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**FORMER U.S. SOLICITOR GENERAL SETH P. WAXMAN  
JOINS WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING**

July 5, 2001 (Washington, D.C.) -- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering ("WCP") announces that Seth P. Waxman, former Solicitor General of the United States, has joined the firm as a partner, resident in the Washington, D.C., office. Mr. Waxman will represent clients before the Supreme Court of the United States and appellate and trial courts nationwide. He also will advise clients on civil and criminal litigation and on business matters involving complex legal and public policy issues.

Lloyd N. Cutler, a founding partner of WCP commented: "Seth deserves his reputation as one of history's finest solicitors general. He is a superb strategist and advocate, and all of us are honored that he is joining our firm."

Appointed by President Clinton, Mr. Waxman was the 41st Solicitor General of the United States, serving in that capacity from late 1997 through January 2001. During his tenure Mr. Waxman argued 30 cases before the Court. Before his appointment as SG, he served in a number of other positions during his nearly seven years at the Department of Justice, including Acting Solicitor General, Acting Deputy Attorney General, Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and Associate Deputy Attorney General. Throughout his government tenure, Mr. Waxman worked closely with federal agencies and departments on a wide variety of legal and policy matters.

Former Attorney General Janet Reno commented: "Seth Waxman is a splendid lawyer who has a tremendous knowledge of the law and a great sense of the public good. I worked closely with him on a daily basis for six years, and he is both a superb advocate and an exceptional leader. He is one of the finest public servants I have known, and Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering is fortunate to have him in their firm."

On his move to WCP, Mr. Waxman commented: "I am thrilled to be joining a law firm that reflects a genuine and uncompromising commitment to legal excellence, professionalism, and the *pro bono* responsibility of the bar. WCP's practice in the business, litigation, and regulatory arenas offers a unique opportunity to work on challenging matters for clients with sophisticated needs. I greatly look forward to helping the firm's clients meet those challenges, working together with a tremendous group of colleagues."

William J. Perlstein, Managing Partner of WCP, added: "This firm excels in representing clients facing complex regulatory and public policy issues arising in both the courtroom and the boardroom. Seth's superior legal talent, combined with his knowledge of how decisions get made in Washington, puts him in a unique position to advise clients facing difficult strategic and legal issues. Like Lloyd before him, Seth will be one of the stellar lawyers of his generation."

Before entering government service, Mr. Waxman was a partner at Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, where he specialized in complex criminal, civil, and appellate litigation. He received his bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* from Harvard College in 1973 and was a Rockefeller Fellow in Kenya during the following year. In 1977, Mr. Waxman received his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he served as Managing Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. Following graduation from law school, he clerked for Judge Gerhard A. Gesell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

In January 2001, Mr. Waxman received the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Department of Justice's highest honor. In May of this year, he was named an honorary Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in recognition of his exceptional service to law enforcement. While in private practice, Mr. Waxman received national recognition for his *pro bono* work, including the American Bar Association's *Pro Bono Publico* award and the Anti-Defamation League's Benjamin J. Cardozo Certificate of Merit. A former Visiting Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Mr. Waxman is a Visiting Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the American Academy of Appellate Attorneys, and a director of several educational institutions.

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