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**WILLKIE BANKRUPTCY PARTNER SHELLEY CHAPMAN APPOINTED TO
U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

New York, NY (March 8, 2010) --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Shelley C. Chapman, previously a partner in the firm's Business Reorganization and Restructuring Department, has been sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York. Her appointment is effective as of March 5, 2010.

Willkie Co-Chairman Thomas Cerabino said, "Willkie's bankruptcy and reorganization practice is well recognized as a leader in the field, and we are particularly proud that Shelley's expertise and accomplishments have led to this prestigious appointment. We wish her every success."

Ms. Chapman joined Willkie in 2001 as a partner, and has built a significant practice representing all parties in major business reorganizations and restructurings. From 2004 to 2007 she served as Chair of the Board of Directors of inMotion, a New York City non-profit organization that provides pro bono legal services for indigent women and children. Prior to her appointment, she served on the Executive Committee of the Bankruptcy and Reorganization Group of the UJA-Federation Lawyers Division. Ms. Chapman also played a key role in forming Willkie's Women's Professional Development Initiative.

Additionally, the American College of Bankruptcy recently announced that Ms. Chapman is one of 35 nominees from the United States and abroad being inducted in the Twenty-First Class (2010) of College Fellows. At a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 12, 2010, she will be recognized for her “professional excellence and exceptional contributions to the fields of bankruptcy and insolvency.”

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