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### **Three FAMU Law Students Selected as Florida Bar Foundation Legal Aid Summer Fellows**

**Orlando, Fla.** – Three Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law students were selected to participate in the 2010 Florida Bar Foundation Legal Services Summer Fellowship Program. Second-year law students Sopi Mitil and Johnathon Wright and first-year law student Matthew McLain are among 15 percent of all applicants chosen to participate in the 11-week program over the summer, which began May 24, and continues through August 6. The Florida Bar Foundation received 270 applications from in-state law students and 60 applications from out of state law students. A total of 40 students were selected to participate this year.

Mitil was placed with the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, a bar sponsored, general legal services provider serving indigent clients primarily in Orange County. Depending on the assignment, the fellow could work in the areas of family, juvenile, housing, immigration, public benefits, consumer law or juvenile law.

Wright and McLain were placed with Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida with branches in Orlando and Kissimmee. This is a large, federally funded general legal service provider where the fellow will work with a variety of public benefits matters in Orlando on assisting with fair housing, public housing, private landlord-tenant, and linked family law matters in Kissimmee.

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The FAMU College of Law was founded in 1949 on the main campus in Tallahassee. After graduating 57 lawyers, the law school was closed by the state of Florida in 1968. The Florida Legislature voted to reopen the law school in 2000 and Orlando was selected as the location. The reestablished FAMU College of Law opened its doors in 2002 and is now housed in a state-of-the-art facility at 201 Beggs Avenue in downtown Orlando's Parramore neighborhood. The FAMU College of Law received full accreditation from the American Bar Association in July 2009, and is ranked number one in the nation for Diversity by *U.S. News & World Report*.