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Cooper Joins Morehouse School of Medicine as General Counsel

New Chief Attorney Brings Broad Experience in Health Care Law, Operations and Reform

ATLANTA – December 12, 2014 – Almeta E. Cooper, J.D., joins Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) as senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary, bringing a wealth of health care law and operations experience. Serving as the head of the legal team, she will provide counsel to and direct the legal affairs of the institution, including serving as the secretary to the MSM Board of Trustees.

"It is my pleasure to welcome Almeta E. Cooper to our team," said President and Dean Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D. "Her extensive health care experience is exactly what we need to advance our mission and remain competitive in this dynamic health care environment."

Cooper comes to MSM from The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, where she served as associate vice president for health sciences and executive director for HHS advocacy, regulatory and quality improvement programs. She has used her expertise to resolve problems in a range of complex settings such as associations, integrated health care delivery systems and academic medical centers. Cooper served as the general counsel at Ohio State Medical Association immediately prior to her tenure at OSU Wexner Medical Center.

In addition to her extensive experience as a health care lawyer, Cooper speaks and presents nationally about health care issues.

A past president of the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA), Cooper was awarded the AHLA David J. Greenburg Service Award in 2012 and is an AHLA Fellow. She is also a fellow of the American Bar Association, a member of the advisory board of the Women Business Leaders of the U.S. Healthcare Industry Foundation, the Governing Board of the Health Care Cost Institute and Northwestern University Council of 100 Women. In 2013, Cooper was included in The History Makers video oral history collection as a Law Maker for significant contributions to the legal field. She was awarded in 2011 an inaugural Top Corporate Counsel Award by Columbus Business First and has been recognized for community service as a Central Ohio YWCA 2009 Woman of Achievement.



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Cooper earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in German from Wells College in Aurora, New York, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago.

About Morehouse School of Medicine

Founded in 1975, Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) is among the nation's leading educators of primary care physicians and was recognized by Annals of Internal Medicine in 2011 as the top institution in the first study of U.S. medical schools for our social mission based on our production of primary care physicians, training of underrepresented minority doctors and placement of doctors practicing in underserved communities. MSM faculty and alumni are noted for excellence in teaching, research and public policy, as well as exceptional patient care.

Morehouse School of Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award doctoral and master's degrees. For more information, please visit www.msm.edu.

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