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

New York, April 6, 2016 - 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 Mary Kay Vyskocil, a partner in the New York law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York at Bowling Green. Chief Judge Katzmann stated, “With her substantial experience in complex and sophisticated commercial litigation matters, Mary Kay Vyskocil joins a distinguished Southern District bankruptcy bench.”

Ms. Vyskocil is a partner in the law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP where she has practiced insurance and re-insurance law for thirty-three years, first as a litigation associate, becoming a partner in 1991. During her thirty-three year career at Simpson Thacher, Ms. Vyskocil participated in many trials, both jury and bench, and appellate arguments. Her clients included Swiss Reinsurance (“Swiss Re”) which she represented with respect to coverage issues arising out of the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center (“WTC”) terrorist attacks, including

the Silverstein WTC property insurance dispute. The trial resulted in a jury verdict in favor of Swiss Re.

Ms. Vyskocil is a graduate of Dominican College and St. John's University Law School. At St. John's Law School, Ms. Vyskocil served on the Moot Court Executive Board and the National Moot Court Team. Following graduation from law school, Ms. Vyskocil joined Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in 1983.

Mr. Wiles officially will assume his duties on Thursday, April 7, 2016 in a private ceremony. She succeeds retired Southern District Bankruptcy Judge Robert E. Gerber.