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Teacher, Leader, Servant

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Many people claim to be servants of the less fortunate; keepers of the conscience of the law; teachers of the aspiring leaders of tomorrow; and genuinely sensitive to the daily problems of other human beings.

These cliches, while laudable, do not truly reach Steve Goldstein. In addition to all of the things we lawyers want to be, without the veneer of self-promotion and wealth, Steve was that and more.

Steve Goldstein was among the most compassionate, yet passionate, people who have lived in Florida. The law, the courts, the universities, and the moral fiber of each institution was enhanced by his life.

There will not be another Steve for a long, long time and we miss him.

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