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# Crowell & Moring Taps Tiana Russell as Public Service Counsel

**Washington – March 6, 2019:** Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce the arrival of Tiana Russell as Public Service Counsel. A former counsel in the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department, Russell will promote the firm's award-winning *pro bono* program.

"As the firm celebrates its 40th anniversary, we are making a renewed commitment to providing *pro bono* legal services to the communities in which our offices are located," said Susie Hoffman, Crowell & Moring public service partner. "We are proud to welcome Tiana as the second public service counsel in the firm's history to help us meet these increased demands."

The addition of a second public service counsel comes 30 years after the firm's tenth anniversary in 1989, when the firm established the first *pro bono* counsel position in recognition of the substantial unmet legal needs of low-income individuals in the District of Columbia. Hoffman first filled that position, and in late 1999, was the first full-time *pro bono* professional in Washington, D.C. to be promoted to partner. Over the past 30 years, the firm has nearly tripled in size and has added three additional U.S. offices and two international offices.

Russell has a long history of dedication to *pro bono* work and public service. In her position at the Justice Department, she took on the informal role of *pro bono* coordinator of her section, hosting brown bag trainings and circulating *pro bono* opportunities. Prior to her government service, Russell was an associate at Arnold & Porter LLP where she was an integral member of that firm's Immigration Committee, overseeing and coordinating the firm's active *pro bono* immigration practice. At A&P, Russell also maintained an active *pro bono* docket that included housing, international human rights and criminal law matters, in addition to immigration cases. She is a member of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of the D.C. Bar Foundation.

"I am thrilled to join Crowell & Moring at such an exciting time for the firm," Russell said. "My work experience in immigration, housing, and criminal law makes me well suited to provide a useful perspective as public service counsel given the firm's expanding *pro bono* commitments."

### About Crowell & Moring's Pro Bono Practice

Crowell & Moring's nationally acclaimed *pro bono* practice includes a broad range of matters, particularly children's rights/family law, immigration, and criminal justice. The firm also handles countless other types of *pro bono* matters referred by nonprofit legal services organizations and, on occasion, its own lawyers. More than 20 years ago, Crowell & Moring was the first DC-based firm to elect a full-time public service partner and has twice been honored as D.C. Bar Pro Bono Firm of the Year in Washington. Today, the firm's lawyers contribute more than 44,000 hours in *pro bono* legal services annually to low-income and underrepresented individuals and deserving nonprofits.

### About Crowell & Moring LLP

Crowell & Moring LLP is an international law firm with more than 500 lawyers representing clients in litigation and arbitration, regulatory, and transactional matters. The firm is internationally recognized for its representation of Fortune 500 companies in high-stakes litigation, as well as its ongoing commitment to *pro bono* service and diversity. The firm has offices in Washington, D.C., New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orange County, London, and Brussels.

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