

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Retirement of Robin Jacoby, VP and Chief of Staff, and appointment of Courtney Rottman as Chief of Staff

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am writing to announce that Robin M. Jacoby, Ph.D., Vice President and Chief of Staff, who has served as a valued advisor, a key member of the executive team, and an important contributor to countless institutional initiatives for the past 11 years, will retire at the end of September.

I want to express my deep gratitude, both personally and on behalf of our institution, for the extraordinary dedication, quality, and thoroughness that she has brought to every project. Her ability to work effectively with a wide range of faculty and administrative staff has been instrumental to many of our successes.

Since arriving at UT Southwestern in 2009, Dr. Jacoby has contributed to our ability to navigate through an array of challenges and achievements including our clinical transformation initiative, the transition to William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, the celebration of our 75th anniversary, and the creation and oversight of our Policy Office. She has likewise served as an advisor to senior leaders, faculty, and staff on a variety of issues and as my representative on various Medical Center task forces and groups in support of our strategic priorities. Throughout, she has acted as a cohesive force to enable our success.

Dr. Jacoby's prior accomplishments include 12 years as Chief of Staff for the Chief Executive Officer of Partners HealthCare System (now Mass General Brigham), whose founding academic medical centers are teaching hospitals for Harvard Medical School. She previously served as Vice President of Radcliffe College and as Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and then to the President at the University of Michigan, where she started her professional career as a faculty member in the History Department. As a historian, she contributed to developing the field of women's history through her teaching and the publication of numerous articles and an award-winning book on women's labor history and feminism in the early 20th century. She holds doctoral and master's degrees in history from Harvard University.

Please join me in wishing her well in her retirement.

Notwithstanding the loss to the UT Southwestern community that Robin's retirement represents, I am pleased to announce that, as the result of an extensive national search to identify her successor, Courtney Rottman, J.D., who has served as Senior Director and Chief of Staff to the Chief Operating

Officer and Chief Development Officer at ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for the past five years, will join UT Southwestern as our new Chief of Staff effective September 14.

Ms. Rottman, who holds a Juris Doctorate from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law and a Master of Public Service and Administration degree from The Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University, has served in leadership roles for nearly 20 years at institutions including Baylor Scott & White Health, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and Travelocity.com. She brings a wealth of knowledge in diverse areas including domestic and international fundraising, business operations and development, strategic planning, and board management. Ms. Rottman is currently pursuing a doctorate in business administration from the International School of Management in Paris, France. Her academic research interests include the study and evaluation of revenue impact as a result of organizational effectiveness and fiscal stewardship through program evaluation and procedural efficiency.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Rottman and in celebrating Dr. Jacoby's many contributions that have advanced the mission of UT Southwestern.

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