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**FORMER FRANKLIN COUNTY PROBATE COURT JUDGE JOINS
WILES, BOYLE, BURKHOLDER & BRINGARDNER**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Former Judge for the Franklin County Probate Court Lawrence A. Belskis has joined the law firm of Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder & Bringardner Co., L.P.A. as an attorney practicing in trusts and estates and also mediation.

Belskis joins the firm after serving three consecutive terms as Judge for the Franklin County Probate Court. Prior to that, he worked in private practice for 15 years as a partner with the law firm of Teaford, Rich, Belskis, Coffman & Wheeler.

“We are pleased to attract such a high caliber attorney as Lawrence Belskis to our firm,” said Mike Close, managing partner, Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder & Bringardner. “With his 18 years as Probate Court Judge, his addition will significantly enhance both our mediation services and our estate planning and probate practice groups.”

A national speaker on estates, guardianships, trusts and taxation, Belskis also has authored Probate Reform legislation, which shortens the time for the administration of decedents’ estates and simplifies the probate process. In 2001, he received the highly-regarded Franklin N. Flaschner Award from the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association as recognition of the nation's outstanding judge in a court of special and limited jurisdiction.

Belskis is a graduate of Marquette University and Capital University Law School. He currently serves on the Board of Governors of the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Section of the Ohio State Bar Association. He also is Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a past president of both the National College of Probate Judges and the Ohio Association of Probate Judges.

Established in 1940, Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder & Bringardner Co., L.P.A. is a full-service, Columbus law firm serving both individuals and a variety of corporate clients. The firm’s practice areas include litigation and appeals, business and corporate law, estate planning and probate, real estate, insurance defense, bankruptcy/foreclosure, construction and debtor-creditor law.

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