

## APPROVED PRO BONO PROGRAM Intentional Justice Pro Bono Legal Project Fines and Fees Review and Modification (FFRM) Program

You are invited to join the FIU College of Law Intentional Justice (IJ) Pro Bono Legal Project's Fines and Fees Review and Modification (FFRM) Program. The FFRM will collaborate with the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FFRC) to review and seek modification of fines and fees for convicted felons who have completed their sentences. Desmond Meade, an FIULAW Alumni, is the CEO of this grassroots, membership organization run by returning citizens (formerly convicted persons) dedicated to ending disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions.

As an FIU's FFRM Program fellow, you will work with returning citizens to remove financial barriers for persons with past felony convictions in Broward County or Miami-Dade County who meet certain qualifications. Our specific goal is to create change in the legal system by addressing the systemic injustice of disenfranchisement by reviewing court and criminal records and applying for modifications, if needed.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1. Day or evening students who have completed at least ONE (1) semester of law school
- 2. Letter(email) of interest addressed to Zoraya Ledesma at: ledesmaz@fiu.edu
- 3. Signed conflict of interest and confidentiality upon acceptance during training

NOTE: Training is **remote** and tentatively schedule during the first week of October (TBD). Participation may require limited visits to the courthouse and requires a commitment to complete at least 30 pro bono hours. No hours will be awarded for training until completion of at least 30 pro bono hours.

Acceptance is on rolling basis with NO DEADLNES
Direct all inquiries with the subject line: FFRM PROGRAM to:
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Externship and Pro Bono Program, Director