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Ferris appoints Postema as general counsel

BIG RAPIDS – Miles J. Postema was appointed general counsel by Ferris State University President David L. Eisler. He served in the capacity of deputy general counsel since February 2000.

Postema replaces Scott Hill-Kennedy, who was elected 49th Circuit Court judge by Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm in the spring of 2005. He is a Western Michigan University graduate who obtained his Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University, where he participated in Moot Court and was a member of The Wayne Law Review.

“I feel fortunate to have worked with Scott Hill-Kennedy and am excited about the opportunity to serve as general counsel for Ferris,” Postema said.

In his role as deputy general counsel, Postema carries a broad range of legal experience in general business and transactional matters, as well as litigation. He began his career at Warner Norcross & Judd, specializing in general business and commercial litigation with an emphasis on employment law from 1987 to 1989. Most recently, he was a partner at Tolley VandenBosch Walton Korolewicz & Brengle, P.C. in Grand Rapids – now known as the Grand Rapids office of Foster Swift Collins & Smith – where he handled general business and transactional matters and commercial litigation from 1989 to 2000.

“Ferris State University is very fortunate to have a person of Miles’ ability and experience serve as general counsel,” Eisler said. “I am delighted he will be taking over this leadership role and look forward to working with him.”

Added Hill-Kennedy, who served as the University’s general counsel since 1994, “Miles is a recognized leader in legal matters throughout Michigan and is a recognized leader among university attorneys. He contributes in many ways to help Ferris State, its faculty and staff excel and I think he is an excellent choice for general counsel.”

Postema is chair of the State Bar of Michigan Public Outreach Committee, vice-chair of the National Association of College and University Attorneys’ Committee for Continuing Legal Education, and chair of the NACUA’s Subcommittee Planning Group for the association’s November workshop. Postema also serves on the Michigan Chapter of the American Corporate Counsel Foundation Board of Directors and the Western Michigan Legal Services Board. Elected trustee to the Rockford School Board in May, he is a member of a number of other community and professional organizations, as well.

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