Preamble

Our cherished friend and colleague Harold S. Novikoff passed away on April 25, 2024. Hal was a long-time and valued Conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference. He was a friend and mentor to his colleagues inside and outside Wachtell, Lipton, including many fellow Conferees. He was dedicated to charitable causes, particularly the UJA, and convinced others to follow his path. Hal was also an avid wine collector, a helicopter-skier and a 120-mph sports car driver. He had a wicked and dry sense of humor, and was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather to his cherished family.

Resolution of the National Bankruptcy Conference

WHEREAS, Harold S. (Hal) Novikoff was a valued member of the National Bankruptcy Conference.

WHEREAS, Hal received his bachelor's degree with distinction from Cornell University and his juris doctor from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a member of the Board of Editors of the Columbia Law Review.

WHEREAS, Hal joined the young firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in 1975 and was a partner for 35 years. He chaired the Firm's Creditors' Rights Group, which later became the Restructuring and Finance Department, for over a decade before retiring in 2017.

WHEREAS, Hal was a brilliant lawyer, with an unparalleled reputation for knowledge, creativity, wise counsel and integrity. If Hal could not solve a problem, then the problem likely could not be solved.

WHEREAS, over many decades, Hal led significant bankruptcy and restructuring matters in industries across the country, beginning with the steel industry and its pension issues in the early 1980s and culminating in the financial industry following the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008.

WHEREAS, Hal was a thought leader in the development of bankruptcy law, particularly in the critical area of repurchase agreements, swap agreements and similar capital markets transactions.

WHEREAS, Hal will be forever missed by his family and his numerous friends, colleagues and clients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Bankruptcy Conference recognizes the achievements and character of Harold S. Novikoff as well as his contributions to the National Bankruptcy Conference and its mission to further the development of bankruptcy law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Bankruptcy Conference expresses its sincere condolences to Hal's wife, Amy, his children, Sara and Elyse, and their families.