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**DAVID MEDINE, FORMER SENIOR WHITE HOUSE ADVISOR AND FTC OFFICIAL,
JOINS WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING**

March 18, 2002 (Washington, D.C.) -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering is pleased to announce that David Medine, former senior White House advisor to the President and Division Director in the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection, has joined the Firm as a partner, resident in the Washington, D.C., office. Mr. Medine's knowledge and experience in consumer credit and privacy issues will play an important role in several areas of the Firm's practice.

"David has for years been recognized as one of the country's most knowledgeable and thoughtful lawyers on consumer credit regulatory matters, privacy, and electronic commerce. We are thrilled to have him join our firm, and further strengthen our ability to serve clients' needs in these areas," said Chris Lipsett, Chairman of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering's Financial Institutions Group.

At the White House, which he left in January 2001, Mr. Medine was a Senior Advisor to the National Economic Council, where he advised both the President and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, coordinated Administration policies on such issues as privacy, financial institutions, and expanding capital investment in under-served areas. He advised government agencies on implementation of electronic signature legislation and represented the White House in Congressional consideration of "spam" legislation.

Before working at the White House, Mr. Medine was for more than a decade the Associate Director for Financial Practices at the Federal Trade Commission, and led the Commission's efforts to address online privacy. His responsibilities at the Commission included the development of policy and regulations, oversight of programs involving consumer financial services, privacy, and e-commerce, and enforcement activities in those areas. He participated in drafting the Gramm-Leach-Bliley financial privacy and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) regulations.

Mr. Medine has testified before Congress on numerous legislative proposals relating to Internet, privacy and consumer financial issues, and has been a frequent public speaker on related matters. Mr. Medine was recently named to the "100 Who's Who in Business to Business" by *BtoB Magazine*. After leaving the White House, he was for a year in private practice at Hogan & Hartson, LLP.

Mr. Medine received his J.D. in 1978 from the University of Chicago Law School. He received his bachelor's degree from Hampshire College in 1975. He taught law at both the Indiana University (Bloomington) School of Law, and at George Washington University National Law Center. Mr. Medine is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Indiana.

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