

Former U.S. Deputy Attorney General Larry D. Thompson to Lead ERC Board

The Board of Directors of the Ethics Research Center (ERC), the research arm of ECI, announced the appointment of Larry D. Thompson as the Chairman of the ERC Board, effective immediately. Patricia Harned, Ethics & Compliance Initiative's president and CEO, made the announcement.

"We are honored that Larry Thompson is going to be leading ERC," Harned said. "His expertise in ethics and compliance will be an invaluable asset in leading the organization into the future."

Thompson served as Deputy Attorney General from 2001-2003 in the George W. Bush Administration. During his tenure, President George W. Bush named him the leader of the government-wide Corporate Fraud Task Force. He was then appointed by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft as the leader of the United States Justice Department's National Security Coordination Council. Following a prestigious tenure in public service he joined PepsiCo as Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary. From 2012-2014 he led the corporation's worldwide legal department, global government affairs and public policy group and its global citizenship and sustainability team.

"I'm honored and pleased to participate in the leadership of this important organization. It will be exciting to work with the many top flight professionals and academics in the ethics and compliance field," said Thompson.

Thompson has received numerous awards for his professional achievements, including the Edmund Jennings Randolph Award for outstanding contributions to the accomplishment of the

Department of Justice's mission and the Outstanding Litigator Award from the Federal Bar Association, among others.

Thompson is the John A. Sibley Chair of Corporate and Business Law at the University of Georgia School of Law. He received his BA degree from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO, a MA degree from Michigan State University and a law degree from the University of Michigan.