degree in Student Affairs Administration from Michigan State University in 2004. While at MSU, Michael co-taught a three-credit upper-division class for the Department of Educational Administration.

Michael is a member of the Iron Arrow Society, which is the highest honor attainable at the University of Miami. He is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society, and Who's Who Among American University Students (undergrad and graduate school). Prior to law school, Michael worked in student affairs, in housing and residence life, at many different institutions including Norwood University, University of California, Riverside, Michigan State University, and the University of Miami.

Michael is interested in many different aspects of law, but he is particularly interested in civil rights, family law, intellectual property law, and alternative dispute resolution.

## Reid Scholars

**SAMANTHA FEANNY**, CLASS OF 2009, earned a Bachelor's degree in History with minors in French and Fine Arts in 2006 from New York University, where she was the recipient of the Draper Scholarship. While at NYU, Samantha, who writes and speaks French fluently, spent a semester in Paris where all courses were taught in French.

Samantha stems from a family of lawyers. Her father, who studied law before becoming a pilot, works for Air Jamaica, and her mother is an intellectual property lawyer. Adding to that, Samantha's two older sisters are also lawyers, one of whom graduated from the Law School 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] scholarship lets me focus on law school by taking a lot of the burden off of me." Like her mother, Samantha is interested in intellectual property law.

**KRISTOPHER ZINCHIAK**, CLASS OF 2009, earned his Bachelor's degree in Legal Studies, with minors in Finance and Sports Management, at the University of Miami, where he was a member of the President's Honor Roll and recipient of the Henry King Stanford Scholarship. As an undergraduate, he was one of five students accepted to study abroad at the International University of Monaco.

In addition, Kristopher was vice-president of the Golden Key International Honour Society, a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society for AACSB Accredited Business Programs, a Student Government Academic Affairs cabinet member, participant in the School of Business Mentor Program, a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, a member of the University of Miami School of Business Pre-MBA Club, and a Hurricanes Help the Hometown community service volunteer.

Kristopher's work experience includes an internship at the law firm of Panza, Maurer & Maynard, P.A.; a finance internship at Scottrade; working as a film actor and extra in the Miami Vice movie; a volunteer internship in the University of Miami's Sports Marketing Department; and working as a personal assistant to the director of operations for the Bush-Cheney 2004 Campaign Headquarters in Miami. In 2007, Kristopher was a legal assistant at Rodney & Bernstein, P.A. in Miami, FL, and in 2008 he worked as a summer associate at Herron Jacobs Ortiz, P.A., also in Miami.

Kristopher has received top honors in the Law School's Litigation Skills Program. The Miami native is also proficient in Spanish.



## Leave a Lasting Legacy through a Charitable Lead Trust

Did you know that making a gift to the School of Law and preserving your assets for yourself or your beneficiaries is not necessarily an either/or proposition? With careful planning, you can accomplish more than one objective through the use of a Charitable Lead Trust (CLT). A CLT is a powerful financial tool that can allow you to make a future transfer of assets to yourself or your heirs at a significantly reduced gift and estate tax cost, while also providing the School of Law with income. Unlike a charitable remainder trust, which takes care of specified beneficiaries first, leaving the remainder to charity, a CLT takes care of the charity first for a specified term of years, with the trust principal eventually going back to you or to specified beneficiaries.

A CLT can be set up either during your lifetime or through your will. To create one, you irrevocably transfer assets (appreciating assets are often a wise choice) to a trustee you name, for example, the University of Miami. During the trust's term, typically 10-20 years, the University would invest the trust's assets and provide a fixed dollar amount each year to the School of Law. When the trust term ends, the trust distributes all of the assets, and any growth realized, to you or your heirs. You receive a federal estate tax deduction equal to the estimated value of the annual trust payments to the School of Law. Moreover, any appreciation in the assets during the term of the trust is not subject to additional estate tax. As a result, you are often able to reduce your taxable estate and pass on to your heirs a larger portion of your assets.

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Mr. Reynolds is using a lead trust to achieve two important objectives: to create a lasting memorial to his wife, an alumna of the School of Law, and to transfer income-producing property to his sons. To accomplish his objectives, Mr. Reynolds places a commercial rental property he owns, valued at \$1.5 million, into a CLT for 20 years, which will produce an annual income for the School of Law of approximately \$90,000 (6%). He will receive a gift tax deduction of \$922,770. The income stream to the School of Law totals \$1,800,000 and will be used to create scholarships in honor of his wife. Assuming that the property will appreciate in value at



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Executive Director,  
Office of Estate  
and Gift Planning

the rate of about 3% per year, the value of the building will increase to \$2,709,167 over 20 years. Therefore, considering both the gift to the School of Law and the asset that he is able to then transfer to his sons, Mr. Reynolds has achieved more than \$4.5 million in benefits to the School of Law and his family by arranging the lead trust with an asset originally valued at \$1.5 million.

A CLT can thus be a wonderful way to benefit the School of Law and to create a lasting legacy while at the same time reaping financial benefits by minimizing your tax liability and preserving your wealth for future generations. Before creating a CLT, however, it is important to seek the advice of a professional advisor, as the benefits of a particular planned giving vehicle vary based on personal circumstances. For further information and/or a personal illustration of the benefits of a CLT, please contact Cynthia L. Beamish, Executive Director, Office of Estate and Gift Planning, University of Miami at (305) 284-2914 or cbeamish@miami.edu.

## HERITAGE SOCIETY

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# LITIGATION SKILLS PROGRAM

## Litigation Skills Program Scholarships and Awards

The flagship of the law school's skills training is our nationally acclaimed Litigation Skills Program. While many schools teach trial advocacy, few teach pretrial skills. No other school presents this course for so many hours or opens it to all students who wish to

participate. Approximately 70% of our students take the voluntary six-credit Litigation Skills I class, which helps them develop fundamental skills through intensive classroom exercise and simulated courtroom trial experience.



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# PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAMS

The University of Miami School of Law is committed to providing exceptional opportunities for students to develop lawyering skills while giving back to those most in need. Through the litigation skills program, clinics and public interest programs, students are engaged in meaningful work facilitating access to justice. The HOPE Public Interest Resource Center serves as the clearinghouse for public interest work, identifying the areas of interest the students possess and directing them to opportunities at the School of Law and in the community. The growth of the Center for Ethics and Public Service, the development of new legal advocacy projects through HOPE and the ever-expanding list of placement opportunities through the litigation skills program provide our students with unique and challenging ways to promote social justice.

Since its founding 13 years ago, the School of Law's Center for Ethics and Public Service has developed in-house clinics and educational programs which provide legal representation to low-income communities in the fields of elder and children's rights, public health entitlements, and nonprofit economic development, as well as legal ethics education and professional training to the Law School, University, and Florida business, civic, and legal communities.

The Center is an interdisciplinary clinical program devoted to the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in law and society. It observes three guiding principles: interdisciplinary collaboration, public-private partnership, and student mentoring and leadership training. Ultimately, the goal is to educate law students to serve their communities as citizen lawyers, continuing the Law School's long tradition of public service.

This award-winning, interdisciplinary Center is home to three in-house live-client clinics, three educational outreach programs, and new pilot projects on Historic Black Church outreach, Elder Law, and Government, Law & Ethics. Working with more than 160 UM Law students and undergraduates, the Center delivers much-needed assistance to underserved populations.

In addition to its clinical and educational programs, the Center provides approximately 20 rising second-year students the opportunity to intern for the summer at a designated South Florida public interest organization through its Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program. Each participant receives a stipend from the Florida Bar Foundation and a tuition scholarship from the Law School. In addition to the placement the students also attend a three-credit seminar in which they meet and share their experiences which include relevant readings, guest speakers, a weekly journal and a research paper assignment.

Through the work of the Ethics and Professional Responsibility Program (EAPR), the Center develops and presents continuing legal education (CLE) ethics trainings to the South Florida legal community, leadership luncheon roundtables and various symposia. Students develop "hot-topic" ethics and professionalism issues and then draft creative hypotheticals and legal memoranda to present to nonprofit legal services agencies, for-profit law offices, corporations, government agencies, bar associations and the courts. Students also initiate and moderate luncheon roundtables on current issues to present the views of prominent members of the legal community on a diversity of topics. Finally, the Ethics and Professional Responsibility Program collaborates with other University departments, government agencies and the nonprofit and private sectors on special projects, symposia and workshops.

## Children and Youth Law Clinic

In the 2007-2008 academic year, the Children and Youth Law Clinic (CYLC) continued its work in legal services and reform advocacy. This statewide public interest project, under the supervision of Bernard

Perlmutter and Kele Williams, works with more than 20 legal interns and fellows to assist children in the foster care system.

In April of this year, the Clinic joined forces with the national Juvenile Law Center (JLC) and the Florida State University College of Law's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights to file an amicus curiae brief before the Board of Immigration Appeals, in support of an adjustment to the immigration status of a teenage boy who suffered abuse and abandonment. The adjustment would enable him to stay in the United States and eventually become a citizen.

In its efforts to represent clients as a whole or as a class and to further legal reform, one of the Clinic's interns drafted what ultimately became Senate Bill 2750 and House Bill 769. This bill included provisions aimed at improving the education of children in foster care by appointing surrogate parents to advocate for these children in school.

Gina Colas, an intern at the Clinic, had the chance to work on a variety of matters, including a presentation



**GINA COLAS**

"As interns we were expected to keep in contact with our clients and keep current on the developing legal issues in their cases. The educational experience that the Clinic has offered me has been tremendous. I learned how to communicate and relate to clients to develop a trusting and reliable relationship."

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for a group of psychology doctoral students at Carlos Albizu University, along with two other interns in the Clinic, and helped develop an educational plan for a client. In addition, she had the opportunity to work

on dependency matters as well as family law matters dealing with custody, child support, and adoption. She also worked directly with unaccompanied refugee minors.

## Community Economic Development and Design Clinic

The Community Economic Development and Design Clinic (CEDAD), a community-based education, technical assistance and law reform program, furnishes economic development aid, litigation support, and self-help advocacy training to low-income nonprofit and faith-based groups in collaboration with the University's School of Architecture and Florida Legal Services. The clinic also provides corporate compliance training to local nonprofit organizations.

This year, CEDAD spearheaded an exciting new project which partnered the Center with historic black churches in West Coconut Grove. The burgeoning partnership seeks to solve the West Grove's most pressing problems by going through one of the few institutions in the community that

has demonstrated an ability to foster change. UM Law Professor Tony Alfieri, founder and director of the Center for Ethics and Public Service, plans to engage students to help organize seminars and workshops on education, taxes, tenants' rights, and other issues, providing avenues of free legal assistance to church members, many of whom are longtime residents of a community in crisis.

"These communities need assistance in a number of areas, and we are in a position to help them tremendously," said Louis J. Chiavacci, a member of the Center's Advisory Board. Chiavacci, a Merrill Lynch broker and financial planner, recently conducted a financial self-sufficiency workshop at one of the West Grove churches.

## Health and Elder Law Clinic

Last year's Elder Law Project has been subsumed within the Law School's previously existing Community Health Rights Education Clinic (CHRE), which has been renamed the Health and Elder Law Clinic under UM Law Professor JoNel Newman's careful guidance.

The integrated teaching, research, and community service program continues to provide legal services to the impoverished populations of Miami-Dade County who utilize our public and federally-subsidized health care systems and to provide rights presentations to underserved communities in cooperation with the University's School of Nursing and Health Studies and Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. The elder law component of the Clinic will more specifically target these services to assist the large number of impoverished elderly in our community. Through focus groups and outreach, students will continue to research and explore the legal needs and substantive legal issues affecting the elderly such as healthcare, probate and estate law. Under the supervision of faculty and staff attorneys, the Clinic's students will represent clients in federal and state administrative hearings and prepare wills, durable power of attorney, other advance directive documents, and guardianships as needed.

Olga Porven, JD '08, was a student intern with the Elder Law Project during the 2007-2008 academic year, and will spend the next two years working to expand and further develop the scope of services offered by the Clinic as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. She is one of only 53 law school graduates nationwide who received an Equal Justice Works Fellowship.

Olga has already started developing partnerships with the Alliance for Aging, Miami-Dade County Team Metro Community Affairs and other Miami-Dade County Elder Service Providers. She also plans to develop and conduct trainings for health care professionals and social workers who assist the elderly on these topics. She anticipates that the elder law component of the Health and Elder Law Clinic will ultimately provide direct representation and education to Miami-Dade low-income elders in the areas of estate and permanency planning, advance directives and public benefits such as Social Security, Food Stamps and Medicaid.

"The Health and Elder Law Clinic is devoted to training the next generation of pro bono and elder lawyers. I feel privileged and honored to do this work in the community. It nourishes my soul."



**OLGA PORVEN**

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## Joint Program on Law, Public Policy, and Ethics

The Joint Program on Law, Public Policy and Ethics (LPPE) with the College of Arts & Sciences collaborates University-wide and throughout the local community to sponsor interdisciplinary colloquia at the Law School and University on topics of law, public policy and ethics. LPPE also provides seminars for freshman and upper-level honors in the College of Arts and Sciences, and oversees and provides internship opportunities to qualified University of Miami law and undergraduate students in the various clinics and programs.

This year, LPPE held in-service training workshops and organized panel discussions on topics ranging from police misconduct to domestic violence. In addition, LPPE organized the Africa Peace & Justice Tour entitled: "Economic Justice Beyond Borders: Debt-Poverty-Migration," discussing U.S. foreign policies toward Africa and Haiti with regard to debt and poverty and their connection to the migration. Speakers included Briggs Bomba, Program Associate, Africa Action; Oni Richards, Fellow, American Friends

Service Committee; Marlye Gélín-Adams, Regional Advocacy Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean with CARE USA; and Roxanne L. Lawson, Director of Africa Policy, TransAfrica Forum.

The most exciting development of the year for the Program appeared in the spring 2008 semester. LPPE interns began work on a documentary about representation of indigent clients in the criminal justice system, aiming to release the film in the upcoming academic year. Christina Cicconi and Christopher Alzati coordinated countless interviews with lawyers, judges, and activists. Pitching in to conduct the interviews were interns Sara Neugroschel and Alissa Gazze, assisted by students Christina Ayo, Aymee Gonzalez, Carla Kerstens, Tiffany Mathias, Michelle Mills, Tumpale Ngwira and Marlow Svatek, among many.

"We hope that this film will give unprecedented insight into our criminal justice system – its successes, its flaws, and the impact it has on our entire society," said LPPE Director Aziza Naa-Kaa Botchway.

## Miami STREET LAW Program

The Miami STREET LAW Program teaches law, public policy, and ethics to students and faculty in Miami-Dade County public and private schools, sponsors interdisciplinary ethics and leadership colloquia at the Law School and University, and teaches freshman and upper-level honors seminars in the College of Arts and Sciences. This year, the Miami

STREET LAW Program received a generous donation from the law firm of Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A.

The Miami STREET LAW Program continued its innovative outreach programs to high school students. Legal magnet students at Coral Reef High School and Miami Senior High were treated to a three-day Law Immersion Fellowship Program, where they studied procedure, evidence, techniques for direct and cross-examination, and the facts of a third party host liability case. In addition, they were treated to lunch in Federal Court by the Federal Bar Association, and tried their case before both Judge Gill Freeman and Judge Sarah Zabel in the Miami-Dade County Courthouse.

Students at other schools throughout the county participated in mock trial programs and attended panel discussions that included such notable speakers as Janet Reno. At the Bay Point School, students ended the year with a mock trial, litigating over a contract Kobe Bryant had entered as a juvenile.



**VANCE ALOUPIS**

"Our time at Bay Point was nothing less than inspiring. Seeing each of these students grow was not only the highlight of my year, but the highlight of my law school career."



# PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAMS

## Lawyers in Leadership Award

The Lawyers in Leadership Series is a program sponsored by the University of Miami School of Law Center for Ethics & Public Service to honor leading members of the Florida Bar and Bench distinguished by their dedication to public citizenship and leadership. The program invites these prominent community leaders to the University of Miami for an informal discussion about their lives and careers for the benefit

of the law students who are not yet out in the “real world.” The interview lasts over an hour and is taped in order to compile an oral history archive for the Center devoted to the recipients.

The series provides a unique learning opportunity for law students in offering an up-close and personal look at the choices and decisions that have helped to establish these community leaders in their profession.



Dean Dennis O. Lynch was this year's recipient of the Friends of the Center Award



The Honorable Mario P. Goderich, JD '66, was awarded the 2008 William M. Hoeveler Award. (Pictured: Professor Anthony Alfieri, Founder and Director of CEPS, Goderich, Karen Throckmorton, JD '81.)

## Student Awards

The Center for Ethics and Public Service awards Fellowship Prizes each year at the Center's spring reception to a graduating 3L Fellow in each of the Center's clinics and programs. The award is given in recognition of the excellence of their work and the commitment to their clinics and programs.

### Ethics and Professional Responsibility Program

Serena Josephs • Maisie Wong

### Children and Youth Law Clinic

Ari Newman • Eun Chang • Niya Fonville

### Community Economic Development and Design Clinic

Kiara Griggs

### Health and Elder Law Clinic

Michelle Holmes-Johnson

### Joint Program on Law, Public Policy, and Ethics

John Hammer

### Miami STREET LAW Program

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# TEN YEARS OF HOPE



While many lawyers struggle to find the time to balance work obligations with pro bono projects, the Helping Others through Pro Bono Efforts (HOPE) Public Interest Resource Center makes sure UM law students are on the right track. In 1998, HOPE began with one program, the 'Canes Carnival. Over one hundred children from shelters and after-school programs flocked to the Law School courtyard to play carnival games. The children were ecstatic, the law students were hooked, and HOPE was on a roll.

In 2007, Marni Lennon, JD'95, MEd.'98, was named the Assistant Dean for Public Interest and Pro Bono at the School of Law, a position that only a handful of law schools around the country can claim to have. Lennon's work at the law school has included serving as Dean's Liaison to Students, legal research and writing instructor, director of Disability Services, and Assistant Dean of Students. Currently, she teaches Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation. For Lennon, the message is a clear one. "The privilege of legal education comes with an opportunity and an obligation to give back," she said.

During the last ten years, the HOPE Public Interest

Resource Center has expanded from community service projects to its current status as a stand-alone resource center, managing more than 25 different projects, including community outreach and legal advocacy and reaching various underserved and at-risk populations locally, nationally and even internationally. HOPE creates new projects based on the needs of the community and the interests of the students. For example, the Workplace Justice Project is a collaborative effort to help low-income clients earn back illegally denied wages. The Redemption Project is another collaborative effort aimed at helping former public defender clients restore voting rights and reintegrate themselves into society.

HOPE is much more than a resource center. Described on its website as a "hub for public interest/service programming and opportunities at the School of Law," there is a personal component to HOPE that cannot be captured in words. HOPE plays the role of matchmaker, helping students discover who they are and what they want to do to for the world around them. Students learn what moves them, and the choices are abundant.

HOPE's programs and community outreach include issues such as immigration, juvenile justice, animal rights,

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*University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala*

literacy, homelessness, tax assistance, and domestic violence, among many others.

Starting with the HOPE Day of Service during Law School orientation, students learn how to incorporate the needs of the community into their law school experience. "Our goal is to get to know each of the students and help them find meaningful opportunities to apply the skills they are learning and provide access to justice for others," Lennon explains. "We want to make sure that we are cultivating a pro bono ethic in all of our students and it is our job to be a dynamic organization, constantly striving to build opportunities for students to connect with community agencies and constituencies in need."

Law students seeking hands-on training and service look to HOPE for guidance. "We are fortunate to have exceptional clinical faculty at the Law School, and we often direct students to our live client clinics at the Center for Ethics and Public Service and to the Bankruptcy Clinic," Lennon explained. "In addition, we help students learn about litigation skills and placement options, as well as progressive courses with field components."

The importance of this practical component cannot be overstated. Marcy Cox, Assistant Dean for the Career Planning Center, sees the impact HOPE has on law students. "Through HOPE, UM Law students are directed to outstanding externships and projects, allowing them to develop and enhance their legal skills," Cox explained. "They benefit from these opportunities as they navigate the job search process. They have acquired practical experience, understand the process of lawyering and are confident to take the next steps in their legal careers."

Therese Lambert, Director of Student Recruiting at the School of Law, notices the influence HOPE has on students as well. "Many prospective students think about becoming a lawyer to make a difference in the

world, empowering them to effect change," she said.

HOPE recognizes the realities of a demanding law school schedule and provides opportunities for students to stay as involved as their schedules will allow. The optional "HOPE Challenge" encourages students to complete at least 25 hours of community service each year.

The HOPE program has garnered a reputation of excellence within the University community as well. "The HOPE Public Interest Resource Center at the University of Miami Law School is a model for engagement and service in the context of professional education," said University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala. "We need lawyers in the public and private

sectors, working in the law or other fields, who have had experience serving those who have no voice and who need help navigating our complex legal systems. The law students who participate in the HOPE program advocate on behalf of underserved and at-risk people in Miami, nationally, and abroad, and bring to their work the intelligence and the heart necessary to really make a difference. I applaud their

work, their idealism, and their commitment. They are our future."

Other programming, such as the Public Interest Lecture Series (PILS), helps students learn about various areas of public interest practice and ways to incorporate service to the community into their everyday schedules, while giving them the opportunity to interact with faculty and alumni who are committed to public interest law or pro bono work. Scheduled throughout the school year, these lunches offer an informal opportunity for students to talk with practicing attorneys.

This past year has seen the formation of the Public Interest Leadership Board, a group of HOPE Fellows, Scholars and Leaders who have the mission of promoting public interest and public service work at the Law School. Toward this goal, the group works to develop new programs, fundraising ideas, and alumni networks,





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and explores recommendation for new courses.

For many students, the idea of pursuing a career in public interest seems financially impossible. Student loans place a heavy burden on them. Former Law School Dean Dennis Lynch and Associate Dean Donna Coker worked with Lennon to address these hardships and alleviate some of the financial strain, resulting in the Public Interest Loan Reduction Program and the Public Interest Scholarship. Instituted in 2007, the Public Interest Loan Reduction Program allows rising 3L students to receive an \$18,000 loan applied to their third-year tuition. After graduation from law school, participants who work in public interest positions for two years earn loan forgiveness.

The Public Interest scholarship awards \$8,000 to rising 3Ls who have demonstrated a clear commitment to public interest work. "The deans each bring a history of personal dedication to advocacy and public service and have been hugely supportive of UM Law growing into a leader among schools with public interest law programs," Lennon said.

As HOPE has grown over the years and student interest and dedication to service has increased exponentially, so has the need for funding. The generous contributions of the alumni and Friends of HOPE donors help compensate students who want to do public interest work but who could not afford to volunteer. Fellows are charged with identifying a unique project, a host agency and developing and implementing a service project to educate the campus community at the conclusion of their fellowship.

Fortunately, a number of law firms have created fellowships for students dedicated to

public interest work. Carlton Fields provides funding for two HOPE Scholars, and the law firm of Morgan, Lewis and Bockius also provides annual funding for two HOPE Leaders.

Reflecting the variety of issues that fall under HOPE's umbrella, Barbara and Arnold Grevior, JD '55, have created the HOPE Animal Law Fellowship. This endowment was established to promote curriculum and support a fellowship for students who provide direct pro bono services on behalf of animals. Their funds also support an animal law symposium.

In addition to the funding received from firms and donations, the HOPE annual auction has been the organization's primary fundraising event over the years. In the auction's first year, two summer fellows were awarded. Now the number of summer fellows is up to fifteen and HOPE is actively fundraising to try to meet the needs of extraordinary applicants. The tenth annual auction set HOPE in the right direction, but more support is needed. Creative approaches to funding are vital - each year highly qualified fellow applicants need to be turned away because of lack of funding.



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This past year, another generous source of funding appeared, and this one was very close to home. The Student Bar Association resurrected the class gift, something that had been dormant for a number of years. With close to 60% participation, the 2008 graduating class donated their entire class gift to sponsor a Student Bar Association HOPE Fellow for 2009. "That, to me, was a huge statement from the students and one of the most sincere and telling gestures - letting us know how important these opportunities are to them," Lennon noted. "It spurs me to work even harder to ensure that UM Law continues to lead the country as an institution with opportunities for all lawyers-to-be who seek to make public service and pro bono a part of their careers."

Recognizing the role HOPE played in their lives as law students, many alumni try to stay connected to the programs after graduation. Some serve as featured speakers on panels and at the Public Interest Lecture Series, while others serve as mentors for students. Alumni use HOPE's Pro Bono Legal Research Program to support their own ongoing pro bono efforts and, at the same time, engage students in meaningful legal research and writing. Alumni also join HOPE volunteers working on projects such as the HOPE Day of Service and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site in the spring. They are working alongside students at FIAC in the Workplace Justice Project and collaborating on Juvenile Justice projects and financial literacy initiatives. Together, students and alumni are working on the Wills Assistance Project in development with the Dade County Bar Association and Wills for Heroes, a program that offers free will preparation services to

first responders (military, police and fire fighters) in the community.

As the HOPE Public Interest Resource Center grows to meet the demands of the students and community, so does the need for more employees. Kevin Probst, JD'07, joined HOPE as the first-ever post-graduate HOPE Fellow in August 2007. He works with Assistant Dean Lennon in a full time capacity and provides much-needed support and oversight to the many initiatives at HOPE. Working closely with Fellows, Scholars, and Leaders, Kevin helps the law students bring to fruition the community and advocacy initiatives they create. "I am constantly inspired by the energy and dedication of our students and alumni who work tirelessly to change our community and beyond," said Probst. "What is exciting about this work is the ability to see students and alumni from all practice areas utilize lawyering skills to effectuate change." Assistant Dean Lennon is thrilled to have Probst on board.

"It would be absolutely impossible to manage the growth of HOPE without Kevin's leadership and vision," Lennon said. "His guidance to the students is invaluable and he is helping us to maximize our potential to be a link from students to lawyers and community."

With ten years of history, the future of the HOPE Public Interest Resource Center is rich with promise. It comes as no surprise that the words of Margaret Mead appear at the top of many of the online and printed publications. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world," Mead said. "Indeed it is the only thing that ever does." HOPE works hard to change the world - one law student at a time.



# HOPE FELLOWSHIPS

This year, two law firms established new fellowships to benefit students who are dedicated to public interest and advocacy work.

## MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS HOPE LEADERS

### *Cassandra Spring*

Cassandra Spring has dedicated herself to assisting impoverished and minority communities, hoping to use her legal education to provide effective representation for those in need. As an undergraduate, Cassandra volunteered with Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, an organization dedicated to tutoring residents of low-income housing. She also spent time working with those at risk for HIV/AIDS.



As a Morgan, Lewis & Bockius HOPE Leader, Cassandra created new advocacy initiatives to address the complex family and immigration law issues affecting the South Florida community. Cassandra's efforts provide outreach, support and advocacy to the Haitian population and focus on victims of domestic violence.

### *Rekha Rangachari*

Rekha Rangachari's passions for immigration and international law have led to her desire to use her law



degree to work in public interest. During her first year in law school, Rekha dedicated her time to several HOPE public interest projects, such as Books and Buddies and the Workplace Justice Project, a collaboration with the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center and the Wage Theft Coalition. Her

work in low-income community centers in Chicago, orphanages in South India, and racially segregated Brooklyn neighborhoods has only continued to fuel her desire to serve the community, and her experiences with the New York City Bar and the Capital Defender's Office have helped sharpen her legal skills. As a Morgan, Lewis & Bockius HOPE Leader, Rekha is creating a local chapter of Lawyers without Borders and looks forward to involving the firm in her efforts.

## CARLTON FIELDS HOPE SCHOLARS

### *Alison M. Flowers*

Alison Flowers is a dedicated individual who has excelled both academically and as a community leader. Her travels throughout Thailand, Myanmar, and Argentina have left her with the desire to aid developing countries. As a IL, she was actively involved with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Books and Buddies programs. This summer, Alison worked with the Building and License Enforcement Division under the City of Chicago Law Department and interned with an Illinois First District Appellate Court judge. As a Carlton Fields HOPE Scholar, Alison has focused her efforts on fair housing issues in collaboration with grassroots community agencies and legal services providers.



### *Khari Taustin*

Khari Taustin's passion to represent immigrant workers led her to study law at the University of Miami with hopes of one day improving immigrant and human rights in the



South Florida community. Her legal experiences with the Maryland State Attorney's Office and a private law firm gave her the opportunity to sharpen her analytical skills prior to beginning law school. Throughout her first year, she was involved in VITA, providing free tax assistance to low-income individuals, and the Workplace Justice Project, identifying workers who are

victims of "wage theft." This summer, she worked with Florida Immigration Advocacy Center (FIAC), a not-for-profit legal assistance organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the basic human rights of immigrants of all nationalities at the local, state and national levels. As a Carlton Fields HOPE Scholar, Khari has conducted a needs-assessment and designed and implemented multilingual "know your rights" trainings in the areas of greatest need and leads a team of students gathering much-needed data regarding wage theft issues.



# QUESTIONNAIRE

## UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION

The Law Alumni Association, in its quest to expand its reach into the national alumni community, has established the "University of Miami Law Alumni Association Achievement Award." Our goal is to recognize alumni on a national and international level, whose professional achievements and service to the communities at large

have earned them the recognition of distinguished alumni.

We encourage your nomination of individuals who fulfill the criteria: "Individuals who are graduates of the University of Miami School of Law and who have excelled in his/her chosen profession, in the public or private sector, or in service to the legal community."

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### SHARE YOUR NEWS!

From all reports, the most avidly read section of the Barrister, both printed and Web site versions, is "Class Notes." The Law School's more than 18,000 alumni want to know what their classmates have been doing – the awards they have received, high-profile cases they have won, law firms or cities they have moved

to, pro bono activities they have undertaken, spouses they have married, etc.

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I am interested in serving as a member of the Alumni Advisory Group to the following student organization \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I am/was a clerk in a domestic or foreign court.

Court jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like your email address included in a directory available on UM Law's Career Development web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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