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*A Celebration of the Life of
The Honorable Theodore Klein, B.B.A. '61, J.D. '64
March 3, 1940 - September 27, 2006*

The Alma Jennings Foundation Student Lounge

Thursday, November 30, 2006

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We honor and celebrate the life of our distinguished alumnus, The Honorable Theodore "Ted" Klein, an exceptional individual: beloved son, brother, father, fiancé, lawyer, partner, teacher, mentor, colleague, advisor, bar leader, dear friend; a man of great intellect, humor and compassion.

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

During his outstanding career Ted was regarded as one of the top trial attorneys in the United States. He tried hundreds of cases and was known for his brilliance and dedication to protecting the U.S. Constitution and especially the Bill of Rights. He was a tireless advocate for pro-bono service, and was instrumental in developing and expanding pro-bono programs throughout Florida.

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

Ted excelled not only in his professional life, but also in his personal life. He was a wonderful father and provided tremendous love and support to his two children, Andy and Jennifer. He nurtured and encouraged their success. He was an avid athlete and enjoyed the outdoors. He ran every morning before work and loved to ski, hike and bike. One of Ted's many talents was his remarkable sense of humor. For many years he was the emcee of the Law School's Homecoming breakfast, where he would bring the crowd to howling laughter. Ted always had a joke, a smile and the beautiful ability to make people laugh and be happy. He stood as a model of integrity and humanity. Ted's life was rich, full and remarkable. He has left a lasting legacy and will always be remembered with deep love and affection.

Program

Welcome

Dennis O. Lynch
Dean, University of Miami School of Law

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Invocation

Andrew G. Klein

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Remarks

Professor Laurence M. Rose
Director, University of Miami Litigation Skills Program
President, National Institute for Trial Advocacy

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Edward R. Shohat, JD'72
Chair, The Honorable Theodore Klein Committee

The Honorable Carroll J. Kelly, JD'89
11th Judicial Circuit Court

Hank Klein

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Reception

Hosted by the Law Alumni Association

The Alma Jennings Foundation Student Lounge
And Law School Quadrangle