

## CENTER FOR ETHICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT, 2021–2022

### MISSION

Founded in 1996, the Center for Ethics and Public Service is a law school-housed ethics education, experiential skills training, and community engagement program devoted to the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in law and society. The Center’s mission is to educate law students to serve their communities as *citizen lawyers*.<sup>1</sup>

### HISTORY

For 26 years, the Center has served as an incubator and an accelerator for numerous public service initiatives. They include on-campus and off-campus ***clinics*** (Children and Youth Law Clinic, Community Economic Development and Design Clinic, Community Lawyering Clinic, Environmental Justice Clinic, Health Law Clinic, and Social Enterprise Clinic), ***programs*** (Brown University Institute at Brown for Environment and Society partnership, Dartmouth College Ethics Institute Internship Program, Professional Responsibility and Ethics Program, Street Law Program, and University of Miami Joint College of Arts and Sciences Program on Law, Public Policy, and Ethics), ***summer colloquia*** (University of Miami Environmental Justice, Policy, & Science), and ***oral histories and documentary films*** (Oral History and Documentary Film Project).<sup>2</sup>

### FACULTY AND STAFF

The Center’s faculty and staff include founding Director Professor Anthony Alfieri; Fredman Family Foundation Practitioner-in-Residence and Lecturer Alexander Rundlet; Program Coordinator Galen Daniels; and Senior Program Manager Lauren Madigan.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In 2022, the Provost recommended continued approval of the Center; Faculty Senate approval is expected in Fall 2022.

<sup>2</sup> The *Oral History and Documentary Film Project* compiles oral history archives and produces film documentaries to preserve the cultural and social history of low- and moderate-income communities of color in South Florida. Since 2010, the project has produced five films documenting the history of Coconut Grove Village West, public school segregation in Miami-Dade County, and environmental injustice in the City of Miami.

<sup>3</sup> The Center occupies two offices (G277 & G362) and a student workroom (G262) in the UM School of Law Library.

## PROGRAMS

The Center operates three programs: the *Community Equity Lab*, the *Historic Black Church Program*, and the *Legal Profession Program*. Program faculty, staff, and students collaborate with schools across the University of Miami<sup>4</sup> as well as the Florida bar and bench; anti-poverty, civil rights, environmental, and public health organizations; and faith-based groups, nonprofit corporations, and civic and neighborhood associations.

### Community Equity Lab

Established in 2018 to address the urgent housing and health needs of socioeconomically impoverished and politically disenfranchised communities of color in Florida, the *Community Equity Lab* integrates anti-poverty and civil rights advocacy and grassroots organizing strategies with university-wide, interdisciplinary resources to advance social justice initiatives at the neighborhood intersection of race and inequality in the areas of education, health, housing, municipal equity, and the natural and built environment. The Lab houses two projects: the *Health Disparities Project* and the *Housing and Community Economic Development Project*.<sup>5</sup>

Launched in 2020 in collaboration with the School of Medicine’s MD/MPH Program, the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, and a coalition of community partners, the *Health Disparities Project* engages in community-centered health law and policy research, advocacy, and education.

Created in 1999 initially as a joint venture with the School of Architecture’s Center for Urban and Community Design to develop interdisciplinary teaching, research, and neighborhood technical assistance models promoting municipal equity in the built environment, the *Housing and Community Economic Development Project* has grown into a broader collaboration with a coalition of community partners, including Black churches, civic associations, and tenant and homeowner organizations, seeking to (i) halt the eviction, displacement, and resegregation of vulnerable tenants and homeowners; (ii) negotiate community benefits agreements; (iii) reform segregative land use and zoning policies; and (iv) build and rehabilitate fair, affordable, and integrated housing.

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<sup>4</sup> University partners include: Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, College of Arts and Sciences Department of Geography and Regional Studies, Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, & Earth Science, School of Communication, School of Education & Human Development, School of Medicine’s Department of Public Health Sciences, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the UM Libraries.

<sup>5</sup> In recent years (2020-2022), Community Equity Lab projects received grant awards from the University of Miami Laboratory for Integrative Knowledge/U-LINK (\$99,902) and the University of Miami Racial Justice Grant Program (\$5,000), and facilitated a grant award from the Florida Department of Health Miami-Dade County (\$700,000).

## **Historic Black Church Program**

The *Historic Black Church Program* is a community outreach and rights education project operated in partnership with more than sixty (60) faith-based groups, nonprofit corporations, and civic and neighborhood associations in South Florida.<sup>6</sup>

Program highlights include community-based advocacy and organizing in support of the *West Grove Trolley Garage Campaign*, which halted the discriminatory placement of a City of Coral Gables municipal bus depot in the historically segregated neighborhood of Coconut Grove Village West; the *East Gables Trolley Access Campaign*, which won municipal trolley service for residents of the historically segregated MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision and the Golden Gates District of East Coral Gables; the *Old Smokey Steering Committee-Community Stakeholder Organization*, which gave rise to the cleanup of nearly a dozen contaminated municipal parks and the class action litigation in *Styles v. City of Miami*; and the *Coconut Grove Village West Housing and Community Development Task Force Campaign*, a fair-and-affordable housing coalition of Black churches, civic associations, and tenant and homeowner organizations now operating under the auspices of *Grove Rights and Community Equity, Inc. (GRACE)*.

## **Legal Profession Program**

The *Legal Profession Program* includes both student-centered leadership workshops and CLE-oriented practice seminars in cooperation with Florida bar associations, federal and state courts, law firms, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Program highlights include Legal Malpractice and Law Firm Management Roundtables, the Lawyers in Leadership Award and Hon. William M. Hoeveler Award luncheons, and Legal Profession Colloquia with leading members of the South Florida bar and bench.

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<sup>6</sup> Program partners have included the Coconut Grove Ministerial Alliance of Black Churches, Collective Empowerment Group (a tri-county consortium of 40 churches), Grove Rights and Community Equity, Inc. (GRACE), Coconut Grove Village West Homeowners and Tenants Association, Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association (East Gables), St. Paul Community Development Corporation, South Miami Concerned Clergy and Citizens Coalition, among others.

### INTERNAL AWARDS

The Center confers three leadership awards: the *Hon. William M. Hoeveler Award*, the *Lawyers in Leadership Award*, and the *Andrew D. Fredman Friend of the Center Award*. The *Hon. William M. Hoeveler Award* honors extraordinary members of the bar and bench as well as organizations distinguished by their historical dedication to ethics and public service. The *Lawyers in Leadership Award* honors outstanding members of the bar and bench as well as organizations distinguished by their dedication to ethics and civic leadership. The *Andrew D. Fredman Friend of the Center Award* honors civic-minded members of the South Florida community distinguished by their contribution to the mission of the Center for Ethics and Public Service. *See* Appendix A.

### EXTERNAL AWARDS

Center programs have won numerous local, state, and national awards, including two American Bar Association awards, three Association of American Law School awards, and both The Florida Bar and the Florida Supreme Court awards. *See* Appendix B.

### COMMUNITY IMPACT

Since 1996, Center faculty and staff have trained more than 1,382 graduate and undergraduate fellows and interns, and collaborated with more than 48,081 civic leaders in ethics and professionalism programs as well as anti-poverty, civil rights, environmental justice, and public health campaigns. Center faculty also have been widely cited in law journals and in the media.

## **APPENDIX A: AWARDS CONFERRED**

### **HON. WILLIAM M. HOEVELER AWARD, 2002-2022**

The Honorable Michael A. Hanzman, 2022  
The Honorable Adalberto Jordan, 2021  
Julie K. Brown, 2019  
Patricia Borns & Jenny Staletovich, 2018  
Friends of the Everglades, 2017  
The Honorable Marcia G. Cooke, 2016  
George Knox, 2015  
The Honorable Barbara J. Pariente, 2014  
The Honorable Jay Cristol, 2013  
The Honorable Justice R. Fred Lewis, 2012  
Katherine Fernandez Rundle, 2011  
The Honorable Joseph W. Hatchett, 2010  
The Honorable Donald L. Graham, 2009  
The Honorable Mario P. Goderich, 2008  
The Honorable Peter T. Fay, 2007  
Janet Reno, 2006  
The Honorable Rosemary Barkett, 2005  
Walter H. Beckham, Jr., 2004  
The Honorable Daniel S. Pearson, 2003  
The Honorable William M. Hoeveler, 2002

**LAWYERS IN LEADERSHIP AWARD, 2000-2022**

Civil Rights Collective, 2022  
Tiffani G. Lee, 2021  
The Honorable Jacqueline Becerra, 2019  
Florida Justice Institute, 2018  
Monica Vigues-Pitan, 2017  
Charles E. Elsesser, Jr., 2016  
The Honorable Darrin P. Gayles, 2015  
Elizabeth Schwartz, 2014  
Patricia Redmond, 2013  
Carlos J. Martinez, 2012  
Joseph Centorino, 2011  
Marcia K. Cypen, 2010  
Kathleen Williams, 2009  
Cheryl Little, 2008  
The Honorable Peter R. Palermo & Edna Shalala, 2007  
M. Minnette Massey, 2006  
Jeannette F. Hausler & The Honorable Patricia A. Seitz, 2005  
H. T. Smith, 2003  
Carlos M. de la Cruz, The Honorable Joan A. Lenard, & Richard C. Milstein, 2002  
Ellen Catsman Freidin, Joseph P. Klock, & The Honorable Henry Latimer, 2001  
President Emeritus Edward T. Foote II, 2000

**ANDREW D. FREDMAN FRIEND OF THE CENTER AWARD, 2001-2022**

Natalie Barefoot & Daniela Tagtachian, 2019  
Cynthia McKenzie & Jan Jacobowitz, 2016  
Ralf Brookes, Philip Freidin, Lowell J. Kuvin, & Joel S. Perwin, 2014  
Cristina Favretto, Laverne Pinkney, & Beatrice Colastin Skokan, 2013  
Coconut Grove Ministerial Alliance & Donald A. Cramp, Jr., 2012  
Karen Throckmorton, 2011  
JoNel Newman, Bernard P. Perlmutter, & Kele Stewart Williams, 2010  
John M. Barkett, 2009  
Neal R. Sonnett, 2008  
Dennis O. Lynch & Jessi Tamayo, 2007  
Sandford L. Bohrer & Charles E. Elsesser, Jr., 2006  
Arturo Brito, M.D., Lawrence Friedman, M.D., & JoNell Efantis-Potter, R.N., Ph.D.,  
Hy Shapiro, & Gwen Wurm, M.D., 2005  
Louis J. Chiavacci, Dr. Susan Mullane, & Samina Quraeshi, 2004  
Ed Asper, Juan C. Enjamio, Adrian J. Parry, & Laura C. Walker, 2003  
Steven E. Chaykin & Holly R. Skolnick, 2002  
Elinor Catsman, 2001

## APPENDIX B: AWARDS RECEIVED

### CENTER AWARDS

2017 Community Service Award, Coconut Grove Ministerial Alliance of Black Churches  
2016 Award for Social Justice, Coconut Grove Drug-Free Prevention Partnership  
2014 Miami People, Miami New Times  
2014 Community Recognition Award, G.W. Carver High School Alumni Association  
2012 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award, American Bar Association  
2012 Public Interest Innovative Service Award, UM School of Law  
2011 Appreciation Award, Coconut Grove Ministerial Alliance of Black Churches  
2009 Innovative Service in the Public Interest Award, UM School of Law  
2007 Innovative Service in the Public Interest Award, UM School of Law  
2007 William Pincus Award, AALS Section on Clinical Education  
2007 Father Robert Drinan Award, AALS Section on Pro Bono and Public Service  
2004-2005 Gary Bellow Scholar, AALS Section on Clinical Education  
2002 UM Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society  
2001 *Arete* Award, Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust  
2000 Seventh Annual Professionalism Award, The Florida Bar  
1999 Faculty Professionalism Award, Florida Supreme Court  
1998 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award, American Bar Association