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**CROWELL & MORING GAINS EXPERIENCED COMMERCIAL LITIGATION
PARTNER JACK THOMAS**

Washington, D.C. – September 2, 2009: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce the addition of partner Jack Thomas to the firm's Commercial Litigation and Insurance/Reinsurance groups. Based in the New York office, Thomas is a complex commercial litigator with extensive experience in trial and appellate work, international commercial disputes, insurance and financial institution litigation, and class actions. Formerly of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Thomas has significant experience handling disputes with parallel proceedings abroad and has represented a broad spectrum of multi-national clients, including London market insurers in regard to errors and omissions (E&O) coverage matters, financial institutions, and others.

"We have worked across the table from Jack for many years, and we have seen first-hand that he is a seasoned commercial litigator who shares our values of excellence and innovation. He adds further depth to our team of New York litigators and strengthens our renowned insurance and reinsurance litigation capabilities as clients face challenges in both the U.S. and London," said Kathryn D. Kirmayer, chair of Crowell & Moring's Commercial Litigation Group.

Thomas has handled various types of arbitrations, both international and domestic, including those relating to acquisition agreements and accounting disputes. He has represented numerous clients in a variety of matters seeking provisional remedies, including the seizure of property and injunctions. Thomas has also represented clients in shareholder disputes, disputes arising out of financial transactions, and in energy-related matters, including those relating to offshore drilling facilities and the acquisition of power generators.

"Crowell & Moring is an impressive international litigation firm that is building a powerhouse in New York. They're marrying the right combination of dispute resolution capabilities with high-level industry experience that clients in sectors such as finance, insurance and energy need in order to be successful. I'm proud to be part of their growing team," said Thomas.

Thomas received his B.A. from Miami University and his J.D., *cum laude*, from the Quinnipiac University School of Law, following which he served as a law clerk to Senior Judge Warren W. Eginton of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Crowell & Moring LLP is an international law firm with more than 450 lawyers practicing in litigation, antitrust, government contracts, health care, corporate, insurance and reinsurance, 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, Orange County, CA., and Anchorage, AK. Visit Crowell & Moring online at <http://www.crowell.com>.

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