



RACIAL JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE INITIATIVE FACT SHEET

- Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law is announcing its Racial Justice Fellowship and the launch of its Economic Justice Initiative to address some of the ongoing economic inequities in our community, thanks to a **\$110,000.00** grant from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
- The Economic Justice Initiative will include a fellowship and legal clinical program through which law students will offer Black, minority-owned, and other underserved small businesses with free transactional legal services and counsel.
- The Economic Justice Initiative will also provide support to individuals from underserved communities and nonprofit organizations working in those communities.
- FAMU Law's partnership with Wells Fargo also includes a **\$10,000** grant for the Racial Justice Fellows as part of the Florida Law Schools' Consortium on Racial Justice Program, as well as a **\$100,000** grant for the Economic Justice Initiative and its Economic Justice Fellows.
- Associate Professor Mark Dorosin joined FAMU Law as the new legal clinic director in August 2021. He has been a civil rights lawyer for more than 25 years. Prior to joining FAMU, Professor Dorosin served as the managing attorney for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law-North Carolina Regional Office. Before that, Professor Dorosin was co-director of the Julius L. Chambers Center for Civil Rights. He also led the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Law Center for Civil Rights for 10 years.

- Racial Justice Fellow - **Terry Bensen**, a third-year law student from Las Vegas, Nevada
- Racial Justice Fellow- **Cassidy Mauth**, a second-year law student from Clermont, Florida
- Racial Justice Fellows will each receive \$5,000.00 scholarships during the 2021-2022 academic year while they work with two local organizations focused on combating inequities.
- Bensen and Mauth, who were selected from a pool of applicants, are currently supporting the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRC) and Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS).
- These two Racial Justice Fellows will set the standard for the next group of Economic Justice Fellows, who will begin work next year.
- Once selected, Economic Justice Fellows will work in FAMU Law's Legal Clinic or extern with grassroots, community-based organizations to provide legal support, counsel, and representation on critical economic issues, including small business organization, regulatory issues, contract drafting and review, employment issues, financing, and other transactional matters.
- Each Economic Justice Fellow will receive a stipend of \$5000 per semester and will be required to work 20-25 hours per week.
- Twenty Fellows will be selected over a two-year period.
- Our intention is for the Wells Fargo Economic Justice Fellowship Project to become a model that can be replicated in other under-served communities.

About FAMU College of Law

The FAMU College of Law is located in the heart of downtown Orlando, just steps from the George C. Young United States Courthouse and Federal Building; and blocks from governmental offices, major law firms, large corporations and legal service agencies.

The college's prime location provides students with direct access to the area's largest employers of individuals with law degrees, offering our students and graduates ample avenues to gain practical experience in the legal profession.

With tuition among the lowest of the 12 law schools in Florida, along with a full-time day program and a part-time evening program, the college is distinctly positioned to offer the traditional student and the working professional a chance to earn a law degree while accruing minimal debt.

Thanks to its renowned faculty, the college focuses on academic excellence in the classroom; emphasizes practical experience and public service within its clinical programs; and stresses professionalism through its co-curricular activities.