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Walt Disney World Resort Title Sponsor for FAMU College of Law Accreditation Celebration

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Walt Disney World Resort will be the title sponsor for the Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law Accreditation Celebration golf tournament and gala. The golf tournament and gala will acknowledge and celebrate FAMU College of Law receiving full accreditation from the American Bar Association on July 30, 2009.

“I would like to thank Walt Disney World Resort for supporting this celebration,” said FAMU President James H. Ammons. “Through its generous sponsorship, this celebration will serve as a way to generate funds that will strengthen and build on the achievements of the College of Law. We are expecting tremendous support for this event from our alumni, friends and supporters.”

The golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, February 19, at Disney’s Osprey Ridge Golf Course. Anyone interested in participating in the event can visit www.famu.edu/famudisney to register. The cost to participate is \$150 per person and \$500 for a foursome. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and the tournament at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

On Saturday, February 20, the gala will begin with a VIP reception at 6 p.m. followed by the gala at 7 p.m. at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort. Tickets for the gala are \$150 per person and \$1,250 for a table of ten. Tickets can be purchased online beginning January 26, 2010, at www.famu.edu/famudisney.

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“We are pleased to announce that because this event has been fully sponsored by Walt Disney World Resort; all proceeds will go directly to support the College of Law, and all event purchases are 100% tax deductible,” said C. Williams Jennings, chair of the FAMU Board of Trustees. “We encourage those who can to support this celebration. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our College of Law.”

“We are very grateful and appreciative for the support of Walt Disney World Resort,” said Carla Willis, vice president for FAMU’s University Relations and executive director for the FAMU Foundation, Inc. “These events will raise vital dollars for scholarships and other key priorities at the College of Law. In addition, funds raised will be used to support the establishment of the Joseph W. Hatchett Endowed Professorship at the FAMU College of Law.”

FAMU College of Law’s rich tradition of excellence dates back to its original founding. On December 21, 1949, a division of law was established at the then Florida A&M College, and the first class was admitted in 1951. In 1966, the Florida Board of Control (later known as the Board of Regents) withdrew its permission for the institution to admit law students. Two years later, the law school graduated its last class and closed its doors.

The 2000 Florida Legislature unanimously passed legislation establishing a law school at FAMU. FAMU College of Law’s first class was admitted in fall 2002 and graduated in spring 2005.

Hotel accommodations can be made by calling our host hotel, Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort at (407) 939-1000. Please request the FAMU College of Law Gala special rate when making your reservations. The deadline to make reservations for the special rate is February 5, 2010.

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