# IN THE NEWS

# WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING

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## PRESS PIECES & OTHER PUBLICITY

John Pickering was the subject of feature articles in the *Legal Times* ("The Public Lawyer: John Pickering Looks Back," August 2, 1999, p. 1) and the *ABA Journal* ("Pickering Receives ABA Medal: Washington, D.C. Lawyer is Recognized for Service to the Poor and Elderly," August 1999, p. 100) -- both articles lauding his legal career of more than fifty years.

BOB BAGNALL and JEREMY RUBENSTEIN were mentioned in the *National Journal* ("From the K Street Corridor: A Switch in Time," July 31, 1999, p. 2235), in connection with WCP's lobbying efforts to revise a provision in the law that prohibits stockbrokers from selling stocks to mutual fund managers at the same securities firm.

Brandon Becker's testimony on behalf of the Securities Industry Association was referenced in *American Banker* ("Administration Insists Customers Get a Say in All Data-Sharing," July 22, 1999, p. 2), in connection with an article on banking institutions and privacy protection issues being addressed during House-Senate negotiations on financial reform legislation.

**Brandon Becker** was mentioned in *Financial Net News* ("Experts Differ on How to Restrict Site Access," June

28, 1999, Volume 4, Issue 26), in an article about differing opinions on how Web sites of U.S. customers should monitor visitors.

GARY BORN was pictured in the Euromoney Legal Group's *The BEST of the BEST* (June 1999).

GARY BORN, PAUL MITCHARD, BOB McCAW, STEVE SACHS, and ROGER WITTEN were pictured in the Euromoney Legal Group's Litigation Lawyers (June 1999).

JIM CAMPBELL was quoted in *The Kansas City Star* ("Star Seeking an Easing of Judgement," July 24, 1999, p. A1), in connection with his representation of The Kansas City Star. The Star put in a request that Justice Department restrictions, placed on the paper in 1957, be reversed. The Justice Department filed its own motion the same day supporting the paper's request, saying basically that its restrictions were no longer needed.

KEN GIDEON, TERRI HYDE, and BILL WILKINS were mentioned in the *International Who's Who of Corporate Tax Lawyers*, a publication of Law Business Research Ltd. London.

Boyden Gray was mentioned in *American Political Newswire* ("Early Action Bill In House; EDF Accused," July 15, 1999, Volume 7, No. 9), in connection with his chairmanship of the Environmental Resources Trust (ERT), a non-

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profit affiliate of the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), which has offered to manage and validate emissions-reduction projects on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute and individual electric utilities.

Boyden Gray was mentioned in *Hazardous Waste News* ("Nondelgation Doctrine to Alter Environmental Policy on Wastes," July 12, 1999), in connection with his comments at a CATO Institute briefing on the non-delegation doctrine used by the Supreme Court in overturning standards set by federal agencies.

**DAVID JOHNSON** was quoted in the *New Jersey Law Journal* ("Cybermediation: ADR in the Electronic Age," July 5, 1999, p. 26), in an article about settling disputes electronically through cybermediation.

**DAVID JOHNSON** was quoted in *The National Law Journal* ("Let's Settle This, Online," July 5, 1999, p. A20), in an article about the increasing interest in online alternative dispute resolution.

Lewis Liman and WCP were mentioned in the *New York Law Journal* ("Today's News Update," August 4, 1999), in connection with Lewis joining the firm as partner, and the expansion of the New York office.

BILL PERLSTEIN was quoted, and BOB McCaw and Chris Lipsett were also mentioned.

**BRIAN MENKES**' interview with Evelyn Petschek, the newly appointed IRS Comissioner of Tax Exempt & Government Entities Operating Division, was published in *The Exempt Organization Tax Review* ("A Conversation With Evelyn Petschek," August 1999) and the *D.C. Bar Tax Section Newsletter* (July 1999).

THE "1999 VAULTREPORTS.COM 50" PRES-TIGE RANKINGS ARE OUT, AND WCP IS LISTED AS ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS LAW FIRMS IN AMERICA (INCLUDING A RANKING AT #2 FOR BEST QUALITY OF LIFE).

**P.J. Mode** was quoted in *Lawyers Weekly USA* ("Discrimination Verdicts Might Be in Jeopardy," July 26, 1999, p. 1), in connection with EEOC-issued "right-to-sue" letters.

John Payton and WCP were mentioned in the D.C. Bar's *BarReport* ("Judicial Conference Considers the Past, Looks to the Future with Technology Focus," June/July 1999, p. 2), in an article about the recent Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia. John served as a panelist at the two-day conference, which emphasized the role technology will play in the coming century.

WCP was featured in the Commemorative Program Journal of the Lawyers for One America Dinner ("City First Bank: Investing in the Community - Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering," p. 21), held in the National Building Museum, in Washington, D.C., on July 20, 1999. WCP was praised for its role as "an inspiring example of how lawyers can help inner-city residents.... Committing more than 3,000 hours of pro bono time and the specialized skills of more than thirty of its lawyers to this project, Wilmer, Cutler used its expertise in banking and regulatory work and corporate, tax and other business practices to address a systematic problem in the District's poorest neighborhoods."

WCP was mentioned in *The Washington Times* ("Lawyers Livin' Large," July 26, 1999, p. D3) for

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its top ranking for quality of life in the most recent report by VaultReports.com.

WCP's website was given a very favorable review by David Segal in *The Washington Post* ("Law Review: In Search of Web Mastery," July 26, 1999, p. F9).

WCP was mentioned in *The National Law Journal* ("In-House Counsel: Sallie Mae Banks on Keler's Counsel," August 9, 1999, p. B1), as Sallie Mae's primary outside counsel for mergers and acquisitions.

# SPEECHES, PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

On July 21, 1999, **Brandon Becker** testified, on behalf of the Securities Industry Association, before the subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit of the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services regarding privacy issues related to the Financial Services Act of 1999. Brandon's testimony was prepared by **Lee Greenfield**, **Todd Zubler**, **Jill Raynor**, and **Donna Willingham**.

**SCOTT BLACKMER** presented a CLE program on "Data Privacy" at American Express headquarters, on July 15, 1999, in New York City.

**SCOTT BLACKMER** and **SUSAN CRAWFORD** were speakers at a conference of the Internet Law & Policy Forum entitled "Jurisdiction: Building Confidence in a Borderless Medium," held July 26-27, 1999, in Montreal.

STEVE CHARNOVITZ participated in a panel on environmental and labor issues in the World Trade

Organization, on July 22, 1999, at Columbia University.

**DAVID JOHNSON** was on a panel entitled "Jurisdiction and Choice of Law for Consumer Protection in E-Commerce: U.S. Perspectives," at a public FTC workshop held June 8-9, 1999, in Washington, D.C. The workshop was called "U.S. Perspectives on Consumer Protection in the Global Electronic Marketplace."

# BOOKS, ARTICLES & OTHER WRITINGS

ANDREAS WEITBRECHT authored an article on the "European Union," published in the July 1999 edition of *Corporate Finance* (published by Euromoney).

The Harvard International Law Journal published an article by Francesca Bignami on "The Democratic Deficit in European Community Rulemaking: A Call for Notice and Comment in Comitology" in its Spring 1999 (Volume 40, number 2) issue. An earlier version of the article was published as a part of the working paper series of the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute.

"Online Financial Services," an article written by SCOTT BLACKMER, ANDREW PARNELL, and MATTHIAS BOCK, appeared this month in Banking Yearbook 1999 (published by the International Financial Law Review). Christian Duvernoy, Sandra Hergenroether, and Saffron Tofield contributed to the article, which reviews trends in the regulation of online financial services in the U.S. and Europe.

The Brussels Office has published the June 1999

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issue of WCP Status Report: Aviation in the European Union, reporting on the developments in kerosene taxation, transEuropean networks, satellite navigation systems, aid to Alitalia, and the bilateral air transport agreement signed with Switzerland in December 1998.

The **Brussels Office** has published the June 1999 issue of *EU Status Report: Telecommunications and Multimedia*, reporting on the following developments: the Commission's final cable directive requiring operators to legally separate cable TV networks from telecommunications networks; a Directive adopted by the Council on the taxation of telecommunications services, amending the Sixth Council Directive on VAT; digital signatures; financing of trans-European networks for the years 2000-2006; trans-European networks for electronic interchange of data between administrations; and aid to television channels.

The **E-COMMERCE GROUP** issued a newsletter discussing the Y2K Act, passed by Congress on July 1, 1999, intended to encourage Y2K remediation efforts and informal dispute resolution while limiting frivilous lawuits arising out of Y2K failures. (*E-Commerce News*, "Y2K Legislation Alert," July 21, 1999).

The **Telecommunications Group** issued a newsletter (*Telecommunications Law Updates*, "FCC Unveils Proposed Wireless Calling Party Pays Rules," July 26, 1999), in connection with the FCC's recently released text of Calling Party Pays Declatory Ruling and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, one of the major initiatives at its June "Wireless Day" meeting.

WCP has issued the first edition of *Dialogue* (Volume 1, July 1999), to recognize the contributions of the more than 530 WCP alumni, and to create a medium to keep up on the whereabouts and numerous endeavors of the firm's alums.

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