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3RD ANNUAL LEGAL LEGENDS AWARDS ANNOUNCED BY THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S LEGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*The Legal Legends Awards Dinner will be held Friday, November 6, 2009 at the Mayfair Hotel in
Coconut Grove*

MIAMI, FL– The Historical Museum of Southern Florida's [11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society](#) announced the winners of the 2009 [Legal Legends Awards](#). These prestigious awards are given to those that have made substantial contributions to the legal system in South Florida for 25 years or more.

This year's honorees are:

- [Walter H. Beckham, Jr.](#), attorney and former law professor
- [Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte](#), attorney and former president of the American Bar Association
- [Elizabeth J. Du Fresne](#), attorney
- Hon. Richard E. Gerstein, former Dade County State Attorney
- [Hon. Jesse J. McCrary, Jr.](#), attorney and former Florida Secretary of State
- Hon. Peter R. Palermo, United States Magistrate Judge
- [Neal R. Sonnett](#), attorney and former president of the American Judicature Society

This year's awards dinner will also recognize former Chief Judge Joseph P. Farina with the Scott J. Silverman award. The 2009 Legal Legends Awards Dinner will be held Friday, November 6 at the [Mayfair Hotel and Spa](#), 3000 Florida Avenue in Coconut Grove. The cocktail reception will begin at 7pm followed by the awards dinner at 8pm.

For information on sponsorship and underwriting opportunities, visit www.hmsf.org/legallegends or email 11JCHS@hmsf.org.

11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society

An affinity membership group of the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, the mission of the 11th JCHS is to preserve, document, procure, collect, and memorialize the 121-year history of South Florida's legal heritage.

Historical Museum of Southern Florida

Founded in 1940, the Historical Museum of Southern Florida (HMSF) is one of the largest private, regional history museums in the country. HMSF reaches out to a vast and culturally diverse audience through its exhibitions, educational programs, special events and publications.

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