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Marijuana: Tops List of Innovative Courses Taught at FAMU Law

Orlando, FL – July 30, 2018 – Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law does it again! Known for introducing innovative courses unique to most colleges, FAMU College of Law is set to offer its second course that explores key legal and policy issues related to marijuana use when the Fall 2018 Semester begins Aug. 15, 2018

“With Florida joining 30 states that have legalized marijuana for medicinal use and mounting efforts to sanction its recreational use, we’re pleased to help develop skilled legal counsel that is needed to understand and help shape state and federal regulations in this fast-growing market,” explains LeRoy Pernell, FAMU Law Interim Dean and Professor of Law.

The fall semester is gearing up to equip students with a 14-week *Marijuana Law and Policy Seminar* taught by Professor Jennifer Smith. Her course will take an in-depth look at competing approaches to regulating marijuana, rationales behind these approaches, legal authority viewpoints, and understanding marijuana law as a civil rights issue.

Adjunct Professor and 2013 FAMU Law Graduate Tamieka Range taught *Cannabis Law and Social Justice* during the Summer 2018 Semester, marking the first occasion such a course was taught at a Florida law school.

Other cutting-edge courses taught at FAMU Law by Professor Smith have included: Electronic Discovery, where students were introduced to preservation, search, metadata, and forms of production, touching upon the issues that confront the use of digital data in litigation. She also taught groundbreaking approaches in Health Care Law, an exploration of a topics in the health care field, such as: treatment, relationship, liability, professional licensure, right to die, reproductive rights, health care insurance, and regulation of health care facilities and transactions.

About Florida A&M University 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 13 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.

The College of Law’s student body is diverse – 72 percent minority and 56 percent women – helping to enrich a campus community where intellectual freedom and self-discovery are encouraged. 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. For more information about the FAMU College of Law, visit <http://law.famu.edu/>.

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