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I am pleased to announce that John M. Staples has been appointed to the position of Associate Chief Counsel (International), effective January 28, 2001.

Mr. Staples received his BSFS in 1982 from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, and his J.D. degree magna cum laude in 1989 from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Staples joined the firm of Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan where he developed substantial expertise in both international and financial products tax law. In June 1992, he joined the firm of Burt, Maner and Miller where he continued specializing in international tax law.

In June 1995, Mr. Staples was selected for the Senior Level position of Assistant to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, where he was responsible for providing advice and technical assistance on matters of tax administration, tax compliance and tax policy, particularly in the areas of international tax and financial products tax law. In February 1998, Mr. Staples accepted the position of Assistant Chief Counsel (International-Technical), and was inducted into the Senior Executive Service in the position in May 2000.

As Associate Chief Counsel (International), Mr. Staples directs the more than 100 attorneys nationwide who are assigned to the international division, including those serving in the Advance Pricing Agreement Program. Mr. Staples is responsible for providing legal and policy guidance in all matters related to international tax for the Office of Chief Counsel, the Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department.

I know you will join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Staples.

/s/
Richard Skillman
Acting Chief Counsel

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