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William J. Wilkins Confirmed as Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service, Assistant General Counsel for Treasury

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William J. Wilkins was confirmed Friday by the United States Senate to serve as Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and as Assistant General Counsel at the Department of the Treasury.

" William Wilkins is a widely recognized expert in tax policy and his guidance will be a valuable asset to this Administration. We are pleased to welcome him to our team," said Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner.

Wilkins has been a partner in the Tax Practice group of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (WilmerHale) since 1988, where he has counseled nonprofit organizations, business entities and investment funds on the issues of tax compliance, business transactions and government investigations. From 1981 through 1988, Wilkins worked for the United States Senate Committee on Finance, first as a tax counsel and then as Staff Director and Chief Counsel. He was an associate with King & Spalding in Atlanta before joining the Senate Finance Committee.

Wilkins serves as Chair of the Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association. He also served on the governing boards of the American College of Tax Counsel and the American Tax Policy Institute. Wilkins is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School.

