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**THOMAS J. PHILLIPS ELECTED FELLOW OF
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TAX COUNSEL**

MILWAUKEE, WI – Randall D. Crocker, President and CEO of von Briesen & Roper, s.c., today announced that Attorney Thomas J. Phillips was elected a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel (“ACTC”). Phillips is the fourth attorney elected as a Fellow in Wisconsin.

ACTC is a professional association of tax attorneys in private practice along with those teaching tax law in law schools and those working in federal or state revenue agencies. Members of the College, known as Fellows, are elected to membership after receiving a peer nomination and successfully passing an evaluation of their candidacy. The College fulfills important functions regarding the nation’s tax system by providing recommendations to Congress and the IRS on improving federal tax laws and administration and by filing “friend of the court” briefs in selected tax cases.

Phillips is a member of von Briesen’s Tax Section where he provides tax analysis, advice, and tax opinions to publicly traded and closely-held business entities. He has more than 40 years of experience representing clients in and structuring tax-free reorganizations and mergers, spinoffs, cross-border transactions, taxable asset and stock purchase transactions and partnership transactions. He has extensive experience in tax controversy matters representing clients before the Internal Revenue Service, Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and federal and state courts. Phillips received an LL.M. in Taxation from the New York University School of Law, a J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law and a B.A. from the University of Minnesota.

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