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Asset Finance						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	4	4	5	Justin Benson (3) Adrian Beasley (4) Sebastian Buss ("Associates to Watch")	Justin Benson (3)	Justin Benson (4)
Editorial						
<p>With partners who <i>"always aim for the really substantial points in a case,"</i> and associates who are able to <i>"hold really sound, constructive conversations with the other side,"</i> this firm's aviation finance practice is doing well. A substantial amount of work is brought in from the firm's international network, and the team primarily advises banks and lessors on global aviation financing and leasing transactions. The firm represented AerCap on a securitisation involving aircraft leased to several UK airlines, and also advised HSH Nordbank on the restructuring of a multi-aircraft facility and transfer of aircraft to a joint venture borrower. <b>Justin Benson</b>, who was recently made a partner, and <b>Adrian Beasley</b> are at the helm. Benson offers his clients <i>"such great experience and commercial sense,"</i> ensuring that clients' needs are always attended to. Beasley puts his clients at ease with his <i>"kind manner and comprehensive knowledge of the industry. He understands complex issues quickly and is able to grasp the essential problems and needs of our company."</i> The two partners are supported by associate <b>Sebastian Buss</b>, who is considered a crucial part of the smooth execution of transactions. <i>"He is definitely partner material,"</i> assert clients.</p>						

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Banking & Finance: Borrowers						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008 (High-end Acq Finance)	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009 (Banking & Finance)	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	3	5	Kate Allchurch (3) Magdalene Bayim- Adomako (3) Christopher Kandel (3) Barbara Choi (4) Antonia Rawlinson (4) Emma Menzies (Up and coming) Jayanthi Sadanandan (Up and coming)	Maurice Allen (2) Mike Goetz (2) Kate Allchurch (3) Antonia Rawlinson (5)	Maurice Allen (2) Kate Allchurch (3) Mike Goetz (2) Antonia Rawlinson (5)
Editorial						
<p>After a period of prominence achieved on the back of a rich variety of work largely for banks, this team is undergoing a degree of upheaval. Predictions that the rest of the team would follow Maurice Allen and Mike Goetz have not come to pass and clients remain faithful to this large group that still houses "a lot of talent." Allen and Goetz had succeeded in building a tight-knit practice, and long-standing client relationships with clients such as Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs are still in place. Many clients have confirmed that "the departures won't affect the instructions we give the firm - we will be glad to continue working with <b>Kate Allchurch</b> and others there," though some peers wonder how the team will adjust to the changes and potential problem of "lack of heavyweight presence at the top end." The team is well hedged against decline in the banking industry thanks to a thriving emerging markets practice. "Superb" international acquisition finance expert <b>Magdalene Bayim-Adomako</b> has been particularly active in Turkey and Kazakhstan, working with the firm's Istanbul office to advise Çukurova Holding in borrowing USD1.5 billion from an investment syndicate led by JPMorgan. She also worked with Deutsche Bank on the USD300 million term loan facility for Bank TuranAlem. The "extremely intelligent and hard-working" <b>Christopher Kandel</b> has been similarly active in emerging markets, advising Goldman Sachs as mandated lead arranger on senior, revolver, second-lien and payment in kind (PIK) facilities to Lion Capital for the acquisition of Nidan Soki, a deal that involved the firm's Russian office. Like his colleagues, he has a diverse practice with a focus on international acquisition finance. "Rising star" <b>Barbara Choi</b> has "impressive technical expertise and an amazing work ethic" on acquisition finance and restructuring transactions. General finance expert <b>Antonia Rawlinson</b> has "a deep and sophisticated knowledge of the marketplace" and a "responsive, proactive" approach. <b>Jayanthi Sadanandan</b> is "extremely rigorous and hard-working" on a wide variety of transactions, usually acting for lenders. <b>Emma Menzies</b> holds the position of counsel at the firm and approaches her work in a "thorough and methodical manner, identifying all the right issues." She focuses on restructurings, refinancings and syndicated and acquisition finance.</p>						

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<b>Banking &amp; Finance: Lenders</b>						
<b>Firm Ranking 2009</b>	<b>Firm Ranking 2008 (Bank Lending)</b>	<b>Firm Ranking 2007</b>	<b>Number of Tiers</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2009</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2008</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2007</b>
2	3	3	5	Same as <b>Banking &amp; Finance</b> above	Kate Allchurch (3) Magdalene Bayim-Adomako (3) Tania Bedi (Associate to Watch)	Maurice Allen (2) Kate Allchurch (3) Magdalene Bayim-Adomako (4) Mike Goetz (2)
<b>Editorial</b>						
Combined with <b>Banking &amp; Finance: Borrowers</b> (above)						

<b>Banking &amp; Finance: Islamic Finance</b>						
<b>Firm Ranking 2009</b>	<b>Firm Ranking 2008</b>	<b>Firm Ranking 2007</b>	<b>Number of Tiers</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2009</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2008</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2007</b>
4	2	4	4	Craig Nethercott (2)	–	–
<b>Editorial</b>						
This firm builds on its asset and project finance, banking and capital markets expertise with lawyers with Islamic finance expertise working out of London, New York, Paris, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi and Washington, DC. <b>Craig Nethercott</b> co-heads the group from London, and enjoys a strong reputation for Shari'a-compliant work in the oil and gas, energy, infrastructure and mining sectors. The team is also well versed in the telecoms, healthcare and real estate industries.						

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Banking Litigation						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	5	4	5	Alistair Graham (4) John Reynolds (5) John Higham QC (mentioned only)	Alistair Graham (4) John Higham QC (mentioned only) John Reynolds (mentioned only)	Alistair Graham (3)
Editorial						
<p>Praised for its strong global presence, this team has substantially increased the level of advisory work it offers, and sources highlight its litigation work, saying that <i>“the team looks at all the aspects of a deal, more so than other firms.”</i> Its regulatory practice has had a slightly lower profile of late, but the team anticipates an increase in future activity. Still, in the current economic climate, its transatlantic practice has proven advantageous for financial institutions: <i>“The team has responded really well to the credit crunch, being proactive with clients and sharing knowledge on topical issues.”</i> <b>Alistair Graham</b> <i>“is extremely impressive in his client relations.”</i> He was involved in advising Calyon on a third-party disclosure order arising out of the boxclever litigation. <i>“A powerful force in litigation, both domestically and internationally,”</i> <b>John Reynolds</b> debuts in the tables this year. He is widely praised for his strong product knowledge, and clients recommend him without hesitation. <b>John Higham QC</b> advises on bank security and distressed debt work, and makes White &amp; Case one of the few firms to have a commercial silk in-house.</p>						

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Capital Markets: Debt						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	3	2	5	Carter Brod(3) Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes (3) Tim Jevions (3) Andrew Weiler (3) Sven Krogius (4) Stuart Matty (4)	Carter Brod(3) Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes (3) Tim Jevions (3) Andrew Weiler (4) Stuart Matty (Up-And-Coming)	Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes (3) Rachel Hatfield (3) Tim Jevions (3)
Editorial						
<p>A “strong entrepreneurial spirit pervades the firm’s capital markets practice,” and this has underscored its tremendous recent growth, with new staff, new clients and an increasing workload being taken on. The firm enjoys strong relationships with underwriters and investment banks and observers point to its strength in emerging markets debt securities. Its recent transactions include numerous innovative deals, such as advising Guaranty Trust Bank on the first Nigerian international bond issue. The capital markets practice is particularly praised by sources for its global outlook and the international approach of lawyers such as US and UK-qualified <b>Carter Brod</b>, an “<i>extremely diligent and experienced</i>” lawyer who advises issuers and underwriters on debt and equity capital markets transactions. His colleague <b>Tim Jevions</b> also has a broad international capital markets practice, with an emphasis on emerging markets, most notably in CEE. <b>Andrew Weiler</b> has “<i>a deep knowledge of what can be done and how it can be done on complex cross-border transactions - he’s always on our shortlist,</i>” say clients. Recently returned from the Moscow office, <b>Sven Krogius</b> has extensive international capital markets experience; observers appreciate his “<i>tremendously calm, realistic and commercial approach,</i>” and also his deep knowledge of the field. Sources report that his fellow partner <b>Stuart Matty</b> has a notable presence in the market, particularly in emerging markets, where he is “<i>just great at making things happen.</i>” The group has also been increasing its visibility in high-yield matters, an area where it now “<i>totally understands the product and has plenty of individuals with lots of experience,</i>” such as the “<i>incredibly popular</i>” <b>Rob Mathews</b>. He recently took over leadership of the practice from the “<i>absolutely fantastic and terrifically clever</i>” <b>Rachel Hatfield</b>. Also integral to the team is <b>Christopher Kandel</b>, who is a stalwart of the leveraged finance market, handling matters under both UK and US law. Recently appointed partner, <b>Jonathan Bloom</b> is “<i>really helping to boost the practice,</i>” according to bankers. The banking and capital markets group is particularly strong on bank side leveraged finance, bond finance and acquisition finance, and its ability to provide integrated advice across this spectrum gives it a unique high-yield capability. The firm’s equity capital markets group, though rather overshadowed by the prominent debt practice, continues to bring successes. For example, over the past year the team worked on 11 IPOs, despite market turbulence; highlights include advising DLF on the largest ever IPO in India, and advising JPMorgan Securities, Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch on the IPO of Oil Refineries, an Israeli state-owned corporation. Co-head of the firm’s European capital markets practice, <b>Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes</b> is perhaps the London group’s most recognised name. He has “<i>a profound understanding of capital markets, has done so many deals, and is a delight to work with,</i>” say sources. US-qualified <b>Joshua Kiernan</b> is rated by market sources for the depth of his private placements, his SEC-registered equity offerings experience, as well as his debt practice.</p>						

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<b>Firm Ranking 2009</b>	<b>Firm Ranking 2008</b>	<b>Firm Ranking 2007</b>	<b>Number of Tiers</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2009</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2008</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2007</b>
4	4	3	4	Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes (3) Joshua Kiernan (3)	Josh Kiernan (3) Philip Broke (mentioned only) Andrew Caunt (mentioned only) Andrew Croxford (mentioned only)	Josh Kiernan (3)
<b>Editorial</b>						
Combined with <b>Capital Markets: Debt</b> (above)						

<b>Capital Markets: High Yield Products</b>						
<b>Firm Ranking 2009</b>	<b>Firm Ranking 2008</b>	<b>Firm Ranking 2007</b>	<b>Number of Tiers</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2009</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2008</b>	<b>Leading Individuals 2007</b>
3	3	3	4	Rachel Hatfield (2) Jonathan Bloom (3) Christopher Kandel (3) Rob Mathews (3)	Rachel Hatfield (2) Christopher Kandel (3) Rob Mathews (Up-And-Comer)	Rachel Hatfield (2) Rob Mathews (Up-And-Comer)
<b>Editorial</b>						
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Capital Markets: Securitisation						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	3	4	David Barwise (3)	David Barwise (4)	David Barwise (4)
Editorial						
<p><b>David Barwise</b> leads the impressive structured finance and securitisation team here, which is situated in the wider banking and capital markets group. Barwise has a "great depth of knowledge," say clients, and "his overall practice is outstandingly good." The group itself is "phenomenally good within the CDO space," and though perhaps less well known on the securitisation side, "it has an excellent knowledge of securitisation and is more than familiar with the technology." The onset of the credit crunch has had a softer impact upon White &amp; Case than on some competitors for a couple of reasons: the practice is diverse and balanced across different product areas, and it has an exceptionally strong international network in both Europe and Asia. Especially when it comes to debt work, its emerging markets expertise cannot be questioned, and the emerging markets securitisation practice is growing. The Commonwealth of Independent States countries represent a special stronghold for the team. In Russia, it advised MDM Bank in relation to the second note issue under the DPR securitisation programme of MDM DPR Finance Company, arranged by Dresdner Kleinwort and Goldman Sachs. In Kazakhstan, the firm acted for Merrill Lynch International and WestLB as joint lead arrangers in connection with the third note issue under the DPR securitisation platform of Kazkommerts DPR Company. Recent pan-European work includes advising an international rating agency on the Estate Pan-Europe 5, a European synthetic CMBS backed by Irish covered bonds. With a strong US offering as well, the team really sets itself apart on the international stage. Not only is it an already dominant global player, but the firm is also growing, with a 230% increase in fee earner numbers in the past three years.</p>						

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Capital Markets: Structured Finance						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	2	4	David Barwise (2) Gavin McLean (3) Joshua Parbhu (4)	David Barwise (2) Gavin McLean (4) Joshua Parbhu (Up-And-Comer)	David Barwise (2) UP
Editorial						
<p>The breadth of White &amp; Case's banking and capital markets group is remarkable, and its continued growth in market share has both impressed and concerned competitors. The structured finance team has been fundamental to the firm's growth, especially its <i>"phenomenal work in the CDO space."</i> In fact, the team acted on 31 of the 71 Standard &amp; Poor's rated CDOs of leveraged loan transactions, and it handled numerous CDOs of ABS and CFOs. The practice has been characterised by its success in the CLO space. This has deepened the firm's relationship with Goldman Sachs and other financial institutions. Highlights on the cash side include advising Goldman Sachs on the Carlyle IV CLO and advising a major UK clearing bank on the Cordatus CLO I transaction, the debut offering for the CVC Cordatus Group. On the synthetic side, the group advised Société Générale as arranger on a series of synthetic balance sheet CLOs. The practice is nicely balanced between the cash and synthetic sides. White &amp; Case has been <i>"incredibly efficient in the CDO/CLO space, handling prodigious volumes of work,"</i> and so naturally the onset of the credit crunch has had an impact on the group. Two factors have sustained the firm's growth in the face of market turbulence: the ongoing diversification of the practice and its <i>"immense emerging markets expertise."</i> With the firm's close connections to institutions such as The World Bank, the IMF and multilateral US agencies, it established offices in emerging markets very early on when infrastructure projects were being part-funded by the international community. In Kazakhstan for instance, the firm has been present for 20 years. Indeed, it is in the Commonwealth of Independent States countries that the firm has been especially successful. However, it is not just the firm's emerging markets network that stands out, but also its <i>"hugely beneficial global network."</i> Illustrative of the work it attracts, the firm advised Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) on the Resource Europe CLO I BV, which involved the Bank of New York as collateral manager. Clients report that <i>"there are some excellent partners within the team,"</i> and <b>David Barwise</b> has perhaps the broadest practice within the group. He is <i>"a superb structured finance generalist."</i> He has been leading the push on the synthetic CDO side, and has also been active within the real estate securitisation field. Sources also report on his <i>"broad sense of what is happening in the finance world,"</i> and the <i>"dedication and consistency"</i> of his practice. <i>"Definitely a strong leader of the team,"</i> he has in no small measure helped raise the profile of the practice. <b>Gavin McLean</b> has <i>"been in the business for a long time and has some great experience."</i> Clients appreciate his <i>"precise advice"</i> and the <i>"high level of his knowledge."</i> He specialises in both cash and synthetic CDOs, fund-linked transactions and repacks. <b>Joshua Parbhu</b> <i>"knows exactly what is going on and is always keeping track of deals."</i> In addition, he is <i>"great at maintaining an ongoing client dialogue,"</i> so clients get the level of service they require. White &amp; Case is, simply put, <i>"excellent in all that it does,"</i> and the banking and capital markets group's growth looks set to continue.</p>						

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Construction: International Arbitration						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	1	–	1	-	-	-
Editorial						
Table only						

Construction: Purchaser-led						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	4	–	5	Phillip Capper (1) Ellis Baker (4) John Bellhouse (5)	Ellis Baker (5)	Ellis Baker (5)
Editorial						
<p>This US-based firm has lengthy experience in large-scale construction and engineering projects, advising several industry giants on such work as energy or mining matters. In addition to this focus, the firm's London office is considered to have grown to such an extent that it now plays a central role in White &amp; Case's global activities. There can be little doubt that the introduction of <b>Phillip Capper</b> to the firm from Lovells will add an extra dimension to an international arbitration capability that was already in good shape, thanks to <b>Ellis Baker's</b> hard work. In addition to ICC arbitrations, Baker's practice has included acting on procurement for Rio Tinto Alcan on an integrated bauxite mine and alumina refinery, power plant and aluminium smelter project valued in excess of USD7 billion. <b>John Bellhouse</b> is also noted for the international scope of his work on major projects and disputes and has recently been engaged on matters in South America and the Caribbean.</p>						

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Corporate Finance: High-end cross-border						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008 (High-end global)	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008 (High-end global)	Leading Individuals 2007
4	4	4	4	Philip Broke (5) Peter Finlay (Mentioned)	Philip Broke (5) Greg Hammond (5) Ashley Ballard (Mentioned) Peter Finlay (Mentioned)	Peter Finlay (5) Greg Hammond (5)
Editorial						
<p>White &amp; Case has established itself as a leading firm in a number of global regions, including CEE. Recent transactions include representing BAA on the £1 billion sale of its 75% shareholding in Budapest Airport to Hochtief. Lawyers also advised investment group EmCo on its acquisition of Russian Cinema Holding. The team has handled notable deals in Scandinavia, such as advising Swedish steel producer SSAB Svenskt Stål on its acquisition of IPSCO. London-based <b>Philip Broke</b> has extensive expertise in domestic and international acquisition finance. He worked with KKR on its USD1.3 billion acquisition of U.N. Ro-Ro Isletmeleri, a Turkish freight company, and advised Indago on the £194 million sale of assets to RAK. Broke co-heads the department with Peter Finlay.</p>						

Data Protection						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	2	–	3	Ashley Winton (3)	Ashley Winton (2)	–
Editorial						
<p>This firm's impressive global privacy practice has over 80 lawyers located across 37 offices. The practice continues to expand, with the latest client wins including Citibank and Novartis. The bulk of the team's workload is advising major banks and multinationals on their data protection and compliance matters. The "efficient and responsive" London group advises clients such as Bank of New York on the implementation of BCR schemes. A recent highlight was advising new client Panasonic on its strategy in Europe and Japan, including a Europe-wide audit of internal compliance procedures. <b>Ashley Winton</b> is head of the firm's global data privacy practice. Formerly a computer designer, he has an interest in using technology to help solve global compliance issues, acting primarily for multinationals and financial institutions. He also advises on privacy matters, including electronic discovery, internal investigations, document retention and information security.</p>						

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Dispute Resolution: High Value						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
5	6	6	5	Alistair Graham (3) John Reynolds (3)	Alistair Graham (3) John Reynolds (3)	John Reynolds (3) Alistair Graham (4)
Editorial						
<p>With a formidable international network and an increasingly impressive domestic practice, this firm's London dispute resolution team is going from strength to strength. It has been involved in a number of high-profile instructions, including the Ian Norris case, in which respected partner <b>Alistair Graham</b> led the team to a successful appeal at the House of Lords. Another headline case was the team's role acting for Monaco-based hedge fund SRM in the Northern Rock proceedings, illustrating the team's strength in the banking and financial services sector. Other areas of particular expertise include telecoms, construction, IP, infrastructure and oil and gas, where the firm's global network and extensive presence in emerging markets allow it to easily deal with complex cross-border matters. One example of this is the group's role acting for Turkish conglomerate Çukurova Holdings in proceedings in the British Virgin Islands brought by Alfa Telecom Turkey, a matter led by the highly respected <b>John Reynolds</b>. Clients praised the firm's "<i>high-quality written work, speed of response and tactical abilities,</i>" as well as the lawyers' "<i>dedication to clients' cases, which are studied, analysed and defended at the highest level.</i>"</p>						

Dispute Resolution: International Arbitration						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	4	4	5	Phillip Capper (2) John Bellhouse (4)	John Bellhouse (4) John Reynolds (5) Kathleen Paisley (Mentioned)	Cyrus Benson (3)
Editorial						
<p>Construction and energy matters make up some 40% of White &amp; Case's London arbitration practice, and this proportion only looks set to grow following the recruitment of <b>Phillip Capper</b> from Lovells in March 2008. Having "<i>a fine analytical mind,</i>" Capper is praised for his ability to combine keen academic insight with "<i>agility and flexibility</i>" when dealing with clients' particular situations. The "<i>unassuming but very strong</i>" <b>John Bellhouse</b> is also vastly experienced in construction arbitration, and in oil and gas and infrastructure matters.</p>						

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Employee Share Schemes						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
5	5	5	5	Nicholas Greenacre (5)	Nicholas Greenacre (Associate to Watch)	–
Editorial						
<p>The employee share scheme group at this firm is seen to have a growing profile, particularly in international work, where it handles matters for mostly public companies in the Commonwealth of Independent States and USA. The team offers integrated advice on share plans, pensions and employment matters; clients consider this a useful combination, as there is often an employment aspect to the incentives work that the team does. For instance, it has been advising ABN AMRO on its global deferred compensation plans and Visa International on its directed share programme, and the design and implementation of a suite of new equity incentive plans in 34 countries, in connection with its IPO. Spearheading the group's work is <b>Nicholas Greenacre</b>, who was made a partner in 2007. He handles employee share schemes and pensions work and is credited with driving the growth and development of the practice over the past few years.</p>						

Employment: International						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	3	3	"Mainly respondent" table only - below	-	-
Editorial						
<p>Much of this group's workload consists of standalone advisory matters, such as advising large companies and financial institutions on redundancies. In addition, the group supports the firm's M&amp;A department, acting on the employment-related aspects of significant transactions; it also handles an increasing amount of tribunal work. In the past year, the team worked on a major disability discrimination case before the EAT. The group's most prominent employment name is <b>Oliver Brettle</b>, who has "a brilliant understanding of the marketplace." Meanwhile, the team as a whole is praised for being "enthusiastic about finding the right solution for each client - it doesn't take a cookie-cutter approach." The group acts mainly for multinational companies, often US-based, on their work in the UK and Europe.</p>						

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Employment: Mainly Respondent						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
6	-	-	6	Oliver Brettle (4)	Oliver Brettle (4)	Oliver Brettle (5)
Editorial						
Combined with <b>Employment: International</b> (above)						

Financial Services: Non-Contentious Regulatory						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	5	4	5	Carmen Reynolds (4)	Carmen Reynolds (4)	Carmen Reynolds (3)
Editorial						
<p>Described as an ambitious and successful financial services team, this group has been expanding of late. Benefiting from the firm's strengths in finance and capital markets, the team is recognised for its "<i>stellar advice</i>" on wholesale and retail banking, investment banking, asset management, insurance, commodities, securities and investments. Its international capabilities also greatly appeal to clients; it has advised Russian and Italian banks and other global private equity houses on the establishment of their UK operations and obtaining FSA approval in the UK. Both group head <b>Carmen Reynolds</b> and her team are acclaimed as "<i>super-knowledgeable, super-responsive and creative when finding solutions.</i>" The contentious side of the practice has also expanded and works alongside lawyers from the firm's litigation group. It recently advised SRM Global Fund on issues relating to its position as the largest shareholder of Northern Rock.</p>						

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Information Technology						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	-	-	4	Ashley Winton (6)	-	-
Editorial						
<p>The firm's technology practice encompasses both large-scale projects and outsourcings as well as pure IT work, including e-commerce, data protection and defence issues. The lawyers frequently act on big-ticket deals with investment banks and other blue-chip companies, and are commended for their commercial advice. <b>Ashley Winton</b> leads the London technology practice and gets involved in a substantial amount of mega-deals, including assisting ABN AMRO with its merger with RBS and advising Citibank and Dell. The firm also acts for e-money providers on their UK implementation and advised a significant new entrant to the European marketplace on an e-money licence. Other clients to instruct the team include American Express, Blackhawk and Microsoft.</p>						

IP: General						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009 (Soft IP Specialists)	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
5	5	4	5	David Llewelyn (2) Marcus Collins (Associates to Watch)	David Llewelyn (2)	Paul Garland (4) David Llewelyn (3)
Editorial						
<p>Experienced in IP arbitration, mediation and litigation, this group is also adept at all aspects of filing and prosecution and handles a large amount of transactional-driven IP matters. It also has unique expertise in the defence sector, thanks to the presence of John Runeckles, who worked in-house for the MoD and was involved in inter-governmental R&amp;D collaboration agreements and patent prosecution. The team handles multi-jurisdictional work, and advises Bristol-Myers Squibb on trade marks and pharmaceutical regulatory issues. It also acted for John Lewis on passing-off claims, while other clients include the National Football League and SkyePharma. <i>"The advice is consistently good; the job is done in a timely and efficient manner and the lawyers work to a high standard."</i> Head of the London and European IP practice, <b>David Llewelyn</b> is an expert in trade marks and has <i>"impressively broad knowledge."</i> His assistant <b>Marcus Collins</b> is a rising star, <i>"astute, focused and client-oriented."</i></p>						
<p><i>Note: David Llewelyn and Marcus Collins feature in the "Soft IP Specialists" table (Trade Mark, Copyright, Passing off, Design, Database)</i></p>						

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Investment Funds: Private Equity						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	–	–	4	Matthew Judd (3) Anand Damodaran (Associates to Watch)	Matthew Judd was in the Hedge Funds table (3) in 08	–
Editorial						
<p>This global firm handles fund work spanning multiple jurisdictions, which was recently illustrated by its work advising Noridc Capital on the structuring of a EUR4.3 billion Nordic-focused private equity fund. In London, the funds team is picking up an increasing number of emerging market instructions in private equity fund formation: <i>"I would always think of White &amp; Case for this type of work,"</i> declared one client. The team recently acted for Gartmore advising on private equity co-investments into Indian companies Bharti Infratel and Vatika, and on investments into private equity funds such as 3i India Infrastructure Fund and CVC International Growth LP II. Clients praise the lawyers' <i>"proactive and responsive service: they don't sit there and wait for things to get done. Without fail they add value and commerciality to matters,"</i> declared one client. Former Clifford Chance lawyer <b>Matthew Judd</b> heads the investment funds practice and <i>"is able to draw on his vast experience and huge amount of exposure in this field."</i> Market sources praise him for being <i>"extremely commercial and up to date with market practice and developments."</i> Judd stands out for his work in real estate funds, particularly on the listed side, and recently advised Catalyst Capital and Samsara Capital on the launch of their Indian Real Estate Opportunities Fund. Other real estate fund clients include Deutsche Bank, Starwood and Morley. Assisting Judd in the funds team is associate <b>Anand Damodaran</b>. This <i>"extremely gifted lawyer possesses impressive local knowledge of India,"</i> according to clients, who value <i>"his ability to understand complicating funds matters and communicate these well to clients."</i></p>						

Investment Funds: Real Estate						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	–	–	4	Matthew Judd (3)	Matthew Judd was in the Hedge Funds table (3) in 08	–
Editorial						
Combined with <b>Investment Funds: Private Equity</b> (above)						

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Projects & Energy: Energy Projects						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	1	1	3	Philip Stopford (1) Peter Finlay (3) Jason Kerr (3) Glen Ireland (4) Craig Nethercott (4)	Philip Stopford (1) Peter Finlay (3) Doug Peel (3) Jason Kerr (3) Craig Nethercott (3) Glen Ireland (4)	Philip Stopford (1) Peter Finlay (3) Doug Peel (3) Glenn Ireland (4) Jason Kerr (4) Craig Nethercott (4)
Editorial						
<p>Market sources are in no doubt that White &amp; Case's infrastructure and project finance group ranks as one of the strongest practices in this sector globally. One of the many reasons for such approbation is the team's <i>"impressively strong knowledge of the industries it operates in;"</i> this industry expertise is also extremely broad, ranging from areas such as oil and gas, LNG and power, industrials and infrastructure through to metals and mining, roads, rail, aviation, shipping and PFI/PPP. With the London-based group one of the principal hubs of what is a quintessentially global offering, the range and reach of the team also establishes it in the sector's upper strata; that reach has now been extended further into the Middle East - a strong focus area for the practice - with the opening of a new office in Abu Dhabi and the relocation of English law expertise from the London team. This coverage and expansion has taken place under the leadership of the <i>"straight-talking and down-to-earth"</i> <b>Philip Stopford</b>, who is widely described as <i>"one of the best there is, especially when it comes to tough negotiations."</i> <b>Jason Kerr</b> is singled out for his skills in project, receivables and trade-related financings in the emerging markets of Central Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. He impresses clients with <i>"his unstinting work ethic and complete grasp of the industry's many idiosyncrasies."</i> For mining projects, clients frequently turn to <b>Glen Ireland</b>, <i>"as much for his excellent communication skills as for his ability to get to the core of his clients' businesses."</i> The team also includes the London office's senior partner, <b>Peter Finlay</b>, who wins acclaim for <i>"his big-picture perspective and constant focus on the needs of the client above all,"</i> and the <i>"commercially minded"</i> <b>Craig Nethercott</b>. On the deal front, the team continues to cement its top-tier market position with recent instructions that show off its range of expertise, including the USD4 billion Qatargas 4 LNG project in Qatar, the USD1 billion refinancing of the Damietta LNG complex in Egypt, the USD4 billion Qatalum aluminium smelter and power project, and the 2,000 MW Fujairah 2 IWPP project in the UAE. It is also acting on the EUR8 billion Nord Stream pipeline project, the USD6 billion Brass LNG project and the ongoing USD20 billion Sakhalin II LNG project.</p>						

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Projects & Energy: Energy & Natural Resources						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
2	2	2	5	David Baker (3) – (Oil & Gas and Power)	David Baker (3) – Power	–
Editorial						
<p>This energy team has a solid standing in the market, particularly for the work it does in emerging markets such as Russia. The London team frequently co-operates with colleagues in Moscow to advise on notable matters such as TNK-BP's energy conversion project. The leading light on the team is oil, gas and power specialist <b>David Baker</b>, who is described by commentators as <i>"a great lawyer with a fantastic contacts book."</i> His broad client base includes lenders, export credit agencies, sponsors, developers and contractors, which he advises on UK upstream and international gas matters, including LNG project financings in Africa and Asia. For example, his team recently assisted GMR Energy with its bid to acquire the assets of an Egyptian power project, and advised the Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund as lenders on a major hydroelectric project in Uganda. The group was recently reappointed to the panel of the utility company ESKOM, which it also advised on a multibillion-dollar nuclear power plant and a fleet of nuclear plant options in Africa.</p>						

Projects & Energy: PFI/PPP						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
5	-	-	5	Anthony Fine (mentioned) Michael Scott (mentioned)	-	-
Editorial						
<p>This large-scale, international firm is a relatively new presence in the UK's PFI/PPP market. Leading partners <b>Michael Scott</b> and <b>Anthony Fine</b> joined the firm in 2005 and, since then, they have established a sound reputation across a range of sectors. The team has secured work in defence and transport, as well as on the BSF programme. Clients appreciate the moderate size of the team, explaining: <i>"It's not so big that it's impersonal, but if we need specialist advice then we know that the firm has the resources to bring it in."</i> The group also receives compliments for its commercial awareness, with sources noting that the lawyers <i>"understand what our business is about and can match our legal requirements with this understanding."</i></p>						

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Projects & Energy: Mining (Mainly International)						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	2	2	4	Glen Ireland (2)	Glen Ireland (2)	Tanneke Heersche (2)
Editorial						
<p>The global mining and metals group works with the firm's project finance practice and is co-headed by <b>Glen Ireland</b>, "a lawyer with a strong reputation and a serious name in the mining sector." Africa has become the key strategic locale for expanding the mining practice, and the London office is strengthening its position by working closely with its Johannesburg counterparts. Clients include Gold Fields, Anglo American Platinum and BHP Billiton, all of which are active in Africa. In more developed markets, the firm's project finance experts acted for the lenders on the USD4 billion EMAL smelter project in Abu Dhabi. Lawyers also advised highly active client Qatar Petroleum on several projects in Qatar and Saudi Arabia, totalling USD11 billion.</p>						

Real Estate: Big-Ticket						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
6	–	–	6	David Cox (6)	David Cox (6)	David Cox (6)
Editorial						
<p>This huge firm fields a small, dedicated and client-focused team that focuses on investments and disposals for funds, sale and leasebacks, investment and funds work. "A potent team of pragmatic, effective lawyers" draws on the firm's impressive European connections and deep expertise in areas as diverse as employment, corporate and finance, tax, real estate finance, environment, construction and IP. However, the real estate team does not rely on referrals from other departments in the firm but instead handles its own standalone caseload for a high-calibre client base. Its notable work has included acting for Doughty Hanson on its joint venture acquisition of Blythe Valley Park, and it also represents Land Securities Trillium. <b>David Cox</b> "is knowledgeable, conscientious, committed and hard-working, and he has a superb client manner," state sources. His areas of focus includes real estate finance, complex real estate investment acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures, investment funds, corporate property outsourcing and sale and leasebacks.</p>						

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Real Estate Finance						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	4	5	5	David Cox (mentioned only) Claire Denison (mentioned only)	David Cox (6)	-
Editorial						
<p>White &amp; Case has a commendable international reach, and the real estate finance team earns respect for being <i>"pragmatic and level-headed - and they are prepared to fight when necessary."</i> Recent work includes acting for ABN AMRO on a EUR192 million German property finance transaction and related swap, and on two real estate finance transactions in Finland. The firm's strength in the German market was further displayed by its advising Capmark Bank Europe on the financing for NYSE-listed global real estate investment firm WP Carey &amp; Co, which provided approximately EUR335 million to a German DIY retailer and its affiliates. The team is ably led by <b>David Cox</b> and <b>Claire Denison</b>.</p>						

Restructuring/Insolvency						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
4	4	5	6	Dan Hamilton (3) Stephen Phillips (mentioned only)	Dan Hamilton (2) Stephen Phillips (mentioned only)	Dan Hamilton (2)
Editorial						
<p>White &amp; Case has an extensive restructuring and insolvency practice worldwide. Its London practice has strong ties with secondary debt markets in the USA and significant cross-border expertise, making it well placed to pick up major multi-jurisdictional restructurings and insolvencies. For example, the firm represented SRM Global Fund, the Monaco-based hedge fund, which was the largest shareholder in Northern Rock before its nationalisation. It also acted for the directors of Metronet Rail BCV Limited and Metronet Rail SSL Limited before and after the appointment of administrators. The London team has been expanding and took on partner <b>Stephen Phillips</b> from Cadwalader, Wickersham &amp; Taft in January 2007 and a further three associates. Heading up the London group, <b>Dan Hamilton</b> focuses on corporate and financial restructuring, non-contentious insolvency and general bank finance. Strong on the technical side, he is nonetheless <i>"commercial, user-friendly and easy to deal with."</i> <i>"He knows his onions,"</i> sources declare.</p>						

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Tax						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
–	–	–	–	Neil Woodgate (4)	Neil Woodgate (4)	Woodgate (4)
Editorial						
<b>Other Notable Practitioners</b>						
White & Case LLP's London office is home to the <i>"highly impressive"</i> <b>Neil Woodgate</b> , who demonstrates <i>"an ability to get the deals done with superb understanding of client goals."</i> He focuses on UK, cross-border and structured finance transactions.						

Telecommunications						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	3	4	David Eisenberg (3) Christopher Utting (Up and coming)	David Eisenberg (3)	David Eisenberg (3)
Editorial						
This truly international firm's remarkable telecoms proficiency has earned it prominence in emerging markets. The team offers regulatory and transactional advice, and can also call on a bank of expert support in capital markets, project finance, corporate/M&A, bank financing and restructuring. Clients appreciate the effective synchronisation between the different offices, adding that the firm <i>"really knows how to handle the grey areas."</i> Recent work includes advising on the ground-breaking USD2.9 billion Islamic financing of a mobile telecoms provider in Saudi Arabia, the largest syndicated Islamic loan to date, and advising Weather Investments on its acquisition and financing of Greek mobile operator TIM Hellas Telecommunications. Transactional and regulatory lawyer <b>David Eisenberg</b> has advised numerous governments on privatisation and regulatory reform of their telecoms sectors. He works frequently on acquisitions and joint ventures, and is co-head of the firm's global TMT group. <b>Christopher Utting</b> has handled a wide range of international financings in the telecoms sector and worked extensively on finance transactions for clients such as Orascom Telecom and MTC. He is said to be a <i>"pleasant and comforting presence,"</i> and he <i>"protects his clients and offers quick turnaround times."</i>						

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Transport: Rail						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
3	3	3	4	Tom Winsor (1) Phillip Capper (3)	Tom Winsor (1)	Tom Winsor (1)
Editorial						
<p>This firm is synonymous with the extremely well-known <b>Tom Winsor</b>, who is the “<i>top man for specialist issues</i>” and “<i>knows the regulation industry like the back of his hand, because he was the Rail Regulator!</i>” The practice is active in the UK market and also strong on the international front. Highlights of the past year include advising a leading rolling stock leasing company on a Competition Commission investigation into the structure and operation of the passenger rolling stock leasing market. The team also acted for UK property companies on the framework for projects affecting railway and station developments, and advised passenger franchise-owning groups on reforms and regulatory issues of big projects. The recent arrival of contentious dispute litigator <b>Phillip Capper</b> from Lovells has strengthened the firm’s capability even further.</p>						

Transport: Rail: International Work						
Firm Ranking 2009	Firm Ranking 2008	Firm Ranking 2007	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008	Leading Individuals 2007
1	1	-	1	Firms table only	-	-
Editorial						
Table Only						