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## **News**Release

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# Cadwalader's Cheryl Barnes Recognized Among Most Influential Black Lawyers by Savoy Magazine

New York, March 11, 2015—Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, a leading counselor to global financial institutions and corporations, announced that Cheryl Barnes, a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C., office, has been named among the Most Influential Black Lawyers in 2015 by *Savoy*, a national quarterly publication covering the African American lifestyle across a range of areas, including entertainment, sports, business, politics and design.

The *Savoy* list comprises the "best of the best" of black lawyers who are partners at leading national law firms or corporate counsel with *Fortune* 1000 corporations. Attorneys are recognized for their professionalism, protection of rights and community service.

Cheryl Barnes joined Cadwalader in 1995 as an associate. Now a partner in the Capital Markets Group, she focuses primarily on representing investment banks, commercial banks, government-sponsored enterprises and other financial institutions, and acts as issuer's or underwriter's counsel on hundreds of securitization offerings. Barnes co-chairs the Cadwalader Black and Latino Association and is a member of the firm's Global Diversity Committee. She received her J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law and her B.A. from Bennett College.

Cadwalader also was recently selected to the *New York Law Journal* "Diversity Initiative 2015," which recognizes law firms and legal organizations dedicated to creating a diverse legal community. The firm's commitment to workforce diversity was likewise recognized by the Human Rights Campaign, which gave the firm a perfect 100 percent score on its 2015 Corporate Equality Index and named it among the "Best Places to Work for LGBT Equality," and by *Difference Matters Magazine*, which recognized the firm among its "Top Corporate Allies for Diversity."

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Cadwalader's Managing Partner Patrick Quinn discussed the firm's focus on diversity in his recent article, "Embrace Diversity As a Business Imperative," published in the New York Law Journal on February 2, 2015.

#### About Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, established in 1792, serves a diverse client base, including many of the world's leading financial institutions and corporations in more than 50 countries. With offices in New York, London, Charlotte, Washington, Houston, Beijing, Hong Kong and Brussels, Cadwalader offers legal expertise in antitrust, banking, corporate finance, corporate governance, energy, environmental, executive compensation, financial restructuring, health care, intellectual property, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, private wealth, real estate, regulation, securitization, structured finance, tax and white collar defense. For more information, visit www.cadwalader.com.