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Third Annual Employment Law Conference

The Florida Commission on Human Relations to hold an informative conference for HR managers, business owners, employers and lawyers

Orlando – The Florida Commission on Human Relations (FCHR) and the Association to Preserve African American Society, History and Tradition are presenting the third annual Florida Employment Law Conference. **The conference will be held December 8th – 10th at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando.**

“In these times of economic hardship, this year’s Employment Law Conference is more important than ever. The Commission received more discrimination complaints during the last fiscal year than we have in each of the past four years,” said Dr. Donna Elam, Commission Chairperson. “It is essential to provide individuals with the information they need to maintain discrimination-free workplaces, increase productivity and avoid costly lawsuits.”

Conference speakers will include representatives from FCHR, the Department of Financial Services, the Governor’s Commission on Disabilities, FSU’s Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, various Florida law firms and the No Fear Coalition based in Washington D.C. Topics include sexual harassment, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Florida Whistle-blower Act, navigating the FCHR complaint process, a comprehensive diversity training of trainers workshop and much more. A full schedule of events can be found at FCHR’s website: <http://fchr.state.fl.us/>.

“Recently, Congress and President Bush signed new amendments to the Americans with Disabilities Act into law,” said Derick Daniel, Executive Director of the FCHR. “We are pleased that the Employment Law Conference allows the Commission to serve as a valuable resource for the people of Florida by providing information to keep individuals and organizations on top of critical changes to state and federal anti-discrimination laws.”

The Florida Commission on Human Relations, established in 1969, is the state agency charged with enforcing the Florida Civil Rights Act and Fair Housing Act. Fair treatment, equal access and mutual respect are the benchmarks of the Commission’s commitment. Through education, outreach and partnerships, the Commission works to prevent discrimination through teaching best practices and fostering cultural understanding in communities statewide. For more information, visit <http://fchr.state.fl.us>.

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