

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the University Community

FROM: Mark B. Rosenberg, President

SUBJECT: General Counsel DATE: May 6, 2010

I am pleased to announce the appointment of M. Kristina Raattama as Florida International University's new General Counsel effective July 23, 2010. I would like to thank Interim General Counsel Isis Carbajal de Garcia for her leadership during this transition period.

Ms. Raattama joins FIU after nine years in the General Counsel's Office at the University of Florida. In her most recent role as Assistant Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Ms. Raattama had legal oversight of major university agreements and contracts, including the university's first Howard Hughes Medical Institute agreement, international agreements, coaching contracts, in-licenses of software and other intellectual property, distance learning agreements and banking services agreement. During her tenure at UF, she also served as an adviser for the Office of Technology Licensing on drafting, negotiating and interpreting out-licenses of university-invented technology and related equity agreements, and material transfer agreements. Additionally, Ms. Raattama oversaw two major patent litigations involving university-invented technology.

Before joining UF, Ms. Raattama served as an associate in the real estate group Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Nashville, where she performed a variety of functions related to real estate law. Prior to her entry into the legal profession, Ms. Raattama served as a legislative assistant to the late Rep. Dante B. Fascell.

Ms. Raattama holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Vanderbilt University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Florida College of Law. A native of Miami, she is a graduate of Palmetto High School.

Please join me in welcoming Kristina to the FIU family and thanking Isis for her service as Interim General Counsel.