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**FORMER TOP FEDERAL HEALTH CARE FRAUD PROSECUTOR MICHAEL K. LOUCKS
JOINS SKADDEN AS A LITIGATION PARTNER**

BOSTON, MA— Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP is pleased to announce that Michael K. Loucks, most recently Acting United States Attorney and First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, will join the firm's Boston office as a litigation partner. A nationally recognized prosecutor who led scores of major criminal and civil investigations, Mr. Loucks is best known for his role in many of the most high-profile health care fraud prosecutions of the past decade.

"We are thrilled that Mike Loucks is joining our firm after 25 years of public service," said Eric J. Friedman, Skadden's executive partner. "The depth of his experience and reputation in the area of health care fraud prosecution is unparalleled."

David M. Zornow, Skadden's global head of Litigation/Controversy practices, added, "In the wake of the new health care legislation, we anticipate the federal and state prosecutions of health care fraud cases will continue to accelerate. The addition of Mike Loucks provides a unique resource to our already-deep bench for responding to these bet-the-company cases."

Mr. Loucks had a long history in the Massachusetts U.S. Attorney's office. Prior to serving as Acting U.S. Attorney, he was First Assistant U.S. Attorney (2005-2009); Health Care Fraud Unit Chief (1997-2005); and Health Care Fraud Coordinator (1992-2004), where he was personally involved in all major health care fraud prosecutions, including those involving pharmaceutical and medical devices. He joined the U.S. Attorney's office in 1986, after five years in private practice.

Mr. Loucks received his J.D. Degree from University of Virginia School of Law (1980) and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College (1977). He is the co-author of *Prosecuting and Defending Health Care Cases*, the leading treatise in the area.

Michael Loucks is the most recent senior litigator to join Skadden. In the last 12 months, former White House Counsel Gregory B. Craig joined the firm to head its new Global Litigation Policy and Strategy Group; John H. Beisner became co-head of Skadden's Mass Torts and Insurance Group; and James J. Elacqua joined the Patent Litigation practice. Mr. Loucks's addition also reflects Skadden's ongoing strategic focus on the health care and life sciences industries: Since May 2008, the firm has added veteran litigators Gregory M. Luce, John T. Bentivoglio and Jennifer L. Bragg to its Health Care and Life Sciences Group.

Skadden has approximately 2,000 lawyers in 24 offices around the globe. Its Litigation Group comprises approximately 500 attorneys throughout the firm's offices worldwide.

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