**Biographical Sketch**

Barry M. Simpson is the Immediate Past President of the Penn State Alumni Association. Mr. Simpson served as President of the Alumni Association from July 2009 to June 2011. He was first elected by alumni to the Alumni Council of the Association in 2002 and was re-elected in 2005.

Mr. Simpson is employed as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, a non-profit state wide association of 29,000 Pennsylvania lawyers. He has held that position since 1999. He directs a staff of fifty and is charged with over-seeing implementation of policy created by the Board of Governors and House of Delegates.

Mr. Simpson practiced law in Pittsburgh in the law firms of Brennan, Robins & Daley and then Ecker, Rome, Simpson & DeAngelis from 1972 until 1999. He earned his Juris Doctorate from University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1972.

Mr. Simpson serves on the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and also Lawyers for Concerned for Lawyers. He was appointed a member of the Pennsylvania State Court’s Lawyers Fund for Client Security and was its treasurer for one year. In 1989-1999 he was elected and held the position of President of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Mr. Simpson graduated in 1969 from Penn State with a B.S. in Marketing Management. He is married to Kathryn Lease Simpson ('69), and his children, Bradford M. Simpson ('03/'06g) and Caroline (Carly) M. Simpson ('04), and daughter-in-law Alison Lipsett Simpson ('03) are Penn State Alumni.

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**Position Statement**

As the Immediate Past President of the Penn State Alumni Association, I have had the opportunity to attend Trustee meetings and report on the amazing success of the Alumni Association. These successes are outgrowths of the University’s accomplishments. Penn State’s status as a leading public institution has grown. Its students were top-rated by recruiters. Penn State is amongst the greatest research universities. The Commonwealth Campuses and the World Campus make Penn State available to all Pennsylvanians.

When elected, I will support programs and policies that enhance Penn State’s land grant college mission - providing a quality public education at a reasonable cost. Today that is increasingly difficult and I pledge to do all that I can to make a Penn State education more affordable.

 Necessary to this goal are non-tuition revenues and state support through increasing government budget appropriation to Penn State. State government must understand a quality college education is not a priority, it is a necessity.

The last eight months mandate that the Board of Trustees engage in a constructive analysis of its conduct and decision-making during this period of crisis. The Board must examine whether it provided fundamental fairness, and due process, as well as sensitivity in its actions.

My skill sets include consensus building which will be critically necessary for the future of the University.

My promise to you is that I will work diligently for the glory of Penn State.