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Tax Directors Handbook Names Linda Z. Swartz Among Top Tax Advisers in the World

New York, NY, December 4, 2009, The Tax Directors Handbook has named Cadwalader partner and Tax Department Co-Chair Linda Z. Swartz among the leading 250 tax lawyers in the world as recommended by clients.

The 2010 edition of the handbook analyzes the tax capabilities of law firms in 46 jurisdictions, details the firms ranked by size of tax group, and highlights the top 250 individual tax advisers in the world.

Ms. Swartz focuses her practice on global mergers and acquisitions, spin-offs, joint ventures, restructurings and bankruptcies, and foreign tax planning strategies. She also has considerable experience advising clients on financings, derivative transactions, and executive compensation issues. Most recently, she has played a leading role on behalf of clients representing CVC Capital Partners Group on the proposed acquisition of Barclays's iShares unit; the U.S. Department of Treasury as outside counsel to the Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry, including advising on the bankruptcy filings of General Motors and Chrysler; Pfizer, Inc. in its acquisition of the Wyeth Corporation; Procter & Gamble Co. in the tax-free distribution and immediate acquisition of its Folgers Coffee business by the J.M. Smucker Company; and LyondellBasell Chemical Company as lead debtor's counsel in its chapter 11 case.

Named by numerous publications as a leading tax practitioner, Ms. Swartz frequently speaks and writes on transactional tax issues, including authoring chapters on Debt Exchanges in *Collier on Bankruptcy Taxation* (Matthew Bender) and Securities Lending Transactions in *Taxation of Financial Institutions* (Clark Boardman Callaghan). A Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Bucknell University, Ms. Swartz received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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