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1992 LAWYER OF THE AMERICAS AWARD

IRA J. KURZBAN

The "Lawyer of the Americas Award" is given annually to a prominent and respected member of the legal community who has made significant contributions in the fields of international and inter-American law. This year's "Lawyer of the Americas" is Ira J. Kurzban for his tireless efforts on behalf of Haitian refugees.

A son of an immigrant who left Romania alone at the age of twelve to come to the United States, Ira Kurzban received his M.A. and J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a past president and current legal counsel of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). He has been named by the National Law Journal as one of the top twenty immigration lawyers in the United States and was the first recipient of the Tobias Simon *Pro Bono* Award presented by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. More recently, Mr. Kurzban, along with professors Stotzky and Winick, were chosen as recipients of AILA's 1992 Human Rights Award for their work with the Haitian refugee litigation team. Ira Kurzban is currently a partner in the law firm of Kurzban, Kurzban and Weinger and is an adjunct faculty member in immigration and nationality law at the University of Miami School of Law.

In view of his significant contributions in the fields of immigration and inter-American law and his invaluable service and friendship to the University of Miami, Ira Kurzban is indeed a truly deserving "Lawyer of the Americas."