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James T. Barry III appointed Public Policy Forum chairman

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin – (*March 12, 2009*) – At its annual meeting today, the Public Policy Forum board of trustees voted to install well-known Milwaukee commercial real estate broker James T. Barry III, as its new chairman. The Public Policy Forum is an organization dedicated to nonpartisan research on public policy issues affecting southeastern Wisconsin. Barry, who has been a Forum vice chair for the past four years, replaces F. William Haberman, an attorney with Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, who is stepping down after three years.

Barry, 44, a native Milwaukeean, is president of Milwaukee-based Colliers Barry, one of the region's largest commercial real estate brokerage firms. He has been involved in hundreds of local industrial, office, and investment transactions, including the 1997 sale/leaseback of the Briggs & Stratton Vanguard Engine facility to Harley Davidson and the 2008 sale/construction/leaseback deal involving We Energies/First Industrial/QuadGraphics, both of which won the "Deal of the Year" award from the Commercial Association of Realtors of Wisconsin. Prior to joining Colliers Barry, which was founded by his father, Barry was an attorney with Foley & Lardner LLP from 1991-1993.

In addition, Barry is an active civic leader, having served as president of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, chairman of the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the American Red Cross, and president of the Milwaukee River Revitalization Foundation, among others.

Barry is an honors graduate of both the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and the University of Chicago Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*.

“We look forward to the economic development perspective that Jim will bring to the Forum’s leadership,” says Rob Henken, Forum president. “In addition, his long and varied civic involvement will serve the Forum well as it seeks to expand its reach and partnerships. At the same time, we are extremely grateful for Bill’s three years of service to and support of the Forum. It was through his leadership that the Forum raised its profile and credibility in the community.”

Milwaukee-based Public Policy Forum, established in 1913 as a local government watchdog, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the effectiveness of government and the development of southeastern Wisconsin through objective research of public policy issues.

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