

## HAZING CASE SETTLEMENTS/VERDICTS/CONVICTIONS

*Estate of Robert Champion v. FAMU* (wrongful death while a FAMU band member):

Settlement on 9-18-2015: \$1,100,000.00 as to Estate and FAMU;

*Martin v. State*: one of students involved in death of Robert Champion; convicted in 2017 of manslaughter, felony hazing resulting in death, 2 counts of misdemeanor hazing;

*Luckey v. Florida Bd. of Regents (as to FAMU)* (injuries as a clarinet section member of FAMU band):

Settlement on 2-10-2004: \$50,000.00

*Parker v. Biggins, Benoit, Gamble, McGriff, Simmons* (negligence at off-campus party of FAMU marching band members)(FAMU settled with Plaintiff in 2013)

Verdict on 11-5-2004: \$1,874,937.00

*Albies v. Delta Zeta of Delta Tau Delta, Inc.* (student severely injured by circular saw due to lack of sleep; found 50% negligent)

Verdict in 1990: \$71,371.00

*Estate of Marcus Thomas v. Phi Mu Alpha Singonia Frat. of America; Bethune-Cookman Univ., Bryant and Allen* (sleep deprivation from off-campus hazing event led to auto accident)

Verdict on October 3, 2016 (summary judgment to Bethune Cookman and Bryant)

*Estate of Meredith v. Montgomery, May and Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity* (drowning after forced alcohol consumption as part of hazing)

Verdict on 2-9-2004: \$14,000,000.00.

*Knight News, Inc. v. UCF* (2014 case in which UCF deemed not required to produce records of student conduct hearings involving hazing, as same were protected by FERPA)

*Bryant v. Rupp, Stasco and School Board of Duval County* (1981 case involving high school club off-campus initiation ceremony resulting in injury; Rupp and Stasco not entitled to immunity; case allowed to proceed against all 3 defendants)

*Morton v. State*: convicted in 2007 of felony hazing conviction along with 3 co-defendants (FAMU)

*Harris v. State*: convicted in 2007 of felony hazing; reversed for a new trial.

*McMillam v. School Board of Broward County* (2002 discipline of basketball coach not supported at administrative hearing for alleged failure to supervise members of team who engaged in hazing of fellow player during trip to Orlando)

*Sylvain v. FAMU* (2013 student dismissed from FAMU for 5 years due to her involvement in hazing incident; failed to appeal the administrative decision; no avenue in trial court to pursue FAMU).

*Stetson University v. Hunt*, (reversal of award of \$25,000 to a student who was suspended on 4-6-1907; facts showed that "numerous disorders took place in the girls' dormitory where Miss Hunt resided, some of which were described as hazing the normal, ringing cow bells and parading in the halls of the dormitory at forbidden hours, cutting the lights, and such other events as were subversive of the discipline and rules of the University. Some of the witnesses spoke of these disorders as bordering on insurrection. ...")