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Hunton & Williams LLP Receives the Pro Bono Institute's 2009 Pickering Award for Outstanding Public Service

New York — September 22, 2009 — Hunton & Williams LLP is pleased to announce the firm was chosen to receive the Pro Bono Institute's 2009 John H. Pickering Award. The award, which recognizes the firm's exceptional commitment to pro bono service, will be presented during the Institute's Annual Dinner Gala at New York City's Gotham Hall, on November 12.

"Hunton & Williams is honored to receive this important award from the Pro Bono Institute, an organization whose outstanding work is crucial to ensuring the availability of legal services for all," stated Wally Martinez, managing partner of the firm. "This recognition reflects the firm's longstanding belief that the practice of law is also a service to society."

Given annually since 2005 by the Pro Bono Institute and its Law Firm Pro Bono Project, the award honors the memory of John H. Pickering, a WilmerHale founding partner and distinguished appellate lawyer known for his extraordinary commitment to pro bono and public interest law. Hunton & Williams joins a distinguished list of these previous award winners: WilmerHale; Jenner & Block; Arnold & Porter LLP; and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

Hunton & Williams' selection was based on its exceptional pro bono culture, attested by the following:

- The firm's nationally known pro bono effort is led by a firm partner who devotes his activities full-time to its leadership and development.
- All lawyers at the firm are encouraged to provide at least 20 hours of pro bono service each year and may count up to 50 pro bono hours toward annual billable hours.
- Those whose service exceeds 100 hours are recognized with the firm's own annual E. Randolph Williams Award, named in memory of a co-founder of the firm.
- A charter signatory of the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge, Hunton & Williams is committed to donating at least 3 percent of its annual billable hours to pro bono service—a challenge the firm has met or exceeded each year since it was issued in 1993.
- During the firm's last fiscal year, nearly 100 percent of its U.S. lawyers participated in pro bono activities, donating 72,728 hours of legal service.

To support this high level of commitment, pro bono committees in most of the firm's offices coordinate efforts in their local communities. Hunton & Williams' pro bono activities include the dedication of more than 2,000 hours to the national Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program;

representation in international child abduction litigation and asylum cases; involvement in children and victims' rights; and assistance for nonprofits across the country.

Among Hunton & Williams' proudest accomplishments are the creation of three neighborhood-based pro bono offices located in Atlanta and in Richmond and Charlottesville, Va. (a partnership with the University of Virginia that also serves as a training ground for University law students); and the establishment of two full-time pro bono fellowships for lawyers whose time is entirely committed to pro bono work.

Pro Bono Institute President and CEO Esther Lardent stated: "We are eager to highlight the work of Hunton & Williams because of the firm's longstanding commitment to pro bono work and its leadership in pioneering creative pro bono projects and models. We were particularly struck, in assessing potential candidates for the 2009 award, by Hunton & Williams' extraordinary record of involvement in pro bono service, with almost 100 percent of the firm's lawyers participating in pro bono in 2009—a striking achievement at any time, but a particularly notable one in the context of the economic downturn."

About Hunton & Williams LLP

Hunton & Williams LLP provides legal services to corporations, financial institutions, governments and individuals, as well as to a broad array of other entities. Since our establishment more than a century ago, Hunton & Williams has grown to more than 1,000 attorneys serving clients in 100 countries from 19 offices around the world. While our practice has a strong industry focus on energy, financial services and life sciences, the depth and breadth of our experience extends to more than 100 separate practice areas, including bankruptcy and creditors rights, commercial litigation, corporate transactions and securities law, intellectual property, international and government relations, regulatory law, products liability, and privacy and information management. For additional information visit our website at www.hunton.com.

About the Pro Bono Institute

Established in 1996, PBI is a nonprofit organization with a mandate to explore and identify new approaches to the poor and disadvantaged unable to secure legal assistance to address critical problems. In doing so, PBI identifies and develops innovative programs and undertakes rigorous evaluations to ensure that these new approaches are workable and effective. PBI administers a number of projects designed to enhance access to justice, including: the Law Firm Pro Bono Project[®], Corporate Pro BonoSM, Second Acts[®], Global Pro Bono, and Public Interest Pro Bono.

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