



November 29, 2007 - Archdiocese Appoints In-House General Counsel

Brighton, MA - The Archdiocese of Boston announced today the appointment of F. Beirne Lovely, Jr. as General Counsel. Mr. Lovely currently serves as a Senior Partner with the national law firm of Goodwin Procter LLP in its Boston office. He will be the first in-house General Counsel for the Archdiocese.

Chancellor James P. McDonough said, "We are pleased that Beirne has agreed to join the Archdiocese as General Counsel. We believe that an in-house counsel having a broad-based legal background will best serve the Archdiocese. Beirne's distinguished and multifaceted career in private practice provides an exceptional foundation for management of legal matters involving the local Church."

"I want to thank the Cardinal for offering me the opportunity to serve the Archdiocese," said Mr. Lovely. "I am very honored and excited to have been chosen for this new and challenging endeavor. This is an important time in the life of our Church. I am committed to working in a collaborative manner with the entire Archdiocesan community, including our clergy, religious, parishes, schools and laity, to help all of us meet the many diverse needs we share as Catholics."

For many years the Archdiocese has engaged Wilson D. Rogers Jr. as General Counsel charged with handling almost all of its legal needs. The Archdiocese will continue to use the Rogers Law Firm in a time of transition to in-house counsel and for additional legal services going forward.

Attorney Paul Sandman, a member of the Archdiocese's Finance Council and Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel at Boston Scientific Corporation, chaired the search committee. Mr. Sandman said, "I am pleased to have chaired this effort on behalf of the Cardinal and the Archdiocese. In Beirne the Archdiocese has hired an experienced attorney who possesses a strong legal background, a deep commitment to the good works of the Church, and the ability to satisfy many varied legal needs."

Mr. Lovely, who resides with his wife Joan in Milton, starts with the Archdiocese the first week of January 2008.

Mr. Lovely's Background

Source: Goodwin Procter LLP

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1975 (cum laude)

A.B., Dartmouth College, 1967

Joined Goodwin/Procter in 1976

Is a senior partner in the firm's Business Law Department.

From 1967 to 1972, Mr. Lovely was a U.S. Marine Corps infantry officer, during which time he served tours of duty in Vietnam (where he received a Purple Heart and was decorated for heroism on three occasions) and as executive officer of the Marine Barracks in Newport, Rhode Island.

He was Managing Editor of the Boston University Law Review during law school.

Mr. Lovely is a member of the corporate law practice groups of the Boston, Massachusetts and American Bar Associations.

He is co-chair of the Boston Bar Association Legal Opinions Committee and is active in the American Bar Association Legal Opinion project.

Mr. Lovely has been very active in a wide variety of community, church and pro bono projects.

A Parishioner of St. Elizabeth's Parish in Milton

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