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ANTITRUST CHIEF ANNOUNCES TWO POLICY CHANGES AT AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Anne K. Bingaman, Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, announced today that the Division will expand its 1978 Corporate Leniency Policy and withdraw the Vertical Restraints Guidelines issued January 23, 1985.

The changes in antitrust policy, which were announced at the American Bar Association's annual conference in New York, will assist the Division in vigorously and effectively enforcing antitrust laws, Bingaman said.

Under the Division's current Corporate Leniency policy, corporations that are the first to disclose their involvement in antitrust violations prior to the beginning of a government investigation into the violation while also satisfying other requirements may, at the discretion of the Division, not be prosecuted for the violation.

The policy change will assure leniency not only to corporations that meet those standards, Bingaman said, but also make leniency available, at the Division's discretion, to

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