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**WISCONSIN FUNERAL TRUST RECEIVER RETAINS  
KRAVIT, HOVEL & KRAWCZYK LAW FIRM TO EXPLORE ASSET LITIGATION**

**Firm to assist in pursuing legal options  
for recouping Wisconsin Funeral Trust funds**

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Funeral Trust Receiver John Wirth today announced that the Trust has retained the Milwaukee law firm of Kravit, Hovel & Krawczyk to examine and pursue litigation options for recovering damages for losses incurred by the Trust.

Wirth said attorneys Stephen Kravit and C.J. Krawczyk of the Kravit firm would serve as the lead litigation attorneys for the firm and work as co-counsel with Wirth's firm, Mallery & Zimmerman. He added that Kravit, Hovel & Krawczyk's expertise in complex securities litigation would be helpful.

"We have an obligation to leave no stone unturned as we consider all options to recover funds for the Trust," said Wirth. "We want to look at every possible course available that might recover Trust funds. Kravit, Hovel & Krawczyk, under Steve and CJ's leadership, will be a major help as we explore and pursue our litigation options."

Wirth noted that the firm's recent success in securing a \$218 million dollar settlement for five Wisconsin school districts in a Milwaukee County circuit court securities case adds value to this effort.

Wirth said he had considered and interviewed other potential lawyers to assist and noted that Kravit, Hovel & Krawczyk's track record of success and specific expertise made for a good match.

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“When I took the job of Receiver of the Trust, I said I would do everything I could to protect consumers and recover as much of the Trust’s assets as possible,” Wirth continued. “I believe Steve and C.J. will be instrumental in helping to achieve that goal.”

Kravit said he was honored to assist Wirth in his job as Receiver.

“I am pleased to be selected for this important matter, and I’ve pledged that our litigation team will serve as a strong advocate for Trust consumers,” said Kravit.

Wirth was appointed Receiver of the Wisconsin Funeral Directors Association (WFDA) and the Trust by a Dane County judge after a state report showed an estimated \$21 million shortfall in the WFDA Trust account. Control of the WFDA was recently returned to the Association; however, the Trust still remains in Wirth’s receivership.

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