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**11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society Announces
Winners of the 2nd Annual *Legal Legends* Awards**

Winners to be honored at an awards reception on November 7, 2008

MIAMI, FL (July 15, 2008) - The 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society (11th JCHS), a membership affinity group of the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, announces the winners of the 2008 Legal Legends Awards. These prestigious awards are given to those that have made substantial contributions to the legal system in South Florida over a period of 25 years or more.

This year's winners are: Hon. Rosemary Barkett, Hon. Bennett H. Brummer, Hon. Manuel A. Crespo, Arthur J. England, Jr., Hon. Peter T. Fay, Robert L. Floyd, Hon. Seymour Gelber, Hon. Mario P. Goderich, Prof. Minnette Massey, H. T. Smith, Osvaldo N. Soto and Hon. Gerald Wetherington.

"Once again the 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society has selected from our judiciary and legal community, past and present, 12 shining examples of the word 'legend'," says Brian L. Tannebaum, 11th JCHS Chair.

The Society will honor South Florida's 2008 Legal Legends at its 2nd Annual Awards dinner on Friday, November 7 at the historic Olympia Theater at Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami. The cocktail reception will begin at 7pm followed by the awards dinner at 8pm. The evening's emcee will be WPLG-TV Local 10's Glenna Milberg.

Individual tickets for the 2nd Annual Legal Legends Awards will be available for purchase on August 18. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Space is limited. To purchase tickets or to inquire about sponsorship for the 2008 Legal Legends, call 305.375.1619 or email 11JCHS@hmsf.org.

11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society

A new 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. The Society will work in collaboration with the Historical Museum to collect, research and exhibit the documents, photographs and artifacts of Florida's Eleventh Judicial Circuit so that they remain available for future generations.

Historical Museum of Southern Florida

The Historical Museum of Southern Florida tells the stories of South Florida and the Caribbean. The museum promotes understanding of the past in order to inform the present and create a better quality of life. The Historical Museum hosts a permanent exhibition gallery and a special gallery with several changing exhibitions each year. In addition, the museum houses the Research Center, a non-circulating library and archives open to museum visitors, and The Indies Company, the museum's store, which offers a unique array of Florida-themed books and gifts. The Historical Museum is located in downtown Miami in the Miami-Dade Cultural Center, across the street from Metrorail's Government Center Station at 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130. Hours are Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., third Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Admission for adults is \$8, children (ages 6-12) is \$5, and children under 6 are free.