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Crowell & Moring LLP Antitrust Group Recognized as One of The GCR 100

Washington, D.C. - February 1, 2009: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce that the firm's Antitrust Group has been included in Global Competition Review's (GCR) 2009 edition of the GCR 100: The World's Leading Competition Law Practices. GCR is the leading international journal of competition policy and regulation.

According to GCR, "The firm has expanded over the past 12 months, with four lateral partner hires. Christine White, who moved from Bingham McCutchen LLP, has experience at the FTC, while Daniel Zelenko was with the national criminal enforcement section of the DOJ's antitrust division. The firm's regular clients include AT&T, Robert Bosch and SAS Cargo. . . . The group has also added several other antitrust clients to its roster this year, including Nestlé, TCL Multimedia and UnitedHealth Group, which acquired Sierra Health Services for US\$2.6 billion. Crowell & Moring also advised Reed Elsevier in three transactions that received second requests for information from the antitrust agencies. Two of those reached consent decrees that required divestments."

The GCR 100 analyzes the top 100 competition practices in the world, as selected by GCR editors and reporters. To determine law firm rankings, GCR uses a variety of criteria including size, coverage, degree of competition specialization, policy work and recent successes, among other things. The final list represents GCR's subjective opinion.

Wm. Randolph Smith, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group, and Kent A. Gardiner, chair of Crowell & Moring LLP, have been named to The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers.

Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group has been recognized by Chambers USA for its sophisticated work and dedication to client service. The practice represents established Fortune 50 corporations, as well as a broad range of international clients. Crowell & Moring attorneys have a broad range of experience at the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the European Commission. The group's expertise includes the full range of antitrust and trade regulation:

- civil litigation and investigations;
- mergers and acquisitions;
- criminal grand jury investigations and trials; and
- counseling on managing antitrust risks in all manner of business transactions.

Crowell & Moring also has a nationwide complex civil litigation practice, in federal and state courts, at both the trial and appellate level. And the group works closely with clients to reduce antitrust risk by conducting on-site and online antitrust training sessions and by establishing and auditing effective preventative law programs.

Crowell & Moring LLP is an international law firm with more than 450 lawyers practicing in litigation, antitrust, government contracts, health care, corporate, intellectual property and other practice areas. More than two-thirds of the firm's attorneys regularly litigate disputes on behalf of domestic and international corporations, start-up businesses, and individuals. Crowell & Moring's extensive client work ranges from advising on one of the world's largest telecommunications mergers to representing governments and corporations on international arbitration matters. Based in Washington, D.C., the firm also has offices in New York, London, Brussels, Los Angeles, and Orange County, CA.