

Chambers USA 2006 Rankings Summary

NOTES

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NATIONAL: CAPITAL MARKETS (DEBT & EQUITY – EXCLUDES WEST COAST)						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
–	–	–	–	Kevin Keogh – Tier 4 (NEW)		
Editorial						
<p>Other Notable Practitioners Kevin Keogh recently advised WellPoint in its \$1.6 billion debt offering. He is described as a “<i>very responsive, extremely knowledgeable lawyer always aware of clients’ time and cost constraints.</i>”</p>						

NATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES (REGULATORY COMPLIANCE)						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
4 (NEW)	–	–	4	–	–	–
Editorial						
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NOTE: NEW SECTION THIS YEAR						

NATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES (REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT & INVESTIGATIONS)						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading	Leading	Leading

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				Individuals 2006	Individuals 2005	Individuals 2004
3 (NEW)	–	–	3	Kevin Barnard – Tier 2 (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: The firm's financial services group is particularly rated for its expertise on investigations and enforcement matters. The team works routinely with its clients to evaluate and strengthen their internal controls, risk management processes, and compliance programs. The group also has extensive experience with investigation proceedings and is said to have an "<i>impressive track record of successful negotiations for the settlement of enforcement actions</i>" by banking and securities regulators. On the litigation front, the team is notably instructed by long-standing client Deutsche Bank to defend the bank in various claims arising from the collapse of Enron, including securities class action. The practice's non-contentious work also includes advising US and foreign financial institutions with respect to regulatory compliance in their day-to-day operations, business expansion and M&A transactions.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Kevin Barnard is the global head of the bank advisory practice group. This pre-eminent practitioner is said to belong to a "<i>tiny community of lawyers able to advise on complex cross-border investigations.</i>" He has advised the Iraqi Board of Supreme Audit in the investigations of fraud, waste and abuse related to the UN Oil-for-Food Program.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: ABN AMRO; Apple Bank; Banco Central de Venezuela; Bank of America; BNP Paribas; Citigroup; Royal Bank of Canada and US Trust.</p>						
NOTE: NEW SECTION THIS YEAR						

NATIONAL: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
1	1	–	4	Paul Friedland – Tier 2 (UP) Carolyn Lamm – Tier 2 Abby Cohen Smutny – Tier 2	Carolyn Lamm – Tier 2 Abby Cohen Smutny – Tier 2 Paul Friedland – Tier 3 Charles Brower – Tier 1 (arbitrators) Horacio Grigera Naón – Tier 1	Paul Friedland – Tier 2 (NY only) Carolyn Lamm – Tier 2 (DC only) Abby Cohen Smutny – Tier 2 (DC only)

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The Firm: This firm is traditionally strong in trade litigation and continues to work on major cases on this front. For example, it is defending CGG (Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua) in the cement antidumping dispute between Mexico and the USA, where \$250 million is at stake. However, the practice has now broadened to include Section 337 disputes and WTO trade policy work.. Indicative of its growing reputation in these areas is its appointment by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing in a Section 337 case against SMIC. In addition, impressed commentators avow: *“This is one of the few law firms I’ve encountered that has a better grasp of WTO than even the government.”* Clients also pointed to the benefits of having access to a network of offices all over the world.

The Lawyers: **Christopher Corr** works on both antidumping and Section 337 cases. Clients agree that he *“intuitively grasps complex issues”* and also *“takes into consideration both the short and long-term implications of all available options.”* **Walter Spak** won praise for his *“extensive knowledge, attention to detail and prompt service.”* **William Clinton** is currently advising Saudi Aramco on the implications of Saudi Arabia’s accession to the WTO. Rounding of the strong bench is fluent Spanish speaker **Gregory Spak**. He has *“good technical knowledge”* and takes a *“fair and reasoned approach to the matter in hand.”*

Clients/Work Highlights: Buchanan Group; FedEx; Fuji Photo Film; Industrias Monterrey; Novartis; Tenaris; Siderca; Unisource Worldwide/Georgia-Pacific; Ministry of Commerce (government of Thailand); Ministry of Finance (government of Thailand); JETRO; Duferco; Minebea; NMB Singapore; SICARTSA; Yieh United Steel; Tubería Nacional and Deacero.

NATIONAL: PROJECTS						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
1 (UP)	2	–	3	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Art Scavone – Tier 1 Troy Alexander – Tier 2	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Art Scavone – Tier 1 Troy Alexander – Tier 2	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: This firm’s profile in the projects sector has continued to rise as it forges a presence in the domestic market, complementing its well-established international practice. It is <i>“an extremely active team of savvy operators,”</i> according to market sources, with a deal list that features a healthy share of the year’s top matters and most active clients. The team has developed a reputation for serving commercial banks and multilaterals from the New York and Washington, DC offices in particular. Illustrating its domestic energy capability and its extending reach into renewables, the team advised the underwriters, led by CSFB, in their offering of senior secured bonds of FPL Energy National Wind. In the transport sector, the firm counseled Skyway Concession in its refinancing of the Chicago Skyway. Internationally, the firm has become synonymous with transport projects in Latin America, with the Miami and Mexico</p>						

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City offices providing key sector and local know-how. The Washington, DC office recently advised the Inter-American Development Bank on an 880 MW hydroelectric power plant in Brazil. The Middle East provides a platform for the firm, in conjunction with its London Office, to really make its mark. Advice to Saudi Aramco in its joint venture with Sumitomo Chemical in the upgrade of the Rabigh refinery has certainly attracted attention.

The Lawyers: **Victor DeSantis** is based in the Washington, DC office and is an expert in representing commercial and multilateral lenders, sponsors and export credit agencies. *"I can't stop raving about him,"* enthused one client, reflecting the endorsement of many sources. **Art Scavone** is *"always a favorite of clients and other lawyers."* Clients appreciate his personable manner and value his broad experience. **Troy Alexander** has built up a reputation as one of the finest lawyers to the multilaterals. According to clients, *"he sees the bigger picture and focuses in on our commercial interests."*

Clients/Work Highlights: Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity; Deutsche Bank; US Ex-Im Bank; IFC; JBIC; MACH Gen; Qatar Petroleum; Quiport and Société Générale.

NATIONAL: SPORTS LAW

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
4 (NEW)	–	–	4	–	–	–

Editorial

The Firm: This *"responsive, high-quality"* group is seen as having taken its IP skills and applied them expertly to the sports market. The group has a long history of representing the NFL and is currently acting for the body on three disputes. These concern the IP rights of the league and member clubs the Washington Redskins, Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns. It has also acted for the NHL and Major League Soccer on the management of their global brands.

The Lawyers: Robert Raskopf heads up the practice.

Clients/Work Highlights: The group has represented ESPN on various trademark and litigation issues.

NATIONAL: TAX LITIGATION

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004

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–	–	–	–	Michael Saltzman – Tier 2 (NEW) Kathleen Pakenham – Up And Comer (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
<p>Other Notable Practitioners White & Case LLP's tax "<i>genius</i>," Michael Saltzman, is considered "<i>the authority in tax procedure</i>." This "<i>outstanding litigator</i>" advises clients such as Time Warner, El Paso and Verizon. "<i>Excellent communicator</i>" Kathleen Pakenham, also at White & Case, "<i>gives good business advice without spending hours arguing about angels on pinheads</i>."</p>						
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NATIONAL: TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION FINANCE)						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3 (NEW)	–	–	4	Michael Smith – Tier 2 (NEW) Richard Smith – Tier 2 (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: Clients spoke of this group's responsiveness, partner-led service and the quick turnaround time of its attorneys. The respected finance team recently represented Aviation Capital Group in all aspects of its \$2.65 billion acquisition of Boulliou Aviation from WestLB, which included the acquisition of 102 commercial aircraft, 11 Airbus airplanes, management contracts and other assets.</p> <p>The Lawyers: New York-based Mike Smith is "<i>detail-oriented, client-oriented and very practical</i>." He focuses on aircraft finance and equipment leasing work and heads up the aviation capital group team. Los Angeles-based Rick Smith is best known for his ongoing work with Babcock & Brown, including operating leases, sale/leaseback transactions and residual value guarantees involving more than 100 aircraft. Clients refer to him as "<i>extremely commercial, he knows the business inside out</i>."</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Aeromeixco; Aerolitoral; Aviation Capital Group; Babcock & Brown and CIT Group.</p>						

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NATIONAL: WEALTH MANAGEMENT						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
2 (NEW)	–	–	2	Winthrop Rutherford – Tier 2 (NEW) Michael Kavoukjian – Tier 3 (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: This “<i>high-quality team</i>” has developed an impressive practice advising individuals and their families as well as banks, charitable foundations, multinational corporations and their executives, Its workload features compensation and retirement planning, business counseling, fiduciary administration and related litigation. In a recent highlight, the team acted for the founder and controlling shareholder of a \$1 billion closely held manufacturing company in developing an estate plan.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Winthrop Rutherford is a “<i>people person who can explain complex legal matters to a client and have them understand.</i>” He is appreciated for his calming ability to deal with “<i>both critical legal issues and critical personal issues.</i>” Michael Kavoukjian is “<i>extremely thorough and creative.</i>” He is a “<i>proactive and bright lawyer who is good at anticipating possible problems and ensuring they don’t arise.</i>” He won plaudits for his client-friendly service. “<i>I want him to shepherd my family through the generations,</i>” enthused one interviewee.</p>						
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CALIFORNIA: BANKING & FINANCE						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
2 (UP)	3	–	3	James Cairns – Tier 3 Neil Rust – Tier 3	James Cairns – Tier 3 Neil Rust – Tier 2	Neil Rust – Tier 4
Editorial						
The Firm: “ <i>An excellent global network,</i> ” say satisfied clients, complements this “ <i>well-supervised, diligent and thoughtful</i> ” team. Asset finance and leasing						

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are key areas, and commentators repeatedly drew attention to the group's "*sophistication within aircraft financing*." Attorneys have acted for clients such as Babcock 7 Brown in leasing matters involving commercial aircraft ad airlines, including a range of Japanese operating lease transactions and other leveraged operating lease transactions and other leveraged operating lease transactions in Europe, Asia, and North and South America. The team is also experienced in credit and liquidity support for state and municipal instruments, as well as sovereign debt issues. Additional highlights have included advising the Global Committee of Argentina Bondholders in connection with the restructuring of more than \$100 billion of external debt on which Argentina defaulted in 2001, and acting for Bank of America in the purchase of short-term debt securities of the City of San Diego.

The Lawyers: Asset finance specialist **James Cairns** is closely involved in aircraft finance work, handling cross-border structures for aircraft transactions, as well as the restructuring and bankruptcies of domestic and foreign air carriers. His clients have included Boeing and CIT Group, "*Incredibly diligent*" **Neil Rust** "*goes above and beyond what it takes to get the deal done*," according to clients. He co-heads the practice, and was the principal attorney in the City of San Diego matter.

Clients/Work Highlights: Allied Irish Banks; Bank of New York; Commerzbank; Delta Air Lines; Deutsche Bank; ECA; GM; Mizuo Bank; Nord/LB; Pegasus Aviation; Rhodes Homes; Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co; WestLB and Union Bank of California.

CALIFORNIA: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3 (NEW)	–	–	3	–	–	–

Editorial

The Firm: Sources singled out this group's quality and consistency, reporting an enviable bench made up of "*star-quality and business-savvy*" attorneys. The team acts for parties of all kinds, and excels in the energy, high-tech and airline sectors. As one should expect from a firm with such a global footprint, attorneys have a penchant for cross-boarder matters and are particularly experienced in dealing with Latin America. For example, the team acted for Corporación Durango SA de CV and its affiliates under Mexico's Business Reorganization Act, restructuring the company's \$800 million unsecured debt. Other highlights include advising Mirant and 82 direct and indirect subsidiaries din pending Chapter 11 cases involving over \$20 billion in assets and around \$11.4 billion in debts.

The Lawyers: Brian Holman heads the group.

Clients/Work Highlights: Automated Power Exchange; Bank of America (and affiliates); Bank of New York; Enpower; Montecito Bank & Trust; Official Committee of Excel Independent Representatives and RBS.

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CALIFORNIA: ENERGY						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
1	1	2	4	Jerry Bloom – Tier 1 Joseph Karp – Tier 2	Jerry Bloom – Tier 1 Joseph Karp – Tier 2	Jerry Bloom – Tier 1 Joseph Karp – Tier 4
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: Peers and clients alike are impressed with this finance powerhouse's ability to bring genuine regulatory knowledge and understanding to transactions and, when they arise, disputes. Its much-envied reputation stems from acting for independent power producers, including before the California Pub utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission. Clients report that the team has <i>"a great understanding of policy and business issues."</i> Mirant is a long-standing client and has sought the group's advice on settling disputed claims relating to the California energy crisis, as well as on negotiations with PG&E over the transfer of the partially constructed Contra Costa 8 power plant. Further highlights include representing US Borax in settling its dispute with Delta Power by establishing a new structure for the continued operation of the Delta Power cogeneration plant. The team's ability to manage complex matters is highly valued by clients, who deem it <i>"absolutely fantastic for multiparty and multi-issue matters."</i></p> <p>The Lawyers: Practice head Jerry Bloom is a favorite among clients for his <i>"patience and excellent negotiating skills."</i> He embodies the team's capacity to combine policy and commercial ability and is described as <i>"very practical and cerebral at the same time."</i> Joseph Karp spear-heads the firm's renewables work and is <i>"a truly fine lawyer who gets it right away – he knows exactly what we need."</i></p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Calpine is another important client for the team, which it represented in California and Louisiana in the settlement of payment rates and refund portion matters. Other significant clients include the California Cogeneration council and AES.</p>						

CALIFORNIA: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
4 (NEW)	–	–	4	William Coats – Tier 4 (NEW) Steve Hemminger – Tier 4	Steve Hemminger – Tier 4	–
Editorial						

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The Firm: The firm's California IP practice has seen strong growth over the past year and prides itself on possessing the resources to litigate cases at an intercontinental level. It has particularly profited from a strategic focus on lawsuits featuring a mixture of entertainment and technology elements, which has led to the firm representing established names such as LucasArts, In-Three and Industrial Light & Magic. It is looking to build on its growing reputation within the sector as a go-to boutique for patent infringement cases involving clients based in Asia, and recently achieved a \$175 million settlement on behalf of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing for patent infringement.

The Lawyers: Interviewees were keen to recommend the "*clever and respected*" **William Coats**, who spends a great deal of time representing clients in litigation relating to copyright, trademark and trade secrets disputes. He is renowned for acting for Lucasfilm and has also worked with the DVD Copy control Association. Sources report that **Steven Hemminger** is sought after for his "*aggressive and hard-working*" approach, not to mention his in-depth technical knowledge. He has increasingly taken a lead role in representing Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing of late.

Clients/Work Highlights: Cirrus Logic; DVD Copy Control Association; In-Three; LucasArts; Mesa Boogie; Pioneer Electronics and Trek.

CALIFORNIA: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
4 (NEW)	–	–	4	John Sturgeon – Tier 4 (NEW) Daniel Woods – Tier 4 (NEW)	–	–

Editorial

The Firm: Clients endorsed this litigation department, linking its profile to "*talent at the top*" and "*effective communication across the state.*" The Los Angeles team possesses an international caseload with a number of foreign entities on its roster, alongside domestic clients bringing actions against non-US organizations. Complex business litigation is the heart of the practice, and this had included banking and financial services, insurance and liability matters. Highlights have included acting for Cirrus Logic in a products liability matter concerning allegedly defective disk drives used in desktop personal computers. The matter settled on terms favorable to Cirrus Logic.

The Lawyers: Clients commended the "*deep experience in formulating strategy*" that **John Sturgeon** brings to the table. He has represented Mirant in class actions brought by power consumers, and related actions filed by the California attorney general. Practice head **Daniel Woods'** "*practical and down-to-earth*" manner won him fans among clients, who admire his confident trial skills and knack for "*always being right.*"

Clients/Work Highlights: Bank of America; Bank of New York; BDO Seidman; Bimbo Bakeries USA; BNP Paribas; Crédit Lyonnais; International Lease Finance; Northern Trust Bank of California; the Salvation Army and Wells Fargo.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: ANTITRUST						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
4	4	4	5	Mark Gidley – Tier 4	Mark Gidley – Tier 4	Mark Gidley – Tier 5
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: This group draws praise for its “<i>insight into the mindset of the DOJ.</i>” As befits a firm with universally acknowledged global clout, the team typically represents European companies with US interests. For instance, it acted for Stolt-Nielsen in a matter that culminated in the Eastern District Court of Pennsylvania, enjoining the antitrust division from indicting or prosecuting Stolt-Nielsen for any violations of the Sherman Act. As this demonstrates, White & Case is no stranger to trying cases against the government and its caseload during the past twelve months provides further testimony. In 2001, the FTC alleged that the Upsher-Smith/Schering settlement violated US antitrust laws, arguing that a \$60 million payment from Schering was intended to persuade Upsher-Smith Laboratories to delay the launch of its generic equivalent to Schering’s brand-name drug. This past year, attorneys representing Upsher-Smith obtained a judgment from the Eleventh Circuit that there was no evidentiary basis for this complaint. As the firm continues to advance into the hotly contested branded products arena, it seems set for ever-increasing prominence in the febrile antitrust market.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Global head of antitrust Mark Gidley received particular acclaim for being “<i>in tune with enforcement trends for merger activity. He knows where the landmines are.</i>” He co-lead on both the Stolt-Nielsen and Upsher-Smith cases.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Comcast; Gap; Houghton Mifflin; KPN; Kos Pharmaceuticals; OSRAM SYLVANIA and Watts Water Technologies.</p>						

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3	3	–	3	Sam Alberts – Tier 3	Sam Alberts – Tier 3	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: This “<i>excellent group</i>” continues to grow both its national and international practice and has expanded its core bankruptcy team accordingly. It focuses on representation of creditors’ committees and is counsel to that for MCSi Inc. and several domestic affiliates. It has also been representing Comcast in a series of lawsuits alleging Bankruptcy Code violations, and has acted as primary bankruptcy counsel for Mirant in Chapter 11 cases pending in northern Texas. Close relationships with other offices allow it to “<i>really come across as an international firm.</i>”</p>						

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The Lawyers: Practice head **Sam Alberts** is “thorough and tenacious with a capacity for adapting to unusual circumstances.” Interviewees appreciated the fact that he “takes every opportunity to improve his clients’ position and never takes on an engagement half-heartedly.” Alberts is particularly known for his expertise in the healthcare industry.

Clients/Work Highlights: ANZ; Bank of New York; Comcast; Commerzbank; DCHC Liquidating Trust; Deutsche Bank; IFC; Grupo IMSA; JPMorgan Chase; Mirant; Royal Bank of Canada and Sallie Mae.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: PROJECTS

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
1	1	1	3	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Edward Neaheer – Tier 2	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Edward Neaheer – Tier 2	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Edward Neaheer – Tier 2

Editorial

The Firm: This team has established itself as one of the pre-eminent advisers to multilateral lenders and commercial banks in the projects sphere. The DC office displays a flare for both domestic and international undertakings. As an illustration, the team advised the export credit agencies, multilateral lenders and commercial bank lenders to the Sakhalin II project. South America is a key market for the group, and it has recently ramped up its Asian capabilities, advising the project and developers on the financing of the Tangguh LNG project in Indonesia. Domestically, the Chicago Skyway project provided the team with a platform to display its fiancé skills, advising Skyway Concession Company as issuer of \$1.4 billion in senior secured floating rate bonds. Clients remarked that the team is “really a great bunch of people who are easy to work with and can make gruesome deals less painful.”

The Lawyers: The “responsive, proactive, resourceful” **Victor DeSantis** is noted for his sound advice to both sponsors and lenders. **Edward Neaheer** was said to be “practical and easy to work with.” He brings his considerable experience to bear on international transactions, having worked in Hong Kong and London.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm advised Société Générale and a syndicate of banks in connection with a senior secured refinancing for the Brazilian electricity distribution company Coelba (Companhia de Eletricidade do Estado da Bahia). Other clients include Ambac Assurance; Deutsche Bank; US Ex-Im Bank; Inter-American Development Bank; IFC; OPIC; BNP Paribas and Unocal.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: TELECOM, BROADCAST & SATELLITE (REGULATORY)

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Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
4 (NEW)	–	–	4	Maury Mechanick – Tier 4 (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: This small domestic group enters the rankings in recognition of the regulatory and finance work it has done in the telecom realm. The team is certainly well equipped to handle international projects, with clients commending the enormous depth and resources of the firm well beyond the state lines. <i>“They do a great job of coordinating resources and personnel from many different offices.”</i> Highlights for the Washington, DC office include its involvement as satellite industry and FCC expert counsel to Deutsche Bank Securities, the joint legal arranger of credit facilities in connection with the private equity acquisitions of New Skies Satellites by The Blackstone Group, and Intelsat by Apax, Permira, Apollo and Madison Dearborn. These transactions were valued at \$535 million and \$650 million respectively.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Maury Mechanick’s workload covers the regulatory and transactional areas. A long business history in the satellite area has given him an additional perspective for which multiple clients showed their appreciation. <i>“He has a great mix of business and legal skills and also a great deal of personal integrity.”</i></p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: US Ex-Im Bank; Global Internetworking; International Launch Services; International Telecommunications Satellite Organization; Lockheed Martin Commercial Space Systems; Swe-Dish Satellite Systems; Telenor Satellite Services and Teletronics International.</p>						

FLORIDA: BANKING & FINANCE						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
2	2	3	3	Victor Alvarez – Tier 1 Pedro Alvarez – Tier 2	Victor Alvarez – Tier 1 Pedro Alvarez – Tier 2	Victor Alvarez – Tier 2
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: <i>“The White & Case difference lies firstly on its unparalleled expertise in multi-jurisdictional and cross-border transactional and lending work, secondly in its Latin American focus, and thirdly in its consistency and availability across both partner and associate levels,”</i> remarked one source, reflecting much of what was said about this global giant’s Florida team. The day-to-day caseload of the 20-strong Miami group covers the full range of asset finance.</p>						

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bank lending, capital markets and project finance-related transactions. Particularly of note was the firm's work on the landmark financial restructuring of Durango and its advice to Sol Meliá in a \$100 million securitization.

The Lawyers: **Pedro Alvarez** enjoys "a well-deserved reputation for all things Latin American" and scooped plaudits for leading the Sol Meliá operation. He is also heavily involved in domestic M&A and financings, and recently brokered a \$47.5 million financing for an energy client in the Dominican Republic to build a wind farm. **Victor Alvarez** heads the practice and is considered "one of the most pre-eminent names in the Florida Bar." His recent workload includes acting for BBVA Securities as administrative agent in a \$100 million senior credit facility for an Aruba-based wholly-owned subsidiary of Chilean specialty fertilizer maker SQM. ING Capital retained Victor Alvarez's team as counsel in a \$100 million senior unsecured loan facility for Banco Security of Chile.

Clients/Work Highlights: BSCH; BellSouth; Corporación Durango; Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad; ING Barings; JP Morgan Securities and Wachovia.

FLORIDA: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
1 (UP)	3	–	3	Tom Lauria – Tier 1 (UP) Emilio Alvarez-Farré – Tier 2 (NEW)	Tom Lauria – Tier 3	–

Editorial

The Firm: The Florida team of this national giant stole the headlines with the successful completion of the landmark \$1 billion restructuring of Corporación Durango under both US and Mexican law. Market consensus has it that while the team of "highly sophisticated and resourceful lawyers" sometimes slips under the Florida radar, this is due to its broader reach: "Its national and international prowess and its unparalleled ability to attract big-ticket work" guarantee the group a place at the forefront of the market.

The Lawyers: **Thomas Lauria** co-heads the global bankruptcy practice team and scoops admiration for a busy caseload full of high-profile restructurings. He "pushes right to the end for what's best and holds his ground till he gets the right answer and everything get done." Among a string of successes, Lauria acted for Mirant in its \$19 billion insolvency settlement and restructuring case, in which he settled the matter and achieved agreements with all parties involved. **Emilio Alvarez-Farré's** profile is currently riding high because of the Corporación Durango matter. He is "one of the few selected stars that can really make everything positive no matter what," and is a good port of call for advice on Latin America.

Clients/Work Highlights: White & Case represents the Ad Hoc Committee of Arahova Noteholders in the Chapter 11 of cable operator Adelphia Communications.

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FLORIDA: CORPORATE/M&A						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
–	–	–	–	Jorge Freeland – Tier 4 (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
<p>Other Notable Practitioners While the White & Case LLP Florida team wins extensive applause for its Latin American expertise (see Latin American Investment table), Jorge Freeland has a leading market share in the domestic private equity and M&A world. He heads the domestic side of the practice and recently acted for National Product Services in its \$55 million leveraged recapitalization and its acquisition of substantially all the assets of Covington Sales & Service. Freeland also acted for Securus Technologies in its \$120 million acquisition of Evercom Holdings.</p>						
NOTE: SECTION SPLIT INTO CORPORATE/M&A AND CORPORATE/M&A (LATIN AMERICAN INVESTMENT) THIS YEAR						

FLORIDA: CORPORATE/M&A (LATIN AMERICAN INVESTMENT)						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
1 (UP)	2	4	2	Emilio Alvarez-Farré – Tier 1 (UP) Victor Alvarez – Tier 1 (NEW) Pedro Alvarez – Tier 2 (NEW)	Emilio Alvarez-Farré – Tier 2	Emilio Alvarez-Farré – Tier 2
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: “Not many giant US firms have the strong Latin American reach of White & Case, not only in ground presence but also in understanding the local culture of the countries where they have been operating longer than everyone else,” asserted interviewees about this legal powerhouse south of the River Bravo. Key mandates of recent times include advising the Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad in a multimillion-dollar lending transaction, and representing</p>						

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a consortium in connection with a \$600 million airport concession in Quito. Lawyers her also completed the landmark \$1 billion restructuring of Corporación Durango.

The Lawyers: According to sources, **Victor Alvarez** is “*the first one that comes to mind for Latin American work.*” His practice covers the representation of financial institutions in corporate and structured finance transactions, including equity and debt securities. **Emilio Alvarez-Farré** “*makes sure all the i’s are dotted and the t’s crossed.*” He chairs the international side of the corporate team and was key counsel in the Durango restructuring. Another of his highlights was representing Empresa Eléctrica de Guatemala and Comercializadora Eléctrica de Guatemala in a \$200 million structured finance transaction. Alvarez-Farré also continues to act in financial restructurings of several entities in the aftermath of the Argentine crisis. “*Securities guru*” **Pedro Alvarez** comes highly recommended, completing “*the trio of White & Case stars for all things Latin America.*” His highlights of the year include advising hotelier Sol Meliá on the US aspects of its expanding securitization program, and counseling IFC in the proposed redevelopment of the former Howard Air Force Base in the Panama Canal.

Clients/Work Highlights: Royal Ahold; Cisco Systems; Copa Airlines; ING; the Republic of Costa Rica; Deutsche Bank; JPMorgan Chase; UBS; France Télécom and Aeroméxico.

NOTE: SECTION SPLIT INTO CORPORATE/M&A AND CORPORATE/M&A (LATIN AMERICAN INVESTMENT) THIS YEAR

FLORIDA: ENVIRONMENT

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
2 (UP)	3	4	3	Doug Halsey – Tier 1	Doug Halsey – Tier 1	Doug Halsey – Tier 1

Editorial

The Firm: Miami is home to this international firm’s environmental team, which for many south Florida industry clients is the “*first choice for dealing with complex litigation.*” This “*small but highly experienced*” team has been busy representing the nation’s largest solid waste company in its litigious and regulatory work. The group also regularly represents the limestone mining industry in federal court cases. Toxic tort litigation has been a mainstay of the practice and has produced “*an enviable track record of success*” thanks to the firm’s “*comprehensive understanding of the issues.*”

The Lawyers: The environmental team continues to flourish under the leadership of “*five-star attorney*” **Doug Halsey**. A skilled trial lawyer, he is equally adept at handling complex matters on the non-contentious side of the practice. His “*sharp intellect and bright mind*” ensures practical solutions, and he has “*captured the respect of the entire environmental community.*” Halsey represented a waste management company in a lawsuit brought by a municipality seeking to limit the operation of a major municipal landfill.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm recently acted for the developer in the redevelopment of a mobile home park into a waterfront condominium development in the Florida Keys. Manual Diaz Farms; MorningSide Development; St. Joe Towns & Resorts and Sandler at Greater Marathon Bay are all within its stable of clients.

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FLORIDA: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
–	–	–	4	Jamie Bianchi –Tier 4 (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
At White & Case LLP, Jamie Bianchi , has found favor with clients for his “ <i>intelligence and articulation</i> ” and for his “ <i>dogged determination.</i> ” “ <i>Good at finding the underpinning of the argument,</i> ” he adopts a tough and thoughtful approach to his cases. Faith Gay has recently left the firm to join the New York office at Quinn Emmanuel.						

FLORIDA: REAL ESTATE						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3	3	3	4	William Walker – Tier 1	William Walker – Tier 1	William Walker – Tier 2
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: This international heavyweight fields a compact team in Miami that is hailed for its representation of developers in south Florida. Transactional matters remain the team’s strongest suit, and hotel development has formed a sizable portion of the workload of late. “<i>Experienced individuals are always at hand,</i>” said clients, who also praised the team’s “<i>undeniable prowess in handling the related tax matters.</i>”</p> <p>The Lawyers: Senior figure William Walker is “<i>always a pleasure to deal with,</i>” according to sources. His intelligence and high motivation to get the deal done are further reasons for his popularity. He recently represented WCI Communities in the sale of land in Jupiter, Palm Beach County, to luxury home builder Toll Brothers for the formation of a 483-acre golf course community.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: The team represented Starwood capital Group in the acquisition of the Sheraton Yankee Clipper, the Sheraton Yankee Trader and the Nina Lee Imperial House hotels located in Fort Lauderdale. The team also counts Arvida; JMB Realty; Crocker & Company; Disney; AMFAC Property Development; Codina Development and Temple Development Company among it clients.</p>						

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FLORIDA: TAX						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
2	2	2	4	Lawrence Gragg – Tier 1 Ed Sawyer – Tier 2 (UP)	Lawrence Gragg – Tier 1 Ed Sawyer – Tier 3	Lawrence Gragg – Tier 1 Ed Sawyer – Tier 2
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: The tax expertise of this “<i>huge international player</i>” certainly does not go unnoticed by leading international clients and fellow tax practitioners. Its Miami-based tax team has a glowing reputation for work in the fields of state, local, federal and international tax, and it is one of the few firms to have the global reach to properly serve major clients with multi-jurisdictional problems. Representations during the year include acting for Babcock Florida Company stockholders in the agreed sale of land to a joint venture, a sale that would not have closed had the firm not resolved an issue involving potential liability for \$181 million in corporate income taxes. It also represented Copa Airlines in connection with an IRS audit last year.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Lawrence Gragg is commonly thought to have “<i>an unsurpassed practice.</i>” He is “<i>absolutely first rate; bright, creative and hard working,</i>” and has a broad practice that encompasses federal and state tax work. He has a particular forte representing large Florida real estate developers and is often found structuring real estate ventures. Clients also note the “<i>numerous qualities</i>” of Ed Sawyer: “<i>He’s responsive and intelligent, with a good legal and business mind.</i>” Described as a “<i>hands-on partner and well worth the fees,</i>” Sawyer is experienced in the tax and non-tax aspects of joint ventures and other entities. He is also experienced in issues arising out of the healthcare and real estate spheres.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Berkley Group; Codina Group; Crocker & Company; CRT Properties; Gulf Bay Group; JDC America; Kelly Tractor; PhyAmerica Physician Group; Stiles Corporation and Westgate Resorts.</p>						

NEW YORK: ANTITRUST						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
4	4	4	4	Elaine Johnston – Tier 3 (UP)	Elaine Johnston – Tier 4	Elaine Johnston – Tier 4

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				Wayne Cross – Tier 4 (NEW)		
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: Few firms can match White & Case for global presence, making it the first port of call for international organizations seeking representation on US soil. Market commentators note that, in recent years, its corporate practice has been enhanced by a sophisticated and highly coordinated litigation team. Its representation of major Slovakian pharmaceutical company, Lek Pharmaceutical, in a case relating to alleged monopolization by GlaxoSmithKline, is indicative of the firm's profile for contentious anti-trust work. The firm's reputation for government and cartel investigations is also particularly well established: the team, continues to represent Novartis before the FTC and various state enforcement agencies in complex, multidistrict antitrust litigation, arising from challenges to pricing practices under the Sherman and Robinson-Patman Acts. Clients were deeply impressed by attorneys' dedication to getting under the skin of their operations. One interviewee noted: <i>"They spend a lot of time learning about us, which warms my heart because not everyone does. They give excellent advice, couched in terms we understand."</i> The firm also undertakes a substantial amount of merger counseling for clients appearing before the FTC and DOJ.</p> <p>The Lawyers: The <i>"impressive"</i> Elaine Johnston was praised for her <i>"competency and intelligence"</i> displayed during trade regulation, licensing arrangement and M&A reviews. Johnston was one of two lead partners who obtained clearance for Smiths Group in connection with the sale of Smiths Heimann Biometrics to Cross Match Technologies. Her role in the sale of pool cleaner manufacturer, Polaris Pool Holdings, to Zodiac is further testimony to her success before the scrutiny of the FTC. Practice cochair Wayne Cross is <i>"a fine trial attorney: he doesn't irritate judges and has an impeccable sense of timing."</i> He specializes in representing clients from the pharmaceutical industry, and in the past year he has acted for Sandoz (formerly Geneva Pharmaceuticals Technology), a manufacturer of generic drugs, in a challenge to a restrictive supply agreement, which Sandoz alleges was used by a competitor attempting to block its market access. Following victory at the US Court of Appeals, which saw the reversal of an earlier dismissal of the company's claims, the case is set to go to trial shortly.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Agfa-Gevaert; Banca di Roma; Experian; First American; Saudi Refining; Syngenta Seeds; Syngenta Crop Protection; T-NETIX; Takeda Chemical Industries; Triton; Tyco and Visa USA.</p>						

NEW YORK: BANKING & FINANCE						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
2	2	2	4	Eric Berg – Tier 1 (UP) David Bilkis – Tier 4 David Koschik – Tier 4	Eric Berg – Tier 2 David Bilkis – Tier 4 Sean Geary – Tier 3 David Koschik – Tier 4 Kevin Barnard –	Eric Berg – Tier 2 David Bilkis – Tier 4 Sean Geary – Tier 3 David Koschik – Tier 4 Kevin Barnard –

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					Tier 2 (mainly regulatory)	Tier 2 (mainly regulatory)
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: According to commentators, this firm has “a vast history of excellence in the banking field.” The New York bank finance team is regularly associated with the most sophisticated acquisition and leveraged finance transactions, as well as long-standing relationships with top-pedigree financial institutions such as Deutsche Bank, JPMorgan and UBS, which supply a healthy deal flow. Headline deals include advising Deutsche Bank and Citigroup, as arrangers, in providing \$2.05 billion of senior secured financing to Graham Packaging for the acquisition of Owens-Brockway Plastic Products’ stock. Given its size and geographical reach, the firm also continues to win plaudits for its “impressive multi-jurisdictional and global finance capabilities,” aided by “strong European offices.” A major cross-border assignment was the representation of BNP Paribas and RBS, as arrangers of the \$2.9 billion international fleet bridge loan facilities, financing part of the 415 billion LBO of Hertz. Clients particularly rated attorneys for their ability to “work efficiently together,” and because “they are extremely commercial and never get aught up in the legalese.” In addition, the firm is active in the field of project finance and has represented lenders in many infrastructure and other developments. Finally, the firm boasts one of the most highly regarded Islamic finance practices.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Global head of the bank finance group Eric Berg is strongly endorsed by market commentators as “a superior banking lawyer, who is never intimidated by innovative structures.” Clients appreciate the fact that “he gets personally involved in structuring the financings.” In addition, to advising on the \$2.05 billion Graham Packaging financing, Berg also represented Bank of America, Deutsche Bank and Bank of Nova Scotia in arranging credit facilities of \$1.05 billion for Dole Food. David Bilkis is an “efficient young partner, productive and precise in his drafting.” He recently acted for Deutsche Bank in a \$1.55 billion acquisition financing of Pulitzer by Lee Enterprises. David Koschik is another respected member of the team, who recently caught the market’s attention acting for Deutsche Bank on a \$650 million financing for the acquisition of PanAmSat by Intelsat. Koschik also specializes in representing lenders extending credit to insurance and reinsurance companies. Although he now works in the Milan office, Sean Geary is still recognized as a “driving force of the practice.”</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Citigroup; Lehman Brothers; BNP Paribas; Gleacher Partners; Briscoe Capital Management; Calyon; Bank of Montreal; JPMorgan; CSFB; Bank of America; HSBC and UBS.</p>						

NEW YORK: BANKRUPTCY & RESTRUCTURING						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3 (UP)	5	5	3	Howard Beltzer – Tier 4	Howard Beltzer – Tier 4	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: The bankruptcy team at this international firm has built a substantial New York practice featuring both domestic and cross-border cases. The</p>						

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group benefits from its connection to a network of other teams, and currently works loosely with the Miami office on the headline representation of Mirant in restructuring \$10 billion in debt. The same resources contribute to the team’s success in cross-border insolvencies; it is negotiating a plan of conciliation with US creditors for Satmex, a satellite communications company part-owned by the Mexican government. On the creditor side, attorneys continue to represent banks and other financial institutions in the Adelphia bankruptcy, and offer specialized insurance insolvency expertise.

The Lawyers: Clients praised the caliber of junior team members supporting the four partners, and five new associates have been added in recent months. Leading the team is **Howard Beltzer** who is also he co-head of the global bankruptcy group. His practice is an even split between creditor and debtor work, as he divides his time between the Mirant and Adelphia Communications cases.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm has ties to many major international financial institutions including ANZ; Commerzbank; Royal Bank of Canada; Bank of Nova Scotia and Société Générale, as well as US Banks JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Bank of New York. It also acts for Wilmington Trust, United Pan-Europe Communications and GE Corporate Financial Services.

NEW YORK: CORPORATE/M&A

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
5	5 (main table)	1 (mid-tier firms)	5	John Reiss – Tier 4	John Reiss – Tier 4	–

Editorial

The Firm: International client seeking an international corporate and commercial service would be hard-pressed to find better than White & Case. The firm has a network of just under 40 offices worldwide, and is renowned for its banking and finance practice in addition to its international reach. When it comes to M&A matters, clients are attracted by the firm’s “*breadth of resources, multidisciplinary capability and size. It is a large enough firm to handle major transactions.*” The New York office has over 50 M&A lawyers who are “*extremely innovative and flexible.*” Recent deals the team has worked on include WellPoint’s \$6.5 billion acquisition of WellChoice and Liberty’s \$2 billion acquisition of Cablecom.

The Lawyers: Clients highlighted **John Reiss**’ “*outstanding intellect,*” adding that such is his level of service that he is “*always on call.*” Reiss is global co-head of the firm’s M&A group and was involved in the Warner Chilcott deal. He also represented WellPoint in its acquisition of WellChoice.

Clients/Work Highlights: The group has also advised on Aviation Capital Group’s 42.65 billion acquisition of Boullion Aviation Services from WestLB, and represented the management of Warner Chilcott in its acquisition by investment group, Warren Acquisition. Other clients include Agfa-Gevaert; Consorcio Comex; Deutsche Bank; EchoStar Communications; Mohawk Paper Mills; Pitney Bowes; Quintiles Transnational; Royal Ahold; Stolt-Nielsen and Tyco International .

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NEW YORK: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3	3	–	3	Kenneth Raskin – Tier 3	Kenneth Raskin – Tier 3	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: Clients are quick to praise this “<i>terrific</i>” team for its “<i>fast and accurate advice</i>.” The group tackles a broad range of matters as part of a growing executive compensation, benefits and employment law practice (ECBEL) that provides clients with a comprehensive service across the board. Strengths lie in ERISA, benefit plans (including medical and dental), qualified and non-qualified pension plans, and executive compensation. Highlights include advising Newmont Mining on securities and tax issues relating to the preparation and implementation of the company’s new stock incentive plan on a worldwide basis. The team is also involved in benefits litigation and defended Amerada Hess in a class action lawsuit alleging breaches of fiduciary duty in violation of ERISA.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Clients agree that the global head of the ECBEL practice, Ken Raskin, is an “<i>excellent communicator who finds solutions to potentially complex problems</i>.” His particular expertise lies in fiduciary issues as well as wider benefits and compensation matters. An active member of the employee benefits committee of the New York state Bar, he has written reports about section 409A.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Profit Sharing/401k Council of America; Corporación Durango; ABN AMRO; UBS; BSCH and Mohawk Paper Mills.</p>						

NEW YORK: ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
4 (NEW)	–	–	4	Stuart Caplan – Tier 3 (NEW)	–	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: Clients say: “<i>There is a very good level of expertise and understanding of the sector</i>” housed at this firm. Although it has already displayed its energy credentials in the project finance sphere, the firm is additionally making a concerted push to bolster its corporate transaction capability. As an illustration, the team has recently acted on the Exelon-PSEG merger, advising ICF Consulting on behalf of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in connection with its review of the merger. Another key client is Amerada Hess, which the firm is advising on a range of matters including its joint venture to construct and operate an LNG facility in Massachusetts.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Stuart Caplan brings significant regulatory expertise to the table and is, say clients, “<i>a smart guy who knows his FERC stuff</i>.”</p>						

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Clients/Work Highlights: The firm is general counsel to MACH Gen. Other clients include Shell Trading, Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority and Lehman Brothers.

NEW YORK: ENVIRONMENT (MAINLY TRANSACTIONAL)

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3	2	3	3	Richard Horsch – Tier 3 Paul Milmed – Tier 3	Richard Horsch – Tier 2 Paul Milmed – Tier 3	Richard Horsch – Tier 2 Paul Milmed – Tier 3

Editorial

The Firm: Clients testified to the excellent service levels and quality of advice provided by this group. This broad-based practice is renowned for its transactional work. Recent matters include representing Quiport, the developer of the proposed new international airport in Quito, on environmental issues. International and cross-border work also plays to the firm's advantage with a network of offices enabling the New York practice to handle complex environmental transactional matters with an international element. For example, White & Case represented Saudi Aramco in the formation of a joint venture with Sumitomo Chemical to build and operate a petrochemical facility in Saudi Arabia.

The Lawyers: *"It's the level of detail he gets into and his business understanding"* that makes **Richard Horsch** a popular figure with clients. His practice has an emphasis on international environmental transactional matters and litigation and he is the practice head of White & Case's global international environmental group. **Paul Milmed** has a strong presence in New York, no doubt helped by the fact that he was formerly chief of the Environmental Protection Unit in the US attorney's office for the Southern District of New York. He *"really puts his clients first"* and is extremely *"bright and effective."* Superfund and brownfield work are key parts of his practice.

Clients/Work Highlights: Amerada Hess, Ciba Specialty Chemicals; Deutsche Bank/Bankers Trust; Estée Lauder; FiberMark; Foster Wheeler; InterAmerican Development Bank; Newmont Mining; Novartis; Starwood Capital and Volvo International.

NEW YORK: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004

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2 (patent) 3 (trademark and copyright)	2	4	4 (patent) 3 (trademark)	Fred Koenigsberg – Tier 1 (trademark and copyright) (UP) Dimitrios Drivas – Tier 2 (patent)	Dimitrios Drivas – Tier 1 Fred Koenigsberg – Tier 2	Fred Koenigsberg – Tier 3 Dimitrios Drivas – Tier 3
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Editorial

The Firm: Truly a full-service firm, this 60-strong team is renowned in both the patent and trademark areas, but also has a niche interest in the antitrust aspects of patent law. Its excellence in trademark matters was recently evidenced by its representation of the NFL over the copyright of its Washington Redskins and Baltimore Ravens merchandise. On the patent side, it has represented Syngenta in its patent infringement litigation. Clients value the quality of both the attorneys and the advice rendered, with one saying: *“They achieve amazing results.”*

The Lawyers: **Dimitrios Drivas** is a respected patent trial attorney who is co-head of the global IP practice. A *“strategic legal thinker,”* his contemporaries say he *“can apply multiple strategies without losing momentum.”* He possesses polished courtroom skills and has a commanding presence during oral argument. Clients say **Fred Koenigsberg** is *“everything that you’d want”* in a copyright lawyer. A sophisticated attorney with a broad set of skills and knowledge, he has undertaken copyright work for IBM, for a successful children’s book author and for several music publishers. He additionally serves as general counsel of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and has advised Congress on its copyright legislation.

Clients/Work Highlights: Novartis, Disney, Syngenta; AstraZeneca; Verizon; BMG Music Publishing; Garth Brooks; American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, IBM and Bristol-Myers Squibb.

NOTE: FIRMS TABLE SPLIT INTO PATENT AND TRADEMARK/COPYRIGHT THIS YEAR

NEW YORK: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3 (UP)	4	5	5	Lawrence Byrne – Tier 3 (NEW) Vincent FitzPatrick – Tier 3 (NEW) Michael Shuster* – Tier 3	Michael Shuster* – Tier 3	–

Editorial

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The Firm: White & Case continues to move into the New York limelight, adding to the brilliance of its illumination with six lateral hires during 2005. These join a deep litigation bench, applauded for containing “*extremely smart partners and excellent junior members, who are aggressive but not to the point of being counterproductive.*” While some peers were uncertain about the firm’s visibility in this market, client admiration was voluble, ranging from praise leveled at the group’s expeditious handling of complex commercial litigation to its “*amazing written product*” and performance in IP, products liability and antitrust matters. A unit of attorneys led the charge in defense of Syngenta Seeds in a putative class action originating in allegations that several manufacturers had conspired to fix the price of genetically modified corn. The firm is also highly active in the securities arena, having obtained a precedent-setting conclusion to a sprawling SEC investigation of major client Royal Ahold that resulted in no monetary penalties. A well-fashioned defense of Deutsche Bank against various actions lurking in the murky waters of the Enron litigation, which saw the most serious securities claims dismissed in early 2005, adds further sheen to a polished reputation.

The Lawyers: Head of commercial litigation Michel Shuster is “*aggressive and creative,*” focused on the endgame and employing “*excellent courtroom abilities and tactical judgment*” to achieve the best possible results. He successfully represented Comcast in obtaining the dismissal of one of the biggest claims ever brought within the orbit of the Securities Exchange Act. His work in the securities area extends to the energy sector, where Saudi Aramco and Amerada Hess are notable client examples. “*Great in situations where finesse is essential,*” chair of the New York corporate defense group **Lawrence Byrne** was one of the flag bearers in the Ahold litigation and is currently representing Ian Norris, the former CEO of Morgan Crucible, in a Pennsylvania-based criminal antitrust action marking the first time the USA has sought to extradite a UK executive on price-fixing charges. Tasked with coordinating the firm’s global dispute work, **Vince FitzPatrick** receives hearty commendation as “*a harmonizer, a wonderful strategist,*” Quality work behind the scenes is not, however, his only strength: “*He has a winning manner in the courtroom, coming across as eminently fair and reasonable, with a style that appeals to both judge and jury.*” In a practice that, inevitably, takes him all over the world, his caseload includes involvement in the investigation into the UN’s oil-for-food program in Iraq. Closer to home, he played an important role in bringing the Sygenta case to a close.

Clients/Work Highlights: British Airways; Citigroup; JPMorgan Chase; Mirant; Moody’s Investors Service; Novartis; Republic of Poland; Royal Bank of Canada; Sandoz and Takeda Chemical Industries.

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NEW YORK: PRIVATE EQUITY (BUYOUTS & VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT)

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3	3	–	3	John Reiss – Tier 2 (UP)	John Reiss – Tier 3	–

Editorial

The Firm: The firm is a popular choice because of its strengths in the finance sector and, naturally given its extensive office network, its cross-border prowess. The firm counseled property investment firm Starwood Capital Group in its \$3.1 billion acquisition of Groupe Taittinger and Societe du Louvre. Further highlights include advising Lehman Brothers Merchant Banking portfolio company Phoenix Brands in its purchase of Colgate-Palmolive’s North

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American laundry detergent business.

The Lawyers: Much of the firm's profile in the private equity arena rests with **John Reiss**. He led on the Starwood Capital Group deal.

Clients/Work Highlights: An impressive and extensive roster of clients includes The Blackstone Group, Advent International and 3i as well as Deutsche Bank; Lehman Brothers; Investcorp and HIG Capital.

NEW YORK: PROJECTS

Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
2	2	2	5	Arthur Scavone – Tier 1 Troy Alexander – Tier 2	Arthur Scavone – Tier 1 Troy Alexander – Tier 2	Arthur Scavone – Tier 1 Troy Alexander – Tier 2 Gene Goodwillie – Senior Statesman

Editorial

The Firm: *“Definitely one of the best”* is how commentators described this firm. The New York office is responsible for driving the lender-leading practice both domestically and internationally. In the energy sector the team has a string of gas and power projects under its belt; however, it really stands out in the market for its involvement in the transportation sector. In Latin America the firm advised a consortium in connection to two new airports in Quito, Ecuador. The Middle East has also proved to be a healthy source of work, with the group securing advisory roles on the Rabigh, Taweelah B1WPP and Q-Chem II petrochemical projects. The team has positioned itself nicely to profit from the upswing in the power and renewables sectors, and recently advised the underwriters, led by CSFB, in their senior-secured bond offering of FPL Energy National Wind. Clients conclude that *“the team is dynamic – it puts a lot of thought into how it can best serve its clients.”*

The Lawyers: According to one client, **Arthur Scavone** *“is the best lawyer in New York,”* a sentiment echoed throughout the market with another client observing that: *“Even though he has many clients, when we deal with him we fell like we’re the only ones.”* **Troy Alexander** has attracted attention for his work in Latin America markets and for his advice to multilaterals: *“He knows the issues inside out and knows how to explain them to nonlawyers,”* said sources.

Clients/Work Highlights: Abu Dhabi Water and Electricity Authority; Deutsche Bank; US Ex-Im Bank; Inter-American Development Bank; IFC; JBIC; MACH Gen; Qatar Petroleum; Skyway Concessions and Société Générale.

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NEW YORK: TECHNOLOGY & IT OUTSOURCING						
Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Ranking 2004	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005	Leading Individuals 2004
3	3	–	3	Steve Betensky – Tier 3	Steve Betensky – Tier 3	–
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: The firm's New York office is the hub of its global technology practice group. The bulk of the work undertaken involves advising on IT issues and various BPO, HRO and finance and accounting outsourcings for clients in the financial services industry. The team does a lot of work with Deutsche Bank and also has a number of key contacts in the pharmaceutical industry.</p> <p>The Lawyers: An expert when it comes to “nuts and bolts technology agreements,” global IT practice head Steve Betensky recently represented Deutsche Bank in connection with outsourcing and IT-related transactions including the negotiation of a ‘multi-entry visa’ master services agreement for IT services. He also represented the company in relation to the \$11.3 million acquisition of ICMI by UBM's subsidiary CMP Media.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Clients include Agfa-Gevaert; Comcast; Deutsche Bank; EchoStar; First American; HJ Heinz; Royal Ahold; Saudi Aramco; UBM and Verizon.</p>						