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### **MIAMI ATTORNEY RECEIVES THE FLORIDA BAR G. KIRK HAAS HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

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Ramon Abadin was recognized with the G. Kirk Haas Humanitarian Award by 2004-2005 Florida Bar President Kelly Overstreet Johnson. The award was presented on Friday, June 25, 2005, during the Bar's Annual Meeting in Orlando.

Mr. Abadin has worked extremely hard the last several years to improve communications and cooperation between the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) and The Florida Bar. He is the immediate past president of CABA, and was instrumental in helping to reach out to minorities and get them involved in The Florida Bar. Mr. Abadin also chaired this year's very successful Diversity Symposium which brought together representatives of minority and specialty bars from across the state to learn about diversity in legal employment and to dialogue with Bar leadership about inclusion issues.

Mr. Abadin is active in many organizations, including the American Bar Association and the Dade County Bar Association. He currently chairs CABA's Foundation, which is responsible for creating and administering endowed scholarships at three law schools as well as raising money to create additional scholarship funds for minority law students.

Mr. Abadin was born in Havana, Cuba in 1959. He is a graduate of Tulane University (B.A., 1981) and Loyola University of New Orleans School of Law (J.D., 1985). He was admitted to The Massachusetts Bar in 1986, and is a member of both The Florida Bar and Federal Bar. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Dade County Bar Association and The Florida Bar.

Established in 1998 by then Bar President Edward R. Blumberg, this award recognizes a Bar member for his or her meritorious service and allows the recipient to provide a scholarship award to a student at a law school of his or her selection.

The lawyer for whom the award is named, G. Kirk Haas, was a member of The Florida Bar who practiced in Miami, Florida, until his untimely death in 1987. He was noted by colleagues for his humanity and legal ethics as well as his skill and professionalism.

Haas was a native of Miami who received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Florida. He attended law school at Mercer University and after graduation served as an assistant state attorney. He later practiced civil law with the firm of High, Stack, Davis and Lazenby. Haas served on the board of directors of the Dade County Bar Association.

The award recipient is selected annually by the President of The Florida Bar and is presented each year when the Bar's leadership is installed. The recipient then designates a Florida law school and the dean selects a second-year student who "demonstrates an exceptionally high degree of integrity, ethics, professionalism and a concern for others" to receive the \$2,500 scholarship.

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