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FORMER HEAD OF ANTITRUST DIVISION'S FOREIGN COMMERCE SECTION JOINS WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING

February 9, 2001 - Washington, D.C. - Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering is pleased to announce that Charles S. Stark, Chief of the Foreign Commerce Section of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), will join the firm as a partner in February 2001. Mr. Stark, who will be an integral part of the firm's growing Antitrust and Competition Practice Group, will be resident in the firm's Brussels office, after spending an initial 4-5 months in its main office in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Stark is one of the foremost authorities on international antitrust, having headed the Antitrust Division's Foreign Commerce Section since 1980 and having been instrumental in most of DOJ's major international antitrust initiatives. As Section Chief, he advised the Antitrust Division's litigation sections and participated in policy and strategy formulation on international merger, nonmerger civil, and criminal antitrust investigations and litigation. In addition, he has participated in policy formulation on all international antitrust issues, including trade/competition issues, antitrust treatment of export restraints, multijurisdictional merger issues, and the development of the DOJ/FTC *Antitrust Enforcement Guidelines for International Operations*, and has been involved in trade negotiations in matters regarding antitrust or competition policy issues. Mr. Stark also has served as a liaison in coordinating with foreign antitrust authorities and officials on policy and case-specific matters and has been instrumental in negotiating the United States' antitrust cooperation agreements with foreign jurisdictions. He has represented the U.S. on issues of antitrust law and policy in numerous intergovernmental organizations, and advised the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and other U.S. agencies and committees.

"Chuck will be a tremendous addition to our practice and will help us to continue to offer our clients the highest quality legal representation on transnational merger clearances and multinational cartel investigations," said William J. Kolasky, co-chair of the firm's Antitrust and Competition Practice Group. "No one is more widely known and respected throughout the international antitrust community."

Mr. Stark is a 1965 graduate of Princeton University, with an A.B. in Philosophy, and received his LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1968. He joined DOJ's Antitrust Division in 1970 as a trial lawyer in the General Litigation Section. In 1978 he became Assistant Chief of the Special Litigation Section, where he served until becoming Chief of the Foreign Commerce Section in 1980. Mr. Stark is a frequent speaker, panelist, and faculty member on general and international antitrust issues.

Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering is an international law firm with offices in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, New York, Brussels, London, and Berlin. The firm has close to 450 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. WCP has more than 50 antitrust and competition lawyers.