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

New York, February 11, 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 James L. Garrity, Jr., a partner in the New York office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius, LLP, as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York at Bowling Green. Chief Judge Katzmann stated, "The Court of Appeals takes great pride in the high quality of our Circuit's bankruptcy judges. We are pleased that James L. Garrity, Jr. will be sitting again on the SDNY bankruptcy bench.

Mr. Garrity is a partner in the law firm of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP where he is the co-chair of the firm's Bankruptcy Group. Prior to joining Morgan Lewis, Mr. Garrity practiced bankruptcy law in the New York-based law firm of Shearman & Sterling LLP from 1999 to 2011. Mr. Garrity previously served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York at Bowling Green from 1991 to 1999. Before his first appointment to the Southern District bankruptcy bench, Mr. Garrity served for five years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York in the Civil Division where he was Chief of

the Tax Unit.

At Morgan Lewis, Mr. Garrity represented clients in and out of court on matters relating to, or arising in, pending or threatened Chapter 11 cases, including cross-border insolvencies. He also served as a mediator in bankruptcy cases in the Southern District of New York and the District of Delaware, and as a fiduciary in Chapter 11 cases in the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Garrity is a graduate of Holy Cross College and the St. John's University School of Law. He holds a Master's of Law in Taxation from the New York University School of Law. Mr. Garrity is an Adjunct Professor at St. John's Law School where he teaches a course on bankruptcy jurisdiction in the LL.M. program.

Mr. Garrity officially will assume his duties on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 in a private ceremony. He succeeds retired Southern District Bankruptcy Judge Allan Gropper.