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Founded in 1996, the School of Law's Center for Ethics and Public Service is an interdisciplinary clinic devoted to the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in law and society. The Center provides training in ethics and professional values to the Law School and the University as well as to the Florida business, civic, education, and legal communities. The Center also provides health rights education and economic development training to low-income communities. The Center observes three guiding principles in serving the cause of ethics, professional values, and public service: interdisciplinary collaboration, public-private partnership, and student mentoring and leadership training.

PRACTICE GROUPS

Staffed by Law School student fellows and interns under the direction of Professor Anthony Alfieri, Deputy Director Karen Throckmorton, Senior Fellow Harriet Roberts, Visiting Senior Fellows Ellen Catsman Freidin, Janet Reno, and Laura Walker, Clinical Fellows Troy E. Elder, Bernard P. Perlmutter, and Carolyn C. Salisbury, and Coordinator Cynthia McKenzie, the Center operates three practice groups and twelve projects in the fields of ethics education, professional training, and community service. The *Bar & Bench Group* offers continuing legal education training to South Florida bar associations, courts, law firms, and nonprofit groups, and ethics consulting services to private and nonprofit organizations. The *Education Group* teaches ethics to faculty and students in Miami-Dade County public and private schools, sponsors interdisciplinary ethics and leadership workshops at the Law School and University, and teaches an undergraduate seminar on law, public policy, and ethics in the College of Arts & Sciences. The *Pro Bono Group* administers the *Community Economic Development and Design Project (CEDAD)*, a community-based education and technical assistance program furnishing economic development training to residents of low-income neighborhoods in collaboration with the School of Architecture, and the *Community Health Rights Education Project (CHRE)*, an integrated teaching, research, and community service program providing health rights education to under-served communities in cooperation with the Schools of Nursing and Medicine.

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The Center is the recipient of four prestigious national, state, and local bar and bench awards from the American Bar Association (*1998 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award*), the Florida Supreme Court (*1999 Faculty Professionalism Award*), the Florida Bar (*2000 Seventh Annual Professionalism Award*), and the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (*2001 Arete Award*). Since 1996, the Center has helped educate over 7,000 members of the Florida bar, bench, Law School, University, and civic community.

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