

CHAMBERS USA 2009: Rankings & Editorial

NOTES

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- The book is distributed to 40,000 legal departments and general counsel at major international companies and banks.
- Rankings are determined by a team of researchers/journalists who speak to around 6,000 clients and other purchasers of legal services and 5,000 lawyers in private practice.

NATIONAL: AMERICA LAW					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	--	Gary Kashar (3)	Gary Kashar (3)	Gary Kashar (3)
Commentary: N/A					

NATIONAL: BANKING & FINANCE					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	--	--	Gary Kashar (3)	Gary Kashar (3)	Gary Kashar (3)
Commentary: With solid leveraged finance and restructuring practices, this team continues to have a firm foothold on the national banking and finance market in the USA, representing a wide range of clients including Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs Credit Partners and GE Capital. The firm advised Babcock & Brown Aircraft Management in transactions involving the purchase, sale, lease and finance of more than 130 commercial aircraft worth over \$2.75 billion and acted for Deutsche Bank, UBS, Bank of America and BNP Paribas in the provision of \$565 million of financing to a portfolio company of Oak Hill Capital Partners to finance the purchase of eight television stations from Fox Television Stations. Eric Berg co-heads the firm's finance group with support from talented lawyers including David Bilkis and David Koschik.					

NATIONAL: DEBT AND EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	4	--	Adele Hogan (3) Kevin Keogh (4) Ronald Brody (4)	Adele Hogan (3) Kevin Keogh (4) Ronald Brody (4)	Kevin Keogh (4)
<p>Commentary: Particularly well known for its high-yield work, this group continues to be busy due to a strong showing in equity, including representing the issuer in the landmark Visa IPO. In the high-yield space, the group advised Morgan Stanley and JPMorgan Securities as joint bookrunning managers on the \$203 million debut high-yield issue of senior notes by Petroleum Development. The high-yield practice is led by the experienced and knowledgeable Ronald Brody. The firm also has a strong presence in Canada, recently representing Canada Housing Trust as issuer and Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation as guarantor on the offering of CAD11 billion in mortgage bonds, the largest debt offering in Canadian history. Kevin Keogh, who led the deal, is renowned for his deep market experience and superb management of client relationships. Other top attorneys in the group include recent arrival Adele Hogan, who contributes years of experience and deep regulatory knowledge.</p>					

NATIONAL: ENERGY: ELECTRICITY					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

NATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	2	3	Banking (Regulatory Enforcement & Investigations) Nationwide (3) Ernie Patrikis Nationwide (2) Banking & Securities (Regulatory Compliance) Nationwide (2) Ernie Patrikis Nationwide (3)	N/A	N/A
<p>Commentary: Drawing on a worldwide network of offices, this team delivers banking advisory and related transactional services and has been acting for both US and non-US clients, including investment funds and sovereign wealth funds, on investment opportunities. It continues to assist National Bank of Canada with all the US bank regulatory aspects of its operations, including anti-money laundering laws. Additionally, the group assisted with the banking law and FDIC receivership aspects of a case involving a group of Washington Mutual's bondholders. Leading on this matter was Duane Wall, who reassumes leadership of White & Case's bank advisory practice following the departure of Kevin Bernard to Arnold & Porter. The practice also welcomed Ernest Patrikis in late 2008, who joined the team from Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. He has prior experience at the Federal Reserve and at AIG, and works on both regulatory and enforcement matters.</p>					

NATIONAL: INTERNATIONAL TRADE					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	--	--	--	--	--
<p>Commentary: White & Case has impressive geographical coverage and terrific resources, offering a practice that is both broad and deep. The group advises on trade remedies (particularly respondent side), WTO disputes, NAFTA panel disputes, export controls, sanctions and CFIUS. The firm also has a specialist trade arm in Geneva focusing on WTO and international trade matters. Walter Spak leads the international trade group, and recently successfully defended Asian Pulp & Paper in a highly complex import trade investigation. The team's trade remedies work continues apace, due to the presence of experienced practitioners like Greg Spak, who is an active player in WTO disputes. Bill Clinton's practice includes regulatory matters and disputes, and clients laud his depth of knowledge and pragmatic approach.</p>					

NATIONAL: INVESTMENT FUNDS - PRIVATE EQUITY: BUYOUTS					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	--	--	John Reiss (3)	--	--
<p>Commentary: Enjoying a terrific reputation for buyouts work, the team regularly advises on complex structured transactions. Working closely alongside the acquisition finance and investment funds practices, it has also been involved in a number of cross-border and multijurisdictional transactions. Although the firm made the press with its recent redundancies, it has continued to be an important player in private equity deals, which include representing Nordic Capital and Avista Capital Partners in the \$4.1 billion acquisition of ConvaTec. Serving as global co-head of the M&A and private equity practice, John Reiss has handled many of the firm's key deals. With his "<i>committed approach to customer service</i>," he is regularly sought after by major corporations and private equity groups</p>					

NATIONAL: INVESTMENT FUNDS - PRIVATE EQUITY: FUND FORMATION					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	--	--	David Goldstein (4)	--	--
<p>Commentary: This interdisciplinary investment funds practice is admired for its "<i>superb client attentiveness</i>," value for money and "<i>bullet-proof advice</i>" on fund structuring, formation, due diligence and documentation. The 16 attorneys in New York are supported by a global network that extends throughout Europe and Asia. They represent both domestic and foreign fund sponsors and also act for three major sovereign wealth funds. Global co-head David Goldstein acts for Citi and Gávea Investimentos. His big-picture view of the market and experience in the structuring of foreign private equity and hybrid funds means that he "<i>intuitively understands exactly what global investors are looking for.</i>"</p>					

NATIONAL: MINING & METALS					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

NATIONAL: PROJECTS					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
N/A	1	1	Troy Alexander (1) Victor DeSantis (1) Art Scavone (1) Ned Neaheer, Jr. (2) Tomer Pinkusiewicz (3) George K. Crozer (4)	Victor DeSantis (1) Art Scavone (1) Troy Alexander (2)	Victor DeSantis (1) Art Scavone (1) Troy Alexander (2)
Commentary: N/A.					

NATIONAL: PROJECTS: INFRASTRUCTURE					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	N/A	N/A	Ned Neaheer, Jr. Tomer Pinkusiewicz	N/A	N/A
Commentary: N/A					

NATIONAL: PROJECTS: OIL & GAS					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commentary: N/A					

NATIONAL: PROJECTS: POWER					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commentary: N/A					

NATIONAL: TAX CONTROVERSY					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	--	Mike Quigley (2) Kathleen Pakenham (3)	Mike Quigley (2) Kathleen Pakenham (4)	--
Commentary: Michael Quigley and Kathleen Pakenham are the "dynamic duo" of White & Case LLP's tax practice. Focusing on transfer pricing and international taxation, Quigley is a "celebrated litigator who is really skilled at reaching administrative resolutions." He is also praised for his "talent when negotiating with the IRS." Federal tax trial attorney Pakenham provides additional support in New York and is complimented for her advocacy strength and understanding of the complexities of penalty regimes.					

NATIONAL: TRANSPORTATION: AVIATION: FINANCE					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	3	Michael Smith (2) Rick Smith (2) James Cairns (3)	Michael Smith (2) Rick Smith (2) James Cairns (3)	Michael Smith (2) Rick Smith (2) James Cairns (3)
Commentary: N/A					

NATIONAL: WEALTH MANAGEMENT					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	4	--	Winthrop Rutherford Jr. (2) – Eastern Region Michael Kavoukjian for Tax: Estate Planning (3) – Eastern Region	Winthrop Rutherford Jr. (2) – Eastern Region Michael Kavoukjian for Tax: Estate Planning (3) – Eastern Region	--
<p>Commentary: The trusts and estates team at White & Case houses “immeasurably talented individuals.” The firm continues to grow in size and stature, recently adding two new counsel to the Miami office. Winthrop Rutherford is the most well-known member of the New York team, and is lauded as a “highly astute attorney whom clients simply love.” He primarily advises domestic families, individuals and fiduciaries on a host of matters, including estate planning and litigation matters. Michael Kavoukjian heads the global private client group and has more of an international dimension to his practice. He recently advised several leading Middle Eastern and Latin American families on their US holdings and the structuring of their worldwide estate planning through the use of US and foreign trusts.</p>					

CALIFORNIA: BANKING & FINANCE					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	--	--	Neil Rust (3)	--	--
<p>Commentary: This group has been particularly effective in several niches, including asset and public finance, as well as cross-border work, particularly for Japanese entities. On the asset side, one repeat client is Babcock & Brown, for which the group has financed two aircraft warehouse facilities, worth approximately \$1 billion each. In the public space, the firm recently advised a syndicate of banks on providing \$2.24 billion of liquidity support to San Francisco's Bay Area Toll Authority. Neil Rust is highly regarded for his public finance work and represents top names in the banking world on such issues. He <i>"operates below the radar, doing excellent work."</i></p>					

CALIFORNIA: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	--	Craig Averch (4)	Craig Averch (4)	--
<p>Commentary: Craig Averch at White & Case LLP is praised for <i>“keeping the client’s needs foremost, and being prepared to take on a fight.”</i> His noteworthy representations include acting for a group of bondholders in the Washington Mutual Chapter 11 proceedings.</p>					

CALIFORNIA: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	4	4	<p>Patent: William Coats (4)</p>	<p>Patent: William Coats (4)</p>	<p>William Coats (4) Steve Hemminger (4)</p>
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

CALIFORNIA: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
5	5	4	<p>John Sturgeon (4) Daniel Woods (5)</p>	<p>John Sturgeon (4) Daniel Woods (4)</p>	<p>John Sturgeon (4) Travers Wood (4) Daniel Woods (4)</p>
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	3	Sam Alberts (2)	Sam Alberts (3)	Sam Alberts (3)
<p>Commentary: As part of an international firm, this small Washington, DC practice has experience of restructuring work arising from national and global markets. Dynamic practice head Sam Alberts is a leading healthcare insolvency attorney and is "<i>smart, tenacious and a great listener</i>," say commentators. Recent work for the team has included the provision of ongoing advice to Natixis, advising the IFC, and acting for the DCHC Liquidating Trust to resolve thousands of claims against the trust by alleged creditors.</p>					

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: ENERGY: ELECTRICITY					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	2	N/A	Earle O'Donnell (1) Donna Attanasio (3)	Earle O'Donnell (1) Donna Attanasio (3)	N/A
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: TELECOM, BROADCAST & SATELLITE: REGULATORY					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	4	Maury J. Mechanik (3)	Maury J. Mechanik (4)	Maury J. Mechanik (3)
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

FLORIDA: BANKING AND FINANCE					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	2	2	Victor Alvarez Latin American Investment (2) Banking & Finance: Transactional (1) Emilio Alvarez-Farre Latin American Investment (1) Banking & Finance: Transactional (1)	Victor Alvarez (1) Emilio Alvarez-Farré (1)	Victor Alvarez (1) Emilio Alvarez-Farré (2)
<p>Commentary: The Florida finance specialists at this global heavyweight have earned top-tier acclaim from commentators throughout the market. The firm's impressive success results from its pool of exceptionally talented lawyers coupled with a fiercely competitive fee structure, an international footprint and <i>"truly world-class financial expertise."</i> With one of the strongest cross-border finance practices around, the lawyers frequently advise on aircraft leasing, aviation finance, cross-border unsecured lending, export-backed financings and acquisition finance deals. Recent highlight work has involved advising Standard Chartered as arranger, book runner and administrative agent of a \$100 million credit agreement to the Peruvian subsidiary of BBVA. BNP Paribas instructed the team on a \$1.15 billion credit facility to PDVSA, the Venezuelan energy incumbent. In a recent development, Miami partner Victor Alvarez was named head of White & Case's Latin America practice group. It is too early to gauge the impact of this move but market observers are adamant in their praise for this well-known partner: <i>"He is one of the top lawyers for international structured finance with Latin American dimensions."</i> He led the team advising BNP Paribas on the PDVSA loan. On the domestic front, Alvarez handles a healthy flow of capital markets issues and real estate financings. The <i>"incredibly efficient and creative"</i> Emilio Alvarez-Farré is a key industry figure who recently assisted Calyon with a \$200 million credit facility to Argentine energy company Pan American Energy.</p>					

FLORIDA: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	1	Thomas Lauria (1)	Thomas Lauria (1)	Thomas Lauria (1)
<p>Commentary: White & Case has a substantial global presence, with 150 lawyers making up the bankruptcy group worldwide and 15 in Miami. While some commentators suggest that group is still establishing itself in the Florida market, it receives high praise for its <i>“strong partner base, great team support and excellent cross-border knowledge.”</i> The Florida team has experience of representing both debtors and creditors, and has had an international focus on Latin America; recently, however, it has also been working on matters in Europe and Asia. Head of the firm’s global bankruptcy group, Thomas Lauria splits his time between New York and Florida. He wins plaudits for being a <i>“confident strategist who always thinks ahead.”</i> He is representing WCI Communities and 126 of its subsidiaries in their Chapter 11 cases filed in Delaware.</p>					

FLORIDA: CORPORATE / M&A					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	3	Jorge Freeland (1) Private Equity: Jorge Freeland (1)	Jorge Freeland (2) Private Equity: Jorge Freeland (3)	Jorge Freeland (3) Private Equity: Jorge Freeland (3)
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

FLORIDA: ENVIRONMENT					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	2	Douglas Halsey (1) Neil McAliley (2)	Douglas Halsey (1) Neil McAliley (3)	Douglas Halsey (1) Neil McAliley (3)
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

FLORIDA: LATIN AMERICAN INVESTMENT					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	2	--	Emilio Alvarez-Farré (1) Pedro Alvarez (2) Victor Alvarez (2) Carlos Viana (2)	Emilio Alvarez-Farré (1) Pedro Alvarez (2) Victor Alvarez (2) Carlos Viana (3)	--
Commentary: N/A					

FLORIDA: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	4	4	Rudolph Aragon (2)	Rudolph Aragon (3)	Rudolph Aragon (4) Jaime Bianchi (4)
Commentary: N/A					

FLORIDA: REAL ESTATE					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	2	William Walker (1)	William Walker (1)	William Walker (1)
Commentary: N/A					

FLORIDA: TAX					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	2	Lawrence Gragg (1) Edward Sawyer (1) Estate Planning: Michael Kavoukjian (3)	Lawrence Gragg (2) Edward Sawyer (2) Estate Planning: Michael Kavoukjian (3)	Lawrence Gragg (1) Edward Sawyer (2) Estate Planning: Michael Kavoukjian (3)
<p>Commentary: The firm's tax group in Florida is centered in Miami, with five lawyers handling domestic transactions, estate planning and litigation, and cross-border tax planning with a focus on Latin America. Real estate-related tax work is a key area of strength for the group, but interviewees also highlight its efforts on state, local and international tax matters. Clients praise and benefit from the firm's "terrific cache of lawyers, prestigious name and strong international network." Lawrence Gragg "is one of the best tax lawyers in the state, he is terrifically knowledgeable and an absolute gentleman," report sources. He is highly recommended for his expert handling of large real estate transactions, and attracts additional praise for his state and local tax work and broader domestic and international tax practice. Market observers respect Ed Sawyer for his outstanding work in the area. He has developed expertise in bankruptcy-related tax issues, which he offers alongside his broad corporate and tax practice. Michael Kavoukjian heads the global private clients group and concentrates on domestic and international estate planning, as well as estate litigation.</p>					

NEW YORK: ANTITRUST/COMPETITION

Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	--	--	Joe Angland (3) M Elaine Johnston (3) Wayne Cross (4)	--	--

Commentary: *"We always know it'll bring the vigor we require to a case,"* clients say of this experienced and skilled team. One went further: *"We've never lost a case with them - they're worth every dollar."* The antitrust team benefits from the firm's international footprint, which is an excellent resource for clients seeking assistance with cross-border and multi-jurisdictional matters. For example, Wayne Cross represented Toshiba in US civil litigation that necessitated collaboration with White & Case lawyers in Washington, DC, Brussels and Tokyo. Head of the antitrust practice, Cross is praised by clients for his intelligence, rapport with the agencies and ability to *"formulate compelling arguments."* The firm's expertise on the merger side was demonstrated by its representation of Experian during the DOJ's investigation of the VantageScore joint venture formed by the firm's client and two other US credit bureaus. Elaine Johnston played a key role in this matter. Lauded as a *"careful thinker who works extremely well with others,"* she is held in high esteem by peers. The recent addition of the much-respected Joseph Angland from the now-dissolved Heller Ehrman is a major boost for the group.

NEW YORK: BANKING & FINANCE

Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	--	--	David Bilkis (3) David Koschik (3) Eric Berg (1)	--	--

Commentary: Despite some recent departures, this well-established team is still viewed by clients as *"superb, proactive and solution-oriented with a big-picture approach."* Although the practice veers more towards lender-side work, the group also has a healthy borrower-side practice and covers a number of areas including acquisition finance, high-yield and general bank lending. The team represented the London branches of Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse, and JPMorgan, in a \$3.75 financing to global healthcare group Fresenius to provide funding for the acquisition of APP Pharmaceuticals. It also acted for Citigroup Global Markets, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding with respect to a commitment to provide \$13 billion of financing to Dow Chemical. Finance practice head [Eric Berg](#) focuses on representing lead agents and underwriters in leveraged finance transactions, and is viewed as *"an excellent lawyer with a wealth of experience."* [David Bilkis](#) is praised by clients as a *"thorough, practical and trusted adviser."* His practice covers a broad spectrum of finance with an emphasis on acquisition and leveraged work. [David Koschik](#) *"is extremely client-focused, highly proficient and tenacious in negotiations,"* and focuses on acquisition and highly leveraged financings. [Michael Smith](#) is praised for a broad practice in which he advises on a range of equipment finance and leasing matters. These include the development and financing of airport, rail, road, bridge, tunnel and port projects and assets.

NEW YORK: BANKING & FINANCE: EQUIPMENT FINANCE & LEASING					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	2	Michael Smith (2)	Michael Smith (2)	Michael Smith (2)
Commentary: N/A					

NEW YORK: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	4	Sandeep Qusba(4)	Andrew DeNatale(4)	--
Commentary: The financial restructuring and insolvency team in New York consists of “ <i>creative and intelligent lawyers with an impeccable work ethic,</i> ” supported by a global network that spans 25 countries. Cross-border insolvencies and workouts are par for the course, and the New York team has been representing more than two dozen banks around the world in connection with the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy. It also advises large debtors such as WCI Communities and Global Power. Sandeep Qusba “is a diligent, constructive, deal-oriented lawyer who provides effective guidance throughout the bankruptcy process,” report clients.					

NEW YORK: CORPORATE/M&A					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	1	1	John Reiss (3) Gregory Pryor (5)	John Reiss (4) Gregory Pryor (5)	John Reiss (4) Gregory Pryor (5)
Commentary: The international scope of White & Case is the feature that stands out for many of its clients, with the firm's offices covering the globe. While best known for its banking and finance capabilities, White & Case has been expanding its corporate and M&A presence. The deals on which it has advised reflect the firm's reach, with an emphasis on cross-border work; these include acting for SSAB Svenskt Stål on a \$4.025 billion acquisition and assisting the board of Visa International with the reorganization of the Visa payments system. John Reiss is “ <i>one of the finest M&A lawyers in the market,</i> ” according to sources. He heads the global M&A group and works with a variety of clients, from both public and private equity backgrounds. In addition to working on the SSAB deal, he advised Excel Maritime Carriers on its \$2.45 million acquisition of Quintana Maritime. Gregory Pryor works closely with financial institutions, and was engaged by ABB on the \$950 million sale of Lummus Global.					

NEW YORK : EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	2	--	Kenneth Raskin (2)	Kenneth Raskin (2)	--
<p>Commentary: This nine-lawyer group handles a plethora of employee benefits and executive compensation matters and, unlike many of its counterparts, does not focus solely on transactional work: the lawyers cover ERISA, welfare plans, qualified and non-qualified pension plans, equity plans and executive compensation. Although the recent departure of national cohead Andrew Oringer is a blow, the firm's global reach means the team is able to provide clients with cross-border advice on employee benefits and executive compensation. It played a vital role in advising Visa on the restructuring of its global employment operations, including the implementation of its stock-based compensation programs; other work highlights saw the team, led by practice global head Kenneth Raskin, advise Nordic Capital on the employee benefits issues relating to its acquisition of ConvaTec from Bristol-Myers Squibb.</p>					

NEW YORK: ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	4	4	N/A)	N/A	N/A
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

NEW YORK: ENERGY: REGULATORY					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	N/A	N/A	Stuart Caplan (1)	Stuart Caplan (3)	Stuart Caplan (3)
<p>Commentary: N/A</p>					

NEW YORK: ENERGY: TRANSACTIONAL					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	N/A	N/A	Stuart Caplan (3) Michael Shenberg (3)	Stuart Caplan (3) Michael Shenberg (3 – Strook)	Stuart Caplan (3)
Commentary: N/A					

NEW YORK: ENVIRONMENT - TRANSACTIONAL					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	--	Paul Milmed (3)	--	--
<p>Commentary: This outfit is renowned for expertly advising clients on the environmental liabilities and risks associated with international corporate and financial transactions. M&A, divestitures, securities offerings, private equity investments, bankruptcy and project finance matters are all covered by the team, which also handles environmental insurance and contractual indemnities. The group boasts substantial knowledge of international environmental laws - particularly Canadian, European and UK regulations - and can liaise with colleagues throughout the firm's vast network of offices where necessary. Its clients span a wide range of industries, including chemical manufacturing, petrochemicals and pesticides, but commentators agree that <i>"the team is head and shoulders above other firms in the oil and gas sector."</i> Indicative of the group's expertise in this field is Richard Horsch's ongoing representation of Waterbury Generation LLC and FirstLight Power Resources on the former's development and financing of a 96 MW natural gas-fired power station in Connecticut. Clients value the fact that Horsch does not over-complicate issues and praise him as <i>"a highly skilled litigator, who is an effective presence in negotiations."</i> Paul Milmed typically acts for principals and lenders on international transactions, but is also highly skilled at resolving Superfund disputes.</p>					

NEW YORK: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (PATENT)					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	2	2	Dimitrios Drivas (2)	Dimitrios Drivas (2)	Dimitrios Drivas (2)
Commentary: N/A					

NEW YORK: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT)					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	3	Fred Koenigsberg (1)	Fred Koenigsberg (1)	Fred Koenigsberg (1)
Commentary: N/A					

NEW YORK: LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	--	Donald C. Dowling (3) (NEW)	--	--
Commentary: Donald Dowling of White & Case LLP is one of the few lawyers in the city to focus on international employment law. He concentrates on advising the firm's multinational clients on outbound employment matters such as expatriate arrangements, international restructurings and data protection issues.					

NEW YORK: LATIN AMERICAN INVESTMENT					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	--	Troy Alexander (4)	Howard Kleinman (3) Troy Alexander (4)	--
Commentary: N/A					

NEW YORK: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL): THE ELITE					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	3	3	Glenn Kurtz (4)	Glenn Kurtz (4)	Vincent FitzPatrick (3) Glenn Kurtz (Mentioned)
Commentary: N/A					

NEW YORK: TAX					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	--	William Dantzler (4)	William Dantzler (4)	--
Commentary: At White & Case LLP, William Dantzler acts for a significant number of non-US clients on acquisitions, tax-free spin-out transactions and cross-border M&A.					

NEW YORK: TECHNOLOGY & IT OUTSOURCING					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	3	Steve Betenskry (3) Adam Chernichaw (U)	Steve Betensky (3) Adam Chernichaw (U)	Steve Betensky (3)
Commentary: (U) Up and Coming					

UNITED STATES: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	1	1	Carolyn Lamm (1) Paul Friedland (2) Abby Cohen Smutny (2) Darryl Lew (4) Ank A Santens (U)	Carolyn Lamm (1) Paul Friedland (2) Abby Cohen Smutny (2) Darryl Lew (4)	Paul Friedland (2) Carolyn Lamm (2) Abby Cohen Smutny (2) Darryl Lew (4)
Commentary: (U) Up and Coming					

UNITED STATES: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION – ARBITRATORS					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	--	Carolyn Lamm (1)	Carolyn Lamm (1)	Carolyn Lamm (1)
Commentary: N/A					

UNITED STATES: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
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Commentary: N/A					

UNITED STATES: PRIVACY & DATA SECURITY					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	--	--	--	--
Commentary: N/A					

UNITED STATES: SPORTS LAW					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	4	4	--	Marc Ackerman(Mentioned)	Marc Ackerman(Mentioned)
Commentary: N/A					

WASHINGTON, DC: ANTITRUST/COMPETITION					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	--	--	Mark Gidley (3)	--	--
Commentary: The Washington, DC office is at the heart of this firm's global competition group, and regularly advises on bet-the-company matters, cross-border M&A, joint ventures and criminal investigations. <i>"They are all trial lawyers, not just conference room lawyers. You need excellent arguments, fluid advocacy and depth of staffing to handle these matters, and this firm has all that,"</i> clients say. It remains the only firm to have defeated both the FTC and the DOJ Antitrust Division at trial this decade. The team defended European shipping company Stolt-Nielsen against price-fixing allegations in a four-week trial against the Antitrust Division; this case is notable – and controversial – because the Antitrust Division violated its promise to grant Stolt-Nielsen a complete amnesty under the terms of its formal amnesty program. Global practice chair Mark Gidley handled the case. He is an <i>"analytical, creative thinker who is excellent at fitting all the pieces of a case together."</i> Although best known for litigation, the team is also praised for its merger clearance advice and international experience.					

Washington, DC: Tax					
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
--	--	--	Linda Carlisle (4)	--	--
<p>Commentary: Linda Carlisle at White & Case LLP is noted for the "sheer quality of her work product and communication skills." Her practice focuses on corporate reorganizations and she is well known for her advice on the structuring of complex financial instruments.</p>					