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SkylesBayne Appoints Michele Skelding President and CEO

Skelding to Lead Company's Strategic Growth

April 10, 2017, AUSTIN, TX — Today, **SkylesBayne**, a commercial real estate firm specializing in office, industrial, and medical tenant representation, announced the appointment of Michele Skelding as its new President and CEO, providing strategic leadership and vision for the Company.

“Michele has earned status as a highly respected economic growth leader in our great city, with exemplary aptitude, character, and ability,” said Chris Skyles, Principal Partner, SkylesBayne. “We are excited to incorporate her talents and leadership into our company.”

As President, Ms. Skelding will lead the development and execution of the organization’s vision for accelerated growth, furthering operational excellence and leading an innovative new platform focused on delivering economic, technological and innovation insights to clients and for the Central Texas region.

“SkylesBayne is at a defining moment given our growth and increasing role within the technology, innovation and capital landscape,” according to Skyles. “In our eleven year history we have achieved consistent year-over-year revenue growth; and now, in the first two months of 2017, we have already achieved revenue matching our 2016 fiscal year end gross revenue. We firmly believe it is the optimal time to invest heavily in the leadership of our company.”

“We are thrilled to welcome Michele to SkylesBayne,” said Justin Bayne, Principal Partner. “We are confident that her extensive experience and network across the technology and innovation industry will further our goals to maximize growth and enhance value for our clients. Michele will add tremendous value to our organization during this exciting time, and we look forward to her contributions as we execute on our strategic initiatives.”

Skelding recently spent more than three years with the Austin Chamber of Commerce, leading efforts to boost the city’s reputation as an incubator of technological and health innovation, including a focus on access to capital.

“We are at a pivotal point in our region’s growth; SkylesBayne is well poised to take a major thought leadership and strategic role in Austin’s growing and diverse economic landscape.” Skelding said. “I am excited to lead the next level of growth with such an innovative, creative and sophisticated firm.”

Ms. Skelding brings deep industry knowledge to her new role garnered during a diverse and successful twenty-year career across the technology industry, which has included both Fortune 100 companies and early stage private and venture backed start-ups, including Appconomy, Lifeproof, Augmentix, Dell and AT&T.

Michele is an integral member of Austin's innovation community, currently serving as an entrepreneurial advisor at University of Texas' Cockrell School of Engineering Innovation Center. She has served in leadership positions with the Central Texas Angel Network and as a Mentor with Tech Ranch, SKU, ATX Seed Ventures and Capital Factory.

In addition to various partner councils, Michele also served on Austin Technology Council's board, Texas State STAR Park's Innovation Advisory Committee, and as a key advisor of the Mayor's Innovation Zone, to explore and leverage the new Dell Medical School and Dell Seton Medical Center investment into a large economic development project for Austin.

About SkylesBayne

SkylesBayne is a commercial real estate firm specializing in office, industrial, and medical tenant representation. We connect Austin's most exciting companies to workspaces that inspire productivity. Since our firm's inception in 2006, we have successfully brokered over \$1 Billion in third party transactions. Our transaction volume exceeded 1 Million square feet in the Austin Market in 2016. Our partners; Chris Skyles, Justin Bayne, Conley Covert, and Scott Studzinski have all been recognized as Austin's "Heavy Hitter's." We are headquartered here in Austin, Texas.

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