



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS *of the* COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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DENVER – The Colorado State University System Board of Governors has hired Sheila Trice Bell as executive secretary to the board. Bell, who is based in the CSU System Denver office, started last month.

As the executive secretary to the board, Bell will provide administrative support and counsel to the 13-member Board of Governors. She will serve as a liaison between the board and the CSU System chancellor and campus presidents. Bell will work closely with the board chair in developing policies and by-laws. She will also ensure the board's activities comply with all pertinent legal guidelines and conform to sound governance practices.

“Since many of our board members have full-time jobs, a strong, capable and strategically-oriented board executive secretary is a tremendous resource to having an effective board, especially when it involves oversight of a highly complex organization, like the CSU System,” said Patrick McConathy, chairman of the board. “We are thrilled to have Sheila join us. She is exceptionally qualified to provide counsel, strategic direction and take a leadership role in the administration of all board meeting aspects.”

Bell was an executive vice president and co-owner of Bell & Trice Enterprises, Inc. a management consulting firm providing business and policy consulting and training services to higher education institutions, non-profits, businesses and governmental agencies. She is also an attorney with more than 25 years of experience in higher education administration.

Before coming to Colorado, she was also an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School, where she taught higher education law.

From 1996 to 2000, Bell was the executive director and chief executive officer for the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA), which serves U.S. and international higher education institutions. From 1984 until 1996, she served as the University Legal Counsel to Northern Kentucky University (NKU), where she also oversaw NKU's affirmative action activities.

From 1979 to 1983, she was general counsel to Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. Prior to that, she was in general private practice in Nashville, Tenn. and in Boston, Mass.

Bell received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School. She is a member of the Massachusetts, Tennessee, Kentucky and District of Columbia Bars. She is also admitted to practice before several federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. She is a recipient of the 1995 Thomas S. Biggs, Jr. Award, awarded at the National Conference on Law & Higher Education for dedicated legal service to the university community.

She has been a member of the Board of Directors of United Educators (UE), an insurance company owned by and serving higher education institutions—including several years as Secretary/Treasurer to the UE board. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the American Council on Education and on the Washington Higher Education Secretariat.