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Adele Stone

## A Community Advocate

To those who know her, Adele Stone epitomizes success, both as an accomplished real estate attorney and outstanding community citizen.

She works tirelessly handling corporate matters and real estate cases for clients and as president of the Florida Bar Foundation, she encourages Bar members to donate funds to provide programs to help those who cannot help themselves.

Stone is an exceptional leader who strives to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

The University of Miami School of Law graduate cites as role models her mother and grandmother. "They empowered my sisters and me to make choices and to think independently," recalls Stone, who shares an incredible work ethic with her sisters – Anita Byer, President and owner of a successful insurance company and State Representative Elyn Bogdanoff. From her mother, Stone learned you teach your children best by example.

Teaching by example exemplifies Stone's industry and civic involvement. She is President-Elect of NAIOP for Florida, a commercial real estate association and sits on the local NAIOP board of directors.

Her involvement also bridges both work and civic pursuits. As President of the Florida Bar Foundation she helps oversee a thirty million dollar budget, granting monies to non profits and projects serving those who cannot afford civil legal services. Recipients include Legal Aids and Florida's Children First, a statewide children's advocacy organization.

For her efforts, Stone is listed among the Best Lawyers in America and has been named one of Florida Trend's Legal Elite. For her professional and pro-bono work, the Atkinson Diner Stone shareholder received the Florida Bar's G. Kirk Haas Humanitarian Award. In 2009 she received Broward Legal Aid's Russell Carlisle Award, for working to foster free legal advice and representation to the disadvantaged of Broward County.

"She's an energetic, creative, dynamic, talented, and involved leader," said Tony Karat, Executive Director with Broward Legal Aid. "She spots opportunities before they happen, and puts you in a position to deal to capitalize on them."

Stone is not alone in her pursuits. She and her husband, law partner and Florida Bar President, Jesse H. Diner, share a passion for community outreach. The dynamic couple recently established the New Beginnings Educational Endowment at Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO) to help provide children "aging out" of foster care with college expenses. The endowment was created in honor of her sisters and brothers-in-law, Anita and Ralph Byer, who currently have two foster children and Elyn and Steven Bogdanoff, who fostered siblings a few years ago.

"I believe education equals opportunity. These children have experienced trauma in their lives and when they age out of foster care, they need to be able to have a real choice about education," says Stone.

"The satisfaction I receive from working hard for my clients and the community is what keeps me going. I consider myself fortunate my career allows me to do both." **LM**