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Senior Justice Department Officials Hewitt Pate and David Higbee and Veteran FTC Litigator Mel Orlans To Join Hunton & Williams LLP *Pate To Lead H&W Competition Practice Group, Focus on Expansion of International Capabilities*

Hunton & Williams LLP is pleased to announce that R. Hewitt Pate, who has served since June 2003 as Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust at the U.S. Department of Justice, will rejoin the firm as a partner and head the firm's Competition Practice Group after he leaves the DOJ in late June. Antitrust Division Deputy Assistant Attorney General David A. Higbee will also join the Group as a partner in the firm's Washington, DC office. Former FTC attorney Mel Orlans, who led several major litigations during his FTC tenure, will join the Group as Counsel in the Washington office. These lawyers join D. Bruce Hoffman, former deputy director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition, who recently became a vice-chair of the firm's Competition Practice Group with offices in Washington and Miami. These additions will give Hunton & Williams an array of recent former officials from both of the U.S. antitrust enforcement agencies. A key initial focus for the group will be attracting top competition lawyers

to help lead this practice in the firm's European and other international offices.

"Hew Pate will bring great leadership and energy to our competition law practice," said Thurston R. Moore, managing partner of Hunton & Williams. "His DOJ experience will bring invaluable insight to address our clients' needs and expand our capabilities in this growing field." As part of this expansion effort, Pate will have an office at Hunton & Williams' Brussels location, which was opened in 1989. He will devote substantial time there to building a strategic international competition law practice. "Our clients' international needs will only grow in the future," noted Thomas G. Slater Jr., co-head of the Litigation Group at Hunton & Williams. "With Hew's help, we will expand our practice to address important competition issues both for U.S. firms operating abroad and international firms confronting the unique U.S. combination of government enforcement and private litigation."

Pate has been a senior official in the DOJ's Antitrust Division since 2001, first serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney General — where he oversaw matters including airline, transportation, energy and regulatory issues — and then as Acting Assistant Attorney General before his confirmation by the Senate as anti-trust chief. Pate stressed the importance of international cooperation through the International Competition Network and served as chair of the OECD Competition Committee's working group on international antitrust enforcement cooperation. He promoted aggressive criminal enforcement against international price-fixing cartels, resulting in some of the largest fines in Division history, and successfully argued a major Supreme Court case on international cartel enforcement. Before joining the Justice Department, Pate practiced at Hunton & Williams from 1990 to 2001. In 1999, he was an Ewald Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, where he taught Unfair Competition. Prior to joining Hunton & Williams, Pate clerked for Justices Lewis F. Powell Jr. and Anthony

M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court, and for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

David Higbee has served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff at the Antitrust Division since April 2004. Prior to that, he served as Special Assistant to President George W. Bush at the White House and as Deputy Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department. At the Antitrust Division, Higbee had oversight responsibility in all aspects of policy and enforcement, both criminal and civil.

Mel Orleans' FTC career included leading roles in some of the agency's most celebrated cases, including *Staples/Office Depot*, *Mylan Laboratories*, *Schering-Plough*, *Arch Coal*, *McKesson/Amerisource*, among many others. During his career with the agency, Orleans served as Senior Litigation Counsel to the Bureau of Competition and Special Litigation Counsel to the FTC's Office of General Counsel, and also held management and staff

positions in the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Bruce Hoffman, who rejoined the firm in December 2004, was Deputy Director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition from October 2003 until November 2004, and Associate Director from September 2001 to October 2003. During his tenure at the FTC, Hoffman led numerous merger and nonmerger investigations and cases, including the investigation into cruise line mergers, numerous energy mergers, *GE/Vivendi*, the *In re North Texas Specialty Physicians* and *In re South Carolina Board of Dentistry* litigation matters, and the appeals in *In re Rambus, Inc.* and *In re Unocal, Inc.* Hoffman was also heavily involved in FTC merger process reform efforts.

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