

Florida Civil Rights Association

2009 Civil Rights Agenda

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT J WILLIE DAVID, III

The Florida Civil Rights Association (FCRA) and President J Willie David, III are committed to fighting discrimination in the State of Florida based on race, color, sex, age, religion, familial status, disability, national origin, and retaliation.

2009 will bring new civil rights challenges from the fallout of the 2008 economic and housing crisis. We must be ready to meet these new challenges with a committed leadership team. However, President David will move quickly to replace stale committee chairs by appointing new leaders with an aggressive posture.

President David have developed an agenda for the organization that directs FCRA leadership to take a newly aggressive posture toward civil rights enforcement especially in cases of employment, housing, credit, police misconduct, economic development, voter registration, education, youth and young adult outreach.

- President David will create "Ask An Attorney" program as a new service to our members and citizens of the City of Orlando. Once a month an attorney will be onsite at FCRA Headquarters to give advice and counsel on legal issues Free of Charge!
- President David appoints Patrick Noze as Chairman of the newly created Arts and Culture Committee on New Year's Day. Chairman Noze's appointment will help expand FCRA's commitment to diversity in the Arts and Culture Industry.
- FCRA's civil and human rights advocacy has taken on a national and international agenda. Therefore, President David is planning to appoint four additional attorneys to advise FCRA on a wide range of local, state, national and international legal issues.
- FCRA's membership is growing at a fast pace across the state. A call from our members to start FCRA branches in their cities had increased. FCRA's leadership team is considering forming FCRA branches in Orlando, Tampa and Miami areas.
- President David understands that FCRA 2009 President's Agenda will certainly fall short without adequate funding to support FCRA's operation and programs. President David plan to reach out to new donors to support the work and mission of FCRA.

President David invites you to consider becoming a new FCRA member, serving on one of our committees or renew your membership. If you have any questions, please contact Benoit Estime, Membership Chairman at (407) 272-9254 or info@fcranews.com

Thank you,

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