

**University of Miami
School of Law
Giving Opportunities**

The School of Law

The School of Law is situated in one of the world's most exciting and international metropolitan areas. Boasting a renowned faculty, a rich and diverse curriculum, and a carefully selected student body, the University of Miami's School of Law is on the forefront of the nation's law schools in training legal professionals to be the architects of a rapidly changing world.

South Florida is deeply immersed in the global enterprise, and the School of Law is preparing graduates to deal with the international dimensions of law practice. Our distinctiveness is a major asset, particularly with regard to our multicultural city. Standing at the intersection between the United States and Latin America, we are favored with a unique location that has made us renowned for the study of transnational law as well as one of the main educators of bilingual law graduates in the country.

However, international and comparative law is just one area in which the University of Miami's School of Law excels. We are also well known and respected for our excellence in the areas of tax law, estate planning, employment law, public interest law, and ocean and coastal law, among others. The School's mission is to provide graduates with both an excellent grounding in legal theory and the skills necessary for successful practice.

In addition, our distinctive and award-winning clinical programs—Litigation Skills, Ethics and Public Service, Children and Youth Law Clinic, Health Rights Education Clinic, Community Economic Development and Design Clinic, and the Helping Others through Pro Bono Efforts (H.O.P.E) program—are exceptional training grounds for students as well as centers for public interest research and service. Each year hundreds of law students and faculty members participate in pro bono efforts to help people from Miami and worldwide—a tradition that our graduates continue throughout their careers.

The School of Law also boasts one of the top faculties in the country, as measured by the volume of their publishing and the frequency with which others cite their articles and books. Our faculty have an incredible range of interests and expertise and are especially strong in the areas of international law and social justice. Faculty members are highly regarded nationally and internationally in such areas as international and comparative law, taxation and business law, constitutional law and public policy, professional responsibility and skills training, and environmental law.

The School's carefully chosen student body of 1,100 comes from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. Minorities constitute 25 percent of the student body, evidence of the School's commitment to fostering a more diverse legal profession.

Furthermore, 64 percent of our students come from outside Florida and another 41 percent speak one or more foreign languages, comprising one of the most diverse and cosmopolitan student bodies in the country.

The Law School's graduate programs provide opportunities for advanced study, individual research, and specialization leading to the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in taxation, estate planning, comparative law, inter-American law, international law, ocean and coastal law, and real property development.

Hispanic Business Magazine once again selected the University of Miami School of Law as one of the top ten U.S. law schools for Hispanics. Its second place ranking in the magazine's 2006 Diversity Report published in the September issue makes this the seventh consecutive year that the School has ranked among the top ten law schools for Hispanic students. The School was also recently ranked by Lawdragon, Inc. as one of the nation's top law schools.

The dramatic changes in business, government, society and nations over the last generation have significantly affected the law, law schools and the legal profession. With its international location, gifted student body, renowned faculty and broad curriculum, the University of Miami School of Law is the ideal institution to train skilled attorneys who are solidly grounded in U.S. law yet have a sophisticated global perspective that allows them to navigate—and shape—an increasingly international world.

Giving Opportunities

Capital Improvements

Renovations to School of Law Facilities \$50K - \$1.5 million

The School of Law encompasses a complex of buildings that form a quadrangle around an open courtyard. In addition to several large classrooms, these buildings contain a numbers of smaller rooms for seminars and workshops; moot courtrooms; and administrative offices. Faculty offices are located in the Law Library, one of the largest legal research libraries in the Southeast. The library has group study rooms, spacious reading areas, and study carrels that provide ample space for laptop computers.

Several naming opportunities exist within the School of Law complex – from classrooms to administrative offices to lobby lounges. Gifts ranging from \$50,000 to \$1.5 million will name one of these areas and help renovate the School's facilities.

Enhancing Academic Programs

Distinguished Named Chairs \$2 million each
Faculty Chairs \$1.5 million each

An endowed chair provides resources to fund a distinguished faculty member's work, reward academic achievement and enable the professor to pursue vital areas of research. Holding an endowed chair is one of the highest honors a scholar can attain. As part of its

strategy to increase visibility, the School of Law seeks to establish endowed chairs in areas of targeted growth. The faculty member holding the chair will be appointed by the Dean and will demonstrate excellence in his/her field. Funds will be used to supplement salary expenses as well as support research, travel and other needs, culminating in a featured lecture or publication.

Visiting Professorships

\$1.5 million each

A visiting professorship brings distinguished law scholars to campus for one or two semesters. The scholar selected will have demonstrated excellence in his/her field. Many of the invited scholars come from Europe and Latin America. They help to enrich the School's educational mission and provide students with an understanding of other legal cultures and traditions.

Center for Ethics and Public Service Endowment

\$4 million

Founded in 1996, the Center for Ethics and Public Service is an interdisciplinary clinical program devoted to the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in law and society. The Center's three in-house clinics and three educational programs provide legal representation to low-income communities in the fields of children's rights, public health entitlements, and nonprofit economic development, as well as ethics education and training for the University and business, civic and legal communities. A \$4 million endowment will ensure the continued success of its skills training programs, and will allow the School to strengthen its commitment to not only train students in the theoretical underpinnings of the law, but also to provide them with practical skills instruction.

Center for Ethics and Public Service Sponsorship

\$10,000 per year

Since 1996, the Center has trained over 483 fellows and interns. The Center observes three guiding principles: interdisciplinary collaboration, public-private partnership, and student mentoring and leadership training. Its goal is to educate law students to serve their communities as citizen lawyers. A gift of \$10,000 will sponsor a fellow at the Center for Ethics and Public Service for one year.

Litigation Skills Endowment

\$4 million

The nationally acclaimed UM Litigation Skills Program is the cornerstone of the School of Law's skills training. While many other schools teach trial advocacy, usually as an intensive course offered over a shorter period of time, few teach pretrial skills. No other school presents pretrial skills as one package or opens it to all students who wish to participate, as does the School of Law. The School's curriculum reflects a commitment not only to train students in the theoretical underpinnings of the law, but also to provide students the opportunity to serve as interns in governmental and non-profit organizations, offering legal services to the less fortunate under the guidance of an experience attorney. This includes training in litigation and alternative dispute resolution. The program provides a vehicle for the School's significant commitment to public service. An endowment will ensure that this program maintains its position as one of the leading skills training programs in the country.

H.O.P.E Endowment

\$2 million to name the program

The *Helping Others through Pro-Bono Efforts (H.O.P.E)* program is a legal outreach and advocacy center at the School of Law seeking to make service a central component in the law school curriculum. More than 400 law students volunteer their services to over 25 community and legal advocacy projects per year, from efforts on behalf of immigrants to supporting at-risk youth and other disenfranchised individuals. *H.O.P.E* fellow placements have included Florida Legal Services, Miami Workers Center, Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, among others. A \$2 million endowment will further expand this program to increase opportunities for students to work with public interest agencies.

Children and Youth Law Clinic Endowment

\$2 million to name the program

The Children and Youth Law Clinic enables students to provide legal representation for abused and neglected children and youth, primarily in the foster care system, ensuring that they have a voice in court proceedings. Law students participate in the Clinic for academic credit, engaging in impact litigation, law reform advocacy and community law. The Clinic currently handles approximately 60 active cases, and many of the School's alumni also volunteer their services *pro bono* to assist the Clinic's clients. The Clinic has received numerous national awards, including the 2003 Clinical Legal Education Association's Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Law Case or Project and the 2003 National Association of Counsel for Children Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award.

Student Life

Endowments for lecture series, conferences, and symposiums

\$500,000 each

Endowments are needed for the creation of lecture series, conferences and symposiums. These School of Law events will enrich campus life by exposing students to renowned legal scholars, providing interaction and meaningful exchanges among students, faculty, staff and the community.

Annual support for student organizations

\$Flexible

Organizations play a central role in student life at the School of Law. The School's cultural diversity has created an exciting dynamic as students learn from one another as well as from interaction with the faculty. The School provides an array of activities to match the interests and needs of its students, including numerous governance groups, publications, and student organizations. Examples of the many student organizations at the Law School include the International and Comparative Law Society, the Maritime Law Society, Students Animal Legal Defense Fund, Business Law Council, and the Environmental Law Society. A gift to a student organization will help support the extracurricular projects and events that are so important to campus life. For more information regarding student organizations, please visit our web site at www.law.miami.edu.

Endowed Scholarships

Named Full Scholarship	\$600,000
Named Partial Scholarship	\$300,000

A law school education is intensely competitive. Excellence attracts quality, and quality generates excellence. Therefore it is a priority for the School of Law to develop a scholarship program that attracts students who are both academically superior and who have the talents, skills and drive to contribute to the quality and character of our campus community. Students who perform superbly in the classroom are essential, and a vital, interesting, and exciting campus community creates a dynamic environment for learning.

One of the continuing challenges for a private, independent university is to secure a stable funding base to help its students meet the cost of obtaining a quality education. A substantial financial assistance program is essential in attracting and retaining a diverse group of top young legal scholars. Endowed scholarships are especially valuable since they last in perpetuity, allowing the School to recruit the most talented students, regardless of their ability to pay.

Non-Endowed Scholarships

For a gift of \$5,000 each year for five years, the School of Law will name a non-endowed scholarship in a donor's honor. These scholarships will be used to support rising second and third-year law students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and have earned recognition for their work.

Law School Library

Maintenance of the Law School Library is essential for the School to continue attracting the very finest scholars and students. New materials must be added frequently in order to keep the library's collections up-to-date. Gift to the Law Library are an excellent way to underwrite the educational and scholarly mission of the School.

Named Endowed Book Fund	\$50,000
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A minimum gift of \$50,000 will establish an endowed book fund to acquire new titles. Each new volume will be inscribed with a book plate acknowledging the donor. In consultation with the Law librarian, donors may designate the area of the law their book fund will benefit. Among other fields, book funds are needed in the areas of international law, property and environmental law, labor relations, and taxation and financial planning.

General Library Support	\$Flexible
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The Law Library will consider the donation of private book collections and accepts monetary gifts for a variety of purposes. A gift of any size can be earmarked for general library support. Such gifts will be used to keep existing titles up to date, to acquire additional titles, and to improve library services.