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**FORMER ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY RETURNS TO
WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING**

August 29, 2001 (Washington, D.C.) -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering ("WCP") is pleased to announce that Ronald C. Machen, former Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, United States Department of Justice, has returned to the Firm as counsel, resident in the Washington, D.C. office. Mr. Machen will specialize in white collar criminal litigation, internal investigations, and complex civil litigation.

Juanita A. Crowley, Co-Chair of the firm's Litigation Section, commented: "We are delighted that Ron has joined us. He is an exceptional jury trial lawyer who knows how to win cases."

As Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1997 to 2001, Mr. Machen was responsible for representing the United States in a wide range of criminal matters in both the local and federal court systems of the District of Columbia. Mr. Machen has tried over 20 jury trials and prosecuted major fraud and felony cases.

Before his government service, Mr. Machen was an associate with WCP from 1994 to 1995. He left the Firm in August 1995 to clerk for Judge Damon J. Keith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, then joined the Department of Justice in January 1997. Mr. Machen also served as a lecturer on trial advocacy at Howard University School of Law for the Spring 1998 term.

Mr. Machen graduated from Stanford University in 1991 with an A.B. in Economics and Political Science and earned his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1994. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Illinois bars and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, as well as various other district and appellate courts.

Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering is an international law firm with offices in Washington, D.C., New York, Baltimore, Northern Virginia, London, Brussels, and Berlin. The Firm has close to 450 lawyers engaged in a broad practice spanning the full range of corporate matters, regulatory work, complex civil and criminal litigation, cross-border transactions, and international arbitration matters.