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**CROWELL & MORING ELECTS THREE NEW PARTNERS AND PROMOTES 18 ATTORNEYS TO COUNSEL POSITIONS**

**Washington, D.C. – January 11, 2011:** Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce it has elected three attorneys to the firm's partnership effective January 1, 2011. The firm has also promoted 18 associates to the position of counsel. The new partners and counsel have been promoted from within the ranks of the firm's Washington, D.C., New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Cairo offices.

"Our newly promoted counsel and newly elected partners offer a diverse range of experience, from leading major transactions in the Middle East to spearheading policy developments at the E.P.A. They have proven themselves to be innovative lawyers who are driven by a desire to achieve excellence for clients. We are proud of their achievements and to know them as colleagues and friends," said Kent A. Gardiner, Crowell & Moring chairman.

The newly elected partners are:

**Samaa A. Haridi** is a member of the firm's International Dispute Resolution Group and a resident in the firm's New York and London offices. Her practice focuses on complex international litigation and arbitration proceedings involving joint ventures, international investments, service agreements, construction projects, contracts, banking, and securities. Her working languages are English, Arabic and French, and her recent work for clients has included representing a large international organization in a UNCITRAL arbitration proceeding involving allegations of vendor corruption, and a hotel management company in an ICC arbitration proceeding relating to a project in the United Arab Emirates.

**Dr. Walid Hegazy** is the managing partner of the firm's affiliate Cairo office. He has over 15 years of legal experience representing and advising clients on transactions and disputes involving the commercial laws and regulations of many Middle East countries, including: Egypt, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Libya. His main areas of expertise include Islamic banking and finance, project financing, corporate restructuring, and corporate governance. He has S.J.D. (Doctor of Juridical Science) and LL.M. degrees from Harvard Law School.

**Elliott P. Laws** practices in the firm's Public Policy and Environment & Natural Resources groups in the Washington, D.C. office. He provides strategic counseling and legal, policy, and crisis management advice on environmental and energy policy issues, regulation, and litigation, addressing a wide range of environmental statutes. He provides guidance regarding site specific, as well as, general issues faced by major corporations in the environmental regulatory and policy areas and helps lead these clients through complex negotiations and development of innovative resolutions at the highest levels of the federal government. Laws formerly served as the Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and as President of Safety, Health and Environment for Texaco Inc. He was recently proposed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to serve as Administrative Trustee for the environmental response trust that will oversee the approximately \$800 million trust established by the U.S. Government to clean up and repurpose for redevelopment the former properties of "Old" General Motors Corp. He will manage this role through a separate entity, EPLET LLC, of which he will be the Managing Member.

Firm associates promoted to counsel are: **Richard W. Arnholt** (Washington, D.C.); **Nathaniel P. Bualat** (San Francisco); **Christopher Calsyn** (Washington, D.C.); **Jonathan Cone** (Washington, D.C.); **Peter Eyre** (Washington, D.C.); **Mana E. Lombardo** (Los Angeles); **Brian T. McLaughlin** (Washington, D.C.); **Natalia R. Medley** (Washington, D.C.); **Meaghan F. Molinini** (Washington, D.C.); **Tracy E. Reichmuth** (San Francisco); **Puja Satiani** (Washington, D.C.); **Neil M. Sitron** (Washington, D.C.); **M. Brinkley Tappan** (Washington, D.C.); **Marguerite C. Walter** (Washington, D.C.); **Laura Jastrem Walther** (Washington, D.C.); **Chandra Westergaard** (Washington, D.C.); **Nathanial J. Wood** (Los Angeles); **Stafford A. Woodley Jr.** (New York).

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