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## RICHARD BELAS NAMED CHIEF COUNSEL TO MAJORITY LEADER

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today appointed Richard S. Belas, Chief Counsel to the Majority Leader. Belas has been Counsel since 1985.

Before joining the Majority Leader's staff, Belas served as Deputy Chief Counsel to the Senate Finance Committee, where he managed the committee's tax staff and was responsible for developing and implementing tax policy options.

Belas, who worked as a tax lawyer in New York and Connecticut, received a Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University; his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia Law School where he was on the Law Review; and a B.A. in government from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

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