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MORGAN LEWIS CELEBRATES MIAMI OFFICE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Donates \$25,000 to Help Minority Law Students

Miami – Dec. 2, 2002 – Morgan Lewis, one of the 10 largest U.S. law firms, today announced it is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its Miami office. To mark the event, Morgan Lewis is donating \$25,000 to the University of Miami and St. Thomas University Schools of Law for the schools' Professional Opportunities Program (POP). The Professional Opportunities Program is designed to help students of color successfully transition to positions with local employers.

“We are proud of what we’ve accomplished in this community, and I can think of no better way to say ‘thank you’ and to celebrate Morgan Lewis’ quarter century of outstanding legal practice than to make a significant contribution to the success of this program,” said Mark Zelek, managing partner for the Miami office. “Ultimately, our goal in making this donation is to help the Miami legal community better reflect the remarkable vibrancy and diversity of our local population.”

Over the past 13 years, the POP has financed 209 judicial internships in Florida federal and state courts and 26 Florida law firm summer clerkships for minority law students. The program was founded in 1989 in response to a report by the Florida Supreme Court’s Racial and Ethnic Bias Commission indicating that after graduation, many minority graduates of Florida law schools were leaving Florida to practice in Atlanta and more northern locations.

Morgan Lewis is one of the first national law firms to serve the Miami marketplace for a quarter-century and to grow its presence to more than 40 attorneys. The office opened on Sept. 1, 1977 with one attorney and now has 45 lawyers advising large, institutional clients in a full spectrum of practice areas, including: corporate, international, labor and employment, litigation, real estate, regulatory and environmental law. The firm has pursued a vision of deliberate, strategic growth, building incrementally on the practice areas where it is prominent nationally.

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“We came to stay, we came to grow, and we came to build a future together with our clients,” Zelek noted. “Diversity is an integral part of Morgan Lewis’ vision for a future that we hope is even more successful than our first 25 years together with the people and businesses of Miami.”

Zelek will present Morgan Lewis’ 25th anniversary donation to University of Miami Law Dean, Dennis Lynch, at a Dec. 3 anniversary reception to be held in the firm’s offices in Miami’s First Union Financial Center.

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