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Press Release: Selection of Wendy A. Kinsella to Serve as Bankruptcy Judge in NDNY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York, May 17, 2021—Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit announced today that the Court of Appeals will appoint Wendy A. Kinsella as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of New York in Syracuse. Chief Judge Livingston stated, “Wendy Kinsella is a great addition to an excellent court. We are thrilled to welcome her to the bankruptcy court in the Northern District and look forward to working with her. This is a happy day.”

Ms. Kinsella is a partner and the leader of the Financial Restructuring, Bankruptcy, and Creditors’ Rights practice group at Harris Beach PLLC. In her practice, Ms. Kinsella counsels lending institutions and represents secured and unsecured creditors, surety companies, landlords, and parties seeking to acquire companies through bankruptcy or uniform commercial code sales. Ms. Kinsella’s practice previously focused on serving as debtor’s counsel and as counsel to Chapter 7 and 11 trustees, resulting in her expertise in all aspects of Chapter 7, 11, 12, and 13 filings.

Ms. Kinsella is actively involved in diversity and inclusion initiatives at Harris Beach, having served as the Chair of the Council on Inclusion and Diversity from 2014 to 2019 and since as the Co-Chair. In those roles, she develops and implements plans and strategies that advance diversity and inclusion at the firm and in the legal profession.

Before the merger with Harris Beach, Ms. Kinsella was an associate and then partner at Martin, Martin & Woodard, LLP. She received her Juris Doctor cum laude from Syracuse University College of Law and her Bachelor of Science magna cum laude from Ithaca College.

Ms. Kinsella will officially assume her duties on June 7 in a private ceremony. She succeeds Bankruptcy Judge Margaret Cangilos-Ruiz.