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SKADDEN ADDS VETERAN ATTORNEY TO ITS CHICAGO LITIGATION TEAM

CHICAGO – July 5, 2011 – Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP is pleased to announce that Chaka M. Patterson has joined the firm's litigation practice in Chicago as of counsel, effective today. Mr. Patterson is joining Skadden from Exelon Corporation, where he held a number of senior positions, including Associate General Counsel in charge of litigation; Vice President, Investor Relations; Vice President and Treasurer; and Vice President, Strategic Projects. Prior to joining Exelon, Mr. Patterson spent three years with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General as the Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Special Litigation Bureau and also worked in private practice as a partner at a prominent national law firm.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Patterson held clerkships with the Honorable Karen Moore in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr. in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

"Our Chicago litigation practice serves many of the Midwest's largest companies and our lawyers are well known for handling bet-the-company cases," said Edward Crane, head of Skadden's Chicago litigation practice. "Chaka's years of litigation experience in private practice, as a prosecutor in the Attorney General's office and an executive at one of Chicago's leading companies will make him a tremendous addition to our practice."

Mr. Patterson was recently honored as one of the Harvard Law Society's 2011 role models in the Chicago legal community and, in 2010, he was given the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce's Dr. Arthur Fletcher Outstanding Leadership Award for his personal and professional commitment to fostering minority and community bank relationships. He also received the 2009 Diversity in Action Award from the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and was honored as one of the top 40 lawyers under 40 in Illinois by the *Illinois Law Bulletin* in 2003. He is a member of the Executive Leadership Counsel and serves on the board of Children's Memorial Hospital.

"We are very excited to have Chaka join our litigation team in Chicago," said Brian Duwe, head of the firm's Chicago office. "His legal and business experience and client-side perspective will complement the stellar team of litigators we have in Chicago."

Mr. Patterson received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A, *magna cum laude*, from Amherst College.

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Skadden has approximately 2,000 lawyers in 23 offices around the world, including approximately 190 lawyers in Chicago. The Chicago litigation practice has more than 50 litigators who focus on corporate representations, including the defense of companies and their officers, directors, underwriters and auditors, in connection with contested or challenged corporate actions and transactions; regulatory and internal investigations; litigation arising from bankruptcy proceedings and other corporate restructuring matters, as well as complex class and mass tort actions. Skadden's global litigation practice consists of 600 attorneys who are admitted to practice throughout the United States and in more than 30 other countries and territories.

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