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Wilmer Cutler & Pickering Leads Victorious Legal Team on Supreme Court's Sweeping Decision to Uphold McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Law

Washington, D.C. December 10, 2003 –The Supreme Court today sweepingly upheld the bipartisan McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform law, including its ban on "soft money" and on the use of corporate and union treasury funds for sham issue ads.

Wilmer Cutler & Pickering, led by attorneys Roger Witten and Seth Waxman, acted as lead counsel on the case, representing the sponsors of the legislation, Senators McCain, Feingold, Snowe, and Jeffords and Congressman Shays and Meehan. In their victory, they defeated an impressive roster of prominent attorneys including: Covington & Burling (Bobby Burchfield), Kirkland & Ellis (Ken Starr), and Cahill, Gordon (Floyd Abrams).

"The Supreme Court has issued an historic, sweeping, unequivocal decision affirming the constitutionality of the major parts of the McCain-Feingold bipartisan campaign finance reform law," said Roger Witten. "This will put an end to the kind of widespread big money practices – 'soft money' and 'sham issue ads' that have turned citizens off and threatened the vitality of our democracy. The country and its citizens are the big winners, and Wilmer is proud to have played such an important role in this historic decision."

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