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## **Crowell & Moring LLP International Dispute Resolution Group Recognized As One Of The Elite GAR 100**

**Washington, D.C. - February 1, 2009:** For the second consecutive year, Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce that the firm's International Dispute Resolution Group has been included in *Global Arbitration Review's* 2009 second annual GAR 100, a guide to the top 100 law firms with international arbitration capabilities. GAR is one of the leading journals of public and private arbitration.

According to GAR, "The names to know are: Alexandre de Gramont, Stuart Newberger, and Arif Ali, who joined from Fulbright & Jaworski...In the younger strata, Baiju Vasani, who accompanied Ali from the same firm, is regarded as a name for the future. In London, partner Jane Wessel covers arbitration. (The group) also completed two strategic lateral hires: Daniel Vielleville, 38 - he joined from Squire Sanders & Dempsey in Miami (a dual-qualified lawyer - Venezuela and the US); and Samaa Haridi, 32 - she joined from Thacher Proffitt & Wood (an Egyptian-US national)," said GAR.

The GAR 100 analyzes the top 100 arbitration practices in the world, as selected by GAR editors and reporters. To determine law firm rankings, GAR uses a variety of criteria including reputation, current work, and experience. The final list represents GAR's subjective opinion.

Arif Hyder Ali, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's International Dispute Resolution Group, has also been named to *The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration Lawyers*.

The firm's International Dispute Resolution Group has regularly recognized by *Chambers, PLC Which Lawyer?*, and other leading industry peer-reviewed guides for its sophisticated work and dedication to client service. The IDR Group handles virtually every type of international arbitration and litigation – including some of the largest and most significant international disputes in the world. The practice is centered around a talented group of multi-cultural, multi-jurisdictional, and multi-lingual dispute resolution specialists who have proven themselves able to manage and try arbitrations and litigations anywhere in the world, regardless of the underlying industry, the parties' nationalities, the substantive law, the arbitral rules, or the language of arbitration. In addition to Washington, D.C., lawyers in this field are working out of the firm's offices in California, New York, London, and Brussels. The team works in languages as diverse as Spanish, French, Portuguese, Russian, German, Arabic, various dialects of Chinese, Dutch, Flemish, Lithuanian, Malay, Urdu, Hindi, Gujarati and Bengali. The firm's IDR experience spans nearly the entire globe, with cases involving North, Central, and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union.

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 a variety of 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.

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