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CROWELL & MORING'S ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES GROUP GAINS SEVEN SENIOR LAWYERS, EXPANDS REACH INTO ENERGY SECTOR

Washington, D.C. – August 19, 2009: Crowell & Moring LLP has bolstered its Environment & Natural Resources (ENR) Group with a team of five Patton Boggs LLP partners and two senior hires from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). The addition of these industry players further enhances Crowell & Moring's nationally recognized energy, resource development, and climate change practices. They include John C. Martin, former co-chair of the Patton Boggs Environmental Group, Michael Bogert, a former senior DOI official and Regional Administrator of EPA Region 10 office that oversees much of the Pacific Northwest, and Robert Meyers, the former Acting Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. To support the growth and serve the needs of various clients, the firm has opened an office in Anchorage, AK, which will be headed by former Alaska Assistant Attorney General and energy lawyer Kyle W. Parker.

Crowell & Moring partner Chet M. Thompson, former EPA deputy general counsel and co-chair of the firm's ENR Group, said, "Our clients are responding to two of the most critical challenges facing America right now – concerns over climate change and the need to find and use energy within our borders. We've set out to become the premier environmental and natural resources practice to help industry create 21st Century solutions to these and other critical problems."

Crowell & Moring ENR Group co-chair R. Timothy McCrum echoed these sentiments. "These highly experienced lawyers will increase our ability to help clients meet regulatory requirements and navigate litigation challenges on their most vital natural resource development projects throughout the U.S. and elsewhere."

The seven senior attorneys further strengthen Crowell & Moring's sophisticated experience in compliance and enforcement issues under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, Superfund, and other laws. Moreover, the launch of the firm's Anchorage office expands Crowell & Moring's ability to serve clients in the American West, particularly in the arena of upstream oil and gas exploration and production, mineral development, state and federal permits, regulation of public lands, and enforcement matters.

“There has never been a time when environment and natural resources concerns have been greater for businesses and the communities they serve. We’ve had the pleasure of working side by side with Crowell & Moring on litigation matters for many years, and we are proud to join their team of highly sophisticated practitioners who are dedicated to helping corporations be upstanding environmental stewards at a time when the stakes couldn’t be higher,” said Martin.

The seven new attorneys are part of a series of high-profile environmental hires in recent years that center around counseling, litigation, and government relations. In 2008, additions included Peter D. Robertson, co-chair of the firm’s Public Policy Group and former acting Deputy Administrator and Chief of Staff of the EPA during the Clinton Administration, as well as former EPA Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response Elliott P. Laws.

The new additions include:

Senior Counsel Michael Bogert is the former, presidentially appointed Counselor to Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. In that role, he addressed ESA reform, climate change, and water rights issues. He is also the former Regional Administrator of EPA’s Region 10 that oversees Alaska and other northwest states. Bogert is a former Counsel to the Office of then Governor-Elect Arnold Schwarzenegger and also served as Chief Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary to Governor Pete Wilson of California.

Partner Amy Chasanov is an environmental litigator who has extensive experience with NEPA, the Clean Water Act, and the Oil Pollution Act. Chasanov has participated in state and federal rulemaking and litigation, and advises a range of oil & gas and other clients on environmental compliance. She is the former Deputy Policy Director at the Economic Policy Institute.

Partner John C. Martin is the former co-chair of the Patton Boggs Environment Group. He represents clients in complex litigation involving natural resources and environmental issues with a particular focus on the application of environmental regulation to the energy industry. Martin was formerly an attorney at DOI and the Department of Justice, where he litigated environmental and natural resources issues. He regularly represents clients in litigation related to Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, ESA, and NEPA issues.

Partner Susan M. Mathiascheck is a recent deputy chair of the Patton Boggs Litigation Department. She advises clients in complex judicial challenges to agency actions and provides counseling on issues concerning endangered species, emergency response, property use and development, air and water emissions, and hazardous waste.

Senior Counsel Robert Meyers is the former Acting Assistant Administrator of EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation. In this capacity, Meyers oversaw implementation of the Clean Air Act, including the agency’s response to the landmark case of *Massachusetts v. EPA*, as well as implementing national air quality standards and developing new renewable fuel standards. Prior to joining EPA, Meyers served as Deputy

Chief Counsel for Energy and Environment and Environmental Counsel for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Partner Kyle W. Parker advises clients in the energy and natural resource industries. A former Assistant Attorney General in the oil, gas, and mining section of the Alaska Department of Law, Parker provides legal and government affairs services to oil and gas companies, natural gas pipelines, and electricity generators.

Partner Duane A. Siler has substantial litigation experience under CERCLA, RCRA, the Oil Pollution Act, and other federal and state environmental laws. He advises industrial sector and energy clients on a variety of hazardous and toxic chemical issues, and assists clients in obtaining and defending critical permits for energy and natural resources projects.

Parker will be based in the Anchorage, AK, office, and the other additions will be based in Washington, D.C.

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