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**EDNY BOARD OF JUDGES SELECTS
JAMES M. WICKS TO SERVE AS MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Board of Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) has selected James M. Wicks to serve as a Magistrate Judge for a term of eight years. He will serve on the bench at the Alfonse M. D'Amato Courthouse in Central Islip.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Wicks spent over 25 years at Farrell Fritz, P.C., in New York, where he was a Senior Partner, a Member, and served as the firm's General Counsel. Judge Wicks' practice concentrated in business and commercial litigation, as well as in attorney ethics and professionalism issues. His clients included large and small businesses, financial institutions, and individuals in federal and state trial courts, as well as in arbitrations involving a variety of commercial, technology, real estate, insurance, contracts, and banking issues, business torts, business dissolutions and breakups, franchise litigation, corporate governance, and derivative and class actions. Judge Wicks has also served as a Receiver and Special Master in various commercial matters, and as court-appointed mediator.

Judge Wicks has served as an Adjunct Professor at St. John's University School of Law since 2005, teaching Pretrial Advocacy as well as Depositions. He has served in a number of leadership roles in the region, including as Chair of several not-for-profits and Chair of the EDNY Civil Litigation Advisory Committee; member of the State and Federal Judicial Advisory Council; member of the NYS Judicial Institute of Professionalism; former Chair of the NYS Bar Association's Commercial & Federal Litigation Section; and Chair of the Federal Bar Council's Central Islip Courthouse Committee. Judge Wicks is also a firefighter and Captain in a volunteer fire department.

Judge Wicks graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1989, where he was an Editor of the Law Review, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheeling College in 1983, where he was inducted into *Alpha Sigma Nu*, the Jesuit National Honor Society, as well as *Psi Chi*, the Psychology National Honor Society. Following law school, he served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Arthur D. Spatt in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and then as a litigation associate for White & Case.

Magistrate Judges are appointed by the District Court Judges to eight-year terms. They assist District Court Judges with the work of the court by facilitating the disposition of civil and criminal cases.