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**Maurice Rigsby Named UAMS Vice Chancellor
for Institutional Relations**

LITTLE ROCK — Maurice Rigsby has been appointed vice chancellor for institutional relations at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

Rigsby, an attorney, came to UAMS in 2014 as a government relations liaison and was promoted to assistant vice chancellor. He replaces Cherry Duckett, who retired July 1.

Prior to coming to UAMS, Rigsby was the senior assistant attorney general for legislative affairs with the Arkansas attorney general's office where he managed the attorney general's policy agenda while working with members of the state Legislature and the governor's office.

Rigsby has served as the deputy director and regulatory counsel for the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, as a staff attorney for the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research and as a private attorney in a Pine Bluff law firm.

Rigsby graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law in 2003. During law school, he worked as a law clerk for Walmart and as an NCAA and Southeastern Conference compliance assistant for the Department of Athletics at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

“Since coming to UAMS, Maurice has assumed increasing responsibility for UAMS’ complex issues in health care and higher education, working closely with the governor’s office, members of the Arkansas General Assembly and the Arkansas congressional delegation,” said UAMS Interim Chancellor Stephanie Gardner, Ed.D., Pharm.D. “We’re confident the wealth of knowledge and experience he brings to this new role will continue to benefit UAMS.”

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a northwest Arkansas regional campus; a statewide network of regional centers; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, the Myeloma Institute, the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, the Psychiatric Research Institute, the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and the Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,870 students, 799 medical residents and six dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including about 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS and its regional campuses throughout the state, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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