

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, President
Subject: **Appointment of the Chief Compliance, Risk, and Ethics Officer**
Date: February 27, 2023

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Susan V. Watson as the new chief compliance, risk, and ethics officer (CCREO). A national search was conducted to fill the position and we are excited that Ms. Watson will begin this role later in the spring as she transitions from Prince George's Community College where she has served as the senior director of compliance since 2019, in addition to service as Title IX coordinator and ADA coordinator.

The CCREO plays a key role at Montgomery College in assuring our adherence to laws and regulations and in managing efforts that include internal audit, Title IX, youth protection, and the confidential reporting line.

Ms. Watson's career includes more than 20 years as an attorney, litigating groundwater contamination cases involving oil companies and manufacturing defect cases concerning medical device manufacturers. In addition, as a regulatory counselor, she offered legal guidance regarding information governance, codes of conduct, ethics, and creation of comprehensive compliance programs. In addition, she has donated her time on behalf of children and adults in pro bono litigation. Ms. Watson is a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP®), a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US), and is a member of the bar in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

A product of the Charles County Public School System, she attended the College of Southern Maryland—the community college serving Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties—while in high school. She earned a bachelor of science degree in pre-law from the University of Maryland, cum laude, and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Susan Watson as Montgomery College's new chief compliance, risk, and ethics officer. She will begin her work on May 30, 2023.