

Review editor honored for work publicizing circuit's history

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The 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society has recognized Daily Business Review executive editor Eddie Dominguez with its Chairman's Award for his leadership and coverage of the circuit's history.

Society chairman **Joseph Serota** said Dominguez was selected because he and the DBR have helped increase public awareness about the circuit's history through the newspaper's coverage of its centennial.

"We're giving him the award because of his leadership in educating people about the circuit ... and history of the court system which really mirrors our history here in Miami," said Serota, a partner with **Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske** in Coral Gables.

The society will present the award at a reception on Thursday.

"As the executive editor of the Daily Business Review, Mr. Dominguez has inspired many in our community to reflect upon our past as a way of highlighting our accomplishments and as well as the areas upon which we can improve," said Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Scott Silverman, who serves as historian of the 11th Judicial Circuit.

The Chairman's Award was inaugurated in 2008 to recognize individuals who have had an impact in documenting and preserving or telling the story of the 11th Judicial Circuit or Greater Miami legal Community.

The previous honorees were Frank Angones, first Cuban-American Florida Bar president; Steven Zack, the first Hispanic president of the ABA; and former Florida Supreme Court Justice Raoul Cantero. Dominguez is spearheading the paper's current series on the court's centennial, which includes coverage of the re-enactment of the trial of mobster Al Capone, a look at the historic Dade County Courthouse and a cover story highlighting many of the most sensational trials of the last century. Future stories will recount the first execution in Miami-Dade, the evolution of South Florida law firms and a look at how major events in Miami played out in the courts.

"I'm flattered that the historical society has chosen to recognize me with this award, but in reality it's a recognition of the work done by many great journalists at the Review," Dominguez said.

Dominguez also has been recognized by the Cuban American Bar Association with its Public Service Award for his efforts to increase awareness of judicial elections. He is also a member of the Miami Dade College Alumni Hall of Fame, into which he was inducted in 2007.

"We are deeply honored that the society has chosen to recognize Eddie for his leadership and hard work in helping to bring the 11th Circuit's rich history to life in the pages of the DBR and on its website," said David Lyons, editor-in-chief of the Daily Business Review.

"Since our predecessor, The Daily Record, published its first edition in 1926, the DBR has maintained a commitment of chronicling the evolution of the legal system in Miami-Dade County. It's our intention to continue that tradition in the years to come."



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