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**CROWELL & MORING EXPANDS ANTITRUST GROUP,
STRENGTHENS ENERGY MARKETS BENCH**

Washington, D.C. – June 24, 2013: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce that Mary Anne Mason has joined the firm's Antitrust Group as a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Mason has 30 years of experience in antitrust, competition, and economic regulatory law, specializing in the energy industry among others. Her practice includes government investigations and merger clearances, as well as extensive litigation experience before federal and state courts and administrative agencies. Mason joins from DLA Piper.

Mason is the newest arrival to the firm's Antitrust Group, which has expanded significantly over the past 18 months. She brings a broad range of experience to the team having represented clients, including Fortune 500 companies, in the energy, natural resources, commodity trading, financial services, health care, life sciences, hospitality, travel, transportation, infrastructure, and consumer products sectors. Mason's particular strength in energy markets results from years of working with clients on a wide range of antitrust and other issues, such as regulation of energy commodity derivatives and enforcement of market manipulation rules by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

"Mary Anne has earned a stellar reputation as an extremely capable antitrust lawyer," said Wm. Randolph Smith, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group. "I have had the pleasure of working with Mary Anne and am thrilled to welcome her to our firm. The breadth and scope of her experience across industry sectors adds tremendous value to our team and clients. Her work with energy clients fits well with the firm's strategic direction, and her strong relationships with federal agencies enhances our ability to advise clients in navigating challenging regulatory review and compliance issues."

Mason handles antitrust investigations and litigation matters related to price-fixing and anti-competitive conduct in several industries including the energy, life sciences, healthcare, and hospitality industries. Her government investigations practice involves merger clearance and advocacy before the Department of Justice (DOJ), FTC, and state attorneys general. Additionally, Mason is extremely knowledgeable across multiple sectors about federal regulations regarding market manipulation and Title VII provisions of the

Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that impact over-the-counter commodity swaps markets.

“I developed great admiration and respect for the Antitrust Group at Crowell & Moring over the years and appreciate their professionalism and the pragmatic approach they take to solve clients’ problems. I look forward to collaborating with members of this team who have highly specialized skills that complement my own. I am pleased to be so well positioned with this team to assist clients as they face new business challenges, expanded regulation, and close scrutiny of their strategic business decisions,” said Mason.

Mason serves as *pro bono* counsel to the Maine Lobstermen’s Association, an organization that supports a sustainable lobster resource and the traditional fishing communities that depend on it. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and her B.A. from the College of William & Mary.

Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group represents a wide range of clients including leading companies in aerospace, healthcare, agriculture, transportation, technology, and telecommunications. The Group's experience spans the full range of antitrust and trade regulation issues including: civil litigation and investigations; mergers and acquisitions; criminal grand jury investigations and trials; and counseling on managing antitrust risks in all manner of business transactions. The Group is consistently recognized in *Global Competition Review's* (GCR) "GCR 100: The World's Leading Competition Practices," in the category of "United States: Government Antitrust." In addition, the Group has also been ranked in GCR's report of "New York's Finest" antitrust firms. *Chambers USA* also recognizes Crowell & Moring's Antitrust Group as a leading antitrust practice in Washington, DC, while *Chambers Global* consistently recommends the firm’s Brussels Antitrust team.

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