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## Cadwalader Honored with Two Communitas Awards for Excellence in Community Service

**New York, NY, April 13, 2010**, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, one of the world's leading international law firms, has been honored by the Communitas Awards for excellence in community service and corporate social responsibility in recognition of two of the firm's long-standing pro bono programs: *Working with Immigrants* and the *Not-for-Profit Incubator*.

The Communitas Awards is an international effort to recognize the spirit of communitas, people helping people. Communitas winners, who are evaluated based on the extent and effectiveness of their programs, are recognized for specific volunteerism, philanthropy or ethical, sustainable business practices.

"We are proud that our organization and our personnel have been recognized as Communitas winners, said Christopher White, the Chairman of Cadwalader. "We hope that by giving our time, skills, and resources, we help benefit and enrich not only the individuals who require our legal assistance but our communities as a whole."

In the *Working with Immigrants* program, Cadwalader, in an effort to bring crucial legal services to these marginalized groups, made substantial efforts in areas of asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and Violence Against Women Act Self-Petitions (VAWA). Working with groups such as Human Rights First, Immigration Equality, Kids In Need of Defense, National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children, Sanctuary for Families, The Door, and The Legal Aid Society, our attorneys have successfully aided clients in obtaining legal status to reside in the U.S. Under the umbrella of the *Not-for-Profit Incubator*, Cadwalader attorneys have incorporated, advised, and obtained tax-exempt status for hundreds of not-for-profit organizations, and provided advice on a broad range of legal and practical issues, including acquiring real estate, managing a deadlocked board, fundraising, minimizing liability, complying with Treasury Department and Patriot Act guidelines for international grants, partnering with other charitable organizations, drafting contracts, and complying with employment guidelines.

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The Communitas Awards are an outgrowth of the pro bono recognition program of the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (www.amcpros.com), a several thousand member group that honors creative achievement and fosters partnerships with charities and community organizations. As part of its mission, AMCP gives grants to community organizations and underwrites a large portion of Communitas expenses.

#### About Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

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