Voting Rights in Miami

On Tuesday, April 5th, Miami Law’s Center for Ethics and Public Service Legal Profession Program presented a panel on Zoom that explored the impact of municipal redistricting on voters’ voices and rights—specifically in low-income, communities of color. The distinguished panelists included Ellen Freidin, Marisol Zenteno, and Reverend Nathaniel Robinson III, all of whom are voting rights advocates and activists in the South Florida area. The event was attended by over 60 students, professionals, and many of our community partners.

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Civil Rights Colloquium

Thursday, September 8, 2022
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Student Lounge

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OUR 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.

To advance our mission, for 26 years the Center has served as an incubator and an accelerator for numerous public service initiatives, including the current Community Equity Lab, Historic Black Church Program, and Legal Profession Program. Additional initiatives encompass clinics (Children and Youth Law Clinic, Community Economic Development & 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 Joint College of Arts and Sciences Program on Law, Public Policy, and Ethics), summer colloquia (UM Environmental Justice, Policy, & Science), and oral histories and documentary films (Oral History & Documentary Film Project).

Since 1996, Center faculty and staff have trained more than 1,360 graduate and undergraduate fellows and interns, and collaborated with more than 47,672 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.