



# Passionately Committed to Equal Justice

## Judicial Reception Honoring the Judiciary and Judge Vance E. Salter



Host Committee: John W. "Jack" McLuskey, Bob Parks, Marcia K. Cypen, Judge Vance E. Salter, Gabrielle D'Alemberte, Stephen Rosenthal and Garrett Biondo

On November 5, 2009, LSGMI honored the judiciary for their pivotal role in our nation's justice system. "Each day the ideal of Equal Justice Under Law becomes a reality as individual grievances are heard and decided upon by an impartial judiciary administering the laws of our land," said **John W. "Jack" McLuskey**, LSGMI's Board president.

Third District Courts of Appeal Judge **Vance E. Salter** received a special award for his outstanding commitment to Equal Justice. Judge Salter, who served as an LSGMI Board member for twenty years prior to his appointment to the bench, has been a long-standing supporter of pro bono work for the low income community.

## Royal Caribbean Cruises LTD. Hosts Corporate Counsel Reception



Bradley Stein (RCCL Corporate Counsel), Richard Fain (RCCL CEO), Marlon Hill (delancyhill, P.A.) and State Senator Dan Gelber

On November 9, 2009, LSGMI Executive Director **Marcia K. Cypen** and Campaign Committee member **Marlon Hill** presented RCCL CEO **Richard Fain** with a special award for RCCL's support of the Together, We Must Campaign and Equal Justice. "RCCL has been a leader in both its support of LSGMI and in opening doors for us to the local corporate community," said Cypen.

Featured speaker **State Senator Dan Gelber** urged the corporate community to support LSGMI because it is "a good investment with a multiplier effect for our community. It's smart, it's efficient, it makes sense and it's humane." Gelber added that "LSGMI helps people who are barely hanging on due to the current economy, and keeps them from falling into the abyss of homelessness and dependency on state and local government."

## Successful Community Partnerships

### University of Miami School of Law



Dean Patricia White  
University of Miami  
School of Law



Jeffrey Hearne  
LSGMI  
Senior Attorney

January 2010 will mark the launch of the **University of Miami School of Law Tenants' Rights Clinic** at LSGMI. Through this new partnership, UM law students will develop their legal skills and, at the same time, expand legal services for low-income families with housing-related legal problems.

Supervised by LSGMI Senior Attorney and Adjunct Professor **Jeffrey Hearne**, students will represent clients from first contact until case completion, including interviews, case investigation, legal research, negotiation, drafting pleadings and discovery, and representing clients at mediation, administrative hearings and in court. Clinic cases will include evictions from public and subsidized housing, Section 8 terminations, mobile home evictions, and denial of affordable housing applications.

### Haitian Lawyers Association



Richard Champagne  
HLA President

Through the efforts of LSGMI staff attorney **Lisette Labrousse**, the **Haitian Lawyers Association (HLA)** has formed a new partnership with LSGMI to expand access of Creole-speaking individuals to attorneys who speak their language and can provide culturally competent legal counsel.

As a result, when Florida's Attorney General and the Florida Bar Foundation designated \$85,000 for HLA to provide free foreclosure defense for Haitians, HLA requested the funds be directed to LSGMI to provide this service in collaboration with HLA. "We are very impressed by LSGMI's mission and recognize the organization's decades of legal work in the communities it serves, including the Haitian community," said **Richard Champagne**, HLA President.

# Because “Together, We Must”

*Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.  
extends its heartfelt thanks for the  
exceptional generosity of the following supporters of the  
“Together, We Must” Campaign for Justice*



“A free and just society depends on access to professionals knowledgeable of the legal system. If access is limited to those who can afford it, we will have failed. We are encouraged by LSGMI’s success in serving the poor in this community. It is the least we can do to help others enjoy the access to legal services our clients take for granted.”

Gene Stearns  
Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.



“While Carlton Fields attorneys spend a great deal of time representing the less fortunate throughout our State, we fully appreciate the need to support those who devote their full time to this important practice. We understand that, due to its quality and efficiency as well as the synergistic effect of its partnering with firms in Miami-Dade County, Legal Services of Greater Miami can cause our private dollars to benefit many more of those truly in need in our community than any of our firms can individually.”

Benjamin Reid  
Carlton Fields P.A.



“The Haggard Law Firm recognizes the outstanding work that LSGMI does on behalf of South Florida citizens. We are proud to support an organization that provides legal services to those who are in need and don’t know where to turn.”

Michael Haggard  
The Haggard Law Firm



“Supporting Legal Services of Greater Miami is something that ALL firms MUST do, and we are pleased to do our part.”

Stanley Wakshlag  
Kenny Nachwalter P.A.



“I am proud to support Legal Services of Greater Miami, which has been the leader in providing free civil legal services to the neediest individuals throughout Miami-Dade County including women, children, seniors and the working poor. It is an honor for me to serve the community in this way and to contribute to such a worthwhile endeavor.”

Bob Parks  
The Law Offices of Robert L. Parks



“As members of the bar and long-standing corporate citizens of downtown Miami, we can think of no organization more vital to the health and well-being of both our profession and our community than LSGMI. We are very pleased to support its exceptional work on behalf of the neediest of our neighbors.”

Victor Alvarez  
White and Case



“As a member of the Miami community, we happily support and commend Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. for its dedication to empowering those who need it most.”

Jim Barrett  
Baker & McKenzie LLP



“As long-time members of the South Florida community, we are acutely aware of the need for legal representation by thousands of the less fortunate in Miami-Dade. We thank LSGMI for the opportunity to be a part of the ‘Together, We Must’ Campaign for Justice, and we congratulate them on this great effort.”

Carl Schuster  
Ruden McClosky



“The lawyers and staff of Legal Services of Greater Miami are satisfying a moral obligation that all of us have. They are doing the work; the least we can do is support them.”

Jeffrey B. Crockett  
Coffey Burlington



“Kaufman, Rossin is proud to join so many of South Florida’s finest lawyers in supporting Legal Services of Greater Miami, an invaluable service for deserving individuals and families in our community with limited resources.”

Michael Elkin  
Kaufman, Rossin & Co.



“Without justice for the neediest of us, all our freedoms are threatened.”

Tony Argiz, Managing Partner  
Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP



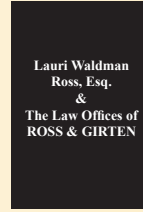
“Gunster is a proud supporter of Legal Services of Greater Miami. This organization provides a valuable service to the community ensuring that persons without economic resources are given access to our judicial system.”

Clemente Vazquez-Bello  
Gunster Attorneys at Law



“In these difficult economic times, LSGMI is not just a critical organization at the forefront of protecting the indigent, it is absolutely essential to ensuring that the social fabric of our community is preserved and that those less fortunate receive the same top quality legal representation available to the affluent and powerful.”

Lance A. Harke, P.A.  
Harke & Clasby LLP



“It was an easy decision to support the ‘Together, We Must’ Campaign. We feel very strongly about the mission of Legal Services and that justice must be “equal.” Providing services to those less fortunate in our community is our responsibility, even more so today considering the number of people without jobs, without homes, and without hope. Supporting Legal Services and all that it does and all the people it helps is the least we can do.”

Lauri Ross and Theresa Girtten  
Law Offices of Ross & Girtten



“In an effort to support and defend the legal needs of the disadvantaged, McLuskey & McDonald, P.A. considers their contribution as a worthwhile effort in support of LSGMI's programs and services which provide legal aid to the underprivileged in the community.”

John W. “Jack” McLuskey and Dave McDonald  
McLuskey & McDonald, P.A.



“In my view LSGMI delivers legal services to those who are in genuine need and they do it with extreme effectiveness and efficiency. I consider my small contribution a sound investment in the greater welfare of our South Florida community.”

Michael Moore  
Moore & Company, P.A.



“My first summer legal job was with Legal Services of Greater Miami and that is how I learned the invaluable and crucial role that the organization plays in our community.”

Adam Moskowitz  
Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton P.A.



“McDermott Will & Emery is honored to partner with LSGMI by supporting the Children's Supplemental Security Income Disability Project and by handling pro bono cases for disabled children who are denied disability benefits.”

Justin Uhlemann  
McDermott Will & Emery

## “Together, We Must” Campaign Committee Profiles



“It is in these times that the leaders of our community must come together to help those in danger of losing even the little they have. Giving to legal services such as LSGMI is not only appropriate for lawyers; it is part of our obligation as members of the profession to make sure that all persons, regardless of economic circumstances, have equal access to justice.”

Raoul G. Cantero  
White and Case LLP



“The current economic climate has impacted women, children, families and the elderly throughout Miami-Dade County as never before. As a result, our community support system has been overwhelmed by the basic demands from the needy – food, counseling, transportation, financial assistance, housing, education, and basic legal services. Those of us who have solid careers, professional skills and leadership abilities must redouble our efforts to assist our community and give of our time, contribute our legal expertise, and give from our pocketbooks to help the neediest in our own backyard. Legal Services of Greater Miami seeks to do this on a daily basis, treating those in need with respect and dignity. As a trial attorney, I can't think of a more worthwhile and rewarding achievement than giving back to the community in this way.”

Gabrielle D'Alemberte  
Law Offices of Robert L. Parks, P.L.



“Working on this campaign has been a wonderful experience for me. It gave me the opportunity to meet many of the people who work at Legal Services every day, to get to know some of the lawyers who handle the daily legal problems of 30,000 people in need, and to get the message out to the big Miami law firms that it is critical for them to give this organization the sort of financial support it desperately needs to carry the whole town through these tough times. Managing partners across the city have really come through when we needed them most.”

Thomas Julin  
Hunton & Williams

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joined by the  
Cuban American Bar Association, Florida Association for Women Lawyers,  
Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association,  
Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association and Haitian Lawyers Association  
invite you to celebrate  
**“The Heart of Giving”**  
to benefit the **“Together, We Must” Campaign for Justice**  
**The Margulies Collection at the WAREHOUSE**  
591 NW 27th Street ♥ Miami, Florida  
Thursday, March 11, 2010  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Distinguished Guest Speakers:  
Chief Justice Peggy A. Quince, Florida Supreme Court  
Michael Putney, Senior Political Reporter  
Featuring works by:  
Miro & Noguchi: Masters of Surrealist Sculpture ♥ Sculpture & Video  
100 years of Photography 1909-2009 ♥ George Segal: Depression Bread Line  
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**Save the Date ~ Thursday, April 15, 2010**  
Fisher Island Benefit Event

featuring  
**Elizabeth Caballero, Soprano**  
directly from *The Metropolitan Opera*

Guest Lecturer: Martin Bookspan, “The Voice of Lincoln Center”

Reserve early as seating is limited. For more details, call Marcia Rabinowitz at 305.438.2531