

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Donna E. Shalala, President

From:

Steven Green

Chair, Faculty Senate

Date:

4 September 2001

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2001-01(B) - Approval of the School of Law's Center for

Ethics and Public Service

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The Faculty Senate, at its 29 August 2001 meeting, voted to approve the name of a sponsored center, the School of Law's Center for Ethics and Public Service, for the period of time of continuous funding and any extensions thereafter.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

SG/kl

Luis Glaser, Executive Vice President and Provost

Dennis Lynch, Dean, School of Law

Anthony V. Alfieri, Director of School of Law's

Center for Ethics and Public Service

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RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT: DATE: 8 Sept 200.	1
OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT:	
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EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION:	
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REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED):	



# SCHOOL OF LAW CENTER FOR ETHICS & PUBLIC SERVICE



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#### Mission

Founded in 1996, the School of Law's Center for Ethics and Public Service is an interdisciplinary project 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 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 V. Alfieri, the Center operates five practice groups 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 and nonprofit advocacy organizations. The Education Group teaches ethics to faculty and students in Miami-Dade County public and private high schools. The Workshop & Symposium Group sponsors interdisciplinary seminars on the professions at the Law School and University. The University Group supervises a leadership seminar series at the Law School and instructs a first year honors ethics seminar at the University. The Pro Bono Group administers the Community Health Rights Education Project, an integrated teaching, research, and community service program providing health rights education to underserved communities in cooperation with the Schools of Medicine and Nursing, and the Community Economic Development and Design *Project*, a community-based education and technical assistance program furnishing small business counseling and economic development training to residents of low-income neighborhoods in collaboration with the School of Architecture.

## **Impact**

The Center is the recipient of three prestigious national and state bar and bench awards from the American Bar Association (1998 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award), the Florida Supreme Court (1999 Faculty Professionalism Award), and the Florida Bar (2000 Seventh Annual Professionalism Award). Donor gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations, law firms, and organizations, coupled with underwriting from the University of Miami, account for over \$500,000 in contributions to the Center. This underwriting support has enabled the Center reach out to help educate over 3,000 members of the Florida bar, bench, Law School, University, and civic communities in only five years time.

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