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WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING OPENS OFFICE IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

March 8, 2001 -- Washington, D.C. -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering is pleased to announce the opening of its Northern Virginia office. The office will be co-headed by WCP partners Thomas W. White and C. Thomas Hicks III and will be located in Tysons Corner.

William J. Perlstein, WCP's managing partner commented: "We are very enthusiastic to be expanding our premier mid-Atlantic corporate practice into the growing Northern Virginia market. Our Northern Virginia office will enable us to better serve both our existing client base in the region and new high-tech and other clients in the area. We also expect to expand our nationally recognized securities, litigation, and restructuring practices, among others." WCP's mid-Atlantic regional clients include Aether Systems, AOL Time Warner, The Carlyle Group, Danaher Corporation, Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey, Legg Mason, Metrocall, Inc. New Enterprise Associates, US Office Products, and numerous other established and startup ventures.

"We are also pleased to have Tom Hicks and Tom White leading our efforts in Northern Virginia," Perlstein added. "They bring a wealth of corporate and transactional experience to the Northern Virginia business community."

White, a partner in WCP's corporate group since 1986, is a leader of the Firm's mergers & acquisitions and corporate finance practices. Among other major transactions, he led WCP's representation of US Office Products in its recently-announced sales of Mail Boxes Etc. to UPS and its office supply business to Corporate Express. He is a member of the DC and New York bars.

Hicks, a former co-founder of Greenberg Traurig's Tysons Corner office, recently joined WCP as a partner. He has been a prominent leader of the Northern Virginia business and legal community for many years, specializing in corporate finance, tax, mergers and acquisitions, and technology transactions.

In addition to its corporate expertise, WCP will bring to its Northern Virginia office the full range of its global practice, including an immediate litigation presence that will be led by Ted Killory. Killory has twenty years of trial and appellate experience at WCP in securities, employment, bankruptcy, insurance, and general commercial litigation on behalf of a wide range of corporate clients, including several leading Northern Virginia technology companies.

Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering is an international law firm with more than 400 lawyers engaged in a broad practice spanning the full range of corporate matters, high-stakes litigation, regulatory work, cross-border transactions, and international arbitration matters. The Firm's Northern Virginia office is located at 1650 Tysons Boulevard, Tysons Corner, Virginia. Phone: 703-251-9700, Fax: 703-251-9797. The Firm also has offices in Washington, D.C., New York, Baltimore, London, Brussels, and Berlin.