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Hardin Announces Retirement

John Hardin, JD, CFP©, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Missouri Baptist Foundation will retire on September 30, 2017. Hardin has served the Foundation since 1988 following his service as associate director of the Business Services division of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention. A graduate of Southwest Baptist University, Hardin also is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law, and is a Certified Financial Planner from the College of Financial Planning, Denver, and a Cannon Trust School graduate.

In his role with MBF Hardin was responsible for providing the Foundation management and staff with legal counsel concerning corporate and business decisions. He was further responsible for administration of the Foundation's trust compliance process and for management of real properties given or entrusted to the Foundation. In addition, John provided charitable giving expertise to staff and various constituencies served by the Foundation and to serve as corporate secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Hardin was instrumental in the formulation and passage of legislation relating to charitable gift annuities and spending policies for charitable endowment funds, which the Missouri legislature voted into law.

Interim President, Stephen Mathis, said, “John’s professional and patient approach to assisting clients, giving legal guidance to staff, and working through complex issues has been an invaluable contribution to the mission and ministry efforts of Missouri Baptists. He has helped plan, protect, and administer the legacies that Christian stewards have confidently entrusted to the Foundation.”

When asked about retirement plans, John indicated, “It has been my privilege to have served Missouri Baptists and to have worked with many dear and talented coworkers and trustees for nearly 36 years but now, I, and my wife Lera, are looking forward to mending my health and enjoying family and some traveling.”