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Cadwalader Practitioners Lauded in Latest Edition of Benchmark Litigation

New York, NY, October 8, 2009, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, one of the world's leading law firms, was recognized as a highly recommended litigation firm and several of the firm's lawyers were cited as "stars" in the 2010 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*, a guide to America's top business litigation attorneys.

As "one of the most highly regarded firms in the nation," the firm's "growing bankruptcy presence" secured national recognition for the Bankruptcy group while the General Commercial, Insurance, and Securities practices were also national leaders. Benchmark commented on the firm's emphasis on growing the intellectual property practice with acknowledgement of a "formidable presence in that arena," and special mention of IP partners James Bailey, Christopher Hughes, John Moehringer, Tony Pezzano, and Bart Verdirame.

Gregory Markel, Chair of Cadwalader's Litigation Department, Litigation partner Jason Halper, and Charles ("Rick") Rule, the head of the firm's Antitrust Group, were tapped by the guide as "national litigation stars," lawyers who are most capable of handling complex and "bet-the-company" cases anywhere in the United States. Mr. Markel was also selected as a "local litigation star" for antitrust, commercial and securities litigation in New York, while partner Mr. Halper was recommended for general commercial litigation. Mr. Rule was similarly recognized for bet-the-company antitrust litigation in Washington, D.C., with a client noting that Cadwalader is "a firm that should always be your go-to for antitrust matters."

Benchmark named Michael Horowitz, a member of the business fraud and white collar team, a "future star" in Washington, D.C., based on consistent recommendations by peer partners, competitors, and clients. Praise was also given to Steven Lofchie, Co-Chair of Cadwalader's Financial Services Department, who was noted for the "force of his personality" and his advice to financial institutions on regulatory issues and the legalities surrounding financial instruments. Litigation partner Ronit Setton's description as a "walking encyclopedia of securities law" earned her a rising star nod as well. Also earning a nod was partner Israel Dahan for his work on high-profile litigation matters.

"We are honored that our peers, colleagues and clients recognize our combination of exceptional dispute resolution skills and premier client service," said Christopher White, the firm's Chairman.

Benchmark's recommendations are based on extensive face-to-face and telephone interviews conducted by the publication with leading lawyers, both those in private practice and in-house counsel.

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