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ROBERT "BOB" PARKS

Attorney and Environmentalist, Coral Gables

Bob Parks, ranked among the top five percent of lawyers in Florida, has established a sort-of dual career protecting both the law and the land. "I just think people have to care about where they live," says Parks. "It's not a very complicated deal. You take care of your house, you oughta take care of your state. That's where we are, and unfortunately we've let that get out of hand." Parks' interest in the environment began when Governor Bob Graham appointed him as chairman of the Environmental Regulation Commission from 1979 to 1987 (they were college roommates). Since then, Parks has taken special interest in protecting the Miami River, serving as chairman of the Miami River Commission and the Miami River Coordinating Committee. He has also been a member of the Environmental Land Management Study Committee and the Governor's Commission on Property Rights.