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***George Mason University School of Law To Host
Departure Ceremony for The Honorable Joshua D. Wright***

Arlington, VA – The George Mason University School of Law and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will host a departure ceremony for former FTC Commissioner, [the Honorable Joshua D. Wright](#), on Friday, October 9. FTC Chairwoman [Edith Ramirez](#), [Dean Henry N. Butler](#), [Jeffrey H. Perry](#), and [Jan Rybnicek](#) will give formal remarks.

The ceremony will take place in the Robert A. Levy Atrium of Hazel Hall on George Mason's Arlington campus from 9:30 to 11:00 am and is open to the public. The event will honor Wright's tenure at the FTC from 2013 to 2015, when he served as the driving force behind new guidelines for the Unfair Methods of Competition provisions of Section 5 of the FTC Act.

Timothy J. Muris, former FTC Chairman (2000-2004) and George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law stated, "His [Wright's] call for evidence-based decisions has been a welcome reminder of that crucial element of sound policy. Moreover, he has continued to recognize that most arguments over the Chicago school are stale, reflecting 20th century battles long decided."

Wright returned to the faculty and resumed teaching in August 2015. Additionally, he serves as Director of the Global Antitrust Institute, a division of the Mason Law & Economics Center, where he oversees the global programs for antitrust judges and antitrust enforcement authorities.

"Professor Wright is viewed as the leading antitrust law and economics scholar of his generation, and he is also an extremely accomplished empirical economist," said Dean Butler. "Josh could have had his pick among several higher-ranked law schools, but he decided to come home to Mason because he appreciates our steadfast commitment to rigorous and practical research built on our law and economics tradition."

Professor Wright is a leading scholar in antitrust law, economics, intellectual property, and consumer protection and has published more than 70 articles and book chapters, co-authored a leading antitrust casebook, and edited several book volumes focusing on these issues. He holds MA and PhD degrees in Economics from UCLA and is a graduate of the UCLA School of Law.

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