

# FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW RESEARCH AND CREATIVE CAPABILITIES

# **OVERVIEW**

The College of Law was originally established on December 21, 1949 at the Florida A&M College in Tallahassee, FL. After its doors were closed in 1968, the 2000 Florida Legislature unanimously passed legislation establishing a law school at Florida A&M University, and on June 14, 2000, Governor Jeb Bush signed the bill into law. The reestablished law school admitted its first class in the fall of 2002 in Orlando, Florida and since then has produced more than 2,500 graduates who are lawyers and leaders; 1,600 minority graduates; 1,600 licensed attorneys in Florida; 1,000 licensed minority attorneys in Florida; and 11 sitting judges in Florida, Georgia, and Missouri.



FAMU College of Law Campus in Historic Parramore District Downtown Orlando



Recognized as one of the most Diverse law schools in the nation

#### **CORE COMPETENCIES/CAPABILITIES**

- Fully accredited by the American Bar Association with Full-time Day and Part-time Evening programs with tuition among the lowest in Florida for instate and out-of-state students
- Provide competitive admission to a rigorous law curriculum girded in public service with an emphasis on professional responsibility
- Provide proximity to major law firms, area courthouses and government offices minutes from the campus located in the historic Parramore District of Downtown Orlando
- Dedicated faculty committed to the community as experts in Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, International Law, and Water Law among other areas

## **DIFFERENTIATORS**

- Named one of the Most Diverse Law Schools by U.S. News and World Report
- One of twelve law schools to receive an A+ ranking for Diversity by *Pre-Law Magazine*
- Named one of the top three law schools for African-Americans, and 14th for Hispanic Americans (2nd in Florida) by *Pre-Law Magazine*
- Experiential Learning and Field Placement with Clinical programs including the newly established Economic Justice Clinic
- Award winning Legal Connections program broadcast on local network



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## **PAST PERFORMANCE**

- Juris Doctor degree enrollment for the 2022-2023 academic year included 362 total students, with 264 (72 percent) identifying as a person of color. Enrollment further included 43 percent identifying as African-American, 25 percent as Hispanic (of any race), and 25 percent as White.
- The College of Law hosted "The American Dream Belongs to All of Us" Symposium organized by the FAMU Law Review and the Hispanic American Law Students Association in February 2023. The event attracted scholars from across the country and provided meaningful discussions of traditional and contemporary civil rights issues.

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