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November 6, 2000 (Washington, D.C.) -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (WCP) is pleased to announce that Veronica G. Kayne, former Assistant Director of the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC's) Bureau of Competition, Anticompetitive Practices Division, has joined the firm as a partner, resident in its Washington, D.C., office. Ms. Kayne will be a key member of WCP's active antitrust and competition law practice, and her substantial knowledge of intellectual property law will enhance the firm's growing patent and e-commerce practices, as well.

Ms. Kayne joined the FTC in June 1996 as a staff attorney in the Office of Policy and Evaluation. In October 1997, she was promoted to Deputy Assistant Director of the Anticompetitive Practices Division, and became Assistant Director in May 1998. In her role as Assistant Director, Ms. Kayne headed the Anticompetitive Practices Division and was responsible for directing and supervising the Bureau's non-merger investigation and litigation activities, including the development of Commission policy with respect to B2B Internet exchanges, permissible uses of patents and copyrights, exclusive dealing, and price discrimination. She also managed, supervised, and participated in all phases of litigation, evaluated case leads and results of investigations, developed legal theories and analysis, and negotiated consent agreements. Recent cases in which Ms. Kayne has played a lead role include: *In re Summit*, resulting in a consent agreement breaking up a patent pool that controlled laser vision correction technology; *In re VISX*, an administrative trial alleging monopolization through enforcement of a fraudulently obtained patent; *McCormick and Company*, the first Robinson-Patman case pursued by the FTC in nearly two decades, resulting in a consent agreement prohibiting price discrimination by the leading spice manufacturer; and *In re Sony*, resulting in consent agreements prohibiting major distributors of pre-recorded music from enforcing minimum advertised price policies. Prior to joining the FTC, Ms. Kayne was an antitrust attorney with the firms of King & Spalding (1987-1996) and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy (1983-1987).

"Ms. Kayne is a talented litigator," commented William J. Kolasky, co-chair of WCP's Antitrust and Competition Practice Group. "In addition to her formidable knowledge of antitrust issues, her experience with the relationship among antitrust and patent licensing, intellectual property, and related issues is an excellent fit with our new patent group, headed by John Ryan, and with our existing e-commerce practice."

Ms. Kayne graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976 with a B.A. in Biology, and from the University of California in 1978 with an M.A. in ecology and evolutionary biology. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, in 1981 from Villanova University School of Law. Ms. Kayne has spoken and written on various antitrust issues, and has been the principal drafter of several ABA Section of Antitrust Law publications.

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