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**CATHERINE RONIS JOINS WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING
IN FURTHER EXPANSION OF ITS
COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC COMMERCE PRACTICE**

May 25, 2001 (Washington, D.C.) -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering ("WCP") is pleased to announce the further expansion of its Communications and Electronic Commerce practice with the addition of Catherine Kane Ronis, formerly of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, as a partner resident in the Washington, D.C. office. Her arrival follows the recent addition of Kathryn C. Brown, former Chief of Staff at the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and Jonathan E. Nuechterlein, former Deputy General Counsel of the FCC and Assistant to the U.S. Solicitor General.

Ms. Ronis will represent telecommunications clients in litigation and other matters, particularly under the interconnection provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Ms. Ronis, an accomplished litigator, also will be a member of WCP's General Litigation practice.

"The addition of Catherine Ronis, combined with the recent arrival of Kathy Brown and Jon Nuechterlein, significantly enhances our existing capability to serve the needs of our clients," said William T. Lake, co-chair of the firm's Communications and Electronic Commerce practice. "Few people have as much experience as Catherine does in litigating the complex issues that arise under the Telecommunications Act."

Ms. Ronis arrives at WCP after representing corporate clients in civil litigation before federal and state courts and regulatory agencies. She has spent several years litigating cases under the Telecommunications Act before the FCC and numerous state utility commissions, as well as in private arbitrations. She also has extensive experience on a broad range of other litigation and related matters, including proceedings before the federal and D.C. courts and the Social Security Administration, Department of Energy, Tax Court, U.S. Court of International Trade, and Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ms. Ronis graduated *magna cum laude* from Syracuse University College of Law in 1990, where she was a Senior Editor of the *Syracuse Law Review*, an Andrews Scholar, and a member of the Order of the Coif. She also was a clerk with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. Ms. Ronis received her undergraduate degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1986.

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, high-stakes litigation, cross-border transactions, and international arbitration matters.