Thursday, April 18, 2024
6:00 PM
University of Miami
School of Law
Room F309
HOPE is proud to honor members of the Miami Law community who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public service and advocacy through work in, and support of, clinics, externships, programs, and pro bono projects.

HOPE is dedicated to cultivating a pro bono ethic in all law students. We are committed to outreach and advocacy locally, nationally and internationally. With hundreds of volunteers, teams of project leaders, a driven Public Interest Leadership Board, the Miami Public Interest Scholars Program, and a phenomenal team of HOPE and Summer Public Interest Fellows, HOPE works to bridge the access to justice gap near and far, supporting students in their journey to become skilled and impactful attorneys who will make a difference in the lives of others.

Miami Law offers exceptional clinics, centers, externships and programs, setting the tone for our students to engage in impactful and much-needed advocacy. We celebrate the students who make the commitment to advocacy and empowerment efforts to promote access to justice. We thank the many faculty, supervising attorneys, and alumni near and far for their leadership and mentoring our community. We are proud to be a part of a legal community dedicated to a pro bono ethic, embracing the privilege of legal education and the imperative to promote justice.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate Miami Law’s spirit of public interest.
WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Student Acknowledgments

HOPE Challenges

Public Interest Awards
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PUBLIC INTEREST LEADERSHIP BOARD 2023-2024
The Public Interest Leadership Board (PILB) is a leadership board made up of a dynamic group of Miami Law students dedicated to public service. PILB members are at the forefront of developing public interest/service opportunities and programs. PILB members address institutional policies, design, and implement a wide variety of public interest programs, act in an advisory capacity to the HOPE Public Interest Resource Center, and serve as the center-point of public interest activities for the law school.

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Paula Manrique    Thomas Webb
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Mollie Blank................Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc., Washington, DC
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Tiffany DeFranza...............Children’s Rights of New York, NY
Emily Finch.........................National Archives, Washington, DC
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Cassandra Hacker....................Fayette County Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney, Lexington, KY
Ummul Jafry.........................Legal Aid Society, New York, NY
Lauren LaBeck..............U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC
Leanna Maharaj......................North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Paris, France
Ashley Nunez..............Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, New York, NY
Annie Pompa Morejon..........Catholic Legal Services, Miami, FL
David Somoza..................Legal Aid Chicago, Chicago, IL
Arisleidys Trujillo...............Catholic Legal Services, Miami, FL
Cameron Weiss..........U.S. Attorney’s Office, West Palm Beach, FL
2024 SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWS
(South Florida placements)
Daniela Acosta ........................................U.S. Coast Guard
Jade Armstrong .......................... Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office
Olivia Clausen .......................... Miami-Dade Co. Office of Resilience
Olivia Fox ...................................... Office of Regional Counsel
Emily Johnson .......................... Miami-Dade Public Defender’s Office
Joseph Korzeb .......................... Miami-Dade Public Defender’s Office
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Amy Manilla .......................... Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office
Juliana Monroy .......................... Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office
Olivia Pertierra .......................... Miami-Dade Public Defender’s Office
Andres Rakower .......................... Broward State Attorney’s Office
Zoe Raney .......................... Office of Regional Counsel
Emma Rice .......................... Broward Public Defender’s Office
Lezah Richardson .......................... U.S. Attorney’s Office
Aaron Rissman .......................... Miami-Dade Public Defender’s Office
Jonathan Shashoua .......................... Office of Regional Counsel
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ALTERNATIVE LEGAL ADVOCACY BREAK PARTICIPANTS

FALL BREAK:
Americans for Immigrant Justice, Miami:
Natalie Gonzalez
Alejandra Ramos
Karina Trujillo

WINTER BREAK:
Colorado Office of the Child Representative:
Stephanie Alvarez  Minah Malik
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Patricia Herrera
HOPE CHALLENGES

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE
Students pledge to complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service each year. The following students have met the challenge for 2023-2024:

Madison Borkovich     Lia Rosado
Marisa Ewing          Alejandro Sanz
Madeline Feit         Emma Sheridan
Emily Finch           Gabriella Socarras
Brittany Findley      Caitlin Wilson
Aaron Gluck           Kaleigh Young
Alexis Handler
Sophia Heidler

ACLU DETENTION DATABASE PROJECT
Lissie Albornoz    Irene Bourlatski
Kristina Bergman   Silvia Cruz

PULITZER PROJECT
Amelia Anderson    Timothy Mondloch
Madeline Feit      Radha Patel
Emily Finch        Addiel Perez
Cassandra Hacker   Greta Schultz
Elizabeth Hansel Collins
We would like to recognize and congratulate those students who have gone above and beyond and have logged the greatest number of community service hours among their peers this year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS (2023-2024)

Outstanding 1L...........................................................................Marisa Ewing
Outstanding 2L...........................................................................Kaleigh Young
Outstanding 3L...........................................................................Emma Sheridan

PRO BONO CHALLENGE
Students pledge to complete at least 75 hours of pro bono service before graduation. The following students have met the challenge:

- Gabriella Alfaro, 3L
- Arianna Amato, 2L
- Amelia Anderson, 3L*
- Joely Arai, 3L*
- Nicole Azarian, 2L
- Gianna Balli, 3L
- Danielle Berkowitz, 3L*
- Mollie Blank, 2L
- Sarah Boger, 3L*
- Alexander Bruno, 3L
- Preston Buchanan, 3L*
- Danielle Bukacheski, 3L*
- Alexandra Buroz Morales, 2L
- Nelly Cabrera, 3L
- Dane Chapman, 3L
- July Choi, 3L
- Andrew Co, 2L
- Rashawn Cobourne, 2L
- Elizabeth Hansel Collins, 3L
- Jeremy Connell
- Clady Corona, 3L
- Etienne Cote, 2L
- Laura Curry, 3L*
- Courtney Dash, 3L*
- Theo De Sa-Kaye, 3L*
- Jenna De Stefano, 3L*
- Arianna Diaz Wightman, 3L

- Brittany Hicks, 3L*
- Emily Hill, 3L
- Ummul-Baneen Jafry, 2L
- Jacqueline Jakimowicz, 3L
- Meryl Jimenez, 3L
- Emily Kaufman, 3L
- Zachary Kaufman, 3L
- Natalie Keller, 3L*
- Maryann Lennon, 3L
- Jonathan Lesgart, 3L
- Jodi Lewis, 3L
- Ann Turner Light, 3L
- Krishtine Loaiza, 3L
- Andrew Lucas, 2L
- Matt Mackey, 2L
- Paula Manrique, 3L
- Andrew Mascia, 2L
- Kelsey McCarty, 3L
- Kelsey McGonigle, 3L*
- Timothy Mondloch, 3L*
- Katherine Murray, 3L
- Marisa Nichols, 2L
- Ashley Nunez, 2L
- Thomas Ossi, 2L
- Jonathan Painter, 3L
- Leat Perez, 3L
- Oleh Petrenko, 3L
Kristen Doghramji, 3L*
Kamran Douglas, 3L*
Shevauna Dumay, 3L
Austin Edwards, 3L
Taylor Evans, 3L
Amber Fabian, 2L
Madeline Feit, 2L
Brian Fernandez, 2L
Lance Fleschner, 2L
Cecilia Flores, 3L
Reed Fricke, 2L
Suzannah Friscia, 3L
Emily Gafcovich, 2L
Aaron Gluck, 2L
Ethan Goldberg, 3L
Angelo Gomez, 2L*
Natalie Gonzalez, 1L
Ashton Greusel, 3L*
Shirley Grinstein, 3L*
Victoria Guevara, 3L
Kaylin Guzman, 2L
Elizabeth Hendrickson, 2L
Carly Herskowitz, 3L
Joseph Klass, 3L
Ashley Knoblauch, 3L*
Hannah Krueger, 3L
Elena Lacorte, 3L
Gisell Landrian, 3L
Madison Lank, 2L
Gladys Planes Marrero, 3L
Delaney Reynolds, 3L
Lia Rosado, 2L
Gabriela Rivero, 3L*
Marina Rubio, 3L
Alejandro Sanz, 2L
Greta Schultz, 2L
Maddison Sharp, 2L
Isaiah Shechtman, 2L
Adela Sijercic, 3L
Jenna Skop, 2L
Omarley Spence, 2L
Bari Steel, 3L*
Mackenzie Steele, 3L
Julia Steiner, 2L
Ashley Sukhram, 3L
Kediejah Sullivan, 3L*
Caitlin Tabor, 3L
Nicole Vahlkamp, 2L
Christina Velazquez, 2L*
Dorian Anastasia Vergos, 3L*
Thomas Webb, 3L
Sean Werkheiser, 3L*
Kaleigh Young, 2L
Tianjin Zhang, 3L

*Denotes student who previously met Challenge

We would like to recognize and congratulate those students who have gone above and beyond and have logged the greatest number of pro bono hours among their peers during this academic year.

**PRO BONO HOURS (2023-2024)**

Outstanding 1L...............................................................Natalie Gonzalez
Outstanding 2L.............................................................Kaleigh Young
Outstanding 3L..............................................................Joseph Klass
LAW REVIEW-MOOT COURT CHALLENGE
The University of Miami Law Review and the Charles C. Papy, Jr. Moot Court Board recognize the importance of giving back to the community. The Law Review-Moot Court Challenge was established in 2012 out of this joint commitment to service and doing good in the community. Each year, the organizations challenge each other to log more pro bono hours than the other. The Challenge culminates at the Public Interest Recognition Ceremony, where a three-foot gavel, known as the Gavel of Giving, is awarded to the winning organization for the following year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Alexandria Cinney, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Miami Law Children & Youth Law Clinic.

In 2022, Alex was named a 2022 Greenberg Traurig Equal Justice Works Fellow. Her fellowship will prevent the unnecessary removal of children by providing direct representation to parents and caregivers before an investigation has taken place or before a petition for removal has been filed. She will advocate for families confronted with eviction, domestic violence, and public benefits matters, enabling them to continue caring for their children safely within their homes. She will collaborate with local parent-led advocacy groups to amplify community and parent voices within the child welfare system.
EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD
This award is presented to a student who has gone above and beyond in the provision of services to those most in need. The students are selected based on the following criteria: commitment to addressing unmet needs of the poor, demonstrated commitment and leadership through service, and individuals who choose their involvement in ways to promote access to justice for those living in poverty.

Emily Hill-Litigation Skills Program/Miami-Dade Public Defender

Jordan Brooks-Human Rights Clinic

INNOVATIVE SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD
This award recognizes innovation in the creation of a new program, or in the meaningful expansion of an existing program. This award recognizes the need for creativity, commitment, and vision in implementing programs, systems, and services to address the unmet legal needs of others. Awardees may have dedicated their work to individuals, communities or through policy reform and systemic change initiatives.

Elizabeth Hansel Collins & Milla Dibo-Beyond the Bars

Nicholas Stelter-Human Rights Clinic
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