Richard Milstein Receives Lawyers in Leadership Award

The Law School's Center for Ethics and Public Service presented its seventh Lawyers in Leadership Award to Richard Milstein, JD '74, on November 12 at a ceremony in the Faculty Lounge. This prestigious award honors members of the South Florida bench and bar for their service to the profession and to the community. Milstein, a shareholder with Akerman Senterfitt & Eidon, P.A., was recognized for his professional leadership, his commitment to our community, and his zealous advocacy on behalf of others.

Among Milstein's many community activities are his work for the SAVE Foundation, for which he recently received the 2002 Dorothy Shula Award for Outstanding Volunteerism from The United Way; the Arts and Business Council: Partners for Youth; the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; the Metropolitan Dade County Cultural Affairs Council; the Dade Cultural Alliance; and the Estate Project for Artists with AIDS. He serves as a pro bono attorney for the Performing Arts Center Trust; director of the Miami Coalition for a Drug Free Community, Inc.; and co-founder of Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. Milstein is a past president of the UM Law Alumni Association, 1997-1998, and supports the Law School and the University as well as various legal organizations. Recently, Milstein was appointed Chairman of the Committee for UM Law's Dean's Circle donor organization.

Created by Ethics Center director Prof. Anthony Alfieri, the Lawyers in Leadership series provides a unique opportunity for law students and others to learn about prominent community leaders and to participate with them in informal discussions about their lives and careers. Of particular interest to students is the career path which led these men and women to their respective positions: the decisions, events and experiences which have shaped them; and the encouragement and advice they offer for those about to embark on their own legal careers.

Milton was pleased to receive the Lawyers in Leadership Award, one of dozens of honors bestowed upon him over the past two decades. He commented, “It was a great honor to be selected by the Center, particularly by the students, to represent the alumni with regard to the profession, the high standard of ethics, and the maintenance of pro bono activities while in private practice.”

Past recipients of the award are former UM President Edward Foote, Joseph Klock, Jr., Ellen Catsman Freidin, Henry Latimer, U.S. District Judge Joan Lenard, and former chairman of the UM Board of Trustees Carlos de la Cruz, Sr.

The Center for Ethics and Public Service is an interdisciplinary project that focuses on teaching the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in the practice of law. Founded in 1996, it provides training in ethics and professionalism to the Law School and to the University of Miami as well as to Florida's business, civic, educational, and legal communities. The Center is the recipient of numerous prestigious national and state bar and bench awards.

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the Professional Opportunities Program; and the Center for Ethics and Public Service. Our cover story features Richard Milstein (JD '74), recipient of the Lawyers in Leadership Award presented by the Center for Ethics and Public Service, in recognition of Milstein's service to the profession and the community. The Center for Ethics is an award-winning interdisciplinary project that focuses on teaching the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in the practice of law. Like the other Law School programs mentioned here, the Center depends upon gifts and donations to help continue its important work.

We are proud of the recognition and accomplishments of our UM Law alumni and friends, our talented faculty, and our students. Most of all, we are gratified by the fine men and women of our Law School community who use their time and talents to help others—from Miami to Afghanistan and everywhere in between—in the finest tradition of our profession.

I know you share our pride in our UM Law community. We thank you for the generosity that makes this possible. We hope we can continue to count on your support. Every gift counts and every gift helps.

I look forward to seeing you often in the coming year.

Best regards,

Dennis O. Lynch
Dean