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David Bleisch Joins Office Depot, Inc. as Chief Legal Officer

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BOCA RATON, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 20, 2017-- Office Depot, Inc. (NASDAQ:ODP), a leading provider of [office supplies, business products and services delivered through an omnichannel platform](#), today announced N. David Bleisch, a distinguished law professional with more than 30 years of experience, has joined the company as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary.

Bleisch will lead the strategic direction of the legal organization and operations, as well as manage the regulatory and compliance matters for the company. He will report directly to Office Depot's Chief Executive Officer Gerry Smith.

"David has been a trusted legal advisor for many years and has provided strategic legal solutions to key business issues within the organizations he's worked for with an outstanding track record," said Gerry Smith, Chief Executive Officer for Office Depot, Inc. "He is an experienced and knowledgeable leader in his field and we are thrilled to welcome him to Office Depot as the new Chief Legal Officer."

David has broad expertise in securities compliance, enterprise risk management, corporate finance, antitrust, litigation, intellectual property management, government and regulatory affairs, investor relations, labor and employment issues, shareholder engagement, class action lawsuits and mergers and acquisitions.

Prior to joining Office Depot, Bleisch was Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer for The ADT Corporation, where he managed the legal, environmental, health and safety, government affairs and corporate governance matters. Earlier in his career, he served in several leadership roles at Tyco International before being appointed Vice President and General Counsel of Tyco Security Solutions, the largest operating segment of Tyco, comprised of ADT Worldwide, Tyco Security Products and Tyco Retail Solutions. During this time, he also managed the intellectual property legal group for all of Tyco's operating segments worldwide.

"What I found most compelling about Office Depot is the energy and excitement around the company's vision for innovation and continuous improvement," said Bleisch. "I'm eager and excited to join the company at such a critical phase in its growth and development."

Bleisch is filling the role vacated by Steve Calkins who was promoted to President, Business Solutions Division in May.

About Office Depot, Inc.

Office Depot, Inc. is a leading provider of office supplies, business products and services delivered through an omnichannel platform.

The company had 2016 annual sales of approximately \$11 billion, employed approximately 38,000 associates, and served consumers and businesses in North America and abroad with approximately 1,400 retail stores, award-winning e-commerce sites and a dedicated business-to-business sales organization – with a global network of wholly owned operations, franchisees, licensees and alliance partners. The company operates under several banner brands including Office Depot, OfficeMax and Grand & Toy. The company's portfolio of exclusive product brands include TUL, Foray, Brenton Studio, Ativa, WorkPro, Realspace and Highmark.

Office Depot, Inc.'s common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "ODP."

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