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# NewsAlert

For Immediate Release:

## Cadwalader Launches *Project Teach Law*

### **Firm Develops Groundbreaking Workshop for Elementary School Children**

**New York, NY, January 31, 2007**, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, one of the world's leading law firms, announced today the completion of its first *Project Teach Law* workshop in collaboration with P.S. 11 in Chelsea.

Designed to introduce 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to the world of transactional law, Cadwalader has created a fun and interactive approach to introduce elementary school children to the art of contracts and negotiating methods. "The goal is to inspire children's interest and imaginations," stated Karen Gelernt, a partner at the firm who conceived of the program and administered the program at PS 11. "I wanted to create a curriculum in which children can relate their day to day experiences to the law."

The *Project Teach Law* curriculum relies on attorneys of varying levels of seniority from Cadwalader who present a three part interactive workshop in 45-minute segments. The first session is a discussion between the instructor and the children to elicit their ideas and concepts about the type of work lawyers engage in – inside and outside of a courtroom. The second session focuses on the art of negotiation, educating students about compromise, objectivity, persuasion and communication and listening skills. Part three relies on illustrated children's books, including *Amelia Bedelia*, author Peggy Parish's literal-minded housekeeper who trips through the minefield of the English language – to convey how individuals interpret information differently. The program culminates with the students drafting their own contracts, illustrating that lawyers must master both oral and written advocacy skills, whether arguing a case before a jury or documenting a deal, and reinforcing the practical applications of reading, writing and communication that are a critical part of elementary education.

Presented during the week of January 16 at PS 11 in the Chelsea area of Manhattan, the series was a resounding success. "We are happy to offer this unique program to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade

students and to provide them with a different perspective on the field of law,” said P.S. 11 principal Robert Bender.

“We are very proud to have developed this unique program and to contribute to the education of New York City school students. It is further evidence of our long standing commitment to giving back to the communities in which we live and work and to educating our children, who are the future of our great city,” commented Robert O. Link, Jr., Cadwalader’s Chairman and Managing Partner.

The program will be presented at numerous public schools throughout Manhattan in the coming months.

#### **About P.S. 11**

P.S. 11, the William Harris School, located on West 21st Street in Chelsea, serves a diverse group of students and families by integrating a rich academics and arts curriculum and experienced and dedicated staff with a committed parent body and active parent-teacher association, all of which is designed to allow students to reach their potential according to their individual academic and social/emotional needs.

#### **About Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP**

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, established in 1792, is one of the world's leading international law firms, with offices in New York, London, Charlotte, Washington and Beijing. Cadwalader serves a diverse client base, including many of the world's top financial institutions, undertaking business in more than 50 countries in six continents. The firm offers legal expertise in antitrust, banking, business fraud, corporate finance, corporate governance, environmental, healthcare, insolvency, insurance and reinsurance, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, private client, private equity, real estate, securities and financial institutions regulation, securitization, structured finance, and tax. More information about Cadwalader can be found at [www.cadwalader.com](http://www.cadwalader.com).