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**PILLSBURY'S ANDREW STRONG NAMED GENERAL COUNSEL  
OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

*Houston-based environmental partner to oversee all legal functions of university system*

HOUSTON (April 1, 2009) -- Pillsbury today announced that Environmental, Land Use and Natural Resources partner Andrew Strong has been named General Counsel (GC) for the Texas A& M University System. Strong, a Texas A&M alumnus, was selected last Friday by the University's Board of Regents. See <http://tinyurl.com/StrongGC>

"Being named to this post is a great acknowledgement of Andrew's talents, as the Texas A&M system is one of the largest entities of higher education in the United States," said Firm Chair Jim Rishwain. "Through Pillsbury's multidisciplinary education industry team, we are privileged to represent more than 100 colleges, universities and school systems including Texas A&M, Stanford University, University of Chicago, University of California, George Washington University, American University, and the Los Angeles Unified School District. We take great pride in the fact that Texas A&M first had the opportunity to work with Andrew as part of our team and look forward to a continued association."

Strong, along with Pillsbury public policy senior counsel and former Texas Congressman Greg Laughlin, begin working with Texas A&M more than two years ago when regulations enacted under the 2002 Public Health Security & Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act resulted in the closing down of four university research labs. Strong led the Pillsbury team that worked with regulators and the university to resolve compliance issues, settle the civil enforcement action and help get the labs back online.

In 1989, Strong received a B.S. in civil engineering from Texas A&M before securing his J.D. from South Texas College of Law in 1994. Licensed to practice in both Texas and Louisiana, Strong has worked with government entities, public universities and private clients.

As GC, Strong will be responsible for all legal matters affecting the nine-member Texas A&M system, which services 109,000 students annually, as well as seven state agencies and the Texas A&M Health Science Center. He will also provide legal counsel to the Board of Regents, chancellor and CEOs.

"While it is never easy when as fine a colleague and friend as Andrew leaves the firm, we are delighted that he has been chosen for such an important position with a valued client as Texas A&M," said Pillsbury partner Sam Stubbs, Managing Partner of the Houston office. "As Texas A&M's GC, Andrew will remain very much a part of the Pillsbury family."

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