

Federal Judge Stephen C. Robinson of the SDNY to Join Skadden

NEW YORK – Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP is pleased to announce that the Honorable Stephen C. Robinson, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, will join the firm as a litigation partner this August.

Judge Robinson, who has served on the federal bench since 2003, will focus on a range of litigation matters, including corporate internal investigations, government enforcement matters, commercial disputes and monitorships.

“We are honored to have Judge Robinson join Skadden,” said Eric J. Friedman, Skadden’s executive partner. “His experience on the bench, as a prosecutor, and in the private sector will be of great value to our clients.”

Prior to becoming a federal judge, Judge Robinson, 53, had a distinguished career in the public and private sectors. From 1998 to 2001, he served as United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, having been nominated by President Clinton. As U.S. Attorney, Judge Robinson made the prosecution of white collar cases a priority of the office. He also served from 1993 to 1995 at the Federal Bureau of Investigation as Principal Deputy General Counsel and Special Assistant to Director Louis Freeh. Earlier in his career, Judge Robinson served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, including in the office’s Securities Fraud Unit.

From 1991 to 1993, Judge Robinson worked at Kroll Associates, an international private investigations firm, where he became a managing director. While at Kroll, he investigated Iraqi war crimes for the government of Kuwait and allegations of corruption on behalf of the Brazilian Congress. From 1995 to 1998, he worked at Aetna, Inc., first in the legal department and later as chief compliance officer of Aetna U.S. Healthcare.

“Very few lawyers in the country have the unique combination of skills and insight that Judge Robinson will bring to our clients’ most complex problems, including corporate investigations and bet-the-company litigation,” said David M. Zornow, Skadden’s global head of litigation/controversy.

Judge Robinson is the second prominent judge to join Skadden in the past two years, along with the Honorable Judith S. Kaye, former Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.

“I am very excited about beginning this new phase of my career at Skadden, where I anticipate working on a variety of challenging matters across disciplines and geographic regions,” said Judge Robinson.