

# 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 receive 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.

Check out the Florida Bar Association's website (<http://www.floridabar.org>) where you can find links to over 180 county, regional and statewide bar associations. (Click "Member Services", then "Voluntary Bar Center".) In addition, there are many specialized associations within the Florida Bar Association. One such association is the Young Lawyers Division which has over 21,000 members (<http://www.flayld.org>).

**Second**, between January and July, we can help you obtain reciprocity with participating Florida law 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: \$55,000	Median: \$64,000	Median: \$70,000	Median: \$70,000	Median: \$41,000
Mean: \$56,585	Mean: \$64,033	Mean: \$69,956	Mean: \$76,038	Mean: \$43,320

*\*Jobs & J.D.'s Employment and Salaries of New Law Graduates, 2007 NALP*

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

- 292 Firms with 2-9 attorneys
- 69 Firms with 10-24 attorneys
- 11 Firms with 25-49 attorneys
- 21 Firms with 50-99 attorneys
- 28 Firms with 100+ attorneys

\*\*\*Information from Martindale.com