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DATE: April 17, 2014
TO: All Faculty and Staff
FROM: Garrey Carruthers, President
SUBJECT: NMSU General Counsel

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Today, I am delighted to announce that I have named Lizbeth Ellis, the interim associate dean for academics at New Mexico State University's College of Business, as the university's new general counsel. Her new position begins July 1.

She is a knowledgeable and skilled attorney as well as an outstanding Aggie. Her managerial and legal expertise will help in guiding the university in a wide range of legal and policy issues. She also is familiar with NMSU, having spent the past 25 years teaching and mentoring students here. It won't take any time at all for her to get up to speed as general counsel.

As general counsel, she will serve as NMSU's primary attorney, providing legal guidance and services. She has been a professor of business law at NMSU since 1989. In 2004, she became head of the Department of Finance in NMSU's College of Business. In 2013, she was named the college's interim associate dean for academics.

She is an alumna of NMSU and has a strong commitment to the NMSU mission. She is a member of the New Mexico Bar Association and has been licensed to practice law in New Mexico since 1984. She earned her law degree from Arizona State University, graduating magna cum laude. She also has a bachelor's in business administration from New Mexico State University.