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**CHRISTOPHER J. MEADE, RECIPIENT OF  
NYSBA PRESIDENT'S *PRO BONO* SERVICE AWARD**

May 2, 2003 (New York) -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering ("WCP") is pleased to announce that Christopher J. Meade, counsel in the Firm's New York office, is a recipient of the 2003 President's *Pro Bono* Service Award, issued by the New York State Bar Association. These Awards were created more than ten years ago to honor law firms, law students, and attorneys from each judicial district in New York who have provided outstanding *pro bono* service to low income people. Mr. Meade was presented the award at a luncheon in Albany on May 1.

Mr. Meade was nominated by the New York State Defenders Association and the American Civil Liberties Union for his commitment to serving the public interest, particularly in the area of immigrants' rights, including more than 600 hours of *pro bono* service during 2002. In 2002, Mr. Meade was co-counsel in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Demore v. Kim*, arguing that the blanket mandatory detention of certain immigrants is unconstitutional. He also represented an immigrant who had been enslaved in the Bronx, and assisted her with collecting a judgment against her abusers.

Mr. Meade has substantial experience challenging the retroactive application of immigration laws. In 2001, Mr. Meade was co-counsel in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *INS v. St. Cyr*, in which the Supreme Court held, in a 5-4 decision, that certain immigrants with past criminal convictions could apply for a form of relief from deportation that no longer exists, but that existed at the time of the criminal conviction. In 2002, Mr. Meade continued his work against the retroactive application of immigration laws through impact litigation in the Second and Fourth Circuits. Moreover, to help courts understand the impact of the retroactive application of current laws to immigrants who may have made strategic decisions based on the immigration law as it stood at that time, Mr. Meade has represented the interests of the Immigrant Defense Project of the New York State Defenders Association in a number of *amicus* briefs. Mr. Meade also regularly provides support to other attorneys involved in this effort through assistance with argument formulation, edits, and mock arguments.

Paul Engelmayer, Administrative Partner for WCP's New York Office, remarked: "This richly deserved award is a great tribute to Chris, and brings honor to our firm."

Mr. Meade was also the recipient of WCP's 2001 John H. Pickering Annual *Pro Bono* Award for "exemplary dedication to the provision of *pro bono publico* legal services."

Prior to joining WCP in February 2001, Mr. Meade was a law clerk to the Hon. John Paul Stevens on the U.S. Supreme Court (1997-1998) and to the Hon. Harry T. Edwards on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (1996-1997). After clerking, Mr. Meade was a Skadden Fellow at the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union, where his work focused on appellate litigation. Over the course of his career, he has argued five cases in the United States Courts of Appeals and has authored or co-authored over 25 appellate briefs, including six briefs in the Supreme Court of the United States.

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 over 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.

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