

Leading Trusts and Estates Attorney Ivan Taback Joins Skadden

January 20, 2015 – Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP announced today that Ivan Taback, a leading trusts and estates attorney, has joined the firm’s Trusts and Estates Group as a partner in the New York office. Mr. Taback previously was a partner in the Personal Planning Department and a member of the Private Investment Funds Group at another international law firm.

Mr. Taback’s practice focuses on high net worth clients in the areas of federal estate, gift and generation-skipping taxes, charitable trusts, estate and trust administration, and fiduciary litigation. He handles all aspects of planning and wealth preservation for families and individuals, including the preparation and administration of wills and trusts. He also has extensive experience in forming and reorganizing closely held corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies.

“Evolving market conditions, legislative and regulatory changes, and increased scrutiny by tax authorities are top-of-mind concerns for our clients,” said Jonathan L. Koslow, head of the firm’s Trusts and Estates Group. “Ivan’s experience handling the broad array of issues that arise in the context of trusts and estates planning make him an ideal fit for our practice.”

“Ivan’s ability to work in tandem with our M&A, Investment Management, Real Estate, Tax and Benefits Groups, among others, will be of great value to our clients,” said David M. Rievman, global head of Skadden’s regulatory practices. “We are pleased to welcome him to the firm.”

Mr. Taback has represented clients in connection with estate planning for private equity and hedge fund managers and is a frequent lecturer on this subject. He has advised on estate planning opportunities that arise in connection with the sale of privately held businesses and on all types of life insurance planning, including split-dollar arrangements. He has administered large, complex estates and has handled numerous IRS estate and gift tax audits. He also has been involved in Surrogate’s Court proceedings.

“Skadden’s breadth of practice, international platform and reputation for client service are unparalleled,” said Mr. Taback. “I’m excited for the opportunity to join the firm.”

Mr. Taback earned his LL.M. from New York University School of Law in 1995 and his J.D. from American University Washington College of Law in 1992. A graduate of Cornell University, Mr. Taback is the co-author of *Starting a Limited Liability Company* (1996) and a frequent contributor to publications such as the *New York Law Journal*, *Trusts & Estates* and *Estate Planning*.