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Crowell & Moring's Susan Hoffman Receives The Legal Aid Society's Annual Servant Of Justice Award

Washington, D.C. – April 27, 2012: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce that Susan M. Hoffman, the firm's public service partner, was awarded the Servant of Justice Award by the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia (Legal Aid). The honor was presented to Hoffman at Legal Aid's 80th anniversary celebration and awards dinner on April 26, where the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., attorney general of the United States, delivered the keynote remarks.

The annual Servant of Justice Award is the organization's highest honor. Previous recipients have included Attorney General Holder, Crowell & Moring founder Eldon "Took" Crowell, and firm Litigation Group partner Andrew H. Marks.

"Susie is a true pioneer in public interest law and advocacy," said Kent A. Gardiner, chairman of Crowell & Moring. "We were very proud of her recognition and to be recognized at the awards ceremony as the first firm to have a full time public service coordinator; the first firm to elevate that lawyer to the position of partner; and a firm that has contributed deeply and constantly to the public good. Susie's inspired leadership and passion fuels our dynamic *pro bono* practice."

Hoffman promotes, supervises, and participates in the *pro bono* work performed by Crowell & Moring attorneys. As Washington's first full-time public service partner at a law firm, Hoffman has litigated numerous family law, child abuse and neglect, landlord/tenant, and other poverty cases in D.C. Superior Court and area federal courts. She has long served in the mediation programs of the U.S. District Court, the D.C. Circuit, and the D.C. Superior Court. Hoffman also serves as president of the Crowell & Moring Foundation, a separate nonprofit organization, which funds a post-law school fellowship in conjunction with Equal Justice Works. In 2008, Hoffman was named as a *Legal Times* "Champion" for her commitment to promoting *pro bono* legal services for the area's under-served.

Crowell & Moring's *pro bono* work ranges from representation of the homeless, elderly individuals, and persons living with AIDS to assisting children and domestic violence victims. The firm contributes more than 17,000 hours annually on *pro bono* matters—a more than \$4 million investment.

Crowell & Moring LLP is an international law firm with approximately 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, DC, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orange County, Anchorage, London, and Brussels.

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