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Press Announcement

**FMU SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE WELCOMES ALEXANDER RUNDLET, ESQ. AS CHIEF STRATEGIST**



**January 26, 2021, Miami Gardens, FL**, The FMU Social Justice Institute (FMU SJI) recently engaged Alexander Rundlet, Esq. as its Chief Strategist. Rundlet brings years of experience as a litigator and policy analyst with a focus on social justice issues. As Chief Strategist for the FMU SJI, Rundlet will serve as a part of its leadership team to assist with the implementation of its goals and aims.

“We are thrilled to have Attorney Rundlet as a thought-partner for the SJI,” said Dr. Tameka Bradley Hobbs, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at FMU and the Founding Director of the FMU SJI. “From the time we launched, he’s been an active member of the advisory board. Alexander has incredible expertise in the intersection of the law, policy, and racial justice that is of tremendous value to the vision and work of the SJI.”

Rundlet earned his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Prior to law school, he was a Health Education Volunteer in the United States Peace Corps in Mali, West Africa.

Rundlet was awarded a Post-Graduate Justice Fellowship by George Soros’ Open Society Institute, working as a Staff Attorney at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia, between 2000 and 2003, where he represented individuals in misdemeanor and felony cases and represented individuals on death row in Georgia and Alabama in capital post-conviction proceedings. He also was a

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and 2003, where he represented individuals in misdemeanor and felony cases and represented individuals on death row in Georgia and Alabama in capital post-conviction proceedings. He also was a member of the State Bar of Georgia's Indigent Defense Committee and worked with a coalition of lawyers who, through a coordinated campaign of class action litigation, public education and lobbying efforts in the Georgia General Assembly, brought about sweeping criminal justice reform in the State of Georgia. He has appeared before the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court. Alexander continues his work with the Southern Center for Human Rights as a member of its Board of Trustees.

After moving to Miami in 2003, Alexander gained extensive courtroom and jury trial experience as an Assistant Public Defender in the Office of the Public Defender for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County before entering private practice. In private practice, Alexander has extensive experience as a civil litigator in civil rights, complex litigation, and class action cases.

#### **About the FMU Social Justice Institute**

Founded in 2020, the FMU Social Justice Institute is a solutions-focused think-tank examining issues at the intersection of racial disparities and injustice in Miami-Dade County and the state of Florida. The purpose of the FMU Social Justice Institute is to serve as a resource for creating and facilitating tangible reforms in order to achieve a more just and fair society. Its areas of focus include Criminal Justice, Educational Justice, Economic Justice, Civic Engagement, Gun Violence, System Racism, Health Justice, and Environmental Justice. For more information, visit [www.socialjustice.fmuniv.edu](http://www.socialjustice.fmuniv.edu).

#### **About Florida Memorial University**

Located in the City of Miami Gardens, Florida Memorial University is a private, historically Black institution that offers 27 undergraduate degree programs and four graduate degree programs to a culturally diverse student body. Since its inception in 1879, the University has upheld a commitment to provide an academic education solid foundation built upon the pillars of leadership, character, and service. FMU is South Florida's only Historically Black College or University (HBCU). FMU is among the leading HBCUs in the nation leveraging partnerships with public and corporate partners to develop academic training and certification programs in emerging markets such as Aviation Management and Environmental Science, Cybersecurity, and Computer Information Technology. FMU also offers a robust study abroad program and award-winning Broadcast Communications and Public Relations programs. The university is also part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Sun Conference and offers eight collegiate sports programs, including men/women's basketball, men/women soccer, men/women's track and field, baseball and volleyball. More than 14% of the student population are international students representing Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and Africa. For more information, visit [www.fmuniv.edu](http://www.fmuniv.edu).

