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# NewsRelease

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## Cadwalader Earns Impressive Placement in 2011-2012 *U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers* Recognize Top Tier

**New York, NY, November 1, 2011**, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP earned impressive placements in the *U.S. News* Media Group and *Best Lawyers In America* “Best Law Firms” rankings. The rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that included thousands of clients, highly skilled lawyers and law firm representatives.

Cadwalader was named the first *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* “Law Firm of the Year” in Derivatives and Futures Law. Only one law firm in each of the nationally ranked legal practice areas receives this recognition, making this award a particularly significant achievement.

Cadwalader also earned National First-Tier Rankings in:

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights /Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar - Litigation
- Derivatives and Futures Law
- Equipment Finance Law
- Litigation - Antitrust
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Litigation - Securities
- Patent Law
- Real Estate Law
- Securitization and Structured Finance Law
- Tax Law

The firm earned Metropolitan First-Tier Rankings in:

Charlotte: Derivatives and Futures Law and Securitization and Structured Finance Law

New York: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Corporate Law; Derivatives and Futures Law; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Equipment Finance Law; Health Care Law; Litigation – Antitrust; Litigation – Bankruptcy; Litigation - Real Estate; Litigation – Securities; Patent Law; Real Estate Law; Securitization and Structured Finance Law; and Tax Law

Washington: Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Derivatives and Futures Law; Litigation – Bankruptcy

U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers partnered to present these second annual Best Law Firms rankings. They are posted online at [www.usnews.com/bestlawfirms](http://www.usnews.com/bestlawfirms); the national first-tier rankings will be featured in the print issue of U.S. News & World Report, in a special money issue that will go on sale November 15. The rankings, which are presented in tiers both nationally and by metropolitan area or by state, showcase thousands of different law firms ranked in one or more of almost 100 major practice areas.

In separate *Best Lawyers in America* rankings released earlier this year, 45 Cadwalader lawyers in 30 different areas of practice were selected by their peers for individual recognition. Bronislaw E. Grala was named as the “New York City Best Lawyers Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law Lawyer of the Year” for 2012 in a special recognition of lawyers in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community received such an honor.

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

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, established in 1792, is one of the world's most prominent law firms, with offices in New York, London, Charlotte, Washington, Houston, Beijing, Hong Kong and Brussels. Cadwalader serves a diverse client base, including many of the world's top financial institutions and corporations, undertaking business in more than 50 countries. The firm offers legal expertise in antitrust, banking, business fraud, corporate finance, corporate governance, energy, environmental, financial restructuring, health care, intellectual property, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, private wealth, real estate, regulation, securitization, structured finance, and tax. More information about Cadwalader can be found at [www.cadwalader.com](http://www.cadwalader.com).

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