

YSU grad appointed university general counsel

Holly A. Jacobs has been appointed general counsel at Youngstown State University.

Jacobs, who will report to President David C. Sweet, comes to YSU after more than six years at the Ohio Department of Insurance, first as an employment law attorney, then as chief in the Office of Legal Services and finally as assistant director of general services.

"Holly is a competent and experienced attorney, and we are pleased that she has accepted our invitation to join us," Sweet said.

Jacobs was chosen from among about 80 applicants for the job.

A 1988 magna cum laude graduate of YSU with a bachelor of arts in psychology, Jacobs earned a Juris Doctor degree from Ohio State University College of Law in 1991. She worked in two private law offices in Columbus before joining the Employment Law Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office in 1995 as an assistant attorney general.

In that position, she represented state agencies and officials in employment-related litigation involving allegations of race, sex, age, disability and national origin discrimination under federal and state law.

Jacobs grew up in Youngstown and said she is glad to be back after a 16-year absence. "YSU has changed so much since I graduated, and I am glad to be a part of these exciting and changing times for the university," she said.



The Office of General Counsel recently moved from the second to the third floor of Tod Hall.