

AUB Appoints First Vice President for Legal Affairs

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The American University of Beirut (AUB) announced today the appointment of Peter F. May as Vice President for Legal Affairs.

As the University's first in-house counsel, May will work with AUB's senior officers, deans and board of trustees to establish the internal legal function and conduct a thorough assessment of the institution's legal needs. He will provide day-to-day counsel to each of AUB's academic and support units, as well as the AUB Medical Center. He will also coordinate and supervise the work of all outside counsel to AUB in both New York and Lebanon.



AUB President Peter Dorman commented: "We are most fortunate to have someone with Peter's extensive legal knowledge, integrity, and international experience join us at AUB, and I am delighted at the prospect of his personal participation in the university's senior administrative team."

May joins AUB after serving since 1996 in a number of legal and senior line management roles with World Learning, a global education, training and exchange organization, headquartered in Brattleboro, Vermont and Washington, DC, USA. World Learning works globally to enhance the capacity and commitment of individuals, institutions and communities to create a more peaceful and just world. Its programs include The Experiment in International Living, SIT Study Abroad, the SIT Graduate Institute and World Learning International Development and Exchange Programs. In addition to serving as World Learning's General Counsel, May also managed the global human resources, risk management, and compliance areas and supported the World Learning board of trustees as Corporate Secretary.

"I am thrilled to be joining AUB as it seeks to further expand its role and positive influence as the premier US academic institution and medical center operating in the Middle East," said May. "My background in higher education law and the management of international non-government organizations (NGOs) seems a natural fit with AUB's needs."

May has worked actively to develop and strengthen World Learning's global operational platform, ensuring compliance with local laws and supporting World Learning's commitment to good corporate citizenship across more than 50 countries. Through his active participation in the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA), he has also worked to assist US academic institutions as they expand their activities internationally. A sought-after speaker on a variety of topics involving the legal aspects of international education and NGO management, his recent article, "Common Legal Issues When Employing Staff in Support of Overseas Academic Programs," published in *The Journal of College and University Law* (May 2010), serves as a comprehensive reference for counsel and academic administrators working internationally. His travels over the years have taken him to 50 countries including (in North

Africa and the Middle East) Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Oman, and Morocco.

Prior to joining World Learning, May was a corporate associate with the law firm of Ropes & Gray in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated with a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law.