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Washingtonian Names Three Cadwalader Attorneys “Top Lawyers”

New York, NY, December 3, 2009, The December 2009 issue of Washingtonian magazine has named three Cadwalader attorneys to the list of top lawyers in the Washington, D.C. area. Mark Ellenberg was named in Bankruptcy, Bruce Hiler was named in Securities, and Rick Rule was named in Antitrust. The Washingtonian compiles its list of top lawyers relying heavily on peer recommendations, asking attorneys who set the standard in his or her field. Washingtonian’s list of the 800 top lawyers in 29 legal specialties represents the top one percent of lawyers in D.C.

Partner Mark Ellenberg advises debtors and creditors in complex financial restructuring, workout, and bankruptcy matters. He currently represents LyondellBasell in its Chapter 11 reorganization cases, assisting the company in obtaining an \$8 billion debtor in possession loan. His diverse experience also includes representation of Northwest Airlines, Geneva Steel, and Zenith Laboratories, Inc. in their chapter 11 cases; a bond holder group that provided DIP financing to Verasun; the official unsecured creditors committees for Grove Worldwide, Winstar, and Jitney Jungle; special counsel to Enron for issues related to swaps and trading contracts; Bear Stearns on bankruptcy issues relating to trading contracts and derivatives; creditors in the Lehman bankruptcies; XL Capital with respect to termination of an \$80 billion guaranty of credit default swap and other liabilities of a monoline insurance company; the rehabilitations of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company and the Confederation Life Insurance Company, U.S. Branch; and the official committee of Dalkon Shield claimants in the A. H. Robins bankruptcy. A fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, he has been widely recognized as a leading lawyer by many publications. In addition, he is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center, teaching bankruptcy and creditors' rights. He is a graduate of Cornell University, where he received a B.S. degree in 1972, and he received his J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center, where he served as Research Editor of the Georgetown Law Journal. Following law school, Mr. Ellenberg served as law clerk for The Honorable Thomas A. Flannery, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Bruce Hiler's practice focuses on securities enforcement and regulatory defense, corporate and regulatory counseling, internal investigations, and securities litigation. He has represented public companies, broker-dealer firms, investment advisors, and individuals in investigations before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Congress, state securities agencies, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the New York Stock Exchange, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and other regulatory agencies, as well as in private securities litigation. He has conducted internal investigations for the audit committees and boards of directors of U.S. public companies in connection with ongoing government investigations, and frequently counsels corporations on disclosure and corporate compliance issues. Prior to joining Cadwalader, he served at the SEC in a variety of investigative, litigation, and management roles, culminating in his position as Associate Director of the Division of Enforcement. During this tenure, he was responsible for investigations and litigation involving complex financial frauds, accounting matters, changes in corporate control, market manipulation, insider trading, and broker-dealer, investment advisor, and investment company regulatory issues. He has received numerous recognitions as a leading securities lawyer. He earned his B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame and his J.D., with honors, from the University of Michigan. He is admitted to practice law in Illinois and the District of Columbia.

Rick Rule, the head of Cadwalader's antitrust practice, focuses his practice on providing U.S. and international antitrust advice to major corporations in connection with "bet your company" matters, particularly high profile mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures. He also represents corporate clients in connection with civil and grand jury investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the European Commission and in private and governmental litigation both at the trial and appellate levels. Among the clients he has represented are Microsoft Corporation; ExxonMobil; US Airways Inc.; Celanese Corporation; Northrop Grumman Corporation; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; the National Basketball Association; Bacardi & Company Ltd.; Eli Lilly & Company and Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. He has also handled major civil and criminal litigation and argued numerous times in court on behalf of clients such as Microsoft, US Airways, a television network and their affiliates, and the Pasha Group. He began his career as William Baxter's special assistant in the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department. He served as acting head of the Division for part of 1985 and was permanently appointed to the position in late 1986, becoming the youngest person ever to be confirmed as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division. In 1988, in recognition of his exemplary performance, he received the Edmund J. Randolph Award from the Justice Department. Widely recognized as one of the world's leading antitrust lawyers, he has served

as a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law at American University's Washington College of Law. He received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and his B.A., summa cum laude, from Vanderbilt University. Following law school, he served as a law clerk for Chief Judge Daniel M. Friedman of the former U.S. Court of Claims (now the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit).

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