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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Alan N. Tawshunsky to the position of Assistant Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits), Office of the Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt and Government Entities), effective May 20, 2001.

The Assistant Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits) is responsible for the management and direction of all legal work involving employee pension plans, welfare benefits, and executive compensation. These responsibilities include issuing technical advice memoranda, private letter rulings, and preparing legal opinions for use by other Chief Counsel and IRS functions.

Mr. Tawshunsky earned a J.D., Magna Cum Laude, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1984. Following graduation, he clerked for a federal district court judge in Delaware and then spent ten years at three major Washington law firms. Mr. Tawshunsky joined the Office of Chief Counsel in 1995, as Special Counsel to the Associate Chief Counsel (EBEO) and became Acting Assistant Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits) in August 2000.

I know you will join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Tawshunsky on his selection for this position.

          /s/            
Richard Skillman  
Acting Chief Counsel

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