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## A NOTE FROM CLINICAL STAFF ATTORNEY MELISSA SWAIN



Melissa Swain

I never envisioned returning to the University of Miami School of Law after my graduation. However, the opportunity to work as a Staff Attorney under Director JoNel Newman in the Community Health Rights Education Clinic (CHRE) was one I could not refuse. My experiences working at Greater Boston Legal Services, the ACLU, and the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center have helped me refine CHRE's legal services organizational model. Initially, clinical education challenged me because it was difficult to allow the students to make and fix their mistakes. However, I have learned to balance the value of the students' educational experience with the need to ensure that our clients receive the utmost professional service. CHRE delivers an incomparable experience for its students. I only wish I had

known about this program while a student. The students' work fills a void in the community for legal services to underserved populations in Miami. Recently, one of our clients remarked, "Having you guys with me is like having Batman." Many of the systems that the disabled and indigent residents of Miami are forced to navigate are impossibly confusing – even when you know the rules. For our clients, CHRE's services are a conduit for securing essential public benefits and other legal relief. I look forward to the upcoming academic year.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH RIGHTS EDUCATION CLINIC

By Florida Bar Foundation Fellow Michelle Holmes

This semester, CHRE's students have accomplished remarkable victories resulting from their tireless dedication. At CHRE, the work is constant: a student often must persevere through many layers of dead-ends and bureaucratic disarray before achieving a positive result for a client. A semester's worth of work is immeasurable because often each case takes months or years of diligent work before its conclusion. Therefore, this article only scratches the surface of CHRE's hundreds of hours of work and incremental victories.

## IMMIGRATION

In January, CHRE secured immigration relief for one of its clients that most immigration attorneys never see in their entire legal careers. For the past two academic years, CHRE has worked to secure Prosecutorial Discretion and Deferred Action for a client, Marie. When she was six years old, Marie's brother fled with her from Haiti to the United States after political militants murdered their father and while their mother was dying from HIV/AIDS complications. Marie was thrust into Removal Proceedings three years ago when a neighbor filed a poorly prepared asylum application on her behalf. Prosecutorial Discretion is a voluntary exercise of discretion by the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to move the court to dismiss all charges of removal. Deferred Action is a similar discretionary abstention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement not to deport a person from the U.S.

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## CENTER AWARDS

INNOVATIVE SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW, 2007

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CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN AWARD, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CHILDREN'S TRUST, 2005

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FACULTY PROFESSIONALISM AWARD, FLORIDA SUPREME COURT, 1999

GAMBRELL PROFESSIONALISM AWARD, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, 1998

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**Citizen's Board Fellow Michelle Valerio**, Marie's student lawyer, adopted an advocacy strategy targeting politicians and community leaders to encourage DHS to give Marie this extraordinary remedy. Remarkably, Marie was granted Prosecutorial Discretion and subsequently Deferred Action until January of 2013. According to immigration expert Rebecca Sharpless, "Winning deferred action is extremely rare. It is a testament to the quality and persistence of the clinical students' advocacy that they were able to achieve this result for their client."

**MEDICAID**

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) administers the Medicaid program in the state of Florida. A person with a pending Social Security Disability application is eligible for Medicaid if they are determined disabled by DCF and satisfy certain other requirements. However, if Social Security has determined that a person is not disabled, then DCF will not make an independent determination and that person will be denied Medicaid. For many Social Security Applicants, their disability is only determined after a lengthy appeal process. Therefore, many who are eventually determined disabled by Social Security were also determined able earlier in the application process.

This policy has meaningful exceptions. Interns **Ashi Mehrotra** and **Larisa Hernandez** required DCF to adhere to its exceptions when it meant the difference between life and death for one of their clients, Mr. Ferguson. Ashi and Larisa demonstrated that because Mr. Ferguson's medical condition had severely worsened and it had been over one year since Social Security's determination of his disability, he was entitled to an independent disability determination by DCF. This sounds simple. However, it was only through persistent advocacy that the independent determination occurred. Luckily, Mr. Ferguson was determined disabled by DCF and now receives Medicaid's lifesaving medical coverage while he awaits his final Social Security disability determination.

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

This year, CHRE has helped clients recover tens of thousands of dollars in Social Security benefits and back payments. In Miami, many Social Security applicants wait for over two years for a final determination of their disability. In claims for Supplemental Security Income, an applicant who receives a fully favorable decision receives back payments from the date of their application and Medicaid coverage in addition to their monthly payments.

There is not space here to thoroughly chronicle all of the tremendous work that CHRE's students have done to represent their clients before Social Security this semester. However, here is one example where a CHRE student's advocacy ensured a favorable result for her clients. In representing her client Mr. Perez, Intern **Sasha Westerman** wrote a comprehensive memorandum demonstrating how Mr. Perez's medical conditions qualified him for disability under four of Social Security's disability listings (only one is necessary). Sasha organized over 500 pages of medical records and indexed them by medical condition to submit to Social Security. As a result, Mr. Perez was determined disabled and will now receive \$637 in monthly benefits. At last count, we have forty-three open Social Security cases in our clinic. With CHRE students' continued hard work, we hope to obtain the same favorable results for the rest of our disabled clients.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN CLINIC HELPS MIAMI'S UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES: COCONUT GROVE VILLAGE WEST, LIBERTY CITY, AND OVERTOWN**

By Lewis B. Freeman Fellow Kiara Griggs



*The CEDAD Team*

The Center's Community Economic Development and Design Clinic (CEDAD) fellows and interns embarked on several new projects, and further developed established partnerships, during the spring 2008 semester through the generous underwriting of Freeman & Partners, Greenberg Traurig, **Advisory Board Member Neal Sonnett**, and the John B. Alfieri, John Hart Ely, and Ray Pearson fellowship endowments.

CEDAD students in Coconut Grove, Village West – **John B. Alfieri Fellow Stephanie Davis, Ray Pearson Fellow Jessica Frank, Lewis B. Freeman Fellow Kiara Griggs**, and Interns **Lizette Gonzalez, Joy Harrison, Christopher Jallo**, and **Mark Raschess** – continued their affordable housing advocacy partnership with the Coconut Grove Collaborative, Inc., a community-based nonprofit, researching zoning code and land use policy, and participating in City Commission hearings and Home Owners and Tenants Association meetings. CEDAD students also researched and drafted a *Tenants Rights* brochure, explaining the procedures regulating unfair evictions, especially retaliatory evictions.

Additionally, CEDAD students established a new partnership with the historic Black churches in Coconut Grove. The partnership builds on the role of historic Black churches in the anti-poverty and civil rights struggles of the last century. At the same time, the partnership affords church congregations access to legal rights education, resources, and services. Besides our legal expertise, CEDAD is proud to report that we are bringing to the community financial expertise through nationally-recognized financial expert **Advisory Board Member Louis J. Chiavacci**. With CEDAD students orchestrating the events and assisting with research and presentation efforts, Louis has begun regularly scheduled financial self-sufficiency trainings within the West Grove Church community.

The rest of the students in CEDAD continued

working with nonprofit community organizations in Overtown and Liberty City in partnership with Florida Legal Services. The bulk of this work centered around a lawsuit brought by an incorporated tenants' group against a condominium association and individual unit owners for unlivable conditions. **Neal R. Sonnett Fellow Christopher Lomax, Greenberg Traurig Fellow Megan Connor, John Hart Ely Fellow Quinn Smith**, and **Interns Sharif Hannan, Janine Schwerter** and **Reid Schaeffer** researched issues of standing, liability, and attorneys' fees.

Moreover, CEDAD students expanded their focus by assisting in a case arising in Lake Worth, Florida where the plaintiffs, clients of Florida Legal Services, brought suit against the City of Lake Worth alleging discriminatory enforcement of the Florida Fire Code within low-income, immigrant neighborhoods. Under the direction of Adjunct Professors **Charles Elsesser** and **Purvi Shah**, the CEDAD fellows and interns, including Undergraduate Intern **Genevieve Carvil**, combed through the Fire Code to determine whether the citations used by the City's expert were appropriate.

Next year, CEDAD students in Coconut Grove Village West hope to continue developing partnerships with community-based and faith-based nonprofits. The CEDAD students in Liberty City and Overtown hope to organize eviction self-help workshops for tenants, thus enabling tenants to represent themselves and each other in eviction hearings.



*CEDAD's Professors: Anthony Alfieri; Purvi Shah & Chuck Elsesser*

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## ETHICS TRAINING

### THE CORPORATE AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM: EXPLORING ISSUES IN LEGAL ETHICS

By Director Jan Jacobowitz

The Corporate and Professional Responsibility Program ("CAPR") had a rewarding and exciting semester! CLE trainings were provided on a variety of ethical issues and in diverse venues. Our team traveled to New York where **Greenberg Traurig Fellow Serena Josephs** and Intern **David Snyder** discussed conflict and advance waiver issues in a training prepared for Greenberg Traurig and presented nationally through its Manhattan office. Many thanks to Shareholder Jeff Gilbert for hosting.

For the Bankruptcy Bar Association, Interns **Rahim West** and **William Seitz** participated in an ethics training presented in the Broward Bankruptcy Court and benefited greatly from Judge John Olsen's animated participation and insights. Interns **Kevin Harris** and **Steve Sarrell** presented in the Miami-Dade Bankruptcy Court and had the honor of sharing the podium with **Judges Jay Cristol, Bob Mark** and **Advisory Board member Laurel Isicoff**. Thanks to all three of the Judges for vetting the hypothetical and to Judge Isicoff and **Professor Patricia Redmond** for assisting the students in understanding the unique language and nuances of bankruptcy law. The CAPR bankruptcy team also prepared a hypothetical for the Bankruptcy Bar Association retreat this spring.

The Miami-Dade Legal Aid Society welcomed Interns **Laura Dominquez** and **Ingrid Garcia Ruiz** who conducted a lively discussion with the entire staff of Miami-Dade Legal Aid Society pertaining to the various issues arising when clients seek interaction and/or advice from paralegals and administrative staff. Thanks to Legal Aid's **Juanita Cendan** for working with us to make the ethics training both enjoyable and successful.

**Zuckerman Spaeder Fellow Jonathan Mann** and Intern **Sylvia Rebecca Gutierrez** turned to issues of immigration law and participated in the ethics training at the Florida Immigration Advocacy Center (FIAC). The FIAC attorneys taught the law students about their practice as we provided the ethics analysis and everyone came away more enlightened. Thanks to FIAC's **Mary Gundrum** for coordinating a terrific experience.

CAPR hosted the International Association of Defense Counsel's first Miami Satellite Trial Academy in January. **Bankruptcy Bar Association Fellow Maisie Wong** and Interns **Aaron Blynn** and **Rahim West** presented an ethics training concerning preparation of witnesses and settlement negotiations. CAPR students also participated as some of Miami's finest trial attorneys taught young associates trial skills. Thanks to attorneys **Bud Clarke** and **Scott Newman** for this terrific opportunity.

Interns **Steve Sarrell** and **Sylvia Rebecca Gutierrez** prepared a Pro Se Litigants Handbook for the Federal District Court in conjunction with Randall Berg of the Florida Justice Institute.

### LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON SERIES

CAPR's Leadership Luncheon series filled the faculty lounge this semester with a wide range of topics. In February, Interns **Laura Dominquez** and **Ingrid Garcia Ruiz** moderated a thought provoking panel of **Professor David Abraham, James D. Goldman**, President of James D Goldman & Associates, **Lissette Losada**, Supervising Attorney at FIAC and attorney **Gloria Roa-Bodin** in exploring complicated issues in immigration law and policy. The "Ethics of Being a General Counsel" panel explored the complexity of representing companies in the businesses of tobacco, fast food and specialty insurance which were represented by **Guy M. Blynn** from R. J. Reynolds Global Products, Inc., **Anne Chwat** from Burger King and **Greg DeChurch** from Assurant Solutions and Assurant Specialty Property.

March was a month to explore the world of securities law as our panel focused on insider trading and the ethics of the practice. Our enlightening panelists included **Professor Stephen K Halbert**, **Robert Levinson**, Regional Trial Counsel, Securities & Exchange Commission; **Alex J. Sabo**, Partner, Bressler, Amery & Ross, PC; and **James D. Sallah**, Partner, Sallah & Cox., LLC.



*Insider Trading Panelists [seated l to r] Professor Stephen Halbert, James D. Sallah, Esquire of Sallah & Cox, LLC; Alex Sabo, Esquire of Bressler, Amery & Ross, PC; and Robert Levinson of the Securities & Exchange Commission; with [standing l to r] Rachel Kaminsky, Intern Karen Shafir, and Professor Jan Jacobowitz.*

April's luncheon panels discussed "Spirituality and the Law" and "Professionalism and Small Firm Practice." Students explored with panelists the search for meaning within the profession and maintaining sense of self at the spirituality panel discussion that included **Judge Jennifer Bailey**, **Professor William S. Blatt**, **Professor Charlton Copeland** and **Moshe Lehrfield**, a Greenberg, Traurig Shareholder. The rewards and challenges of small firm or solo practice were shared by our second panel comprised of attorneys **Lynn H. Gelman**, **John H. Hickey**, **David Rothman** and **Robert E Weisberg** who related the struggles and triumphs of starting one's own law practice.

The semester has come to a close, but CAPR is already booking fall trainings and events. The students' interaction with the Bench and Bar this semester was an invaluable experience for all of the fellows and interns---we look forward to the fall!

## ETHICS & PUBLIC SERVICE

### MIAMI STREET LAW BRINGS LEGAL TEACHING TO MIAMI'S TEENS

By Director Karen Throckmorton

**“EDUCATION IS NOT THE FILLING OF A PAIL, BUT THE LIGHTING OF A FIRE.”  
WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS**

The focus in Miami STREET LAW is legal education – offered at seven different sites each week by a team of nineteen intelligent and outgoing law students and undergraduates. The mission of Miami STREET LAW is to serve our community by inspiring critical thinking and social awareness at the high school, undergraduate, and law school levels through exploring contemporary legal, moral and ethical issues and dilemmas. The methodology used to effect this mission is teaching, mentoring and facilitating discussions, case studies, mock trials, convocations, lectures, colloquia and partnerships. Emphasis is placed on encouraging maximum discussion from the students to facilitate experiential learning. Topics taught include: Torts, Criminal Law, Family Law, Contracts, Court Systems, Housing and Constitutional law. This spring, hundreds of students benefited from the teachings at seven different schools: The Bay Point School; Coral Reef High; Dade Marine Institute; Hialeah High; Miami Senior High; The Palmer Trinity School; and the University of Miami. Below are just a few of the many highlights of the semester.

A three day Law Immersion Fellowship Program was conducted at the law school for legal magnet students at Coral Reef High School and Miami Senior High. Twenty six students studied procedure, evidence, techniques for direct and cross-examination, and the facts of a third party host liability case. In addition to a great lunch in Federal Court provided by the Federal Bar Association, the teams tried the case before both Judge Gill Freeman and Judge Sarah Zabel in the Miami Dade County Courthouse.



At the Dade Marine Institute, **Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton Fellow David Matz** explaining provisions in the Geneva Convention to a student whose brother is serving in Iraq.



**Judge Gill Freeman** and high school students after trying a third party host liability case in the Miami Dade courthouse

At Palmer Trinity, seniors from **Mr. Graham Andrew's** Economics class tried a toxic torts case drafted by **William M.**



During the Palmer Trinity Mock Trial at the law school: (l to r) "Judges" **William Yu, William M. Hoeveler Fellow Sean Steele, and Intern David Tropin** as Palmer Trinity's **Andrew Portuando** testified as the President of the company accused of causing leukemia to many of the town's children through toxic dumping.

**Hoeveler Fellow Sean Steele** and loosely based on "A Civil Action." The intelligence and competitive spirit of the students inspired **Sean** to remark that, "Even though many of them had never participated in an event like this before, their effort and energy were truly remarkable."

At the Bay Point School, the students ended their year with a Mock Trial litigating over a contract Kobe Bryant had entered as a juvenile. **Peter R. Palermo Fellow Vance Aloupis** states, "Our time at Bay Point has been nothing less than inspiring. Seeing each of these students grow has not only been the highlight of my weeks, but the highlight of my law school career."

On May 2nd, we hosted a Law Day Panel at Miami Senior High. The topic chosen by the American Bar Association is *The Rule of Law: What Does a Free Society Mean?* A perfect topic as the Miami Senior High team, **Hunton & Williams Fellow Melissa Melshenker**, and Interns **Kristin Stastny** and **Nick Lewis** taught their spring classes on the Bill of Rights. The speakers, Miami Senior High graduate **Juan Enjamio** of **Hunton & Williams**, former U.S. Attorney General **Janet Reno**, and Miami STREET LAW Director **Karen Throckmorton** discussed which of the Constitutional Amendments are most important to them and why these freedoms are vital.

Another great semester of legal teaching and public service thanks to the dedicated Street Lawyers.



In the undergraduate class at the University of Miami, Undergraduate Intern **Joe Neely**, CEPS Advisory Board member and UM President Emeritus **Tad Foote**, and Intern **Jay Wallace** judging an oral argument on reparations claimed due to the injustices of slavery.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

### CHILDREN & YOUTH LAW CLINIC: ONE INTERN'S EXPERIENCE

By Intern Tina Gutjahr\*



*Children and Youth Law Clinic Intern  
Tina Gutjahr*

I love the “holistic” approach of the Children & Youth Law Clinic (“CYLC”). As an intern in the Clinic, I have strived to fulfill the Clinic’s goal of representing the “whole” child in any way I can—even if it’s just a simple phone call to check up on them, or being available when there’s an emergency.

In working at the CYLC, I forged a special bond with one client named “Jackie,” whom I met during my 1L summer fellowship when she was seventeen and living in a group home with her young son, “Jason.” Her foster care case management agency had been ignoring her requests for dental appointments and for post-foster care case planning. Anxious and uncertain, I made an enormous “to-do” list to help her. Legally, I wrote a motion to compel her case agency to provide her with independent living skills, staffing, dental appointments, and a transitional housing plan. I participated in several status hearings that summer in front of the general magistrate. I was firm in advocating a chronic list of problems that weren’t addressed by her case agency—e.g. lack of a birth certificate, and no Medicaid cards for her or Jason. At one hearing, the magistrate called a head of health care administration into the court room and solved the Medicaid issue immediately. It was really rewarding to see the legal system working for one of our clients instead of against them.

### AGING OUT OF THE SYSTEM

After my summer fellowship, I continued as her mentor. I was often a first-hand witness to the Department of Children & Families’ (“DCF”) chronic failure to provide for her basic needs while in foster care and subsequent to her discharge from care on her 18th birthday. She was homeless when she turned to 18. DCF placed her in a new group home at the northern end of Miami-Dade County. I helped her study. I took her to the library and drove her to apply for jobs. I did her food stamp application and helped her contact the Child Support office. After she moved into her apartment in Overtown, I spent many weekends with her to take her job hunting, show her how to fill out job applications, and help her stretch her limited dollars by shopping at Neat Stuff and Target. In the Fall of 2007, I learned that DCF had mailed Jackie a notice terminating her post foster-care Road to Independence (“RTI”) benefits in July 2007. By a stroke of luck, Jackie and I were at the DCF office, obtained a copy of the DCF termination letter, and on the **last eligible day** to appeal, we filed our fair hearing request. For this appeal, I did extensive legal research, prepared exhibits, outlined testimony, and found several witnesses with Miami-Dade College. We eventually reached a settlement agreement with DCF whereby they would give her transitional funding for \$600/month renewable after three months.

### HOUSING ISSUES

After persistent badgering, DCF referred Jackie to the Lutheran Services program which helped her find a duplex in Little Haiti. Jackie will be responsible for increasingly greater percentages of the rent until she is self sufficient. We were able to get a refund from a prior landlord. In the fall I sent numerous demand letters to her former landlord requesting a refund of the security deposit. I filed a demand in small claims court and got a default judgment against one of the defendants. On the day of the mediation, the landlord agreed to refund her security deposit in full - a great victory because this helped Jackie and was a new area of law for me. Jackie’s future is brighter. She has passed most of the tests to enter the City of Miami Police Academy. They are waiting on her to earn her GED and to pass the civil service test. I have watched her mature and have agreed to continue as her mentor after I have finished with the clinic. Jackie has taught me about resilience and perseverance against an entire judicial system and state bureaucracy. Although I faced some “burnout” at several points at the CYLC, clients like Jackie always gave me strength. Jackie’s and my experiences in the CYLC help put the world in perspective. While the latest celebrity might be getting drunk at a nightclub, our clients have to dig for loose change for the bus to drop off their children at daycare. I have learned that even getting the smallest victories (such as a dental appointment) can turn the world around for a CYLC client.

\*Editor’s Note: This article is adapted from graduating 3L Rebecca Valentina (“Tina”) Gutjahr’s nomination letter for the 2008 University of Miami School of Law Graduating Student Exemplary Service to the Poor Award, which Tina received at the HOPE Spring Recognition Reception held at the Law School on March 20.



*The CYLC team*

## ETHICS & PUBLIC SERVICE

### THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE

By: Aziza Naa-Kaa Botchway, Director, Joint Program on Law, Public Policy & Ethics

The fabulous interns in the Joint Program on Law, Public Policy & Ethics ("LPPE") had another productive semester educating students and community members.

This semester, LPPE Interns began producing a documentary about the criminal justice system that we hope to release next academic year. **Christina Cicconi** coordinated countless interviews of lawyers, judges, and activists with the help of **Christopher Alzati**, our audiovisual expert. Interns **Sara Neugroschel** and **Alissa Gazze** assisted by **Tiffany Mathias**, **Tumpale Ngwira**, **Marlow Svatek** and **Aymee Gonzalez** as well many other LPPE students conducted several interviews.



After being interviewed for the film on criminal justice, Miami Dade State Attorney **Katherine Fernandez Rundle** [2nd from right] with (l to r) Intern **Mark Du**, **Aziza Botchway**, and Interns **Anthony Bernal** and **Michelle Mills**.

We hosted the second Racial Justice Lecture Series panel discussion on Police Misconduct which was moderated by Undergraduate Intern **Erin Anapol** and Black Law Students Association President **Yolanda Paschal**. Panelists featured were **Professor Donald Marvin Jones**; **Sergeant Juan Cuerdo**, University of Miami Police Department; **Max Rameau**, Center for Pan-African

Development and **Mel Reeves**, Executive Board Member Miami-Dade Branch NAACP. Interns **Bryn Searns** and **Devon S. Bennett-Ward** worked diligently behind the scenes to make this event a success.

Undergraduate Interns **Kate Koza** and **Joanne Baxter** organized a panel on, "Dissecting Domestic Violence: Law, Ethics & Reality." **Kate Koza** and Miami Law Women President **Jennifer Hochstadt** moderated the discussion by **Dean Donna K. Coker**, **Migna Sanchez-Llorens**, Assistant Public Defender; **Sabrina Salomon**, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC); **Susan J. Rubio Rivera**, Executive Director, Mujeres Unidas en Justicia, Educacion y Reforma (MUJER). **Kate's** PowerPoint presentation highlighted key components of the cycle of violence. **Joanne** challenged the audience to take steps to help end domestic violence. Additionally, we partnered with the Miami-Dade Election Reform Coalition to host a briefing of International Journalists who came to observe the January Presidential Primary elections.

Interns **Nathaniel Flinchbaugh** and **Amaka Ubaka** challenged students to evaluate their conceptions of identity and societal norms by re-examining the intersection of race, gender and class in their intriguing discussion of Critical Race Feminism. LPPE examined the policies of international organizations such as the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund. Intern **Alissa Gazze** served as a liaison with the University of Miami Business Law Review and the World Bank Group to sponsor a discussion with **Dr. Simeon Djankov**, Chief Economist with the World Bank Group and creator of the Doing Business Report Series which was moderated by **Professor Stephen K. Halpert**. We hosted the Africa Peace & Justice Tour entitled: "Economic Justice Beyond Borders: Debt-Poverty-

Migration" at which **Briggs Bomba**, Program Associate, Africa Action; **Oni Richards**, Fellow, American Friends Service Committee; **Marlye Gélín-Adams**, Regional Advocacy Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean with CARE USA and **Roxanne L. Lawson**, Director of Africa Policy, TransAfrica Forum discussed U.S. foreign policies toward Africa and Haiti with regard to debt and poverty and their connection to the migration. Intern **Robert Neary** and Undergraduate Intern **Rachel Beck** developed our pilot undergraduate externship course entitled Ethics, Service and Social Justice where undergraduate will intern in the nonprofit and government sectors during the second summer session. **Gregory Samms**, Past President, Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association and **Professor Susan Haack** gave a primer on police misconduct and evolution respectively.

LPPE also continued our tradition of hosting in-service training workshops. Indeed, Intern **Mark Du** and undergraduate Intern **Richard Kitten** conducted an in-service on drafting public records requests. Intern **Erin Powell** with undergraduate Interns **Juliana Ferro** and **Adriana Kiszynski** conducted a salient in-service on avoiding the unauthorized practice of law. Intern **John Hamer** with undergraduate Interns **Priya Patel** and **Marlow Svatek** conducted a presentation on possible legal solutions for Global Warming in **Dr. Terri Hood's** Contemporary Environmental Issues II course. Intern **Kevin McCarthy** and undergraduate Intern **Anthony Bernal** moderated a discussion about Methods to Fight Florida's Marriage Protection Act by **Robert Rosenwald** and **David Ganim** of the ACLU of Florida. Undergraduate Interns **Sherrie Engram** and **U'Mmara Smith** led a stimulating discussion about Violence in the Media. **Bryn**, **Devon**, **Joanne**, **Nathaniel** and **Tumpale** also helped to update our Know Your Rights presentation materials that will be implemented next semester.

At the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights pioneer and living legend **Dr. Robert Hayling** related the heroic efforts of many in Saint Augustine which led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at a discussion organized by Undergraduate Interns **Sherrie Engram**, **U'Mmara Smith** and **Amaka Ubaka**.

The undergraduate intern coordinator, **Sara P. Neugroschel**, coordinated activities such as court observations, jail tours and rights restoration workshops for undergraduates. In the spirit of giving back to the community, LPPE concluded the semester by hosting a group of fourth grade students from **Phillis Wheatley Elementary School**. Undergraduate Interns **Brittany McFadden** and **Michelle Mills** assisted by Undergraduate Interns **Adriana Kiszynski**, **Rachel Beck** and Critical Race Feminism students **Courtney Miller**, **Cynthia Byrd** and **Zachary Barker** gave the students a brief history lesson and then toured the campus.

We had a wonderful semester and we look forward to continuing to work with the School of Law and College of Arts & Sciences to promote public service and social justice.

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*Students from Miami Senior High and Coral Reef High surround Senior United States Magistrate Judges **Peter R. Palermo** and **Robert Dube**.*



***Judge William M. Hoeverler** and **Judge Mario Goderich** with **Mario Goderich, Jr.** at the Hoeverler Award presentation to **Judge Goderich***



*The Law Day Panel at Miami Senior High discussing Constitutional freedoms (l to r) CEPS Advisory Board member **Juan Enjamio** of Hunton & Williams, former United States Attorney General **Janet Reno**, Miami STREET LAW Director **Karen Throckmorton** and the moderator, Hunton & Williams Fellow **Melissa Melsbenker***



*After a discussion of the economic policies of the World Bank (front, l to r) Interns **Rachel Kaminski** and **Juliana Ferro**; **Dr. Simeon Djankov**, Chief Economist, World Bank; **Aziza Naa-Kaa Botchway** and Intern **Alissa Gazze** (back) **Darren Leiser**, Editor in Chief, University of Miami Business Law Review*



***Dean Dennis Lynch** and **Judge Mario Goderich**, recipient of the **William M. Hoeverler Award***



*Lawyers at the Hoeverler Award Ceremony: (l to r) CEPS Advisory Board member **Alan Greer**, **Pam Perry** and CEPS Advisory Board member **Neal Sonnett***



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