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**WILLKIE EXPANDS ANTITRUST PRACTICE WITH THE ADDITION OF  
KEILA RAVELO, WESLEY POWELL AND MATTHEW FREIMUTH**

**New York, NY (October 1, 2010)** --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Keila Ravelo, Wesley Powell and Matthew Freimuth have joined the firm's Litigation Department in New York, where they will handle complex antitrust litigation, commercial and securities litigation, and government and internal investigations. Ms. Ravelo and Mr. Powell join as partners and Mr. Freimuth as of counsel, and will be members of the firm's Antitrust Practice Group. All three were formerly with Hunton & Williams in New York.

Mitchell Auslander, Co-Chairman of Willkie's Litigation Department said, "We are delighted to welcome Keila, Wes and Matt to the firm. They bring considerable experience and talent to our already vibrant worldwide antitrust and competition practice. Their arrival also strengthens further our overall litigation practice."

William Rooney, head of the firm's U.S. antitrust practice, and Jacques-Philippe Gunther, head of the firm's European competition practice, added, "Keila, Wes and Matt will augment the substantial cross-border competition capability that our firm has developed. Our significant European and U.S. practices frequently collaborate to provide clients with seamless representation in venues throughout the world. Our new colleagues will enhance that capability, and we look forward to working with them to serve the worldwide needs of our mutual clients."

“We are thrilled to be joining Willkie Farr & Gallagher,” Ms. Ravelo said. “Willkie’s existing antitrust, litigation and corporate practices provide us with a great platform to serve our current clients and expand our business. The opportunities are limitless. Willkie’s culture is also an ideal fit for us,” she added.

Ms. Ravelo has a wide range of experience with complex litigation, particularly in antitrust matters. She was counsel for MasterCard in the Visa Check/MasterMoney Antitrust Litigation, one of the largest antitrust class actions in U.S. history, and is currently counsel for the company in other large antitrust matters. Ms. Ravelo also regularly handles major government and internal investigations.

Mr. Powell focuses on complex civil litigation, primarily antitrust and securities matters. In addition to representing MasterCard, he currently represents a private equity firm in an antitrust litigation challenging conduct related to joint bidding for leveraged buyouts. He has also handled a variety of regulatory inquiries and internal investigations.

Mr. Freimuth has handled complex antitrust and other commercial litigation for years. He is presently counsel in some of the biggest antitrust cases in the country.

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