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Klotsche Named Senior Advisor

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WASHINGTON — John C. Klotsche, a former chairman with leading international law firm Baker & McKenzie, will join the Internal Revenue Service to help coordinate the agency's efforts to combat abusive tax shelters and improve enforcement processes.

He will serve as Senior Advisor to IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson and will also work with Mark E. Matthews, the Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement. Klotsche will assist IRS efforts to prioritize enforcement initiatives and reengineer processes to enhance compliance with the tax laws.

"Along with the arrival of Mark Matthews, John adds to an already strong team of IRS executives," Everson said. "We are fortunate to have a man of John's caliber willing to undertake a period of public service. John's experience in the global corporate and legal environment, combined with his management skills and tax expertise, equip him to make a unique contribution to our ongoing efforts to combat abusive tax shelters."

Klotsche held a variety of prominent roles at Baker & McKenzie during a 32-year career. He specialized in international tax and financial matters after joining Baker & McKenzie in 1968. He retired in 2000 after serving for five years as chairman of the firm's Executive Committee.

In his role as chairman, Klotsche had day-to-day management and administrative responsibility for the firm's global business operations, which included 7,000 employees, 2,500 lawyers, 550 partners and revenues of \$1 billion.

Klotsche graduated in 1964 from the University of Arizona with an economics degree. He received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin. After his career with Baker & McKenzie, he has served on several boards and as a consultant to technology companies doing business in the legal industry.