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CROWELL & MORING'S LOS ANGELES OFFICE EXPANDS WITH ANTITRUST LITIGATOR JASON MURRAY

Washington, D.C. – January 15, 2009: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce the addition of partner Jason C. Murray to the firm's internationally recognized Antitrust Group. Based in the Los Angeles office, Murray is an antitrust and complex commercial litigator with extensive experience in all aspects of litigation, including trial and appellate work, as well as government investigations. His move bolsters the firm's growing presence in California and further expands the firm's significant consumer class action defense and antitrust capabilities. He joins Crowell & Moring from Jones Day.

"We've seen an increasing number of antitrust cases in the last year, and California is among the most active venues. Our clients need us on the ground with experienced litigators, and Jason adds tremendous experience and significant industry knowledge across a range of sectors. He is a premier lawyer, and we're proud to have him on our team," said Wm. Randolph Smith, chair of Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group.

Murray's litigation experience includes work in the healthcare, intellectual property, entertainment, technology, and defense areas. Recent examples of his work include the successful defense of Pacific Hospital of Long Beach and other hospital systems in class action litigation challenging pricing policies and the representation of a major oil company in antitrust class action litigation involving the interplay of patents and standards setting.

"Crowell & Moring has a world class antitrust practice built on its tremendous depth of talent nationally and internationally. The group is known for handling major investigations, transactions, and litigation, and the firm's commitment to client service and culture is remarkable. I am excited to be part of their efforts to expand their footprint in California," said Murray.

Murray received his B.A. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and his J.D. from the University of Southern California.

The Crowell & Moring LLP Antitrust Group has been recognized by *Global Competition Review*, *Chambers USA*, and others for its sophisticated work and dedication to client service. Its attorneys have a broad range of experience at the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the European Commission, as well as significant national and international complex civil litigation experience

in federal and state courts. The group also works closely with clients to reduce antitrust risk by conducting on-site and online antitrust training sessions, and by establishing effective compliance and audit programs.

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 Irvine, CA. Visit Crowell & Moring online at <http://www.crowell.com>.

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