



**August 15, 2005**

**Legal Roundup:**

**Milton Named Chair:** Jacksonville's Joseph P. Milton has been elected chair of the Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission and Tina Matte of Ft. Myers was elected vice-chair. Other members of the Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission include Arturo Alvarez, Andrew Grigsby, Olga Calvet, Dean Colson, Cynthia Tunncliff, Basil Bain, and Diana Santa Maria.

**Miami Firm Gives to UM:** Abadin Jaramillo Cook & Heffernan in South Miami was recently honored by the University of Miami Society of University Founders for their \$50,000 donation to the school. Partners Ramon Abadin, Julio Jaramillo, and Kimberly Cook accepted a bronze medallion in recognition for the firm's commitment to the school.

**Sopp Named Nassau Bar President:** Teresa J. "Ten" Sopp of Yulee has been elected president of the Nassau County Bar Association. Sopp is a board-certified criminal trial lawyer. Jeffrey Tomassetti of Fernandina Beach has been elected vice-president; Jan Carver of Fernandina Beach has been elected treasurer, and Pratt O'Connor of Fernandina Beach has been elected secretary. The association meets at noon on the third Tuesday of each month at the historic Palace Saloon in Fernandina Beach.

**Pro Bono Evening a Jazzy Event:** The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, together with the Sun Sentinel/WB39 Children's Fund hosted the 17th Annual Pro Bono Recognition Evening. The theme of the evening was "New Orleans and All that Jazz" and over 700 individuals attended the event which netted over \$190,000. All funds generated by the evening will benefit the disadvantaged children, families, and elders served by Legal Aid and the children served by the Sun Sentinel/WB39 Children's Fund. Honored at the event were the following Palm Beach County attorneys: Joyce Conway (Family Law Award); Joel H. Feldman (Consumer Law Award); Todd M. Feldman (Consumer Law Award); L. Martin Flanagan (Emeritus Award); Rand Hoch (Community Service Award); Hank Jackson (Appellate Law Award); Christopher Jette (Criminal Law Award); M. Daniel Logan (Construction Law Award); William Manikas (Real Property Award); Kathryn L. McHale (Elder Law Award); Steven D. Rubin (Justice for All Award); and the Fourth DCA Staff Attorneys (Special Services Award).

**MADD Receives Grant from Ricci-Leopold:** Ricci-Leopold recently made a grant to Mothers Against Drunk Driving to sponsor the MADD and Sports Car Club of America "Get In Gear Road Rally," which was held in Palm Beach County in July. The road rally was designed to offer people a family-friendly event that joins teams of car and road enthusiasts to have fun, celebrate life, and to bring the community together. "As a firm dedicated to consumer safety, truth, and justice we are happy to assist MADD in making this event a resounding success," said partner Ted Leopold. "MADD provides educational, safety, and consumer awareness programs in our community and around the nation."

**Land Loss Prevention Project:** Legal Services of Greater Miami has received a grant from the ABA to start a Land Loss Prevention Project in partnership with the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association to address the problem of low-income African Americans losing title to their real property due to intestate succession when people die without wills. All services are free, and will be provided by LSGMI staff and by volunteer attorneys recruited by the South Miami-Kendall Bar Association. "This project will ensure that the hard earned assets of low-income seniors remain intact, and pass to the beneficiaries of their choice so that they can accumulate wealth," said Lashan Fagan, the lead LSGMI attorney on the Project.