<u>Announcement of UK's New General Counsel</u> September 17, 2012

Dear Colleagues and Students,

I am very pleased to announce that Bill Thro has accepted my offer to serve as the University of Kentucky's General Counsel. A news release about Bill's appointment, which will be distributed later today, can be read at: http://uknow.uky.edu/content/uks-new-general-counsel-kentucky-native.

The General Counsel serves every unit of the University on our various legal and policy issues. In Bill Thro, we have someone with the necessary intellect, experience and passion for higher education and his native state to help lead our university as we continue our ascent.

He is a native of Elizabethtown, Ky. and has more than 20 years of experience in higher education, most recently as University Counsel at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. He is President-Elect of the Education Law Association. Previously, Bill served as Solicitor General for the Commonwealth of Virginia. As the top litigator and policy adviser for that office, Bill made successful arguments in front of the U.S. Supreme Court as well as winning complex legal cases throughout the state and federal courts.

Bill also is a scholar and intellectual student of the law, having authored or co-authored more than 100 publications, including several peer-reviewed articles. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia's School of Law, where he was a member of the Virginia Law Review.

Bill begins his important work with us on October 15. I know you will warmly welcome Bill and his family to our community and their new UK home.

Eli Capilouto President