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DATE: July 29, 2019

TO: All NMSU Employees

FROM: Dan Arvizu, Chancellor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Arvizu".

SUBJECT: Welcome NMSU's new chief legal affairs officer

Please join me in welcoming Roy Collins III to New Mexico State University as our new general counsel and chief legal affairs officer. We're very excited to have him join us. In this position, he will serve as NMSU's primary attorney, providing legal guidance and services. He was previously associate general counsel and interim general counsel at the University of Hartford. His first day at NMSU is today.

Roy brings a very rich and relevant background to NMSU, with practical experience working in areas related to our land-grant mission. A native of Galveston, Texas, he worked at the University of Hartford since 2010, focusing on compliance and enterprise risk management, intellectual property, commercial contracts and transactions and other areas. He previously served as associate general counsel at Idaho State University and assistant general counsel at Texas Southern University. He also served as commercial counsel for Chrysler Corporation and had his own private law practice.

He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Southern University, a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and a Master of Laws degree in intellectual property from the John Marshall Law School. He also has more than seven years of experience as an engineer, primarily in the aerospace industry.

Roy succeeds Liz Ellis who spent 30 years here at NMSU and in that time contributed materially to our success as an institution. We all valued what perspective she brought to the discussion and wish her the best in retirement.