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**FORMER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
CIVIL DIVISION, JOINS WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING AS PARTNER**

June 26, 2001 (Washington, D.C.) -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering ("WCP") is pleased to announce that David W. Ogden, former Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), has joined the firm as a partner, resident in the Washington, D.C., office. With considerable experience in complex civil litigation matters, Mr. Ogden will play an important role in the firm's litigation practice.

"We excel in representing clients who face complex litigation, including cases that require a sophisticated understanding of how Washington works. David is an outstanding litigator and strategist. As head of the Civil Division, David took the lead in many high profile matters involving a wide array of legal and public policy issues. His wealth of experience further deepens the level of expertise within our practice," said Juanita A. Crowley, Co-Chair of the firm's Litigation Section. "We're extremely pleased to have him as our partner."

Mr. Ogden's expertise includes the False Claims Act, the First Amendment and other constitutional law issues, intellectual property, international regulatory issues, consumer fraud, professional ethics, defamation and other tort claims, and numerous federal statutory schemes. Mr. Ogden has litigated cases throughout the United States in both the district and appellate courts.

As head of the Civil Division, Mr. Ogden oversaw billions of dollars of False Claims Act and consumer protection suits on behalf of the United States, and was responsible for defending thousands of suits against the government in areas as diverse as government contracts, employment discrimination, international trade disputes, aviation and maritime disasters, and immigration, and for defending many federal statutes from constitutional attack. Under his leadership, among many major matters, the Justice Department obtained more than \$1.5 billion in False Claims Act recoveries, filed a landmark racketeering and damages suit against the major cigarette manufacturers, and successfully litigated the Elian Gonzalez case and the tort actions brought against the federal government arising from the Branch Davidian tragedy at Waco, Texas.

Mr. Ogden joined DOJ in 1995 as Associate Deputy Attorney General and became Counselor to the Attorney General in 1997. He served as Chief of Staff to the Attorney General from 1998 to 1999, after which he was named Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division (Acting Assistant Attorney General, February 1999 to August 2000). Mr. Ogden was awarded the Attorney General's Medallion in February 1999 and received the Department's highest honor, the Edmund J. Randolph Award, in January 2001. Before joining DOJ, Mr. Ogden was Deputy General Counsel and Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Defense. There he directed the Office of Legal Counsel within the Office of the General Counsel and was the recipient of the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the Defense Department's highest honor accorded to civilians.

Mr. Ogden received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976 and earned his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1981. Following graduation from law school, he clerked a year for Judge Abraham D. Sofaer at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, then clerked for Justice Harry A. Blackmun at the U.S. Supreme Court for the October 1982 Term.

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 more than 400 lawyers engaged in a broad practice spanning the full range of corporate matters, regulatory work, complex civil and criminal litigation, cross-border transactions, and international arbitration matters.