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Attorney Ronald A. Norwood Appointed to Harris-Stowe Board

ST. LOUIS, MO (June 2, 2014) – Governor Jeremiah "Jay" Nixon has appointed Attorney Ronald A. Norwood of Creve Coeur to the Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents. The appointment, which was recently confirmed by the Senate, carries a term that expires July 28, 2018.

Atty. Norwood joined Lewis, Rice & Fingersh L.C. after serving as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court Judge Scott O. Wright in Kansas City, Mo., from 1986-1988. Throughout his legal career, he acted as a trial and appellate attorney in state and federal litigation matters throughout the United States, with primary concentrations in Illinois and Missouri. His wide-ranging practice includes representing national and regional banks, mortgage companies and other financial institutions in various commercial litigation matters. Additionally, he represents health insurers, health maintenance organizations and health care providers in health-related litigation disputes. He has also served as counsel to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis Career Education District.

Regent Norwood is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and serves as an adjunct professor at Washington University in St. Louis. He is also a member of the American Law Institute. Because of his commitment to promote diversity and inclusion within his firm and the community, Atty. Norwood is chairman of the firm's diversity and inclusion committee. He earned a J.D. degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law, from which he received the prestigious 2009 Citation of Merit award.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a fully accredited four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in the areas of Teacher Education, Business and Arts & Sciences. In 2013, HSSU ranked No. 1 in the state in degree production of African-Americans in mathematics (Missouri Department of Higher Education). The university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the state of Missouri and is home of the Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute.