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**Texas Wesleyan University hires former U.S. special agent  
to expand business school**

FORT WORTH, Sept. 27 – Texas Wesleyan University hired Dr. Charles D. Little as associate dean of the School of Business Administration and Professional Programs. His duties include supporting School of Business Dean Robert Minter, serving as a liaison between faculty and students, working with daily operations of the business school, teaching, and coordinating special projects, such as working toward the national accreditation of the business school.

“There are so many things that excite me about Texas Wesleyan, so much untapped opportunity here. I’ve known about Texas Wesleyan for years, and I see a great deal of potential here,” says Little. He adds that he hopes to help Wesleyan reach that potential, while at the same time fulfilling a life-long dream. “Since the 1970’s while I was in the MBA program at the University of Tennessee, I knew I wanted to be a professor, full-time. I love to teach, research and write. I enjoy the academic environment, and it has always been my life-long goal to be a part of it, but I never thought I’d have an opportunity like this. We have an outstanding faculty at Texas Wesleyan, and I intend to work with them and support them in maintaining the high quality of education that has been provided for years here in the School of Business.”

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Little is no stranger to the administrative side of business, having served the United States government for 31 years, first as a special agent/investigator for the Interstate Commerce Commission from 1974 until 1982 and then as a director in the Fort Worth Regional Office of the General Services Administration from 1982 until 2004. He also has experience as an adjunct professor, teaching at Texas Wesleyan since 2001; at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Ill., from 1975 to 1977; and at Dallas Baptist University from 1993 until 2004. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee and his doctorate from the University of North Texas.

The recipient of countless professional honors and awards, Little is a certified mediator, a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute, and is currently writing a book on high performance work teams. Some of his distinctions include: Advocate of the Year from the National Industries for the Blind in 1998, the ABA-LSD National Negotiation Competition Advisor Award in 1998, and the Outstanding Manager Award from the Federal Executive Board of Fort Worth. In addition, Little has received several honors from the General Services Administration, including the Supply Support Award (from Operation Desert Storm) in 1991; Outstanding Achievement Award in 1999; Manager of the Year Award in 2002; Commendable Service Award in 1995, 1998 and 2002; and Exceptional Service Award in 2004. He has received professional training on the challenges of change, customer service, executive excellence, leadership, management diversity, negotiations, performance and productivity and more.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Little resides in Bedford, with his wife Shirley Ann, chief of staff to the mayor of Fort Worth. He has one daughter, Laura Ann, who teaches high school in Dallas. Shirley has one son, Hunter, who will study business at Texas Wesleyan next fall.

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