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Institutional Investor News Names Cadwalader Partner as One of 10 Rising Stars of Private Equity and M&A Law

New York, NY, October 28, 2008, A partner of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, one of the world's leading international law firms, was selected as one of the "10 Rising Stars of Private Equity and M&A Law" by *Institutional Investor News*. Geoffrey Levin was named to the first-ever edition of the list in the September 29 edition.

Mr. Levin was chosen as one of the attorneys the publication expects to "shape the private equity" field in years to come, and to have "demonstrated through their diligence, expertise and dedication that they are the legal dealmakers of the future." *Institutional Investor News* considered nominees submitted by investment banking, finance, and legal professionals throughout the business world, and the staff vetted the nominations and made the final determinations.

"It is gratifying that *Institutional Investor News* recognized what we at Cadwalader have seen since Geoff joined the firm: exceptional talent and skill, qualities that are essential in challenging markets," said Christopher White, Cadwalader's Chairman.

Mr. Levin concentrates his practice on structuring and negotiating complex business transactions for private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, including domestic and international mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, going private transactions, recapitalizations, venture capital/growth equity investments, restructurings and workouts, senior credit financings (principally as borrower's counsel), and mezzanine financings (as both borrower's and lender's counsel). He also has extensive experience as general partner counsel in the formation of domestic and international private equity funds. Mr. Levin received his J.D., *magna cum laude* and Order of the Coif, from the University of Minnesota, where he was executive editor of the *Journal of International Economic Law & Policy*, and a B.B.A., with high distinction, from the University of Michigan.

About Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

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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, financial restructuring and reorganizations, healthcare, insurance and reinsurance, intellectual property, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, private client, private equity, real estate, regulation, securitization, structured finance, and tax. More information about Cadwalader can be found at www.cadwalader.com.

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