

## **NEWS NOTE**

### **Former Miami-Dade County Public Defender Bennett H. Brummer Honored with NACDL's Champion of Indigent Defense Award**

Former Miami-Dade County Public Defender Bennett H. Brummer was honored with NACDL's prestigious Champion of Indigent Defense Award on February 18, 2011. NACDL President Jim Lavine along with Board Member Geneva Vanderhorst, presented the award to Mr. Brummer at NACDL's 2011 Midwinter Meeting and Seminar held in San Antonio, Texas. During his tenure, Brummer was one of the first public defenders in the nation to hire social workers to assess the needs of his office's clients in order to identify treatment options and help obtain alternatives to incarceration. He was also one of the founders of Miami-Dade's drug court, which became a national and international model for rehabilitative treatment of clients. Brummer was recognized by NACDL for his more than three decades of work and dedication to public service and providing quality and innovative legal services for the poor.