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College of Law Timeline

1949: The FAMU College of Law is established by the state Board of Control.

1951: The first class enters law school at FAMU.

1954: The first class at FAMU College of Law Graduates.

1965: The Florida legislature votes to close the FAMU law school and open a law school at Florida State University.

1966: The Board of Regents, the governing body of the State University System, prohibits FAMU from accepting a first year law school class in 1966.

1968: The final class graduates from the original FAMU College of Law.

2000: A coalition of state legislators introduces bills to create law schools at Florida A&M University and Florida International University. The legislation passes and is signed by Governor Jeb Bush.

2002: The re-established FAMU College of Law admits its first class of 89 students for the fall in Orlando, Florida.


2005: The inaugural class graduates in the spring.

2006: The law school relocates to its brand-new, state-of-the-art facilities at 201 Beggs Avenue in downtown Orlando.