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Wilmer Cutler Pickering LLP Named Among Top Law Firms in Washington, D.C., for Seven Practice Areas in Chambers USA's America's Leading Business Lawyers List;

Fifteen Lawyers from Firm Receive Individual Recognition

Washington, D.C., April 19, 2004 — Wilmer Cutler Pickering LLP today announced that the Firm was named among the top law firms in Washington, D.C., for seven practice areas, according to Chambers USA's *America's Leading Business Lawyers* list. Additionally, fifteen Wilmer attorneys earned individual spots in the guide, which ranks leading lawyers based upon their reputation amongst peers and clients.

The Firm's Washington, D.C., office has ranked practices in bankruptcy, investment management, general commercial litigation, telecommunications, antitrust, arbitration and corporate/M&A. The Baltimore office was also recognized as among the top in its market for corporate/M&A and real estate. The New York office was recognized as among the top in its market for general commercial litigation. In addition, the following attorneys earned distinction in their areas of practice: William J. Kolasky and A. Douglas Melamed (Antitrust); Andrew N. Vollmer (Arbitration); William J. Perlstein and Craig Goldblatt (Bankruptcy); John B. Watkins (Corporate/M&A); Brandon Becker and Marianne K. Smythe (Investment Management); Seth P. Waxman (Litigation: Appellate); Jamie Gorelick, Michael R. Klein, William R McLucas, Howard M. Shapiro, and Seth P. Waxman (Litigation: General Commercial); William T. Lake (Telecom); and Mark Pollak (Real Estate).

To view the complete list of Wilmer attorneys included in the Chambers USA guide, visit www.chambersandpartners.com/usa/, search for the firm name, and then select "Chambers Rankings."

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