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Robert L. Bogomolny, former corporate senior vice president and general counsel of G.D. Searle & Company and former dean and professor of law at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University, was named the seventh president of the University of Baltimore (UB) by the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents. President Bogomolny succeeds H. Mebane Turner, who retired this July 2003 after serving 32 years as UB's president. President Bogomolny (pronounced "Bow-go-mole-knee") began his new position on August 1, 2002, with an official investiture ceremony taking place on April 25, 2003.

President Bogomolny was selected by the Board of Regents from a national field of candidates, including six semi-finalists and three finalists. A 15-member Presidential Search Committee, including representatives from UB's faculty, staff, student, and alumni populations, selected the finalists following campus-wide surveys and discussions. The Board of Regents interviewed all three finalists.



Prior to his appointment as UB president, Bogomolny served as corporate senior vice president and general counsel for G.D. Searle & Company, an international pharmaceutical company, from 1987 to 2001. While at Searle, President Bogomolny was responsible for all legal activities of the company, including its legal, regulatory, quality control, and public affairs departments. He also led the company's government affairs department in Washington, D.C. and served on the Searle Executive Management Committee.

Before his experience at Searle, President Bogomolny was a professor of law and dean of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University from 1977 to 1987. Before that, he served seven years as professor of law at Southern Methodist University School of Law. Other positions he has held include assistant director of the Vera Institute of New York, a criminal justice research entity (1969-70); assistant chief counsel to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Bureau of Drug Abuse Control (1967-69); special assistant to the U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; attorney in the criminal division of the U.S. Department of Justice (1966-67); and associate for Burke, Haber & Berrick, Cleveland, Ohio (1963-66).

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, President Bogomolny earned his bachelor's and law degrees from Harvard University. For the former, he graduated cum laude. President Bogomolny has four grown children and a grown stepchild.

President Bogomolny is a member of several professional and philanthropic organizations. He serves as chairman of the board of Chamber Music America, a national non-profit organization for professional chamber musicians with offices in New York. He also is a board member of the Foundation for Emotionally Disturbed Children in Chicago, and a board member and past president and chair of the development committee of Orchard Village, a program for developmentally disabled adults in Skokie, Illinois. His work in the legal arena includes past membership on the steering committee of the Task Force on Violent Crime for the Bar Association of Greater Cleveland, and former trustee of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. He also served as chairman of the Task Force on Medical Care for the Indigent, sponsored by the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners in Cleveland, Ohio. President Bogomolny is a member of the bar in the District of Columbia, Illinois, Ohio, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

As a legal scholar, President Bogomolny has published dozens of articles, book reviews, and studies, notably “The Right to Nondisclosure” in the *Human Rights Journal* (1976), “General Thoughts on Admissions to Practice in the Federal Courts of the United States” in the *Cleveland State Law Review* (1978), and “Bank Robbery,” an article in the *Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice* (1983).

President Bogomolny’s combination of success in both academia and the private sector allow him to be poised for leading the University of Baltimore into the twenty-first century.

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