Ryan Thompson Named Assistant General Counsel

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y. (June 3, 2014) – Ryan Thompson has been named assistant general counsel at Niagara University. Thompson, of Buffalo, will also serve as director of a new Continuing Legal Education program and adjunct writing professor.

Thompson joined Niagara University as an adjunct faculty member last fall, and then filled in as assistant attorney in the General Counsel’s Office when Stephanie “Cole” Adams became interim director of human resources and subsequently was out on maternity leave.

Upon Adams’ return, Thompson will continue to work in the General Counsel’s Office, in addition to spearheading a new collaborative initiative with the university’s Continuing Education department to launch the NU CLE program.

This new program will draw on the university’s significant academic, professional and physical assets to create CLE programs with an NU “experiential” twist. The NU CLE program expects to draw significant interest from the Western New York legal community, as well as from local business people.

Thompson will also continue teaching writing courses and working on initiatives within Niagara University’s College of Arts and Sciences.

Thompson, who grew up in Orchard Park, graduated from Nichols High School in 1995. He received his bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Colorado, and his juris doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School.

Prior to moving to New York City in the summer of 2001, Thompson worked as a newspaper reporter in Boston, while boxing and selling baseball cards and comic books on the side. After being admitted to practice law in 2004, Thompson joined a Fifth Ave. law firm where he specialized in in-court litigation. However, he returned to the newspaper business in 2007 as legal editor of the historic Brooklyn Daily Eagle, where he remained until his return to Buffalo in 2012.

Thompson currently lives in Buffalo with his wife, Camilla, an Australian playwright. The couple is expecting a daughter, who will be named “Finn” after Mark Twain’s iconic fictional protagonist.
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