# Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award

# 2024 Joint Luncheon



Presented by the Criminal Law Section And Criminal Procedure Rules Committee Waldorf Astoria Friday, June 21, 2024



Luncheon Program

- ↔ Welcome & Recognition of Selig I. Goldin 2024 Award Recipient: Joseph Spataro, Esq., 2023-2024 Chair of the Criminal Law Section
- 😔 Lunch
- ← **Introduction of Award Recipient:** *Harvey Sepler, Esq., Criminal Law Section Awards Committee Chair*
- Semarks from the Honoree: The Honorable Stanford Blake



## The Florida Bar Criminal Law Section 2024 Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award Honorable Stanford Blake



Judge Stanford Blake began his legal career as an assistant public defender in 1973. After five years with the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office, he entered private practice. In 1995, he returned to public service as a Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Judge Blake spent twenty-two years presiding over complex cases and numerous high-profile trials in the Civil, Family and Criminal Divisions.

As a Circuit Judge, he gained the respect and admiration of the South Florida legal community,

as evidenced by his many awards and receipt of the Dade County Bar Association's highest ever approval rating in 2012. He has been honored with the Dade County Bar's Judge William Hoeveler Lifetime Achievement Award; the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Outstanding Jurist Award; The Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Award for Judicial Excellence; The Florida Conference of Circuit Judges Chair's Award; the Judge Steve Levine Award for Fairness, Integrity and Professionalism; the Justice Gerald Kogan Judicial Distinction Award; the Judge Alan Schwartz Judicial Excellence Award; the Thomas Davison III Memorial Service Award; The Jewish Legal Society Rodef Shalom Award; The Council of Crime And Delinquency Distinguished Service Award; The League of Prosecutors Justice Award, and; The Transplant Foundation of South Florida Miracle Maker Award.

Judge Blake has been preparing the next generation of lawyers for two decades. He is an adjunct professor of litigation skills at the University of Miami School of Law. He trains new judges every year and has been a regular instructor for the Circuit Court Conference and Advanced Judicial Studies.

Judge Blakes's service to the community extends beyond the legal profession. He was the President of the Board of Directors of the Haven School for the Developmentally Disadvantaged; two-time President of the Kiwanis Club of Biscayne Bay, and; a Board Member of Lauren's Kids. He became active in the Transplant Foundation after donating a kidney to his brother in 1996.





"As an attorney, Selig was always tops. Dedication and zeal were his trademarks. He accepted many cases and many clients others turned down, because he felt those cases had to be defended and he believed in the person and the cause."

These words, spoken at Selig Goldin's funeral by his brother, Philip, capture what members of the criminal defense bar knew of this young Gainesville lawyer who died of cancer before his time -that he was a man of great ability and great compassion.

Though his career was cut short, Selig Goldin left an indelible mark -- on those he defended, on the judges before whom he practiced, and on the lawyers who were his adversaries in the courtroom and his friends when trial was over.

None who knew him doubt he was destined to reach the very top of our profession.

And so, to honor his memory, and celebrate his spirit, each year the Criminal Law Section distinguishes one member of The Florida Bar for displaying the talent and the heart of Selig I. Goldin.

Selig graduated from high school at the age of 16, college at the age of 20, and law school at the age of 23. By age 24, he was already well-regarded in the Gainesville legal comunity as a man who would not turn away a client because they could not afford to pay or because their case was unpopular. The path he blazed was not easy, nor to follow. And his honors and accomplishments achieved along the way were remarkable, especially for one so young.

As a member of the Executive Council of the Criminal Law Section, Selig Goldin displayed the same dedication and zeal that were his trademarks in the courtroom. He was, as many have said, a true impact player, "a lawyer's lawyer," and a man who possessed the very best attributes our profession has to offer: Competence, service, and compassion.

It is in this spirit that the Criminal Law Section proudly recognizes outstanding contribution to Florida's criminal justice system with its highest honor, the Selig I. Goldin Memorial Award.

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