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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS APPOINTS NEW SDNY BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

New York, February 27, 2015 - Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit announced today that the Court of Appeals has appointed Michael E. Wiles, a partner in the New York law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York at Bowling Green. Chief Judge Katzmann stated, “With his substantial bankruptcy experience, Michael E. Wiles joins a distinguished Southern District bankruptcy bench.”

Mr. Wiles is a partner in the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP where he has practiced law for thirty-five years, first as a commercial litigator and, beginning in 1989, increasingly focused in the area of bankruptcy where he has represented debtors and creditors in a large number of mega-Chapter 11 cases.

Mr. Wiles is graduate of Georgetown University and Yale Law School, where he served on the Moot Court Board of Directors and was awarded the Harlan Fiske Stone prize for best oral

argument in the 1977 Moot Court Competition. Following graduation from law school, Mr. Wiles joined Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, becoming a partner in the law firm in 1987.

Mr. Wiles officially will assume his duties on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 in a private ceremony. He succeeds retired Southern District Bankruptcy Judge James Peck.