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With last week's appointment of A. Douglas Melamed as Acting Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, three of the most senior positions at the U.S. Department of Justice now are held by former WCP partners. In addition to Doug, Daniel Marcus is Acting Associate Attorney General and Randolph D. Moss is Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Office of Legal Counsel.

On September 19th, Joel I. Klein announced his departure from DOJ and Doug's selection as Acting Assistant Attorney General. Doug was Joel's Principal Deputy throughout his more than five-year tenure with the Division. In a DOJ press release, Attorney General Janet Reno said: "With Doug Melamed assuming the post of Acting Assistant Attorney General, I know the Division will be in excellent hands." And on Wednesday of this week, Randolph Moss, who has been acting Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Office of Legal Counsel will be formally installed as head of that office.

Doug was with WCP for 25 years. He joined the Firm in 1971 and became a partner in 1978. He chaired the Firm's Antitrust and Consumer Protection Group and served as chairman of the Recruiting Committee. At WCP, Doug represented a wide variety of clients on antitrust and economic regulation matters. He left the Firm in October 1996 to serve as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Antitrust Division.

Dan joined the Firm in 1966 as an associate and became a partner in 1973. He left the Firm in 1977 to become Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and then General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Agriculture before returning to the partnership in 1981. Dan practiced primarily in the communications and food and drug areas. He served as a member of the Management Committee from 1995 to 1998, and also acted as one of the Firm's ethics partners. Dan left the Firm again in 1998 to become Senior Counsel in the Office of White House Counsel, a position he held until he joined DOJ in 1999.

Randy joined the Firm in 1989 after clerking for Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court and for Judge Pierre N. Leval then of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Randy graduated summa cum laude from Hamilton College in 1983 and from Yale Law School in 1986, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal. He practiced in the Firm's General Litigation Group. Randy joined DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel in 1996 and became acting head of that office in 1999.