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**CROWELL & MORING TO OPEN SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AND GAIN 28 LITIGATORS
FROM FOLGER LEVIN & KAHN**

Washington, D.C. – October 26, 2009: Crowell & Moring LLP is pleased to announce that it will open a San Francisco office and gain 28 lawyers from the litigation powerhouse of Folger Levin & Kahn LLP (FLK). The firms have agreed to join together in December, adding a team of highly regarded trial lawyers, including nine partners, to Crowell & Moring's Litigation Group. The move will provide enhanced trial capabilities in San Francisco and Los Angeles, where Crowell & Moring has long served clients in matters ranging from climate change litigation to antitrust and consumer class action matters.

"Many of our top clients are located in the Bay Area, and our new lawyers provide them an instant bench of leading litigators and trial lawyers who have proven themselves on the toughest cases involving a wide range of federal and state court matters. Folger Levin & Kahn has been an icon in San Francisco for over 30 years, and now our clients will benefit from their demonstrated experience and longstanding presence in the community," said Crowell & Moring Chairman Kent A. Gardiner.

San Francisco will become Crowell & Moring's third California office. The firm opened in Orange County in 1991 and last year launched a Los Angeles office with the white collar & securities litigation lawyers from Lightfoot Vandeveld Sadovsky Crouchley Rutherford & Levine LLP. The new Crowell & Moring lawyers from FLK will include nine partners, two senior counsel, one counsel, and 16 associates. Of those, the majority will be based in San Francisco. Four lawyers, including one partner, will be based in Los Angeles.

A group of 15 FLK lawyers will form a new firm, Folger Levin LLP, which will have four practice groups: estates and trusts, corporate and real estate, litigation, and labor and employment.

Gregory D. Call, who will head the San Francisco office and become the San Francisco region chair of Crowell & Moring's Litigation Group, said, "Crowell & Moring offers a sophisticated bench of premier, international capabilities in areas ranging from antitrust to complex litigation to government contracts. We're also gaining tremendous strength in venues such as Washington, New York, and Europe, where we can offer clients the breadth and the reach they need. The most important factor, though, is that we like the people at Crowell & Moring."

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FLK's high profile litigation work has included successfully representing PeopleSoft, Inc. in its California state court case against Oracle Corporation alleging unfair competition and interference with contracts related to Oracle's tender offer; serving as lead trial counsel for more than 100 defendants including some of the largest corporations in America in *U.S. v. Stringfellow*, one of the largest environmental cases in U.S. history; and serving as lead counsel for the California cities who selected "Option B" in the Orange County bankruptcy, the so-called "Killer Bs" case.

In addition to its high profile litigation work, FLK partners serve as leaders in the community, including as National Chair of the Stanford Law Society, Vice Chair of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Appellate Practice Section, and member of the Salvation Army's San Francisco Metro Advisory Board, among others. In 2009, for the third consecutive year, FLK was named one of the "50 Best Law Firms for Women" by *Working Mother* magazine.

"We never thought an international firm could share our same spirit and values until we sat down with Crowell & Moring. Now we have found a team of like-minded colleagues who believe as we do that the client comes first, people matter most, and partnership is a way of life," said name FLK partner Michael A. Kahn. In addition to Kahn's client work, he has been involved in the selection of candidates for the bench for two California governors and one U.S. senator, and he also served as chair of the California ISO, a public benefit corporation that operates much of the state's electricity transmission grid.

New Crowell & Moring partners will include Call, Thomas F. Koegel, M. Kay Martin, Beatrice B. Nguyen, Karen Jensen Petrulakis, Jennifer S. Romano, Ethan P. Schulman, J. Daniel Sharp, and Douglas W. Sullivan. Senior counsel will include Michael A. Kahn and Janine L. Scancarelli.

Crowell & Moring will maintain the FLK office space when it opens at 275 Battery Street in San Francisco.

The full list of FLK attorneys joining Crowell & Moring is as follows:

San Francisco

Partners:

- Gregory D. Call
- Thomas F. Koegel
- M. Kay Martin
- Beatrice B. Nguyen
- Karen Jensen Petrulakis
- Ethan P. Schulman
- J. Daniel Sharp
- Douglas W. Sullivan

Senior Counsel:

- Michael A. Kahn
- Janine L. Scancarelli

Counsel:

- Margaret R. Dollbaum

Associates:

- David P. Barton
- Nathaniel P. Bualat
- Jason M. Horst
- Anne W. Kuykendall
- Loni A. Mahanta
- Trina D. McAlister
- Kevin P. O'Brien
- Cecilia C. Ogbu
- Alyssa S. Parsons
- Tracy E. Reichmuth
- Suzanne E. Rode
- Joel D. Smith
- Steven E. Wilson

Los Angeles

Partner:

- Jennifer S. Romano

Associates:

- Michael Kao
- Emily T. Kuwahara
- Nathaniel J. Wood

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