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To: Purdue faculty and staff  
From: President Mitchell E. Daniels Jr.

Effective February 1, 2013, Steve Schultz will join Purdue in the position of legal counsel. In this role, Steve will manage the legal function and oversee the delivery of legal services to the University, as well as perform such professional services as may be requested by the President and the Board of Trustees. Steve will report directly to the President and to the Board of Trustees. His appointment will be formally ratified by trustees at their February 8 meeting.

Steve, a native of Indianapolis, has a bachelor's degree from Butler University and law degrees from Yale Law School and the University of Cambridge. He has worked as an attorney with law firms in Indianapolis and London, as general counsel for two Indiana-based companies, and as my first chief counsel while I was governor of Indiana. As executive director of the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority over much of the past three years, he led a bi-state effort to develop a plan to finance and construct the Ohio River Bridges Project in Louisville. He currently is vice president and general counsel of Southeastern Indiana Health Organization and is concluding a seven-month engagement as special adviser to the State of Indiana on the Ohio River Bridges Project.

Many will observe that this appointment represents a change from past practice, as the role of lead counsel to the University has historically been filled by members of the firm of Stuart & Branigin. Building on a process initiated by the Board of Trustees some time ago to evaluate the University's legal function, we believe Purdue will be well-served by adopting an internal legal counsel model — now the general rule among major U.S. universities.

Through this approach, we expect to identify opportunities to improve the way we procure and manage legal services and thereby realize certain risk management, oversight and cost savings benefits. Another important role of the legal counsel will be to ensure that University-wide policies are reasonable, internally consistent and necessary in the first place. In addition, he will provide proactive legal advice on operations and programs.

In the near future, we will provide more specific direction on how this appointment will change the manner in which legal advice and services are sought and obtained by University personnel. In the meantime, please join me in welcoming Steve to campus when you get a chance.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the administration and faculty, and the entire Purdue community, I also want to take this opportunity to thank publicly the talented and dedicated attorneys at Stuart & Branigin for their longstanding service to the University. Their knowledge and skills will continue to be a great resource for Purdue, and we look forward to our continuing relationship and future opportunities to call upon their services under this new model.