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**PRESENTATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:  
“FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ON PUBLIC UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES”**

**Action Requested:** Receive the presentation.

**Executive Summary:** Professor Todd Pettys will discuss freedom of expression issues that frequently arise on the campuses of the nation’s public universities and colleges. He will describe some of the challenges that those issues present for students, faculty, and administrators, as well as important ways in which the First Amendment constrains administrators’ efforts to manage those challenges.

Professor Pettys holds the H. Blair and Joan V. White Chair in Civil Litigation at the University of Iowa College of Law. After receiving his undergraduate degrees at Seattle Pacific University, he served as assistant director of the Capital Campaign for the Arts and Sciences at Duke University. He earned his law degree at the University of North Carolina School of Law, where he graduated first in his class. He served as a law clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Judge Francis Murnaghan Jr. Following this clerkship, he joined the general litigation department of Perkins Coie, LLP in Seattle, Washington.

He became a member of the Iowa faculty in 1999. Professor Pettys teaches the College of Law’s required courses in constitutional law, as well as a course on the powers of the federal courts and a seminar on cases currently pending before the United State Supreme Court and the Iowa Supreme Court. He is a past recipient of the President and Provost Teaching Award and the Collegiate Teaching Award. He is currently writing a book on the Iowa Constitution. He writes an annual review of the United States Supreme Court’s civil cases for the American Judges Association. He has written numerous other articles on a broad range of subjects, including freedom of expression, campaign finance, and habeas corpus.