

Catherine J. Motz Appointed to USM Board of Regents



Adelphi, Md. (July 7, 2014) -- The University System of Maryland (USM) welcomes Catherine J. "Cassie" Motz, Esq., as a new member of the Board of Regents. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley announced the appointment on July 2, 2014. Her term is effective immediately.

Motz is the executive director of the CollegeBound Foundation, Inc., a Baltimore-based nonprofit organization, dedicated to fostering and funding the dream of a college education for underserved students attending Baltimore City public high schools.

Before joining the CollegeBound Foundation in January 2014, Motz was deputy chief of staff to Gov. O'Malley. She had also served as deputy legal counsel to Gov. O'Malley and as interim director of the Governor's Office for Children. She served in the O'Malley-Brown administration for seven years.

Motz is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School. Between college and law school, she taught at a public middle school in the South Bronx, N.Y., through Teach for America. After graduating from law school and clerking for U.S. District Judge James Robertson in Washington, DC, she prosecuted homicide and domestic violence cases and argued appellate cases in local and federal courts as an assistant U.S. attorney and served as a deputy attorney general for the District of Columbia government, representing the city's child welfare and mental health agencies.

"On behalf of the entire board, I am pleased to welcome Cassie Motz as our newest regent," said board chair James L. Shea. "Her considerable experience in state government leadership and commitment to advancing higher education in Maryland position her to make valuable contributions to the board and the entire USM community in the years ahead."

"The University System of Maryland offers a world-class education to over 100,000 students every year. Maryland is leading the way on the key issues of college access and affordability, innovation and completion," Motz said. "I look forward to working with the Chancellor, regents,

and university communities. I'm grateful for the chance to try to make a difference in the lives of the next generation of Maryland's leaders."

Motz also serves as board president of Baltimore Outreach Services, a homeless shelter and job-training program for women in Federal Hill, and as board secretary for the KIPP Baltimore schools. She is a graduate of the Greater Baltimore Committee's Leadership Program. Motz has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland School of Law and serves on the UMBC Public Policy External Advisory Board.

"The presidents and I are thrilled to have Cassie Motz join the Board of Regents. Many of us have known her for years," USM Chancellor William E. "Brit" Kirwan said. "Her intellect and energy are so impressive, as is her passionate commitment to access, affordability and quality in higher education. Nothing demonstrates this commitment better than the outstanding job she is doing at the CollegeBound Foundation, which provides thousands of young people a chance to earn a college degree. Her work at the foundation will bring important new perspectives to the board's deliberations."

A 17-member Board of Regents, including one full-time student, governs the University System of Maryland. Appointed by the governor, the regents oversee the system's academic, administrative, and financial operations; formulate policy; and appoint the USM chancellor and the presidents of the system's 12 institutions. With the exception of the student member, each regent is appointed for a term of five years and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The student regent is appointed for a one-year term and may be reappointed. Regents serve on the board without compensation.

The University System of Maryland comprises 12 institutions, two regional higher education centers and a system office. USM provides access to excellent higher education opportunities, performs groundbreaking research, offers vital services to communities and individuals and fuels economic and workforce development.

For more information about the board, visit <http://www.usmd.edu/regents/>

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