

## Chambers USA 2007 Rankings and Editorial

NATIONAL: BANKING & FINANCE						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2 (NEW)		–	3	–	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: The difference between this team and others, according to sources, “<i>lies in its unparalleled expertise in multi-jurisdictional and cross-border transactional and lending work;</i>” its “<i>vast history of excellence in the banking field</i>” doesn’t hurt either. In New York, the team is associated with complex acquisition and leveraged finance transactions, and enjoys established relationships with financial institutions such as Deutsche Bank, JPMorgan and UBS. In California, the group wins praise for its “<i>sophisticated aircraft financing,</i>” which illustrates its strength in asset finance and leasing. Clients assert that the lawyers in this “<i>extremely commercial</i>” group “<i>work efficiently together</i>” and “<i>don’t get caught up in the legalese.</i>” A network of strong European offices and a niche in Islamic finance further boost the team’s standing on the global stage. New York-based Eric Berg is global head of the bank finance team, but he nevertheless “<i>gets personally involved in structuring the financings.</i>” reported clients.</p>						
<i>Note – new section this year</i>						

NATIONAL: CAPITAL MARKETS (DEBT & EQUITY)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
–	–	–	4	Kevin Keogh – Tier 4	Kevin Keogh – Tier 4	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p><b>Other Notable Practitioners</b>            At White &amp; Case LLP, <b>Kevin Keogh</b> comes highly recommended for large-scale cross-border deals. He recently advised Canada Housing Trust No. 1 as issuer and Canada Mortgage and Housing, an agency of the Government of Canada, as guarantor on the offering and sale of \$5.5 billion Canada mortgage bonds.</p>						

NATIONAL: CORPORATE/M&A
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Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4 (NEW)	–	–	4	–	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: This firm has made a strong push in the M&amp;A arena and increased its deal flow from existing clients, as well as winning significant new clients. The New York office has earned a reputation for being <i>“thorough and commercially switched on.”</i> The Florida operation is <i>“extraordinarily good for mid-market work”</i> and offers a long Latin American reach. Overall, clients are attracted by the firm’s breadth of resources, multidisciplinary capability and sheer size: <i>“They’ve got the body count for the big transactions”</i>. Duane Wall is the primary contact for general corporate matters, while John Reiss is the contact specifically for M&amp;A matters.</p>						
<i>Note – new section this year</i>						

<b>NATIONAL: ENERGY (ELECTRICITY)</b>						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3 (NEW)	–	–	4	–	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: Peers and clients alike are impressed with the firm’s ability to bring genuine regulatory knowledge and understanding to transactions and, when they arise, disputes. Its much-envied reputation stems from acting for IPPs. The energy group draw together lawyers from White &amp; Case’s offices across the USA, and Stuart Caplan is a key contact for the group.</p>						
<i>Note – new section this year</i>						

<b>NATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES (BANKING–REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT &amp; INVESTIGATIONS)</b>						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005

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2 (UP)	3	–	2	Kevin Barnard – Tier 2	Kevin Barnard – Tier 2	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: With offices across five continents and dozens of countries, the international reach and perspective of this enormous firm is seen as its principal asset in the regulatory arena. There are more than 200 financial services lawyers, and clients also benefit from the firm's overall breadth of expertise in related areas such as corporate, tax and litigation. Banks form the most substantial category of clients, but other players from the financial sphere are also represented in the post-Gramm-Leach-Bliley environment. Clients remark on lawyers, "<i>ability to cut to the chase and contextualize complex situations in an accessible way.</i>" Highlights of the past year include acting for BNP Paribas when it acquired \$2 billion of assets from Bank of America, and representing the Bond Market Association in ongoing multiparty negotiations surrounding the national security-sensitive establishment of NewBank.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Clients admire <b>Kevin Barnard's</b> "<i>wisdom and great foresight of statutory and market developments</i>". In addition to high-level compliance counseling, his practice includes fighting clients' corners in enforcement actions, including some with international dimensions.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Bank of America; BNP Paribas; Citigroup; Deutsche Bank; Goldman Sachs; JPMorgan Chase; Morgan Stanley; Royal Bank of Canada; Svenska Handelsbanken and UBS.</p>						

<b>NATIONAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION (BANKING &amp; SECURITIES-REGULATORY COMPLIANCE)</b>						
<b>Ranking 2007</b>	<b>Ranking 2006</b>	<b>Ranking 2005</b>	<b>Number of Tiers</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2007</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2006</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2005</b>
4	4	–	4	Kevin Barnard – Tier 3 (NEW)	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
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<b>NATIONAL: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION</b>
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Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
1	1	1	4	Paul Friedland – Tier 2 Carolyn Lamm – Tier 2 Abby Cohen Smutny – Tier 2 Darryl Lew – Tier 4 (NEW)  Arbitrators Carolyn Lamm – Tier 1 (NEW)	Paul Friedland – Tier 2 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 (arbitrators)

### Editorial

The Firm: White & Case shows little sign of relinquishing its illustrious place in the rankings thanks to *“the sheer depth of grade-A talent on offer there.”* The firm comfortably covers all commercial areas of practice while having been a major presence in the investor-state arbitral market since long before it became fashionable. The strings are pulled on the firm’s global operations from New York and Washington, DC, though market observers indicate that the weight of internal power now leans towards DC. During the past year, the firm has been involved with, among others, representing the republics of the Philippines, Indonesia, and Romania in various ICSID arbitrations, while commercial clients have included Public Service Enterprise Group and RWE NUKEM.

The Lawyers: *“A major force in treaty arbitration.”* **Abby Cohen Smutny** is *“smart, practical and although it sounds contradictory - manages to be both aggressive and diplomatic.”* Commentators rate this Washington, DC-based lawyer’s *“immense integrity and preparatory skills”* as well as finding her *“a most impressive speaker and writer.”* Interviewees gave similarly boundless acclaim for **Carolyn Lamm**. Also working out of Washington, DC, Lamm is *“street-smart, savvy, supremely tough and incredibly smart.”* She specializes in investor-state and Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act cases and also won favor with commentators for her work as an arbitrator. Principal New York partner **Paul Friedland** is *“a broad, precise and sharp commercial advocate, who brings a practical approach to everything he does.”* Clients relish his *“excellent attention to detail and innovative strategic ideas.”* The *“bright and articulate”* **Darryl Lew** is a newcomer to the tables who is approvingly considered to *“possess a kind of immense integrity and engaging persona that makes him exactly the kind of person you would want to represent your own interests.”*

### NATIONAL: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3 (NEW)	–	–	4	–	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: This full-service international juggernaut is renowned for both its patent and trademark expertise but it also operates on the interface between antitrust and patent law. A “<i>sophisticated strategic legal thinker</i>,” Dimitrios Drivas “<i>can apply multiple strategies without losing momentum</i>.” He co-heads the global IP practice and is best known for his abilities as a patent trial attorney. According to observers, he possesses polished courtroom skills and has a commanding presence during oral argument.</p>						
<i>Note – new section this year</i>						

<b>NATIONAL: INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b>						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3	3	2	5	Christopher Corr – Tier 4 Walter Spak – Tier 4 William Clinton – Tier 5 Gregory Spak – Tier 5	William Clinton – Tier 5 Christopher Corr – Tier 4 (UP) Walter Spak – Tier 4 Gregory Spak – Tier 5	William Clinton – Tier 4 Christopher Corr – Tier 5 Walter Spak – Tier 3 Gregory Spak – Tier 5
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: A firm with a real global footprint, White &amp; Case delivers quality work on both trade remedy and trade policy matters, and is one of the bigger players in the WTO. A web of offices across the world captures a significant volume of work for the trade team, which has reacted to the slowdown in antidumping cases by diversifying its practice to take in export controls, FCPA and Section 337 work. Its WTO capacity was evidenced this year in its role in the WTO’s challenge to the US government’s antidumping measures against Mexican cement imports. White &amp; Case represented both manufacturer GCC and the Mexican government throughout the dispute, utilizing to a full extent its staff’s bilingual ability. The government-to-government settlement reached in</p>						

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April 2006 resulted in a large refund for Mexican producers agreed on the termination of the antidumping order on 1 April, 2009. Among several high-profile matters, the team also represented the two Singapore producers of ball bearings before the ITC in the successful revocation of US antidumping measures placed on that product - there are now no US antidumping or countervailing duty measures on Singapore products. *"This firm has a tremendous reputation,"* remarked one client; *"if I need to open a door then I just drop its name."*

The Lawyers: **Chris Corr** is a lawyer of fine repute, who in the past year has worked on the Singapore ball bearings trade remedy matter, as well as on a Section 337 action for Stolt-Nielsen. He is also counsel to the Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Association and the World Semiconductor Council. *"Great guy"* **Walter Spak** spearheaded White & Case's representation of GCC in bringing to an end the 16-year dispute on cement imports. Known as a China expert, **William Clinton** recently demonstrated the reach of his practice by advising oil company Saudi Aramco on the implications of Saudi Arabia's accession to the WTO. **Gregory Spak** has particular expertise in the Latin American area where he recently negotiated an antidumping settlement on behalf of Thai and Ecuadorian exporters of shrimp.

Clients/Work Highlights: The Buchanan Group; FedEx; Novartis; Fuji Film; Toyota; Mattel; Government of Thailand; and National Pork Producers Council.

NATIONAL: LATIN AMERICAN INVESTMENT						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2 (NEW)	–	–	3	Pedro Alvarez – Tier 2 (NEW) Victor Alvarez – Tier 3 (NEW) Emilio Alvarez-Farré – Tier 3 (NEW) Carlos Viana – Tier 4 (NEW)	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						

The Firm: While the market highlights the Miami office of this firm as the jewel in the crown of a network across Latin America and the USA, it also lavishes extensive praise on the teams in New York, Mexico and Sao Paulo. Working seamlessly, the 25-partner squad advises on top-drawer cross-border M&A, project finance and capital markets transactions. It also advises on trade and arbitration work arising out of the region. Seasoned clients reported: *"Besides the depth of knowledge, these lawyers completely understand the way Latin America does business, bridging together diverse commercial strategies, business cultures and languages."* In a recent headline-grabbing deal, the firm represented Credit Suisse, UBS, ABN AMRO and Grupo Santander as joint-

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lead managers and bookrunners in the \$3.75 billion bond placement of CVRD, the Brazilian mining company.

The Lawyers: Four partners from the Miami office stand out as leaders in their field. “*First choice for big-league M&A*” is **Pedro Alvarez**, who continues to act for Sol Meliá in a raft of transactions across North and South America. His practice also encompasses northbound acquisitions, the representation of issuers, underwriters and lenders in a wide variety of corporate finance transactions, particularly in Central America and the Caribbean. **Victor Alvarez** heads the Miami office and primarily represents financial institutions in corporate and structured finance transactions with a distinctive Latin American component. He recently represented the lead arrangers JPMorgan Securities, ING Capital, Calyon and BBVA Securities, and a bank syndicate of 19 lenders, in an \$800 million facility to CFE, the Mexican state-owned electricity company. **Emilio Alvarez-Farré** is perhaps best known for his restructuring expertise, showcased in his handling of the Durango Chapter 11 case. However, he also impresses with his cross-border M&A credentials. He was particularly active representing private equity houses in an acquisition binge in Latin America. He recently acted for CAF and Grupo Santander as lenders in a \$100 million loan to Brazilian phone operator Embratel. **Carlos Viana** comes highly recommended as an “*outstanding negotiator capable of unlocking the most complicated deals in no time.*” Among other recent matters, he represented Construtora Norberto Odebrecht in the \$177 million project financing of the first phase of the Olmos dam and hydroelectric project, the first private-public partnership project financing in Peru.

Clients/Work Highlights: The team acted for the Mexican government in the \$800 million debt restructuring of Satmex, a satellite operator. The Mexican Ministry of Communications and Transport mandated the firm in the final stages of the privatization of its airport operator Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, raising \$376 million on NASDAQ. Elsewhere, the group assisted two conservation agencies in a \$24 million debt-for-nature swap agreement with the Government of Guatemala to protect this country’s tropical forests. The firm also counseled Citigroup Global Markets and JPMorgan Securities as lenders in the \$250 million debt offering of Argentinean energy company Pan American Energy.

*Note – new section this year*

**NATIONAL: NATIVE AMERICAN LAW**

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
–	–	–	3	Gary Kashar – Tier 3 (NEW)	–	–

**Editorial**

**Other Notable Practitioners**  
**Gary Kashar** of White & Case LLP advises on Native American financings in the state. He is “good at providing solutions to complex problems,” specifically high-yield finance deals for tribes.

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NATIONAL: PROJECTS						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
1	1	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	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Art Scavone – Tier 1 Troy Alexander – Tier 2
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: Drawing on the considerable financial knowledge of its New York headquarters and the expertise of its highly respected Washington, DC team, this accomplished international projects group continues to nurture long-standing connections with commercial banks, ECAs and multilateral agencies. The firm is renowned for its multi-jurisdictional capability and experience in emerging markets, and the New York projects team works in conjunction with colleagues in Miami, Mexico and Brazil to uphold its prowess in Latin American markets, focusing on oil and gas infrastructure as well as transportation projects. For example, it recently represented borrowers in the joint venture company Tecnología en Nitrógeno to sponsor a nitrogen plant project financing in Mexico. The practice also occupies a dominant presence in the Middle East. Attorneys in New York, Washington, DC, London and Riyadh joined forces to advise on the largest long-term Islamic financing to date in the Middle East, representing Saudi Aramco on a \$9.9 billion joint venture with Sumitomo Chemicals for the development of the Rabigh integrated refinery and petrochemical complex. Other groundbreaking matters in the Middle East region include the Qatargas IV project, and a bid to develop a gas-fired power and desalination plant on Saudi Arabia's Gulf Coast. Domestically, the team has gained a sure foothold in privatized toll road infrastructure projects. Furthermore, as the US market for PPP infrastructure projects grows, so the team forges a greater domestic profile. Its track record as a lender-side practice and its understanding of banks and monolines aided the team in structuring the debt aspects of such infrastructure deals. More crucial to its success, though, is the diligence and commitment of the <i>"absolutely outstanding lawyers,"</i> with clients appreciating their dedication to mitigating risks.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Sources heaped praise on <b>Victor DeSantis</b>, who leads the Washington, DC team, for his <i>"fantastic temperament and client relationship skills,"</i> while clients noted: <i>"He is ahead of the issues as he guides us through a project, and won't fight to the death over an obscure point."</i> During 2006, he advised on international power and telecom projects in the Philippines, Asia, Africa and South America, including highlights such as advising on the Campos Novos hydroelectric power project in Brazil. Sources described co-head of the global projects team <b>Arthur Scavone</b> as <i>"incredibly effective, tuned-in and hands-on throughout the deal."</i> Clients applaud his straightforward no-nonsense delivery, saying that they <i>"always feel comfortable the deal will get done if</i></p>						

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*he's on board.*" He maintains a close relationship with the ECAs, bilateral and multilateral agencies and advises on the gamut of infrastructure and industrial projects. **Troy Alexander** is "a fabulous attorney," asserted one client. "His background in international projects is key for us, plus he has drafting and negotiating skills, and a 100% pleasant demeanor." As global co-head of the projects team, his practice focuses largely on international energy, telecom and mining projects, with Latin America an area of particular specialization.

Clients/Work Highlights: Domestic work includes renewable energy projects, such as ethanol projects in Minnesota and Nebraska, a solar energy project in Nevada and a range of wind and geothermal projects. Representative clients include Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority; Credit Suisse; Deutsche Bank; US Ex-Im Bank; Alumina Company of Guinea; Inter-American Development Bank; IFC; JBIC; Lehman Brothers; Société Générale; Ambac Assurance; Cintra and BNP Paribas.

### NATIONAL: SPORTS LAW

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4	4	–	3	–	–	–

#### Editorial

The Firm: A small group that, although it lacks the presence of some of its competitors, can cite some top-drawer representations. Recent highlights include acting for Visa in a dispute concerning sponsorship of the next two soccer world cups, as well as acting for the NFL Properties and the Baltimore Ravens in a copyright dispute. One client described it as "a team that's good at holding hands and helping you understand the complexities of a matter."

The Lawyers: Following the departure of Robert Raskopf to Quinn Emanuel, Marc Ackerman is now the best-known member of the team.  
 Clients/Work Highlights: The group is acting for the NHL in global brand management and associated litigation.

### NATIONAL: TAX LITIGATION

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3 (NEW)	–	–	3	Michael Quigley –	Michael Saltzman –	–

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				Tier 3 (NEW) Kathleen Pakenham – Up And Comer	Tier 2 Kathleen Pakenham – Up And Comer	
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: The tax team at this firm continues to grow, increasing its share of the market and making lateral hires that mark it out as an outfit on the move. In an atmosphere of increasingly complex IRS audits few firms are as proficient as White &amp; Case at meeting both state and federal governments head-on, making a point of challenging them as early as appropriate. The firm has an international reach, making it an attractive draw for clients equally global in scope, and the tax department in particular handles the broad range of tax controversy work. Michael Saltzman is renowned for his textbook on tax procedure.</p> <p>The Lawyers: <b>Michael Quigley</b> “<i>excels in the courtroom</i>” according to clients. Having recently arrived at the firm to head up the tax team he has a number of loyal clients who espouse his “<i>great powers of analysis</i>” and ability to break research down into easy-to-understand arguments. <b>Kathleen Pakenham</b> is described by market sources as a “<i>real team player</i>” who is hard-working and “<i>unusually perceptive.</i>” She is experienced in representing clients involved in all types of government and internal investigations, in addition to trial and appellate work.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Time Warner; Bear, Stearns &amp; Co; Citigroup; Clear Channel Communications and GTE/Verizon.</p>						

<b>NATIONAL: TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION FINANCE)</b>						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3	3	–	4	Michael Smith – Tier 2 Richard Smith – Tier 2 James Cairns – Tier 3 (NEW)	Michael Smith – Tier 2 Richard Smith – Tier 2	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: This global aviation group is part of the firm’s asset finance practice; operating out of offices throughout the USA and worldwide, and conjointly acting on matters around the globe. In the USA, the Los Angeles team focuses on representing lessors in leveraged operating leases; the lawyers here act</p>						

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as primary outside counsel to Babcock & Brown and also represent Pegasus Aviation and Delta Air Lines. The New York office includes an aviation tax specialist with expert knowledge of tax-driven structures, a real specialty of the firm, and carries out work for a large freight carrier. The Miami office acts as primary outside counsel to Aeromexico. In addition, the firm has expertise in export-import financings, representing aircraft lessors, lenders and airlines in their dealings with US Ex-Im Bank, and is also one of the few firms entitled to represent lenders in Airbus financings supported by the European credit agencies. The “*capable, active and deeply experienced*” firm is also involved in public offering securitizations and large portfolio financings.

The Lawyers: “*Very experienced and responsive*,” **Rick Smith** is head of the firm’s Los Angeles office and also leads the aviation practice there, heading the team that serves as primary outside counsel to Babcock & Brown on leasing and financing transactions. **Mike Smith** is the senior corporate aircraft practitioner in the firm’s New York office. His practice is fairly broad-based and covers a great deal of US Ex-Im Bank work, and bankruptcy and workout matters. He further acts for airlines and engine manufacturers on portfolio acquisitions, among other matters, and for financial guarantee insurance companies in connection with aircraft securitizations. “*Very experienced*” **Jim Cairns**, of the firm’s Los Angeles office, is particularly noted for his “*deal-doing talents and responsiveness*.” He is a finance specialist with a focus on equipment leasing and finance and over the past year has done “*a wonderful job*” representing lenders’ interests in the Delta and Northwest bankruptcies.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm represents equity investors; lenders; lessors; lessees; financial guarantee insurance providers; airlines and manufacturers. The firm assists major client Babcock & Brown Asset Management with a range of matters including operating leases, sale and leaseback transactions, acquisitions, the restructuring of leases and related financings, which over the past year involved more than 100 commercial aircraft. The team further advised Aviation Capital Group on a securitization involving the issuance of \$1.86 billion of senior and junior notes to purchase a portfolio of 74 aircraft. Other clients include Ambac; BNP Paribas; Boeing Capital Corporation; Citibank; ING; Nordea; UPS and Virgin Blue Airlines.

### NATIONAL: TRANSPORTATION (ROAD/INFRASTRUCTURE)

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
1 (NEW)	–	–	1	–	–	–

#### Editorial

The Firm: The firm’s wide-ranging transportation practice, which spans the aviation, shipping and rail industries, also encompasses the road sector. Here the firm’s central expertise stems from its project finance and privatization practices. While the lawyers have traditionally been involved in toll road privatizations in Latin America – having worked on award-winning toll road projects in Chile and Mexico – they are now increasingly entering the US market. The team was recently involved in the largest privatization of a highway in the USA, the \$3.8 billion Indiana toll road, which was completed in June 2006. Clients value the firm’s “*superb work*” and in particular the lawyers’ “*diligence, technical grasp and ability to control heated negotiations*.”

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The Lawyers: Edward Neaher from the firm’s Washington, DC office focuses on infrastructure project development and finance. He regularly represents lenders and equity participants in infrastructure projects.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm advised ITR Concession Co, which is owned by CINTRA and Macquarie Infrastructure Group, and will lease and operate the Indiana toll road. The lawyers further assisted a Mexican construction company, Omega Construcciones Industriales, with respect to the refinancing of a toll road in Mexico. Other clients include Ambac Assurance and the Inter-American Development Bank.

### NATIONAL: WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2	2	–	3	<b>Eastern Region</b> Winthrop Rutherford – Tier 2 Michael Kavoukjian – Tier 3	Winthrop Rutherford – Tier 2 Michael Kavoukjian – Tier 3	–

### Editorial

The Firm: This “*very professional and sophisticated*” nine-attorney private client department is based in the firm’s New York office. The team represents banking and private clients in estate planning and administration, with a particular emphasis on multi-jurisdictional and international planning. Interviewees praise the group for “*giving its clients a great deal of attention*”

The Lawyers: The “*very bright and articulate*” **Winthrop Rutherford** practices out of the firm’s New York office and, according to interviewees, “*is a people person with great judgment and ability.*” He advises trustees on planned estates and charitable giving. In Miami, **Michael Kavoukjian** heads the private client group at the firm. He focuses on traditional trust and estate planning and administration, including drafting wills. According to clients, “*he is incredibly smart and efficient.*”

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2	2	3	4	Neil Rust – Tier 3	James Cairns – Tier 3 Neil Rust – Tier 3	James Cairns – Tier 3 Neil Rust – Tier 2

**Editorial**

The Firm: “An excellent worldwide firm with a local touch,” this group impresses with its ability to handle a range of matters, including complex transactions, traditional bank lending deals, asset finance and leasing, as well as municipal finance credit and liquidity support. Described as “strong and proactive,” the team also wins special praise for its aircraft financing work. According to sources, “the lawyers here solve problems and get the job done.” Work highlights include representing JPMorgan Chase as agent for a syndicate of banks providing liquidity support in respect of \$2.59 billion of State of California Department of Water Resources power supply revenue bonds. The group also advised Bank of America as agent for a syndication of banks providing credit and liquidity support for \$1 billion of State of California variable rate general obligation bonds, and advised pop star Michael Jackson and several of his trusts regarding his \$320 million debt refinancing.

The Lawyers: The “knowledgeable, courteous and experienced” **Neil Rust** “brings a balanced approach” to the table, enthuse sources. As head of the Los Angeles office’s corporate and financial services department, his practice focuses on financial transactions, representing banks in secured and unsecured credit facilities, structured finance, lease transactions and asset securitizations. He acted on both the JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America matters.

Clients/Work Highlights: Allied Irish Banks; Babcock & Brown; Bank of New York; Boeing Capital; Delta Air Lines; Deutsche Bank; HSBC; Wells Fargo; The Salvation Army and Union Bank of California.

**CALIFORNIA: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4	4	–	4	<b>Patent</b> William Coats – Tier 4 Steve Hemminger* – Tier 4	William Coats – Tier 4 Steve Hemminger* – Tier 4	Steve Hemminger* – Tier 4

**Editorial**

The Firm: Clients praise the “humorous team, which uses brains to deal with a crisis.” It is particularly “quick to analyze a situation and provide accurate legal

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advice.” The firm’s international capabilities are applauded immensely and its counsel regarding trademark and patent to Trek 2000 International about a patent infringement litigation in Singapore did not go unnoticed. The team recently represented ArcLight Cinema Company in the trade secret misappropriation case ArcLight Cinema v Arclight Films, which resulted in a \$315,000 settlement in favor of its client.

The Lawyers: “Extraordinarily likable,” **William Coats** is “humorous and intelligent all at the same time,” clients note. One client waxed lyrical, saying, “I never met anybody who dealt with a crisis situation as well as Bill does and would not change him for the world.” His caseload includes work within copyrights, patents, trademarks and trade secrets as well as the electronics and movie industries. Clients love “incredibly diligent” Steven Hemminger, whose technical capability is welcomed in a dilemma, “as he quickly figures out what the problem is and how to deal with it.” He is principally renowned for IP litigation, particularly within patent, trademark and trade secret cases in industries including semiconductor, electronics and computer software.

Clients/Work Highlights: Pioneer; Tyco Healthcare; DVD Copy Control Association; Toshiba; Lucasfilm; VIZ Media; In-Three; Digidesign and M-Audio.

*Note – \*now left firm*

CALIFORNIA: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4	4	–	4	John Sturgeon – Tier 4 Daniel Woods – Tier 4 Travers Wood – Tier 4 (NEW)	John Sturgeon – Tier 4 Daniel Woods – Tier 4	
<b>Editorial</b>						

The Firm: Clients favor this Los Angeles group “because it understands the goals that are required to make things happen in California” and demonstrates “strong courtroom skills.” The firm acted for StreamCast Networks against eBay, Skype and a number of other defendants in a suit alleging that Skype’s cofounders profited from the sale of the company to eBay only after they illegally transferred away assets and rights. The case seeks recovery of \$4.1 billion.

The Lawyers: **John Sturgeon’s** trial skills are held in high esteem by clients, and he has appeared in banking, financial services, public law and energy-related cases, among others. **Travers Wood** enjoys a similarly strong profile for his general commercial litigation and trial practice, and is especially active in matters involving professional liability. “Cross-examination ace” **Daniel Woods** is admired by clients for his attentiveness and skill at supervising a case. He heads the Los Angeles litigation group and is a familiar face in banking, real estate, energy and employment work.

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Clients/Work Highlights: Gerber; Comcast; Deutsche Bank; International Lease Finance; International Rectifier; Bank of America; Bank of New York; BDO Seidman; Bimbo Bakeries USA; BNP Paribas; Cirrus Logic; Crédit Lyonnais; Mirant; Northern Trust Bank of California and Wells Fargo.

### CALIFORNIA: REAL ESTATE

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
–	–	–	4	Neal Millard – Tier 4 (NEW)	–	–

#### Editorial

##### Other Notable Practitioners

**Neal Millard** of White & Case LLP is “always a pleasure to deal with.” Focusing on corporate real estate projects, his ability to “really listen to clients” makes him a widely appreciated attorney.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: ANTITRUST

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3 (UP)	4	4	4	Mark Gidley – Tier 4	Mark Gidley – Tier 4	Mark Gidley – Tier 4

#### Editorial

The Firm: With a “*sterling reputation*” for work conducted in the shadow of the DOJ, the firm is “*well positioned*” to provide clients with extensive agency insight. The 44 attorneys who comprise the Washington, DC antitrust practice are part of a global competition group that numbers more than 140 members throughout 36 offices. This international emphasis – a universally acknowledged strength of the firm - witnesses the team acting for European companies with a stake in the US marketplace. Observers point to White & Case’s representation of Stolt-Nielsen as a prime example: it recently succeeded in having the Southern District Court of New York rule that purchasers seeking to bring a class action did not have the right to do so under the aegis of international arbitration conventions. In other matters, the firm scored a major victory on behalf of Upsher-Smith Laboratories when the US Supreme Court declined an

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FTC appeal relating to the Schering-Plough/Upsher-Smith brand-name drug matter.

The Lawyers: Much-lauded “*creative thinking*” in the Stolt-Nielsen matters has elevated the profile of global antitrust practice head **Mark Gidley**. He has also made a “*tremendous impression*” in the food and beverages industry, according to peers.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm’s work for Stolt-Nielsen encompassed securing a victory before the Korea FTC at the end of 2005, capping a year of litigation arising from the Commission’s exploration of alleged cartel activity with the cessation of this investigation. Additional clients include Coca-Cola Enterprises; ConocoPhillips; Gap; Houghton Mifflin; Royal Ahold; Kos Pharmaceuticals; OSRAM SYLVANIA; Par Pharmaceutical; Scientific Games; SunGard; U.S. Foodservice and Watts Water Technologies.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3	3	3	4	Sam Alberts – Tier 3	Sam Alberts – Tier 3	Sam Alberts – Tier 3

#### Editorial

The Firm: The creditor-oriented Washington, DC bankruptcy desk of this ubiquitous international firm is relatively new and small but is acknowledged by bankruptcy leaders as “*a significant emerging practice.*” The group is ironically one of the few in the DC tables with a significant presence in the regional bankruptcy market, but it also fishes in national and international waters made accessible by the firm’s extensive network of offices. Recent clients include one of the largest foreign creditors in the REFCO case and a group of European entities in pre-bankruptcy negotiations with a DC-based company.

The Lawyers: **Sam Alberts** leads the firm’s operations locally, and enjoys some prominence both in DC and nationally for his “intelligent and careful” creditor work in the fraught specialty of healthcare bankruptcies.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: ENERGY (ELECTRICITY)

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
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4 (NEW)	–	–	5	Earle O'Donnell – Tier 1 (NEW) Donna Attanasio – Tier 3 (NEW)	–	–
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### Editorial

**The Firm:** This excellent international firm enters the table following market recognition of its concerted push into Washington, DC's electric regulatory arena. The energy, infrastructure and project finance group has acquired the regulatory team from Dewey Ballantine's DC electric practice, snapping up standout individuals and leaving the market in no doubt over its intention to attract instructions in the field. This additional regulatory offering combines with the firm's established reputation in energy projects, and onlookers are watching with interest. The lawyers are representing El Paso Electric in an administrative complaint proceeding before the FERC against Tucson Electric Power over transmission service payment claims, raising policy issues over the interpretation of aging contracts. The team's expertise also includes advising on the development of FERC standards of conduct and representing generators in compensation for capacity proceedings. Litigation experience includes representing utilities in response to filed complaints over transmission charges.

**The Lawyers:** "*Top of the league*" partner **Earle O'Donnell** specializes in regulatory and market issues in the electric industry and inspires loyalty in clients, who confirmed: "*We would follow him wherever he went.*" He is recommended for his advice on utility M&A, enforcement and compliance and all FERC-related matters. One interviewee said: "*He really sifts through the alphabet soup of bureaucracy and has a sense of both the technical and practical sides of the business.*" His colleague **Donna Attanasio** is "*efficient in terms of billable hours, and collaborative though tough when she needs to be,*" enthused clients, who added: "*Her relationship with FERC regulators is forthright – there's no spin.*" She is admired for her expertise in complex tolling agreements, market-based ratemaking proceedings and understanding of regulatory issues surrounding qualifying facilities and exempt wholesale generators.

**Clients/Work Highlights:** The team represents IPPs and utilities and has a deep understanding of the Regional Transmission Organization and Independent System Operator market formations.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: PROJECTS

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
1	1	1	4	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Edward Neaher – Tier 2	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Edward Neaher – Tier 2	Victor de Santis – Tier 1 Edward Neaher – Tier 2

### Editorial

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The Firm: This “*excellent projects practice*” in a firm that is “*strong as a whole*” has traditionally been an international emerging markets practice, with a long-standing history of working with the commercial banks, Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) and multilateral agencies, but the team’s focus has more recently been drawn to domestic projects. In the wake of its involvement with the groundbreaking Chicago Skyway toll road privatization, the team went on to play the leading role in the \$3.8 billion Indiana Toll Road privatization project, the largest of its kind in the USA, representing ITR Concession. Given its stellar record in the field, the practice can expect to enjoy future activity in a series of similar US projects, particularly in view of the hot market for PPP infrastructure projects blossoming in Texas. The team’s involvement in these complex projects exploited the firm’s finance expertise and track record as a lender-side practice, while experience with banks and monolines on Latin American projects has proved to be crucial in structuring the debt aspects of such infrastructure deals. Clients repeatedly referred to the group’s impressive efficiency and quality of service, with one in particular stating that the lawyers “*personally invested themselves to understand exactly what we wanted to accomplish, and attend to mitigating the risks.*”

The Lawyers: The “*experienced and talented*” head of the team, **Victor DeSantis** is elicited warm approbation from client after client, with one claiming: “*He is one of the best I have worked with – I trust him and his team in all respects.*” Acting for lenders, sponsors and multilaterals, his highlights include advising on telecom projects in Pakistan and Africa, and power plant projects in Brazil, the Philippines and Ghana. Most notably, he represented the Inter-American Development Bank in closing and disbursements of the Campos Novos hydroelectric power project in Brazil. Sources concur that he is “*ahead of the issues and a pleasure to work with.*” **Edward Neaher** “*brings an unflappable presence to the table – he is exactly the person you want when emotions run high.*” He played a key part in advising on the Chicago Skyway and Indiana Toll Road projects, and counseled the guarantors on the sale of project equity in the Chilean Costanera Norte toll road, as well as representing lenders in connection with the sale of project equity for the Suez Gulf and Port Said power project in Egypt. Market forces comment that “*he has the rare combination of being practical, quick and smart, while all the time smoothing the waters.*”

Clients/Work Highlights: Ambac Assurance; CINTRA; Deutsche Bank; US Ex-Im Bank; IFC; OPIC; BNP Paribas and Société Générale.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: TELECOM, BROADCAST & SATELLITE (REGULATORY)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4	4	-	4	Maury Mechanick – Tier 4	Maury Mechanick – Tier 4	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: Winning market respect for its regulatory and finance expertise in the satellite arena, this practice has also become increasingly active in a range of telecom, media and hi-tech matters. Its work in this respect has included providing FCC regulatory expertise to Deutsche Bank Securities on a number of transactions in the media sector, including financings for the likes of Univision and Susquehanna Radio. In addition, it has been advising NTT American on</p>						

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various FCC regulatory matters and government contracting issues, and Verizon Business on technology-related trade work.

The Lawyers: Practice head **Maury Mechanick** focuses on representing public and private sector clients in the satellite and telecom fields in a range of transactional and regulatory matters. His recent work includes advising VantagePoint Venture Partners on its investment in ProtoStar, a Bermuda company financed to acquire, launch and operate geostationary satellites in Asia. He also advised Arabsat, an international intergovernmental organization functioning as a major satellite operator for the Middle East, on its possible privatization.

Clients/Work Highlights: Alert Systems; Ex-Im Bank; Global Internetworking; International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO); International Launch Services; NTT America; Swedish Space Corporation; Telenor Satellite Services and Teletronics International.

### FLORIDA: BANKING & FINANCE

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2	2	2	3	Victor Alvarez – Tier 1 Emilio Alvarez-Farré – Tier 2 (NEW)	Victor Alvarez – Tier 1 Pedro Alvarez – Tier 2	Victor Alvarez – Tier 1 Pedro Alvarez – Tier 2

### Editorial

The Firm: While the purely domestic prowess has yet to match the dizzying heights of its Latin American cross-border credentials, this global powerhouse is hot on the heels of its Florida first-tier rivals. According to clients, White & Case scores highly precisely because of its *“winning combination of global blueprint, world-savvy and talented local lawyers, open mentality and capacity to handle both US and Latin American aspects of any given transaction.”* The Miami-based squad of 20 advises financial institutions and major real estate developers on transactional and regulatory matters in syndicate loans, asset finance, bank finance, capital markets, project finance and structured finance transactions.

The Lawyers: *“Always available and fighting for solutions, flexible, smart and an all-around finance star”* were but a few of the compliments lavished on **Victor Alvarez**. He is admired for his extensive experience in capital markets but can also turn his hand to a range of structured finance and transactional work. Alvarez steers the Miami finance practice group and recently acted for a bank syndicate in a \$500 million senior revolving credit facility to a subsidiary of Pemex. While perhaps better known for his handling of the landmark Durango Chapter 11 and restructuring, **Emilio Alvarez-Farré** also garners market praise for a hefty caseload that spans international financial transactions and privatizations, capital markets offerings, leveraged financings and structured finance transactions. Guatemalan bank Banco G&T Continental recently instructed him as adviser when it borrowed a \$78 million syndicated senior term loan facility with Citibank and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration.

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Clients/Work Highlights: BNP Paribas engaged the firm in two separate deals as sole lead arranger of senior unsecured syndicated term loan facilities totaling \$400 million for Banco Votorantim. HSBC hired the team in a \$500 million revolving credit facility to a subsidiary of Brazilian iron ore producer CVRD. Elsewhere, the group acted for Standard Bank in a secured \$50 million credit facility for Saxon Energy in Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia.

### FLORIDA: BANKRUPTCY/RESTRUCTURING

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
1	1	3	3	Tom Lauria – Tier 1	Tom Lauria – Tier 1 Emilio Alvarez-Farré – Tier 2	Tom Lauria – Tier 3

#### Editorial

The Firm: The Miami bankruptcy team of this heavyweight firm might sometimes fly under the radar of the Florida market, but observers are quick to point out its strong national dominance: “*Overarching national presence, uncanny ability to land headline-grabbing mandates and outstanding practitioners are key to its success everywhere.*” A feather in the team’s cap was the reorganization of energy trading giant Mirant, which emerged from Chapter 11 in 2006. In a recent development, the firm hired the head of restructuring of a New York rival, a move that is said to have boosted its 20-strong national team.

The Lawyers: “*Never afraid to ruffle a few feathers or wanting to win a popularity contest, there is no doubt Thomas Lauria deserves the top ranking for getting the best deals, for his in-depth understanding of issues and for his extraordinary business sense and judgment,*” interviewees agreed. He co-heads the firm’s global bankruptcy practice groups and regularly represents debtors and creditor committees across the country. He had a lead role in the Mirant reorganization.

Clients/Work Highlights: The restructuring team in Miami negotiated a global settlement in the Adelphia Chapter 11 matter. The firm also acted for the committee of equity security holders in the Delphi Chapter 11 cases. GFN instructed the firm in the \$400 million restructuring of Tricom; GFN was the largest creditor of this Dominican telecom company.

### FLORIDA: CORPORATE/M&A

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading	Leading	Leading
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				<b>Individuals 2007</b>	<b>Individuals 2006</b>	<b>Individuals 2005</b>
3 (NEW)	–	–	3	<b>Corporate/M&amp;A</b> Jorge Freeland – Tier 3 (UP)  <b>Private Equity</b> Jorge Freeland – Tier 3 (NEW)	Jorge Freeland – Tier 4	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: In tune with the Miami business environment, the team here has a strong reputation for cross-border M&amp;A and capital markets work, with a significant following among clients with Latin American interests. The Florida office houses 26 lawyers whose capabilities span the full gamut of corporate services, from private equity deals to financial litigation to project finance. In a recent highlight, the team advised Boyne Capital on its \$110 million acquisition of Jet Industries and on its \$50 million purchase of Superior International Industries.</p> <p>The Lawyers: “No deal is too complicated for him, he is as good as it gets,” noted clients on the competence of <b>Jorge Freeland</b>. Sources also commented on his work focus: “He is particularly well versed at complicated private equity deals and we also appreciate his ability to draw upon the firmwide resources for any issue that comes up.” Freeland heads the domestic corporate and securities department in the Miami office.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: The team advised Brockway Moran &amp; Partners with its \$170 million acquisition of GED Integrated Solutions, and real estate developer Codina engaged the group in its \$270 million sale to Florida East Coast Industries. The firm also acts for Office Depot in cross-border corporate, joint venture, M&amp;A and compliance matters in Latin America and worldwide. The select clientele includes Aeromexico; Bank of America; BellSouth; Corporación Durango, Emcore; Santander and Sol Meliá.</p>						

<b>FLORIDA: ENVIRONMENT</b>						
<b>Ranking 2007</b>	<b>Ranking 2006</b>	<b>Ranking 2005</b>	<b>Number of Tiers</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2007</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2006</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2005</b>
2	2	3	3	Doug Halsey – Tier 1 Neil McAliley – Tier	Doug Halsey – Tier 1	Doug Halsey – Tier 1

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				3 (NEW)		
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: This Miami-based team is the first choice for complex litigation in South Florida and having it on board “<i>makes us look good</i>,” according to one client. The group impresses sources for its international stature and counts large national and multinational names within its client roster, including Waste Management, the largest solid waste company in the USA. Equally at home dealing with regulatory, transactional or litigious matters, clients identify these attorneys as “<i>top class</i>” and highlight “<i>proven success records</i>” in complex environmental matters as further rationale for their popularity. Recent highlights see the team representing major limestone mining companies, Miami Dade Limestone Products Association, Tarmac, Florida Rock Industries, Vecellio &amp; Grogan and Sawgrass Rock Quarry in their environmental litigation concerning federal environmental laws.</p> <p>The Lawyers: Commentators confirm <b>Douglas Halsey</b> remains ahead of the game and very much at the “<i>top of everyone’s wish list</i>.” Spearheading the group, this “<i>savvy, sophisticated and bright operator</i>” excels in a trial setting but is just as comfortable handling the non-contentious side of the practice. He displays a special emphasis on cost recovery claims and dealing with the environmental aspect of land use disputes. The “<i>intelligent</i>” <b>Neal McAiley</b> debuts in the tables. Specializing in environmental litigation, he regularly advises on a wide range of federal environmental issues as well as the criminal enforcement of environmental laws. Clients extol him as being a “<i>great communicator, able to take complicated legal issues and translate them in to plain English</i>.”</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: The St. Joe Company; Clear Channel Outdoor; Collier Enterprises; Hertz; Mellon Financial; Tarmac America; City of Hollywood; City of Dania Beach; Town of Davie and Lee County.</p>						

<b>FLORIDA: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)</b>						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4 (NEW)	–	–	4	Jamie Bianchi –Tier 4 Rudolf Aragon – Tier 4 (NEW)	Jamie Bianchi –Tier 4	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: This large, international full-service firm has had a presence in Miami since the 1980’s and is often occupied in national litigation. The Florida litigation group is home to 37 attorneys, six of whom are partners. As one would expect from a firm of this size, the group is well versed in handling national and international litigation, as well as more local representations. Securities, real estate and construction, healthcare disputes, environmental litigation and</p>						

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consumer class actions are particular areas of focus for the group, although, with a global practice of 600 lawyers, expertise is available in most practice areas. According to domestic clients, *"its strength is its perfect understanding not only of the client, but also the industry we are involved in,"* with foreign clients recommending *"its patient and detailed explanations of how the US legal system applies to us."*

The Lawyers: **Rudolf Aragon** focuses on complex commercial litigation and the defense of class actions. *"A top-drawer attorney for the defense of professional malpractice suits,"* he is also considered proficient in the handling of financial and IP litigation. Well known for the defense of class actions, **Jaime Bianchi** *"is not what you would expect of a big-name litigator: he is an understated, thoughtful person who boils the complex down to an understandable level in the courtroom."* He is well known in the cable television and real estate industries, having acted for the likes of AT&T and Comcast in several high-profile cases.

Clients/Work Highlights: Arvida; Becton Dickinson; Comcast Cable Communications; Corporación Durango; Deloitte & Touche; DIRECTV Latin America; Estée Lauder; First Data; GE; Kelly Tractor; Level 3 Communications; The Louwman Group; Ocean Bank; St. Joe and Telemundo Network Group.

### FLORIDA: REAL ESTATE

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2 (UP)	3	3		William Walker – Tier 1	William Walker – Tier 1	William Walker – Tier 1

### Editorial

The Firm: Although the Florida offering of this international giant of a law firm is not the largest in the state, this does not detract from the *"first-class representation"* it offers clients. With three partners and four associates, this is a compact group, but the firm's ability to draw on its wider resources and international reach combined with the quality of the Florida-based real estate attorneys on offer more than make amends for this. The full range of state and national real estate attorneys on offer more than make amends for this. The full range of state and national real estate services are covered here, from complex financings to sale and leasebacks and tax mitigation solutions. Work has included advising the Babcock family on the \$500 million sale of the Babcock Florida Company, and representing Carr Residential in the acquisition and closure of several mobile phone parks in Broward County.

The Lawyers: *"A fantastic lawyer and a real gentleman,"* **William Walker** has enjoyed a distinguished career to date and is fondly referred to as *"the dean of Miami real estate."* Among the many notable projects Walker has worked on this year, highlights include representing Starwood Capital Group Global with investments of large amounts of equity capital, and advising WCI Communities on the acquisition of a waterfront parcel in Palm Beach County.

Clients/Work Highlights: Arvida/JMB Partners; Codina Group; Carr Residential; JMB Realty; Koger Equity; Lexin Capital; St. Joe Company; Walton Street Capital; WCI Communities; Standard Pacific of South Florida; Mercedes Homes; Starwood Capital; Stiles Corporation and Quadrant I.

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FLORIDA: TAX						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2	2	2	4	<b>Tax</b> Lawrence Gragg – Tier 1 Ed Sawyer – Tier 2  <b>Estate Planning</b> Michael Kavoukjian –Tier 3 (NEW)	Lawrence Gragg – Tier 1 Ed Sawyer – Tier 2	Lawrence Gragg – Tier 1 Ed Sawyer – Tier 3
Editorial						
<p>The Firm: The international reach and impressive depth and scope of this firm is well documented and clients of the Miami-based tax group enjoy all the benefits of this, combined with an impressive free-standing reputation in Florida. The Miami group is part of the Miami office’s corporate finance offering and is also a component of the global tax network, which consists of over 125 tax attorneys. In Miami, the eight lawyers are fully abreast of developments in state, federal and international tax law, with particular experience advising real estate developers. The group notably represented Babcock Florida in the tax-sensitive \$500 million sale of Florida’s largest natural water storage tract to a joint venture during the past year.</p> <p>The Lawyers: <i>“Definitely one of the most talented transactional tax lawyers in the state – particularly on the structuring of real estate ventures,”</i> <b>Lawrence Gragg</b> is a big client draw to this group. He has a general business counseling practice and a subspecialty in the state tax area as well. <b>Ed Sawyer</b> is a certified public accountant and another admired tax practitioner in the group, fully conversant in joint ventures and issues arising in the real estate and healthcare spheres. <b>Michael Kavoukjian</b> is <i>“incredibly efficient and knowledgeable,”</i> and nationally recognized for his estate planning practice and experience in multigenerational planning and in the taxation of trusts and estates.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Codina Group; Crocker &amp; Company; Colonial Properties Trust; Gulf Bay Group; JDC America; Kelly Tractor; PhyAmerica Physician Group; Stiles and Westgate Resorts.</p>						

**NEW YORK: ANTITRUST**

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Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4	4	4	5	Elaine Johnston – Tier 3 Wayne Cross – Tier 4	Elaine Johnston – Tier 3 Wayne Cross – Tier 4	Elaine Johnston – Tier 4
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: White &amp; Case's antitrust practice divides itself between three hubs: New York, Washington, DC and Brussels. It has an impressive global presence and is well positioned to offer comprehensive assistance with cross-border enforcement actions and merger reviews across the world. Interviewees reserved particular praise for the knowledge and aptitude displayed by the New York team when representing international organizations dealing with domestic antitrust regulations. Members are no less proficient at handling matters squarely US in origin. Confirming both the firm's profile in the pharmaceutical industry and an increase in the contentious element of the practice, the group successfully overcame a challenge to an interim agreement between client Sandoz (former Geneva Pharmaceuticals) and Abbott Laboratories not to market a generic drug until earlier patent litigation had been resolved.</p> <p>The Lawyers: <b>Elaine Johnston</b> is a "very fine" attorney who displays "first-class" expertise in trade regulation, licensing arrangement and M&amp;A reviews. She has broadened her remit of late, playing an instrumental role in the firm's representation of Stolt-Nielsen during its investigation for alleged price-fixing in the parcel tanker industry. She has continued this trend, acting alongside Robert Milne in major litigation involving long-term client Experian. <b>Wayne Cross</b>, who shares responsibility for the group with Johnston, is "excellent on his feet" in trial. Peers highlight his impressive standing in the pharmaceutical sector and endorse praise elsewhere of his "excellent judgment." Sandoz is a major client.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Agfa-Gevaert; Banca di Roma; First American Corporation; Novartis; Saudi Refining; Syngenta Seeds; Takeda Chemical Industries; Triton; Tyco International and Visa.</p>						

<b>NEW YORK: BANKING &amp; FINANCE (GENERAL BANK LENDING)</b>						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
1 (UP)	2	2	2	Eric Berg – Tier 2 David Bilkis – Tier 4	Eric Berg – Tier 1 David Bilkis – Tier 4	Eric Berg – Tier 2 David Bilkis – Tier 4

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				David Koschik – Tier 4	David Koschik – Tier 4	Sean Geary – Tier 3 David Koschik – Tier 4
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: With its “<i>tremendous pedigree and huge volume of work</i>,” the firm’s bank finance group is one of the most sophisticated lending practices in New York. Clients value this group for the “<i>consistently high standard of service – its lawyers never fail to deliver</i>.” The group normally acts on the lending side, where its traditional ties with Deutsche Bank and other investment banks ensure a steady and substantial deal flow. Skilled on the syndicated lending side, clients also identified the team as “<i>among the finest acquisitions finance practices</i>,” although a few hoped for the development of a stronger high-yield bond expertise. Where transactions are international in scope, the group can rely on the firm’s renowned global finance capabilities. One major cross-border assignment was to represent BNP Paribas and RBS as arrangers of the \$2.9 billion international fleet bridge loan facilities financing part of the \$15 billion LBO of Hertz by a group of private equity sponsors. Equipment finance and leasing are also a clear forte of the team, particularly in the field of aviation. Finally, the firm fields one of the most highly regarded Islamic finance practices in the USA.</p> <p>The Lawyers: <b>Eric Berg</b> is the global head of the bank finance group. Clients value his “<i>commerciality, depth of knowledge and proactive nature</i>.” He is “<i>a pragmatic adviser, who will structure and execute the deal without becoming overly legalistic</i>.” According to clients, <b>David Bilkis</b> is “<i>excellent in many respects</i>,” but his success as a “<i>strong communicator, intensely focused on client service</i>” stands out. <b>David Koschik</b> is another respected member of the team; he is a “<i>hard-working lawyer, in possession of excellent judgment and technical abilities</i>.” He specializes in representing lenders extending credit to insurance and reinsurance companies. For Islamic finance, clients can rely on <b>Alexander Kritzalis</b>, “<i>one of the few truly good Shari’a law specialists in the country</i>.” For equipment finance and leasing, clients call on <b>Mike Smith</b>, the senior corporate aircraft practitioner in the firm’s New York office. His practice is fairly broad-based and spans a great deal of US Ex-Im Bank work as well as much bankruptcy workout. He also acts for airlines and engine manufacturers on portfolio acquisitions and advises financial guarantee insurance companies in aircraft securitizations. “<i>Very experienced and responsive</i>” <b>Rick Smith</b> heads the team in Los Angeles but enjoys a nationwide reputation for his prowess in leasing and financing transactions.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: Deutsche Bank; Citigroup; Lehman Brothers; BNP Paribas; Gleacher Partners; Briscoe Capital Management; Caylon; Bank of America; HSBC Securities and UBS.</p>						

NEW YORK: BANKING & FINANCE (ACQUISITION FINANCE)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3 (NEW)	–	–	4	–	–	–

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<b>Editorial</b>
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NEW YORK: BANKING & FINANCE (EQUIPMENT FINANCE & LEASING)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2 (NEW)	–	–	3	Michael Smith – Tier 2 (NEW) Richard Smith – tier 2 (NEW)	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
COMBINED WITH ABOVE						
<i>Note – new section this year</i>						

NEW YORK: BANKING & FINANCE (ISLAMIC FINANCE)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2 (NEW)	–	–	2	Alexander Kritzalis – Tier 2 (NEW)	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
COMBINED WITH ABOVE						
<i>Note – new section this year</i>						

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NEW YORK: BANKRUPTCY & RESTRUCTURING						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4	3	5	4	–	Howard Beltzer* – Tier 4	Howard Beltzer* – Tier 4
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: The restructuring practice at White &amp; Case has recently undergone a period of change. The group has been joined by Alan Gover, former head of the bankruptcy department at Dewey Ballantine, but Howard Beltzer, one of the key figures in New York and global co-head of the group, has departed for Morgan Lewis &amp; Bockius. While the market awaits the impact of these moves, there is no doubt that this international giant has established a good track record in the handling of major matters. It can call on the support of teams in Florida, California and Washington, DC, as well as its international network, for cross-border matters. For example, the New York team worked closely with attorneys in Miami on the reorganization of Mirant. The team has also represented aircraft creditors in the Chapter 11 cases of Northwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines.</p> <p>The Lawyers: In the New York office, Evan Hollander and Andrew DeNatale are key contacts. Tom Lauria, who divides his time between Miami and New York, is an important figure for the global group.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: The group has attracted an impressive roster of major financial institutions, including ANZ, Bank of America and Société Générale. It also acted for the ad hoc committee of Arahova Noteholders in Adelpia's Chapter 11, and assisted JPMorgan Chase in the bankruptcy of the insurance businesses of the Trenwick Companies.</p>						
<i>Note – *now left firm</i>						

NEW YORK: CORPORATE/M&A (HIGHLY REGARDED)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
1	5	5	–	John Reiss – Tier 4 Gregory Pryor – Tier 5 (NEW)	John Reiss – Tier 4	John Reiss – Tier 4
<b>Editorial</b>						

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**The Firm:** With a global spread of offices and a prominent position within the domestic market, the firm’s flagship US office is in New York. Clients particularly recommend its corporate team for complex transactions including acquisitions and divestitures. Market commentators also note the firm’s M&A capability in Washington, DC, California and Florida. A 300-lawyer international team is rated for its cross-border M&A expertise, supported by a private equity capacity. It acts for a range of clients including those featured in the US Fortune 500 and the Global Fortune 100.

**The Lawyers:** Clients recommend global co-head of the M&A group **John Reiss** as an “*excellent lawyer*.” He “*always has clients’ best interests in mind*,” according to sources. Market observers also rate “*solid practitioner*” **Gregory Pryor** for his cross-border expertise. Recommended as “*outside counsel for major matters*,” clients value his ability to “*answer our questions with practical advice*” when working on M&A transactions.

**Clients/Work Highlights:** The firm represented WellPoint on its \$6.5 billion acquisition of WellChoice. The group advised United ACM Holdings, a subsidiary of global broadband communications giant Liberty Global, on its \$2.19 billion acquisition of Swiss cable company Cablecom Holdings. It also acted for Pitney Bowes in the sale of its capital services external financing business to an affiliate of Cerberus Capital Management for approximately \$1.26 billion. Additional clients include ABN AMRO; Bowne; EchoStar; iPayment; Tyco International and United Business Media.

*Note – section reorganized this year into two parts: Corporate/M&A “Leading Firms” (four tiers) and Corporate/M&A “Highly Regarded Firms”*

### NEW YORK: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2 (UP)	3	3	2	Kenneth Raskin – Tier 3	Kenneth Raskin – Tier 3	Kenneth Raskin – Tier 3

#### Editorial

**The Firm:** Clients are impressed by this group’s “fine lawyers” and appreciate its “solid depth and breadth.” The team benefits from its worldwide network of lawyers, enabling it to provide clients with cross-border advice in employee benefits and executive compensation. Highlights include advising WellPoint on the employee benefits aspects of its \$6.5 billion acquisition of WellChoice.

**The Lawyers:** Global head of the practice, **Ken Raskin** recently formed a cross-departmental stock option task force to help clients in this area. Clients find him “responsive and great in a crisis.”

**Clients/Work Highlights:** ABN AMRO; WellPoint; Prudential Financial; Stolt-Nielsen; Chubb; Newmont Mining; Mineral Technologies; Jack In The Box; Tyco International; Red Diamond Capital Partners; Allot Communications and UBS.

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NEW YORK: ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
4	4	–	4	<b>Regulatory</b> Stuart Caplan – Tier 3 <b>Transactional</b> Stuart Caplan – Tier 3	Stuart Caplan – Tier 3	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: This “<i>accommodating and pragmatic</i>” cross-border energy group acts for a diverse client base in the global oil and gas, renewables and power sectors. Sources noted the firm’s concerted drive to develop standalone excellence in the energy industry, leveraged by its world-class project finance profile and supported by its multi-disciplinary initiative that includes experts in areas such as tax, M&amp;A and environment. The team’s recent work on Mirant’s \$2 billion exit financing as it emerged from Chapter 11 protection is emblematic of its seamless approach, where its bankruptcy, securities and energy lawyers advised on a large-scale asset portfolio sale. The team is active in the natural gas storage and pipeline area on the domestic front, while international work includes acting for a consortium of UK, Saudi and Japanese sponsors on a new gas-fired power and desalination plant on Saudi Arabia’s Gulf Coast. Also successful in regulatory litigation proceedings, the group was lead counsel in a major FERC rate case involving El Paso Natural Gas.</p> <p>The Lawyers: <b>Stuart Caplan</b> is admired for his understanding of FERC and state public utility commission matters. He specializes in electric and natural gas industry restructuring, project finance and development, and the regulatory aspects of M&amp;A. He represented Lehman Brothers as underwriters for the IPO of geothermal power producer Ormat Technologies, and as lenders along with Goldman Sachs on the CIT Credit Group acquisition financing of gas-fired electric generating facilities in South Carolina and Arizona.</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: In addition to the growth of ethanol projects handled by the project finance group, the team has remained active in the wind power sector, advising on the \$305 million financing of two Florida Power &amp; Light domestic wind projects for lenders Credit Suisse and BayernLB. The group’s presence in the Middle East serves long-standing clients such as the oil giant Saudi Aramco and Abu Dhabi Water &amp; Electricity Authority, while other clients include Helaba; BNP Paribas; MACH Gen; Qatar Petroleum and Société Générale.</p>						

**NEW YORK: ENVIRONMENT (MAINLY TRANSACTIONAL)**

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Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3	3	2	4	Richard Horsch – Tier 3 Paul Milmed – Tier 3	Richard Horsch – Tier 3 Paul Milmed – Tier 3	Richard Horsch – Tier 2 Paul Milmed – Tier 3

### Editorial

The Firm: Clients praise the environmental practice in this New York office for both the competency of its lawyers and the care taken by them to attend to their clients' needs, particularly in terms of keeping the billing under control. Market commentators point to the firm's experience in representing lender institutions in transactions. The group has also been developing a growing strength in due diligence for project finance transactions, particularly in the area of the booming ethanol market. The team is also ably supported by White & Case's environmental lawyers in the EU and is therefore able to provide advice on cutting-edge European regulatory directives.

The Lawyers: "Jaunty and feisty in how he approaches his deals," clients term **Richard Horsch** "a lawyer who knows the field up and down and can come up with clear answers very quickly." Recent work highlights for him include providing EU environmental advice on the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive and Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances Directive to US corporate clients. **Paul Milmed** is commended for his "calm demeanor and non-egotistical approach" in negotiations. Clients appreciate his ability to be "scrupulous in doing the work that needs to be addressed and not worrying over tangential issues." He recently represented energy company Mirant in connection with an \$850 million debt financing to facilitate its emergence from bankruptcy.

Clients/Work Highlights: Amerada Hess; Ciba Specialty Chemicals; Foster Wheeler; Saudi Aramco and IFC.

NEW YORK: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
2 (patent) 3 (trademark and copyright)	2 (patent) 3 (trademark and copyright)	2	4	Fred Koenigsberg – Tier 1 (trademark and copyright) Dimitrios Drivas – Tier 2 (patent)	Fred Koenigsberg – Tier 1 (trademark and copyright) Dimitrios Drivas – Tier 2 (patent)	Dimitrios Drivas – Tier 1 Fred Koenigsberg – Tier 2

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<b>Editorial</b>						
<p>The Firm: This is “a good-quality traditional law firm with vast experience in the Hatch-Waxman pharmaceutical area, as well as a respectable practice in the trademark and copyright fields.” The group looks at disputes from beginning to end with a focus on trial, instead of discovery battles. It has had an active year having represented Pfizer in several matters, including a patent infringement brought against Teva. This Hatch-Waxman action involved claims that Teva’s proposed generic tolterodine product would infringe Pfizer’s patent covering tolterodine, the active ingredient in Pfizer’s Detrol product. It acted for Almirall Prodesfarma against US, Dutch and Israeli affiliates of Teva, involving Almirall’s patented almotriptan compound known as Axert, marketed and distributed by Johnson &amp; Johnson, in trying to prevent the introduction of a new generic version in to the US market. The team acted for Novartis in litigation relating to generic drug manufacturer’s attempts to make generic versions of Lotrel, a drug for treating hypertension. On the copyright side, it obtained a victory for Hasbro and its subsidiary Milton Bradley with regard to the Stratego board game.</p> <p>The Lawyers: “Bright, quick and persuasive advocate” <b>Dimitrios Drivas</b> is considered “a key figure in the pharmaceutical arena especially with his representation of Pfizer.” He possesses “an impressive courtroom demeanor and is good as a strategist and at analyzing issues.” On copyright matters <b>Fred Koenigsberg</b> is “known as the expert in music performance rights.” He undertakes work for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), having come from there previously, and is “deserving of ranking.”</p> <p>Clients/Work Highlights: ARM; ASCAP; AstraZeneca; Barry Callebaut; BMG Music Publishing; Cannondale Bicycle; Disney; Garth Brooks; Hasbro; Novartis; Novo Nordisk; PR Newswire; Rosemary Wells; Syngenta and Verizon.</p>						

NEW YORK: LITIGATION (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3	3	4	4	Vincent FitzPatrick – Tier 3	Lawrence Byrne* – Tier 3 Vincent FitzPatrick – Tier 3 Michael Shuster* – Tier 3	Michael Shuster* – Tier 3
<b>Editorial</b>						
The Firm: It has been a year of transition for White & Case’s litigation department, following the departures of Michael Shuster to Kasowitz Benson Torres &						

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Friedman and Lawrence Byrne to Linklaters. Nevertheless, with a team consisting of more than 200 litigators, it continues to play a central role in the firm's organization and draws a steady flow of major instructions. The group's broad sweep of expertise ranges from capability in antitrust and IP matters to long experience of corporate defense, government investigations and securities disputes. A virtually unassailable position in the global marketplace attracts a raft of multinational clients, including Deutsche Bank. Amidst the constellation of actions emanating from Enron's collapse, team members were instrumental in removing the financial organization from the firing line in a stockholder class action alleging violations of federal securities law. The firm's "*strong background*" in regulatory issues once again manifests itself in re Royal Ahold Securities & ERISA Litigation – one of the largest multidistrict securities fraud actions ever filed. Glenn Kurtz, the new head of the global commercial litigation practice, is arguing this case, which turns on cutting-edge issues of extraterritorial application of securities law and the viability of certifying a class of foreign stockholders. Market sources anticipate that Kurtz's presence will prove to be the perfect counterweight to recent departures.

The Lawyers: Executive partner in the global disputes practice **Vincent FitzPatrick** runs his broad litigation practice along classical lines; in a career spanning several decades, he has advised on a range of large-scale securities, RICO, antitrust and commercial disputes. Most recently, he obtained the complete dismissal with prejudice of claims brought against Syngenta in a sprawling price-fixing case.

Clients/Work Highlights: Adelphia Communications; Bank of America; British Airways; Citigroup; Comcast; Delphi; JPMorgan Chase; Moody's Investors Service; Novartis; Republic of Poland; Royal Bank of Canada; Sandoz; Takeda Chemical Industries and U.S. Foodservice.

Note – *\*now left firm*

NEW YORK: PRIVATE EQUITY (BUYOUTS & VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT)						
Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3	3	3	4	John Reiss – Tier 2	John Reiss – Tier 2	John Reiss – Tier 3

**Editorial**

The Firm: Renowned for its cross-border corporate and banking ability, this "*global behemoth*" is now "*starting to ramp up in private equity,*" say market sources. The firm acts for a range of private equity houses and also draws on its ties with financial institutions to advise investors. It acted for Starwood Capital Group in its \$1 billion acquisition of Le Meridien Hotel Group, and also advised Lehman Brothers Co-Investment Partners in its acquisition of a 36% interest in Firth Rixson, a portfolio company of The Carlyle Group. In recent years, the group has taken steps to increase the breadth of its client base, and has combined a "*good international footprint with industry expertise*" to carry out "*nice engagements*" in the buyouts field.

The Lawyers: Valued for his broad M&A experience, **John Reiss** handles matters for both public companies and private equity houses. Clients appreciate

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his “*extreme responsive*” working style.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm represented Colony Capital in the \$3.6 billion MBO of Kerzner International, as well as the \$1.3 billion purchase of the hotel interests of Raffles Holdings. It also acted for Harvest Partners and its portfolio company, Communications Supply, in the \$525 million sale of the latter to WESCO International. Additional clients include Actis Capital; Alchemy Partners; ARGUS Capital Partners; The Blackstone Group; Deutsche Bank; First Atlantic Capital; Investcorp; Mid Europa Partners; Norid Capital; Red Diamond Capital; Starwood Capital Group and 3i Group.

### NEW YORK: PROJECTS

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2007	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
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

### Editorial

The Firm: Commending the “*consistency of service across the field*,” clients rated this practice “*a great group of intelligent people*” and “*an excellent international project finance firm*.” The large group of energy and infrastructure lawyers at the New York office performs a pivotal role in the global project finance network. The Middle East is a key area of concentration, where a recent standout deal saw the team advising Saudi Aramco on the \$9.9 billion joint venture for the development of the Rabigh integrated refinery and petrochemical complex. The New York projects team collaborates with offices in Miami, Mexico and Brazil to achieve maximum leverage in oil and gas infrastructure as well as toll roads and transportation matters. It recently acted for Odebrecht on a hydroelectric project in Ecuador. In Africa, too, the group covers energy, infrastructure, telecom, metals and mining projects. Perhaps less well known for its domestic focus, the team has nevertheless engaged with the US upswing of privatized toll roads, recently advising Merrill Lynch as arranger in connection with a bid for the New Jersey concession for the Atlantic City Expressway. Characteristic of its appetite for cutting-edge developments, the group is committed to a range of renewable, solar, wind and geothermal energy projects across the USA. Its global teamwork approach means “*no lawyer at White & Case is covetous of their relationship with you; it pulls in the right lawyer for each job*.”

The Lawyers: Co-head of the global projects team, **Arthur Scavone** brings “*a wealth of experience, sees legal risks from a business perspective and is ultimately results-oriented*.” Clients and competitors appreciate his “*unassuming, down-to-earth style, lacking any posturing or bull*.” Operating in both the international and domestic spheres, he advises on the full spectrum of infrastructure and industrial projects, and is renowned for his work with export credit agencies (ECAs), bilaterals and multilaterals. “*Outstanding and worth every penny*,” global co-head **Troy Alexander** is lauded by clients for “*managing to give the big picture without losing his eye for detail; he can communicate complex issues to a room full of different businesspeople*.” His practice embraces Latin American and international project financings in energy, telecom and mining industries, acting on behalf of US and foreign clients, with observers noting

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that he “*always comes from an astute, politically aware perspective.*”

Clients/Work Highlights: Other groundbreaking matters in the Middle East region include the \$5 billion Qatargas IV project, in which the team is acting for sponsors Qatar Petroleum and Shell, and a bid to develop a gas-fired power and desalination plant on Saudi Arabia’s Gulf coast. Lawyers also represented Air Products and Grupo INFRA as borrowers in their joint venture, Tecnología en Nitrógeno, to sponsor a nitrogen plant project financing in Mexico. Other clients include Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority; Credit Suisse; Deutsche Bank; US Ex-Im Bank; Alumina Company of Guinea; Inter-American Development Bank; IFC; JBIC; Lehman Brothers and Société Générale.

### NEW YORK: TAX

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
–	–	–	4	William Dantzer – Tier 4 (NEW)	–	–

#### Editorial

##### Other Notable Practitioners

Clients deem **William Dantzer** of White & Case LLP to be “excellent in every regard.” He is a corporate transactional attorney working on some impressively sized deals and represented Burlington Resources in relation to its \$36 billion takeover by ConocoPhillips.

### NEW YORK: TECHNOLOGY & IT OUTSOURCING

Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Ranking 2005	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2006	Leading Individuals 2005
3	3	3	3	Steve Betensky – Tier 3	Steve Betensky – Tier 3	Steve Betensky – Tier 3

#### Editorial

The Firm: Clients say that this practice’s “*business minded*” attorneys “*bring to the table a wonderful weight of regulatory experience,*” in addition to a well-

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documented expertise in financial services and cross-border data privacy. The group is also recognized for its representation of key client Deutsche Bank, for which it is primary outside counsel on technology and outsourcing matters. Other areas of expertise include e-commerce and software agreements, technology licensing and acquisition and joint ventures.

The Lawyers: Global head of the firm's IT and outsourcing practice, **Steve Betensky** "*certainly knows his stuff*" in the technology field, according to interviewees. Aside from counseling Deutsche Bank on various technology transactions, he advised Visa on the IT system technology aspects of its plan to restructure its non-European operations into a global corporation and sell a majority of its stock to the public. He also advised ABN AMRO on IP and technology issues connected with the sale of its global futures business to UBS, in addition to assisting with technology-related provisions and other documentations.

Clients/Work Highlights: Agfa-Gevaert; ARM; Cirrus Logic; Emcore; First American Company; HBO; HJ Heinz; NEC; Novartis; NTT America; Office Depot; Saifun Semiconductors; Saudi Arabian Oil Company; Siemens; United Business Media and Verizon.