

LEGAL BRIEFS

JOINT STATUS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ROTHSTEIN CASE

Judges handling the criminal and

bankruptcy cases arising from convicted fraudster Scott Rothstein's \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme have agreed to hold a joint status conference that includes all of the parties for the first time.

The March 19 hearing was scheduled at the request of Miami attorney Herbert Stettin, the bankruptcy trustee for Rothstein's defunct law firm, who has been given limited access to funds since the firm's downfall last November.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Raymond Ray, who is overseeing the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler, gave the

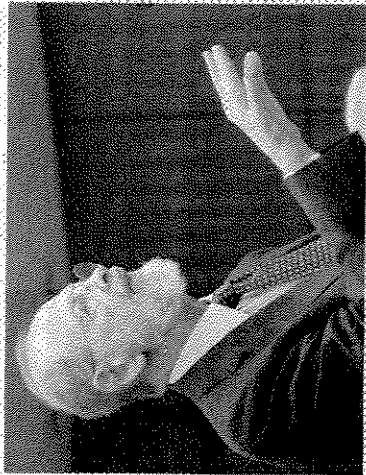
government until March 10 to respond to the planned joint session. His order signed Thursday noted U.S. District Judge James

Cohn, who is presiding over Rothstein's criminal case, set a March 8 deadline for response.

Cohn had not filed an order on the issue by late this morning.

Stettin's request noted the positive effect of similar hearings in the New York case of Marc Dreier, an attorney who is serving a 20-year sentence for running a \$700 million Ponzi scheme that centered on the sale of promissory notes.

Rothstein, who has entered a guilty plea in federal court in Fort Lauderdale, is scheduled to be sentenced May 6. **(Jordana Mishony)**



Herbert Stettin requested a conference for all parties involved.

LAW FIRM LEAVES DOWNTOWN FOR MIAMI BEACH

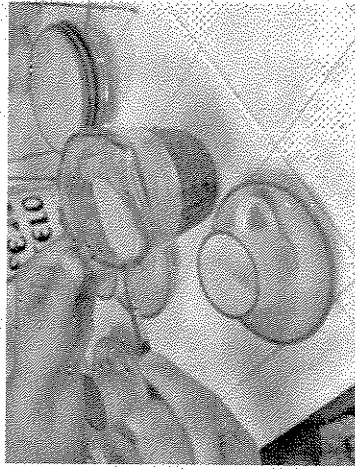
After 21 years in downtown Miami, Mitrani Rynor Adamsky & Toland is packing it in and heading east.

Bucking the conventional wisdom that a law firm — particularly a litigation shop — needs to be near the courthouse, the firm has leased the penthouse — 6,000-square-feet — at the HSBC Building in Miami Beach. Last Friday was moving day for the firm, which had been based at the SunTrust International Center for more than two decades.

"Being close to the Miami courts wasn't the defining issue for us anymore," managing partner Isaac J. Mitrani said. "We handle cases around the country. We wanted to focus on quality-of-life issues, and most of our Miami lawyers live in Miami Beach."

Besides, he added, clients were complaining about delays caused by downtown construction lately.

Most of the firm's seven Miami lawyers now will live about a mile from the office. The move echoes a similar one made



Cuban coffee is one of the mainstays for offices in downtown Miami.

In Fort Lauderdale seven years ago, when Mitrani moved its Broward County office from the downtown area to Weston, closer to the lawyers' homes.

"It has not impacted our client development, and our lawyers are happy," he said. Will Mitrani miss anything about being downtown?

"The Cuban coffee," he said without hesitation. **(Julie Kay)**

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tive for Stanford's Canadian customers, finding that Vantis destroyed computer servers with information about Stanford Canadian accounts.

Superior Court Justice **Claude Auclair** said he was removing Vantis as representative "because of the absence of good faith and of respect towards the

insolvency proceeding," Janvey said on the Web site. Stanford International Bank "is dramatically insolvent. It is being liquidated for the benefit of creditors."

What is worrisome to creditors is that a faltering Vantis may negotiate with Janvey and "give away rights that would be beneficial to the victims in order to

"My biggest problem is I'm a victim. Everyone who was a depositor was a victim, and we are being

court on behalf of Stanford trust depositors who claim they lost more than \$200 million. He said Janvey has blatantly ignored his frustrated clients.

"They don't understand why Janvey and Vantis aren't working together and why we have two parties generating fees," he said.

Delgado contends Janvey is going