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RICHARD STRAFER JOINS THE APPELLATE DIVISION AT BLACK SREBNICK KORNSPAN & STUMPF, PA

Miami, FL – June 1, 2016 – Black Srebnick Kornspan & Stumpf, PA, is pleased to announce that nationally known appellate lawyer Richard Strafer has joined the Firm. “We have worked closely with Richard for many years, and we are convinced this union will provide even better service to our clients in criminal, civil, and appellate matters,” says senior partner Roy Black.

Mr. Strafer is an accomplished attorney, best known for his thorough research and prolific writing. He received his law degree from Northeastern University School of Law, and his Master of Laws (Appellate Practice) from Georgetown University Law Center, where he taught Appellate Advocacy in Georgetown's Appellate Litigation Clinical Program before moving to Miami to enter private practice in 1983.

As head of the Firm's appellate division, Howard Srebnick adds, “Richard and I have collaborated on cases as far back as when I was a law student at Georgetown. For over 30 years, we have worked closely together on cases in the trial and appellate courts, as well as in the Supreme Court of the United States. He is a walking encyclopedia of case law and a brilliant writer. Having him on our team gives our clients a major advantage when brainstorming and briefing complex legal issues.”

BSKS and Mr. Strafer have litigated some of the highest-profile federal appeals in recent years: *United States v. Ignasiak*, 667 F.3d 1217, 1220 (11th Cir. 2012) (vacating conviction of medical doctor because the trial judge abused his discretion by allowing the introduction of autopsy reports in violation of the Confrontation Clause and the Rules of Evidence); *United States v. Lopez-Vanegas*, 493 F.3d 1305 (11th Cir. 2007) (vacating conviction of real estate broker because the trial judge erroneously construed U.S. drug laws to apply extraterritorially); *United States v. Peter*, 310 F.3d 709 (11th Cir. 2002) (vacating conviction of nightclub owner because the trial judge erroneously construed mail fraud statute to criminalize misrepresentations on an application for alcoholic beverage licenses).

BSKS holds the rare distinction of having had two Petitions for Writs of Certiorari granted by the Supreme Court of the United States in the last three years, scoring a landmark victory in *Luis v. United States*, 136 S.Ct. 1083 (2016) (holding that the Sixth Amendment exempts from restraint and forfeiture untainted assets needed to retain counsel of choice).

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