

Randolph “Randy” P. McGrorty – After a brief stint in private practice, and in 1993, he took a volunteer job with the Jesuit Refugee Service, where he began to help the pre-screened Haitian refugees paroled from Guantanamo Naval Base at the Catholic Emergency Legal Aid for Haitians (CELAH/CLINIC). On June 1, 1994 he co-founded the G.W.L. Legal Project, which subsequently was restructured as Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami, Inc., (CLS) when CLINIC-Miami merged with G.W.L. Legal Project. Randy, Co-founder of Catholic Legal Services, currently serves as the Executive Director of the agency, interacts with heads of all departments & oversees their functions. He is a frequent speaker on asylum issues, Cuban/Haitian Entrant issues, and immigration law and an advocate on behalf of immigrants’ rights. He has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the field of immigration law, and tireless work on behalf of the immigrant and refugee community. He is the recipient of the Adalsinda Lomangino Award for outstanding contributions to the field of immigration law, the Saint Vincent DePaul Award from the Archdiocese of Miami “in recognition of ... faithful and compassionate service to those who seek sanctuary, shelter and security in a new land” and the Community Advocacy Award presented by Legal Aid of Broward County, Inc. He has received proclamations from both the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County recognizing his work on behalf of the immigrant and refugee communities of South Florida. He serves on the Board of CCLS. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Harvard University, he earned his Juris Doctorate and Masters of Science in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin. He also attended the International Summer School for Refugee Studies Programme in Oxford University.