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# NewsRelease

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## Cadwalader's Linares Named a Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by Mecklenburg County Bar

**New York, NY, May 13, 2010**, Francisco J. Linares, Special Counsel in the Charlotte office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, one of the world's leading law firms, has been selected to receive the Legal Services of Southern Piedmont's 2010 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award. The award, presented by The Mecklenburg Country Bar and its Volunteer Lawyer Program, recognizes attorneys who have contributed a significant amount of time and energy towards pro bono work for the past year.

"We are delighted that Fran was selected to receive this commendation. His dedication, passion and commitment to helping others is well noted by the firm and recognized by his peers. We congratulate him on this outstanding honor," stated Christopher White, Chairman of the firm.

Mr. Linares was recognized for his work on a matter referred to Cadwalader by Legal Services of Southern Piedmont's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC). LITC provides low-income North Carolina taxpayers with representation in federal and state tax controversies and educates individuals about their rights and responsibilities as U.S. taxpayers. Mr. Linares' client worked as an independent contractor but had not set aside money to pay his resulting IRS tax liabilities. By submitting an Offer-In-Compromise, Mr. Linares was able to help settle the issues with the IRS.

Mr. Linares has more than 15 years of experience in capital markets transactions, representing issuers, underwriters, purchasers of structured securities, swap counterparties, and other financial institutions in connection with the development, negotiation, and documentation of a wide variety of financial transactions. Selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, he is an active participant in the firm's pro bono programs.

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