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## THREE ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED TO VICE PRESIDENCIES

DALLAS — September 6, 1994 — Three vice presidents have been named at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Cynthia Bassel was appointed vice president for university relations; Alberzine Freeman was named vice president for human services administration and minority affairs; and Katherine Chapman was promoted to vice president for legal affairs and technology transfer.

"These vice presidencies will enable UT Southwestern to continue to extend and improve its services to its faculty, staff and students as well as to the community as a whole," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "And there are no three people more eminently qualified to hold them."

Bassel's position combines responsibilities for community programs and development, patient services and special guests at UT Southwestern and its affiliated clinics and hospitals. She will assist the president in coordinating fund-raising activities, a function formerly filled by the vice president for development, Richard Chamberlain, who resigned in July.

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Bassel joined UT Southwestern in 1980 after working as development director for the Dallas County chapter of the American Heart Association.

"UT Southwestern's success is dependent on our relations with our community," said Bassel, who formerly served as executive assistant in the office of the president, where she managed a variety of internal and external programs. "I am excited by the opportunity to play an expanded role in helping ensure that we serve our city and our region."

Freeman occupies a newly created vice presidency that combines the duties of her former position as assistant vice president for equal opportunity and minority affairs with management of human resources.

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"By combining the equal opportunity office, the minority affairs office and human resources, members of the university community can more effectively receive the services these units offer," she explained. "To manage services that benefit all members of the university community is an awesome task; however, people working together to accomplish a goal is what has moved UT Southwestern to where it is today, and people working together will take it to where it should be in the future. I look forward to the challenge."

Freeman left a position as consultant to the national board of directors of the YWCA to join UT Southwestern in 1975. She served as director of administration for Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences until 1988. In 1989, when Wildenthal established an Office of Equal Opportunity and Minority Affairs at UT Southwestern for the first time, she became its director. She has a degree in business administration.

Promoted from associate vice president, Chapman will continue to head UT Southwestern's Office of Legal Affairs and Technology Transfer.

"Legal issues have consistently increased in number and complexity since I arrived on campus to set up the office in 1984," she said. "From general legal matters involving a wide variety of issues to medical malpractice, clinical issues and technology transfer — the patenting and licensing of products and processes developed at the university — our office works with and impacts the entire university community. We look forward to continuing to do so in the most effective way in the future."

A graduate of UT Austin, Chapman earned a master's degree from UT San Antonio and a juris doctor degree from Saint Mary's University in San Antonio. Previously she practiced law in the Texas attorney general's office and the UT System general counsel's office. She also worked as associate general counsel and patent administrator for the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio.

Active in national organizations for university attorneys and technology transfer, she is a frequent speaker and has written chapters in *Understanding Biotechnology Law*, *Techniques of Patient-Oriented Research* and the *AUTM Technology Transfer Practice Manual*, as well as numerous journal articles. Chapman teaches

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medical students and gives continuing education courses for faculty. She was president of the Texas Association of College and University Attorneys in 1990.

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