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Cadwalader Litigators Recognized as “Top of the Line”

New York, NY, October 28, 2008, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, one of the world’s leading international law firms, was highly rated, both nationally and in New York, in the new edition of *Benchmark Litigation: The Definitive Guide to America’s Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys*. Gregory Markel, the Chairman of the firm’s acclaimed Litigation Department, was also recognized as a “star” in two practice areas, General Commercial and Securities, a designation awarded to “only those individuals who were consistently recommended as incontrovertible stars by clients and peers.”

Nationally, *Benchmark* named Cadwalader a “leading firm” in the areas of General Commercial, Securities, and Insurance, quoting a client as saying it is “the most talented and thoughtful firm we use.” A competitor notes, “[o]n a day-to-day basis, they continue to come up with new and innovative methods to solve problems.” Similarly, the publication placed Cadwalader, as a “top of the line firm” among leading litigation firms in New York. Stating that “the firm’s unique approach to the most complex litigation makes it one of the strongest in [the state],” the guide identifies Cadwalader as possessing “expert lawyers in specific areas” with “the sophistication” necessary to succeed.

The securities litigation practice was identified as “among the top in the country,” with clients saying that Mr. Markel is “among the best,” “a leader in the field” who “tends to get into high stakes, non-routine matters that are more important to clients than the average case.” Partner Doug Koff “comes recommended by clients and competitors as a talented securities litigator.” And “[d]espite his youth in comparison to other partners,” partner Martin Seidel “has proven himself on some of the firm’s most important matters in front of the SEC, Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission” and is “recommended” for matters relating to class actions and derivatives.

Calling it a “very in depth group,” *Benchmark* praised Cadwalader’s general reinsurance practice as possessing depth “seldom matched among other New York reinsurance firms,” which by “[s]trategizing on unique cases, facts and laws makes the group among those nationally rated.” Particular attention is paid to partner Clifford Schoenberg, who is recognized as “the expert of a group with decades of teamwork experience.”

Moving to the area of antitrust, *Benchmark* quotes a competitor as calling partner Charles “Rick” Rule, the head of the firm’s Antitrust Group, the “real deal” when it comes to “avoiding litigation through alternative dispute resolution,” noting that partner Jonathan Kanter works with Mr. Rule on “complex mergers and acquisitions” and is “recognized by peers as an important part of the group.”

After praising the wide-ranging experience of intellectual property partner Christopher Hughes, the guide went on to recognize his colleagues, partners Tony Pezzano and Bartholomew Verdirame in the area.

The publication also made special note of the firm’s significant Washington, D.C.-based white collar practice, noting that the firm’s attorneys represent high-caliber clients in government investigations.

“We are exceptionally proud that *Benchmark Litigation* saw fit to recognize not only our leading litigators and their record of accomplishments but the diversity and reach of our litigation practice,” said Christopher White, Cadwalader’s Chairman.

Benchmark made its selections by focusing exclusively on the U.S. litigation market, with a research team based in the United States conducting extensive face-to-face and telephone interviews around the country over a year-long period.

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, 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.

About *Benchmark Litigation*

Benchmark Litigation, a guide to America’s leading business litigation firms and attorneys published by Legal Media Group, focuses exclusively on the U.S. litigation market. A research team conducts extensive face-to-face interviews around the country over a 12-month period to pinpoint the best all-around “bet-the-company” trial attorneys at both the local and national levels.