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**FORMER AIR FORCE SENIOR ACQUISITION ATTORNEY JOINS
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September 9, 2002 (Washington, D.C.) -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (WCP) is pleased to announce that John P. Janecek, former Deputy General Counsel for Acquisition Law for the U.S. Department of the Air Force, has joined the Firm as Counsel, resident in the Washington, D.C., office. Mr. Janecek will practice in the Firm's International Aviation, Defense and Aerospace Group.

Mr. Janecek joins WCP after more than 30 years of government service. He joined the Air Force General Counsel's office in 1980 and became the Deputy for Acquisition Law in 1986, where, as the senior acquisition attorney, he provided counsel on contracting, systems acquisition, logistics, and technology issues to the Secretary of the Air Force and other Air Force executives and senior program managers. Mr. Janecek also provided advice on mergers and acquisitions, contractor suspension and debarment, and contract security and classified information issues. He was responsible for defending the Air Force in bid protests, overseeing contract litigation and intellectual property policy, and coordinating remedies in procurement fraud investigations.

Prior to joining the Air Force General Counsel's Office, Mr. Janecek served at the Department of Defense, handling matters relating to contract administration, including cost accounting and pricing issues. He also provided counsel on personnel and labor relations issues and was a trial attorney before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. Mr. Janecek is a recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, two Exceptional Civilian Service Awards, and the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award.

"We are very excited that John is joining us," said Sheila Cheston, Chair of the Firm's International Aviation, Defense and Aerospace Group. "John is one of the most widely-respected acquisition lawyers in the federal government. His wealth of knowledge and outstanding reputation in the defense industry will be invaluable to our practice and clients."

Mr. Janecek received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from John Carroll University. He earned his J.D. from Loyola University of Los Angeles in 1972, following service in the United States Navy as a supply officer. He is a member of the California bar and admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

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 approximately 500 lawyers engaged in a broad practice spanning the full range of corporate matters, regulatory work, high-stakes litigation, cross-border transactions, and international arbitration matters.