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### **CROWELL & MORING'S NEW YORK OFFICE GAINS TWO INSURANCE/REINSURANCE ATTORNEYS**

Washington, D.C. – May 20, 2008: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce that its internationally recognized Insurance/Reinsurance Group has gained two lawyers in the firm's New York office. The new lawyers are partner Harry P. Cohen, who joins from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, and counsel Rodney M. Zerbe, who joins from Dechert LLP.

"Our new team members add highly-focused, seasoned experience in the areas of reinsurance and brokerage litigation. Crowell & Moring is committed to maintaining and growing a first class Insurance/Reinsurance practice, and our growth in New York is an example of the long-term view we take toward supporting the needs of our clients," said Clifford B. Hendler, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's Insurance/Reinsurance Group.

Cohen offers clients more than 20 years of experience handling reinsurance disputes. He has handled dozens of multimillion dollar arbitrations and litigations covering the full range of reinsurance issues, as well as issues arising under the Federal Arbitration Act. In addition to his reinsurance work, Cohen has also handled direct insurance defense cases, coverage disputes, and disputes between insurance companies and their agents in the property, casualty, life, accident, and health areas. Cohen is a graduate of State University of New York at Stony Brook and Boston University School of Law.

"Our attorneys have known and worked across the table from Harry for many years. He is highly regarded by the reinsurance bar and brings our practice greater depth and experience in the area of sophisticated dispute resolution," said William C. O'Neill, who heads Crowell & Moring's reinsurance practice.

With more than 20 years of experience, Zerbe has extensive experience in the litigation of complex commercial matters, with a concentration in the representation of insurance brokers and reinsurance intermediaries and insurance coverage disputes, as well as experience in shareholder and securities litigation and domestic and international arbitration. Zerbe is a graduate of Bucknell University and Northwestern University School of Law.

Crowell & Moring LLP's Insurance/Reinsurance Group also concentrates on coverage litigation and client counseling and negotiations in a number areas, including property and casualty, bankruptcy, errors and omissions, directors and officers, health care, and legislative matters. The group represents more than 20 different insurance companies from more than a dozen different insurance carrier groups in a wide

range of matters. It has been ranked in Chambers USA by clients and peers as a leading practice, and many of the group's partners have been individually recognized for their experience and client service.

Crowell & Moring LLP is an international law firm with more than 400 lawyers practicing in litigation, antitrust, government contracts, corporate, intellectual property and more than 40 other practice areas. More than two-thirds of the firm's lawyers 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 California, New York, London, and Brussels. Visit Crowell & Moring online at <http://www.crowell.com>.

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