

# CAREER JUMPSTART: MIAMI

If you plan to move to Miami upon graduation, here are a few ideas for action:

**First**, you should join the Dade County Bar Association (<http://www.dadecountybar.org>) to obtain access to community information and events. Recent law school graduates who have not been admitted to the practice of law in any other state will enjoy a waiver of dues for the first year of membership upon being admitted to practice in Florida. Joining a Bar association is a good way to start getting connected.

In addition, there are many specialized associations within the Florida Bar Association (<http://www.flayld.org>). One such association is the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar which has over 21,000 members.

Check out the Florida Bar Association's website (<http://www.floridabar.org>) which contain links to over 180 county, regional and statewide bar associations. (Click "Member Services", then "Voluntary Bar Center".)

**Second**, between January and July, we can help you obtain reciprocity with participating Florida schools to visit their office and look at their job postings. Reciprocity is good for 3 months and expires in August. If you are planning to study for the Bar in Florida, let Career Services know and we can apply for reciprocity for you.

**Third**, start checking the local Miami attorney newspaper--the Daily Business Review: <http://www.dailybusinessreview.com> (click on "law jobs") and The Florida Bar News: <http://www.floridabar.org> (click "Professional Practice", then "Positions") for job postings.

**Fourth**, contact the BC Law Miami Chapter President, Ileana Christianson, at [IChristianson@gray-robinson.com](mailto:IChristianson@gray-robinson.com), as well as Adolfo Jimenez at [adolfo.jimenez@hklaw.com](mailto:adolfo.jimenez@hklaw.com) and learn what our alumni are doing in the area.

## Some Useful Facts:

### Starting Salaries\* in Florida:

Firms of 2-10 Attorneys	Firms of 11-25 Attorneys	Firms of 26-50 Attorneys	Firms of 51-100 Attorneys**	Government Positions
Median: \$55,500	Median: \$65,000	Median: \$70,000	Median: \$80,000	Median: \$40,000
Mean: \$60,637	Mean: \$65,833	Mean: \$71,823	Mean: \$82,005	Mean: \$41,686

\*Jobs & J.D.'s Employment and Salaries of New Law Graduates, 2006 NALP

\*\*Note that starting salary at large Miami firms is currently \$135,000

### Number of Firms\*\*\*:

- 590 Firms with 1-9 attorneys
- 68 Firms with 10-24 attorneys
- 14 Firms with 25-49 attorneys
- 21 Firms with 50-99 attorneys
- 38 Firms with 100+ attorneys

\*\*\*Information from Martindale.com