

# UT Southwestern Medical Center

## Leadership Update in Legal Affairs

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To the UT Southwestern community:

I am writing to share news of an important transition in the leadership of Legal Affairs at UT Southwestern.

In March, **Leah Hurley**, Vice President for Legal Affairs, announced her plans to retire at the end of this fiscal year after more than 30 years of service to UT Southwestern. Since Leah joined UT Southwestern in 1991, we have expanded markedly in scope and scale as an academic medical center. Throughout this period, the Legal Affairs team has continually kept pace with evolving legal practices in a multitude of fields important to the work of the University. I am grateful to Leah for her leadership and counsel in support of the UT Southwestern mission.

Since March, we have been engaged in an extensive national search to identify Leah's successor. I am pleased to announce that **Erin Sine**, who currently serves as Director and Managing Attorney on our Legal Affairs team, will assume the position of Vice President for Legal Affairs effective Sept. 1.

Erin's reputation as a talented, collaborative, solution-oriented leader, deeply committed to providing outstanding counsel and outcomes for her clients across UT Southwestern, made her the best among a strong pool of candidates for this position. In her new role, Erin will help advance our work and strategic priorities, ensuring that our efforts conform with all appropriate laws and regulations to maintain the highest levels of public trust as a state institution.

Over the course of the last decade in Legal Affairs, Erin has built strong relationships with colleagues and key stakeholders across the University, UT System, and our community. As Vice President for Legal Affairs, and in collaboration with the exceptional team of attorneys, paralegals, and professionals that comprise this group, I am confident Erin will continue to build upon these relationships to help advance all facets of our mission for many years to come.

Erin holds a Juris Doctorate from Tulane University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and English from Clemson University. Prior to joining UT Southwestern in 2010, Erin served as a commercial litigation associate with McGuireWoods in Richmond, Virginia.

Please join me in congratulating Erin and in celebrating Leah's retirement and many contributions to UT Southwestern.

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