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Keila D. Ravelo and Wesley R. Powell Join Global Competition Practice at Hunton & Williams

Formerly with Clifford Chance US LLP, Partners Will Be Based In New York

Hunton & Williams is pleased to announce that Keila D. Ravelo and Wesley R. Powell are joining Hunton & Williams as partners in the New York office. Formerly with Clifford Chance US LLP, the two litigators will be members of the firm's Global Competition Practice Group.

Ms. Ravelo and Mr. Powell have focused their practice on high-profile, complex civil litigation, with a particular emphasis on antitrust class actions. Among other representations, both have represented MasterCard International Incorporated in a series of cases, including one of the largest antitrust class actions in U.S. history. Both have also represented the Mexican Bankers' Association in payment industry matters. In addition to handling antitrust litigation, Mr. Powell has recently represented a major public investment adviser in connection with regulatory investigations of alleged market timing in mutual funds managed by the firm and follow-on multidistrict litigation.

Hunton & Williams is rapidly expanding both its Global Competition Practice and its New York office. The Global Competition group is led by R. Hewitt Pate, who returned to Hunton & Williams in June after heading the Antitrust Division of U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Pate's chief deputy at the Antitrust Division, David A. Higbee, also joined the firm as partner in June. In addition, two of the top lawyers at the Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition joined the firm this year: D. Bruce Hoffman, the former Deputy Director of the Bureau of Competition, returned to the firm as partner, and Mel Orleans, the former Senior Litigation Counsel at the Bureau of Competition, joined as Counsel.

"We are delighted that Keila Ravelo and Wes Powell have joined the Global Competition Practice in our New York office," said Mr. Pate, who heads the practice. "The addition of such experienced litigators greatly enhances our Competition Group, which we think already has an

impressive breadth of experience.”

Thomas G. Slater Jr., co-head of the litigation practice at Hunton & Williams, added that “Keila and Wes are excellent additions to our litigation and competition practices, and to our New York office.”

Commenting on the move, Ms. Ravelo noted that she was attracted to Hunton & Williams because of the strength of its antitrust practice and its national reputation for successfully handling the most complex litigation. “With the addition of Hew Pate and Bruce Hoffman, among others, Hunton & Williams has assembled an incredible team. The firm’s complex litigation practice also includes the use of cutting-edge electronic discovery. I am excited to be a part of that.”

In addition to their legal practices, Ms. Ravelo and Mr. Powell are active in pro bono and professional activities. Ms.

Ravelo recently was a featured speaker at the 5th Annual Creating Pathways to Diversity Conference, sponsored by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. Among other commitments, Mr. Powell has been an active member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and has handled a wide array of pro bono matters, including a series of First Amendment cases for an anti-sweatshop organization and, more recently, lead representation in a *habeas corpus* action by a group of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Ms. Ravelo graduated summa cum laude from Upsala College and obtained her law degree from Columbia University. During law school, she held a judicial internship with Judge Aldred Wolin of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. She is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Association of the Bar of

the City of New York, New York County Lawyer’s Association (Trade Regulation Section), New York Women’s Bar Association, and Hispanic National Bar Association. She is admitted to practice in New York and in multiple federal district and circuit courts. She is fluent in Spanish and French.

Mr. Powell graduated magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University and obtained his law degree from Duke University School of Law. At Duke, Mr. Powell was a member of the Moot Court Board and the *Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy*, a co-founder of the Duke Law AIDS Legal Services Project, and a recipient of the North Carolina Bar’s Pro Bono Service Award. He is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is admitted to practice in New York, California, and in multiple federal district and circuit courts.

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