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Cadwalader Named 2014 Americas Derivatives Law Firm of the Year; Ray Shirazi Recognized as Top Derivatives Lawyer

New York, September 19, 2014—Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, a leading counselor to global financial institutions and corporations, has been named the 2014 Americas Derivatives Law Firm of the Year by *GlobalCapital*, a leading financial news and data provider. In addition, Ray Shirazi, a partner in the firm's Derivatives & Structured Products Practice, has been recognized as Derivatives Lawyer of the Year. The awards were presented at last night's Global Derivatives Award event, held at the Landmark Hotel in London.

"This recognition reflects both the unmatched breadth of our practice and the respect we've garnered from our clients and peers," said Steven Lofchie, co-chair of Cadwalader's Financial Services Group. "Ray's accolades are well-deserved. He has unparalleled experience and understands the needs and goals of his clients."

Cadwalader's Derivatives & Structured Products Practice combines regulatory expertise, technical experience and sophisticated market knowledge to provide clients with comprehensive, creative advice and insight on the most complex derivatives issues and transactions.

Ray Shirazi's practice covers a broad spectrum of equity, hedge fund, currency, commodity and fixed income derivatives. He advises investment banks, domestic and foreign commercial banks, asset managers, hedge funds, private equity funds and mutual funds on related transactional and trading regulatory issues.

GlobalCapital interviewed senior buy-side derivatives and sell-side officials to select nominees. The winners of the firm-wide categories were chosen by the *GlobalCapital* editorial board based on a number of factors, including innovation, market impact, performance, client feedback and uniqueness of approach. The Lawyer of the Year awards were determined by financial market participant voting.

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