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## **University Hospital Names Mary K. E. Maples as Chief Legal Officer**

Maples to serve as Secretary to the University Hospital Board of Directors

**Newark, NJ** — University Hospital President and CEO John Kastanis today announced the hiring of Mary K. E. Maples, Esq. as the hospital’s Chief Legal Officer.

Maples is the most recent new hire Kastanis has brought on as he continues to reshape his senior leadership team.

Maples will serve as Chief Legal Officer, joining recent leadership hires Chief Operating Officer Eve Borzon, Chief Experience Officer Joan Dauhajre, Chief Administrative Officer Annette Hastings and Chief Medical Officer Lawrence Ramunno, MD.

“We are delighted to welcome Mary to our management team,” said Kastanis. “Having served in senior roles in both Federal and State government, Mary’s leadership, knowledge, and experience will be valuable assets to our entire organization. We are lucky to have her as a guiding force as we continue to set a course for the future.”

In addition to the traditional duties of the general counsel’s office, Maples will lead all internal and external investigations, and supervise the Chief Compliance Officer and the work of the Office of Ethics and Compliance. In addition, Maples will supervise the Office of the Board of Directors and serve as Secretary to the Board. Kastanis said Maples will also focus on continuing to advance the hospital’s workplace diversity goals regarding employment and promotional opportunities.

Maples is the fifth high-profile executive Kastanis has brought to University Hospital since he was recruited in March of 2016 to revitalize the 136-year-old institution which is the main teaching hospital for the medical and dental schools at Rutgers University and the only Level 1 Trauma Center in north Jersey.

“Mary joins University Hospital at a crucial time as we reaffirm our commitment to the communities we serve even as we strive to reestablish the institution’s financial health,” said

Kastanis. “And her national security experience will help ensure that University Hospital is well-prepared to face the cyber threats and other security concerns endemic to all healthcare institutions.”

“I am excited to focus my broad government experience on the needs of University Hospital and the community it serves,” said Maples. “Thank you to John and the Board of Directors for placing their confidence in my ability to help the team establish the Hospital as a place where residents and patients trust they will receive the highest quality of care.”

Maples most recently served as Deputy Chief Counsel to Governor Phil Murphy, where she led the Authorities Unit, having been initially appointed to that office by Governor Chris Christie. She is an 11-year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency, where she served the majority of her time as Assistant General Counsel before returning home to work for New Jersey. During her time at the Governor’s Office, Maples represented the Governor’s interests before various State and bi-state boards, commissions, and corporations, including University Hospital.

“I look forward to working with the leadership team to make a meaningful impact on our patients and the lives of those who live in our communities,” said Maples.

Maples succeeds former University Hospital Vice President and General Counsel Paul Matey, who departed for private practice.

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