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GOVERNOR NAMES ISABEL MIRANDA AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF UMDNJ

Gov. Christie Whitman today announced that Isabel Miranda will become the next chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), the nation's largest public health sciences university. Miranda was appointed to the Board of Trustees of UMDNJ by Gov. Whitman in 1995. An attorney, Miranda is senior vice president of U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey, headquartered in Princeton.

"I am honored that Governor Whitman has asked me to serve in this capacity, especially in light of the enormous changes in health care taking place throughout this country. The University is well-positioned to provide leadership in this arena," said Miranda. "The sheer size and scope of the University, with four campuses statewide, seven separate schools, a full-service behavioral health system, along with University Hospital, make it a key player for health care education, research, patient care and community service for New Jersey and our nation."

Miranda received her undergraduate degree cum laude in economics and finance from Fordham University and her law degree from St. John's University School of Law. She is admitted to practice in both New Jersey and New York. She is an active member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bankers Association, and serves on the dean's advisory board of Pace University's Lubin School of Business.

Miranda succeeds Dr. Arnold H. Rosenheck, a practicing oral and maxillofacial surgeon with practices in Middlesex County, who was appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of UMDNJ by Governor Whitman in 1994. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Rosenheck is also a clinical professor of surgery at UMDNJ- Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and clinical associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School.

"Arnie Rosenheck has served the State and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey with distinction and enormous energy and I will continue to seek his counsel on health and education issues affecting

the state," said Gov. Whitman. "His devotion to improving medical education, research and access to health care for our citizens is truly extraordinary. I congratulate him on his dedication and the accomplishments during his tenure."

During Dr. Rosenheck's tenure as chairman, the University achieved major accomplishments. For example, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey opened its own building in New Brunswick and secured the coveted National Cancer Institute designation as a "Clinical Cancer Center." At the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, the first Department of Dental Medicine in an osteopathic medical school in the nation was established. A Memorandum of Understanding was executed between the University, the State of New Jersey, the Public Health Research Institute of New York City, and the University Heights Science Park, Inc., to provide \$60 million toward the creation of the International Center for Public Health in Newark. The Violence Institute of New Jersey at UMDNJ, a statewide "institute without walls," was founded to coordinate ongoing research and clinical programs on violence--perhaps the most comprehensive approach to this issue in the United States.

Dr. Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., president of UMDNJ, said "Arnie Rosenheck threw himself into his role as chairman with enthusiasm and an overwhelming concern for bettering the University and the state. We have flourished under his leadership and he will continue to play an influential role at the University. Isabel Miranda's desire to continually advance the mission of the University and her energy and skills to accomplish this task are manifest. We applaud the Governor's choice as we face the new challenges ahead."

As senior vice president of U.S. Trust Company of New Jersey, Miranda's responsibilities include oversight of all trust and investment accounts, client relations and the bank's fiduciary compliance function. Miranda lives in Scotch Plains and is married to Donald R. Browne, Jr. She has two children.

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