

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"This is a program that benefits real clients while giving new Bar members an opportunity to put their skills and interest to immediate use achieving results."

**John P. Cunningham, Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.**

"We commend the University of Miami School of Law on this innovative and impactful program. The Legal Corps attorneys assigned to us interviewed and advised clients facing foreclosure and other homeownership problems, greatly expanding our ability to respond to the ever increasing demand for help from the most needy individuals and families in our community. The Legal Corps attorneys contributed to our mission of equal justice and at the same time learned valuable legal skills."

**Lizel V. Gonzalez, Esq., Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.**

"Thanks to Legal Corps, I was able to strategically bring LegalArt into the fold and provide legal assistance to South Florida artists while simultaneously gaining practical legal experience in my desired fields of law that will better position me for future employment."

**Jared Kalmanson, Legal Corps Fellow, LegalArt**

"Dade Legal Aid is delighted to have been selected to have the opportunity to host three Legal Corps Fellows . . . in the Family and Bankruptcy Divisions. . . . Due to declines in funding and increased demands from the client community, legal providers depend not only on monetary donations but also greatly appreciate programs such as UM's Legal Corps."

**Karen Josefsburg Ladis, Esq., Dade Legal Aid**

"Legal Corps provided me the opportunity to begin my professional career in the United States. Their staff members offered me support and guidance. I sincerely appreciate the networking resources they suggested to further my job research and their recommended strategies to achieve my career goals. . . . I was able to find an extraordinary permanent position. I am very proud to support its exceptional work."

**Mariel Lema, Legal Corps Fellow, Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.**

"Legal Corps [has] provided the edge I needed in a tough market. Through Legal Corps, I have been placed in a visible and highly marketable position. Within weeks, I was forming the connections that can make or break the post graduate job search. I am now confident that I will find an excellent post-fellowship position."

**John David Linder, Legal Corps Fellow, Chambers of Judge Laurel Isicoff,  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida**

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# LEGAL CORPS

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The University of Miami School of Law Legal Corps is an ambitious, postgraduate fellowship program that provides public interest organizations, government agencies, and the judiciary with bar certified, legal talent.

Designed to further Miami Law's strong commitment to public service, Legal Corps affords underfunded and understaffed public sector legal agencies, at no cost, the benefit of diverse and talented recent Miami Law graduates.

The program also advances the school's dedication to its graduates. Legal Corps Fellows receive a wealth of benefits, including:

- Far-reaching and varied placements within the government, judicial, and public interest sectors, including numerous participating host organizations with several hundred placements from which Fellows may choose;
- Dynamic opportunities for Fellows to use their legal skills in the public sector, while receiving training and experience by working on important substantive legal issues;
- Monthly fellowship stipends of \$2,500 for up to six months;
- Professional development workshops for which Fellows receive up to 20 hours of continuing legal education credits; and
- Career development assistance in furthering the Fellows' career goals.

“ This is a very creative program. It gives law graduates the opportunity to serve in the public sector and gain valuable legal experience which can later be used, if so desired, in the private sector. I think that one of the favorable consequences of this program is that some of the participating individuals, who originally did not consider working in the public sector, will, when exposed to it, decide to pursue full-time careers in it. ”

*Cesar Alvarez, Greenberg Traurig, P.A.*

# PLACEMENTS

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Eligible Miami Law graduates who have been admitted to a state bar may choose from a number of different placements, including:

## GOVERNMENT

- American Samoan Government in Pago Pago, American Samoa
- City of Chicago, Department of Law in Chicago, IL
- Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC
- Florida Office of Financial Regulation in offices throughout Florida
- Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, CA
- New York City Conflicts of Interest Board in New York, NY
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Trustee in San Juan, PR
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Miami, FL

## JUDICIAL

- Administrative Courts
- State Appellate and Trial Courts
- U.S. Bankruptcy and District Courts throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico

## PUBLIC INTEREST

- Asylum Access in Ecuador, Tanzania, and Thailand
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society in Atlanta, GA
- Bet Tzedek Legal Services in offices throughout California
- LatinoJustice PRLDEF in New York, NY
- Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. in Miami, FL
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Office of the University Counsel (Chapel Hill, NC)
- World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland
- Youth, Rights & Justice Attorneys at Law in Portland, OR

# MAKE A DONATION

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With your support, Miami Law will set a new standard for commitment to public service. Your donation will also ensure access to justice by the neediest citizens in our communities and will simultaneously allow young lawyers the opportunity to gain the training and experience needed to succeed in today's legal environment.

Every gift, no matter the amount, will make a difference. However, for an annual gift of \$15,000, you may sponsor a Legal Corps Fellowship at the host organization of your choice and you will be recognized with membership in the President's Club and Dean's Circle at the Platinum level. Current Legal Corps Donors include:

- Holland & Knight LLP,  
Sponsoring Legal Corps Fellowship at  
Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
- Podhurst Orseck, P.A.,  
Sponsoring Legal Corps Fellowship at  
Dade Legal Aid Society, Put Something Back Pro Bono Project
- Robert A. Ades & Associates, P.C.,  
Sponsoring Legal Corps Fellowship at  
Miami-Dade Public Defender
- The Miami Foundation Community Grants Program  
Sponsoring Legal Corps Fellowship at  
Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.
- Ver Ploeg & Lumpkin, P.A.,  
Sponsoring Legal Corps Fellowship at  
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