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Experienced Litigator Joins Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering

New York, January 5, 2004 -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering ("WCP") announced today that Douglas F. Curtis, former Executive Vice President and Global Head of Ethics and Compliance with the Reuters Group, has joined the Firm's litigation practice as a partner in the New York office.

A skilled litigator with international experience, Mr. Curtis has handled a wide variety of civil and criminal cases, including matters involving intellectual property, press freedoms, antitrust, corporate governance, privacy, fair trade practices, export controls, corporate espionage, financial fraud, and anti-corruption laws.

Mr. Curtis joins WCP after more than five years as a senior legal executive at Reuters, the world's largest international multimedia news agency. At Reuters, Mr. Curtis had responsibility for litigation, ethics and corporate compliance and oversaw internal investigations around the world. Before being promoted to Executive Vice President, Mr. Curtis served as Deputy General Counsel and Head of Litigation for the Americas, and then as General Counsel for Continental Europe, Middle East and Africa.

"Doug is an outstanding litigator who will add significantly to our ability to serve clients," said Paul Engelmayer, Administrative Partner for WCP's New York office and a member of the Firm's Litigation Section. "He understands the challenges and opportunities facing the media industry; he has broad litigation experience in both civil and criminal cases; and he augments our strong trademark/copyright practice."

Prior to joining Reuters in 1998, Mr. Curtis was an associate, then partner, in the litigation practice at Miller, Cassidy, Larroca and Lewin, Washington, D.C., where he focused on complex civil and criminal matters, including intellectual property, First Amendment, white collar criminal defense, and corporate governance and compliance matters.

Mr. Curtis graduated *magna cum laude* with an A.B. in Social Studies from Harvard College in 1984. After a year of study at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris as a Rotary Foundation Scholar, he attended Harvard Law School, where he earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, in 1988 and served as Treasurer of the *Harvard Law Review*. Following law school, Mr. Curtis clerked for a year with Chief Judge Patricia M. Wald at the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

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 more than 500 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.

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