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# James M. Wicks Appointed As United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York

Farrell Fritz is pleased to announce that James M. Wicks was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York at the Alfonse M. D'Amato U.S. Courthouse in Central Islip on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Wicks spent over 25 years at Farrell Fritz, where he was a Senior Partner, Member and served as the firm's General Counsel. Judge Wicks' practice concentrated in business and commercial litigation, as well as attorney ethics and professionalism issues.

Judge Wicks has served as an Adjunct Professor at St. John's University School of Law since 2005. He has served a number of leadership roles in the region, including as Chairs of several not-for-profits, as well as 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 graduated from St. John's University School of Law and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheeling College. 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.

Judge Wicks is the fifth Farrell Fritz alumni to serve as a judge, joining Ret. Hon. George C. Pratt, United States Second Circuit Judge; Hon. Louis A. Scarcella, United States Bankruptcy Judge; Hon. Kathleen Tomlinson, United States Magistrate Judge; and Ret. Hon. William D. Wall, United States Magistrate Judge.

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