RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

INVESTMENTS IN SOLUTIONS THAT CUT ACROSS DISCIPLINES WILL ACCELERATE RESEARCH THAT CREATES A BETTER GLOBAL FUTURE.

Irrepressible in our pursuit of knowledge, FIU translates big ideas into real-world applications. Our research ignites new businesses and economic development: FIU now ranks among the top 100 universities worldwide for the number of utility patents granted.

Located at the intersection of the Americas, FIU Law operates in an international legal environment. Faculty are recognized for their work in international law and human rights, Latin American and Caribbean law, and comparative law, among other specialties.

FIU—and FIU Law—are strategically positioned to advance the most innovative and practical solutions to many of society’s toughest challenges. These solutions, in turn, hold promise to become models for the rest of the country and the world.

Your support through FIU’s Next Horizon campaign will advance research at FIU Law in significant ways. Campaign investments will build on our substantial expertise in international and comparative law and develop a robust legal technology program. Your support will create endowed chairs and professorships to attract more outstanding faculty. And these bright legal minds will, in turn, inspire students, serve the community, and drive global legal innovation.
INTERNATIONAL REACH

A native of Venezuela, Associate Dean of International and Graduate Studies Manuel A. Gómez is an expert on international dispute resolution, institutional and legal reform in Latin America, the globalization of the legal profession, and innovations in legal education. Professor Gómez is a board member of the Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS), Chair of the Law School Liaison Committee of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar, and the Editor-In-Chief of the *World Arbitration and Mediation Review*.

#126 to 150

FIU Law is No. 126 to 150 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019 for law schools, a ranking based on our teaching, research, research influence, and international outlook.

53rd

FIU Law is ranked No. 53 nationally among public law schools by the 2018 *U.S. News & World Report*.
TOGETHER, WE WILL PRODUCE EXCEPTIONAL, ETHICAL LAWYERS WHO ARE READY FOR THE CHALLENGES OF OUR GLOBALIZED WORLD.

We offer personalized attention to every student and provide faculty mentors to help students plan their curriculum and maximize their success after law school. We also add the benefits of a three-semester legal writing program (unique in legal education) and the vast experiential learning opportunities available in our own backyard. The end result is a better legal education for our students and better lawyers for society.

At FIU Law, our efforts ensure that our students are well-prepared and experienced when they enter the practice of law. Students gain hands-on experience through our clinical and externship programs, where last year they provided over 35,000 hours of pro bono legal services and spent more than 13,500 hours working for judges, state attorneys, public defenders, nonprofit organizations, and county attorneys. Our Trial Advocacy Program produces practice-ready trial lawyers who go into the courtroom on day one providing competent representation. Our students have access to the same technology and resources they will use in practice, and continue to have access up to 18 months after graduation. With our emphasis on experience, FIU Law’s employment rate—the percentage of graduates working in full-time legal positions 10 months after graduation—is consistently strong.

Your investment in FIU Law through FIU’s Next Horizon campaign will strengthen these efforts. With your support, we will increase scholarships to help more students. We will ensure access to high-impact experiences such as externships, pro bono work, and Trial Advocacy participation. And we will invest in the tools and technology that give our students a competitive edge.
POWER OF OPPORTUNITY

For Desmond Meade ’14, a formerly homeless man who served time in prison, the opportunity to earn a law degree from FIU changed the trajectory of his life. It also led to a recent change in the state constitution.

Meade spearheaded a 2018 ballot initiative in Florida that restored voting rights to over 1.4 million former felons. He is also engaged in a national effort to reduce mass incarceration and gun violence in urban communities in his role as Executive Director of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition.

“If not for that one door opening at Miami’s public law school, where would I be now?” said Meade. Chances like that—second chances—impact the people in our community, he explained. “It speaks volumes to the power of redemption, the power of opportunity.”

30th

Admission to FIU Law is competitive. Our acceptance rate is the 30th lowest in the nation—and the lowest in Florida.