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California: Banking & Finance				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	4	Gary Rosenbaum (3)	Gary Rosenbaum (3)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Gary Rosenbaum of McDermott Will & Emery LLP has been particularly active on acquisition financing, including acting for Union Bank of California on providing senior loan facilities to a private equity firm to finance the purchase of treated wood processors and distributors.</p>				

California: Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3 (NEW)	--	3	Chris Scheithauer (U) (NEW)	--
Editorial				
<p>Fast, efficient and always meeting deadlines," this team is noted for its ERISA litigation skills and ability to handle large-scale cases. Highlights here include obtaining a summary judgment for Northrop Grumman in an ERISA class action concerning the calculation of transition benefits. Other clients include Kretek International and Orangewood Children's Foundation. Orange County trial lawyer and partner Chris Scheithauer is lauded for his "methodical and precise" defense of clients in ERISA and benefits cases.</p>				

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California: Healthcare				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
1	1	4	Douglas Mancino (1) Timothy Blanchard (2) Eric Gordon (2) Ira Rappeport (3) Gary Gertler (4) Russell Hayman (4) (NEW)	Douglas Mancino (1) Timothy Blanchard (2) Donald Goldman (2) Eric Gordon (2) Ira Rappeport (3) Gary Gertler (4)
Editorial				
<p>An established name doing some excellent healthcare work in California and beyond," this firm has expertise in transactional matters, white-collar crime and reimbursement, and acts for some of the sector's big names, including Tenet Healthcare, Aptium Oncology and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Douglas Mancino is "just terrific - a guru when it comes to anything related to tax and tax-exempt organizations." Timothy Blanchard has a strong reputation for his work in the reimbursement and compliance areas. Sources say: "He has a great skill set and we have positive experiences working with him." Eric Gordon stands out for his efficient and responsive service in high-level regulatory and compliance matters, and is "certainly worth his billing rate," sources comment. Ira Rappeport divides his time between the Los Angeles and New York offices, and is a popular choice for transactional healthcare work . Gary Gertler is also recommended for his skills in the transactional area. A member of the firm's healthcare and trial teams, Russell Hayman puts his experience as a former federal prosecutor to good use and is active in white-collar criminal and professional liability cases.</p>				

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California: Intellectual Property				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	2	4	Patent Terrence McMahon (1) Anthony de Alcuaz (4) Vera Elson (4)	Patent Terrence McMahon (1) Anthony de Alcuaz (4) Vera Elson (4)
Editorial				
<p>Clients value the scope and breadth of this nationally regarded firm, finding it to be "a superb player in patent law and litigation" thanks in part to the group's technical know-how and its ability to "really get to the nub of an issue." The firm has 74 lawyers and patent agents in California, spread across offices in Los Angeles, Irvine, San Diego and Palo Alto, and supported by an extensive global network. The group provides advice across the full range of IP issues, including litigation and non-contentious support. Firmwide IP head Terrence McMahon is viewed as "a high-flying trial lawyer and one of the best in the state," with an impressive courtroom presence and a range of effective techniques making him excellent before a jury. Anthony de Alcuaz is recommended by clients for his long-standing experience, in-depth knowledge and "strong communication skills." His IP experience spans a range of disputes as well as transactional work. Vera Elson heads the Silicon Valley IP practice and "brings a unique skill set to the courtroom because she understands how trials and technology work."</p>				

California: IT & IT Outsourcing				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	3	Adel Bebawy (3)	Adel Bebawy (3)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: A recent addition to McDermott Will & Emery LLP from Latham & Watkins, Adel Bebawy maintains a sterling reputation in outsourcing, telecom, IP, media and e-commerce transactions.</p>				

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California: Life Sciences				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	3	Commercial James Hill (3) (NEW)	--
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: McDermott Will & Emery LLP partner James Hill impresses sources with his medical background and deep knowledge of life sciences and IP issues, especially in medical devices and strategy work.</p>				

California: Litigation (General Commercial)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
4	4	5	Robert Mallory (5)	Robert Mallory (4)
Editorial				
<p>Centered in Silicon Valley, the practice is biased in favor of IP, antitrust and healthcare litigation. The trial department includes a number of antitrust and white-collar criminal defense specialists. These include Robert Mallory, who recently secured the dismissal of claims by Space Exploration Technologies against Lockheed Martin alleging violations of federal and California antitrust and competition laws in the Ninth Circuit. The group also represented Little Company of Mary Hospital against False Claims Act violations related to Medicare billing.</p>				

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California: Litigation (White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	2	3	Gordon Greenberg (1) Russell Hayman (2)	Gordon Greenberg (1) Russell Hayman (2)
Editorial				
<p>Supported by the firm's offices in Chicago and Boston, the California white-collar defense group is anchored by four partners; these include Gordon Greenberg, who is representing Broadcom cofounder Dr. Henry Samueli in a high-profile stock options backdating case and SEC investigation. Greenberg specializes in banking, financial fraud, money laundering and foreign corrupt practices. Russell Hayman has carved a niche for himself in civil healthcare fraud and litigation; he represents a number of healthcare providers, such as Little Company of Mary Hospital. On the technology side, the firm's clients include Tetra Tech and Computer Sciences.</p>				

California: Tax				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	3	3	Tax Frederick Chilton (2) Estate Planning Jonathan Lurie (1)	Tax Frederick Chilton (2) Estate Planning Jonathan Lurie (1)
Editorial				
<p>According to interviewees, highly attentive and personable attorneys who provide straightforward and succinct advice are the defining feature of this tax practice. The 11-attorney group is well known for its tax work on behalf of technology clients in connection with IRS audits, and has also cultivated a reputation for excellence in IP-related matters. It advises on everything from the formation of intangible holding companies to transfer pricing. Frederick Chilton is highly active in this regard, regularly appearing in the most complex tax matters. Colleague Jonathan Lurie represents a roster of private clients on domestic and international estate planning. Sources were full of admiration for this formidable practitioner, describing him as "spectacular, creative and dynamic."</p>				

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Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
4	4	5	Joseph Winterscheid (3) Raymond Jacobsen (3) Craig Seebald (5) (NEW)	Joseph Winterscheid (3) Raymond Jacobsen (3)
Editorial				
<p>With a generalist approach to antitrust work, this team "can handle any matter that has antitrust implications" and is valued for its practical, business-oriented advice. It is active in an array of industries, including aerospace, healthcare, foods and coal. Raymond Jacobsen helms the team: a proactive, hands-on lawyer, he "gets straight to the kernel of a matter and knows the answers to our questions before we have even asked." Jacobsen handles a great deal of international work, and is currently advising on the antitrust aspects of the \$2.7 billion sale of Enodis' ice business to Manitowoc. He is also head of the firm's regulation and government affairs group. Joseph Winterscheid works on merger and litigation matters, and is currently defending Mars in direct and indirect purchaser class actions alleging price fixing by manufacturers of chocolate confectionery. Craig Seebald impresses clients with his "in-depth knowledge of our business and the issues we confront." He represented Hitachi and Renesas in defending price-fixing claims in the DRAM, SRAM and flash memory cases.</p>				

District of Columbia: Corporate/M&A & Private Equity				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	3	3	Karen Dewis (4)	Karen Dewis (4)
Editorial				
<p>The corporate and securities team at McDermott Will & Emery has the benefit of an extensive network across the USA and the world, and it has core strengths in tax and financial services. Representing both public and private companies as well as some private equity clients, it advises on the full range of M&A matters, securities offerings, investments and strategic alliances. Karen Dewis' "impressively broad skills" make her the standout member of the team. She leads the corporate group in Washington, DC and handles corporate transactions of every size and shape, from midmarket deals to multibillion-dollar cross-border matters.</p>				

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District of Columbia: Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	3	4	Paul Hamburger (1)	Paul Hamburger (1)
Editorial				
<p>This team has successfully carried the firm's renowned tax expertise over to the benefits arena. It advises clients including Sallie Mae, Chrysler and Merrill Lynch on a variety of issues, from qualified retirement plans to ESOPs. It is increasingly advising clients on the effects of 457A on deferred compensation and the Troubled Asset Relief Program. Paul Hamburger heads the group and is "the kind of leader any team would love to have." He is an expert on COBRA issues and has made his mark on the health and welfare arena. Qualified plan work also accounts for a large part of his practice.</p>				

District of Columbia: Energy (Electricity)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3 (UP)	4	5	Paul Pantano (2) Michael Yuffee (4) Daryl Rice (5) (NEW)	Paul Pantano (3) Michael Yuffee (4)
Editorial				
<p>Renowned for its energy trading work, this team is unsurpassed when it comes to Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and FERC investigations. The clients it advises in this context include wholesale power marketers, financial institutions, merchant generators and integrated energy companies. The firm also offers pure regulatory expertise and has a transactional practice that supports the Houston office in a range of LNG, oil and gas, power and renewables matters. Daryl Rice is heavily involved in this latter aspect of the practice and also focuses on structured power transactions. He recently advised Citigroup Energy on the provision to Noble Environmental Power of a secured wind hedge for the financing and construction of three related wind projects in New York. Michael Yuffee provides a great deal of the firm's non-investigation related regulatory expertise. He has acted for the Independent Energy Producers' Association on a number of FERC proceedings relating to the establishment of interim reliability backstop procurement procedures. He is "knowledgeable and focused, and always has something invaluable to add." Paul Pantano is "probably the most talented energy commodities trading lawyer in the USA," according to clients. He handles CFTC and FERC investigations, transactional work and also has a gift for risk management. He acted for Bank of America and Merrill Lynch on several of the energy-related approvals needed to secure their merger with one another.</p>				

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Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
4 (NEW)	--	4	--	--
Editorial				
<p>Singled out for their energy trading work, the lawyers here represent a host of prominent clients including BP, ConocoPhillips, El Paso and Sunoco. It is also a popular choice for FERC and CFTC investigations, an area where Paul Pantano, Anthony Mansfield and Gregory Mocek particularly stand out. The practice also covers day-to-day regulatory and transactional work for energy trader clients. Highlights here include advising El Paso Marketing on the formation and reformation of structured natural gas and energy purchase and sale agreements, and advising on compliance with regulatory issues. The team also acts for Morgan Stanley Capital Group on acquisitions of portfolios of gas trades and assets.</p>				

District of Columbia: Healthcare				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
1	1	3	Joel Michaels (1) Eric Zimmerman (2) Guy Collier (3) (NEW) Reed Stephens (3)	Joel Michaels (1) Eric Zimmerman (2) Jennifer Geetter (3) Reed Stephens (3)
Editorial				
<p>This firm stands out for the depth and breadth of its service and experience; clients rate the number of former DOJ and FDA employees among the group's greatest assets. Widely known for his work with health insurance companies, Joel Michaels is one of the deans of payor-side healthcare law. His practice includes licensing, contracting, transactions and advising on an array of federal issues, including False Claims Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Medicare Part D and anti-kickback law. He recently advised on a challenge to the validity of a federal regulation under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan. The group also offers a top-notch policy practice, with leading name Eric Zimmerman managing the big picture on behalf of provider clients. Zimmerman and his team recently advised on Medicare legislation on behalf of rural and community hospitals. For</p>				

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corporate work, one of the top names is **Guy Collier**, an outstanding lawyer who specializes in transaction-related regulatory issues and corporate governance. **Reed Stephens** is in high demand by pharmaceutical companies, who turn to him for pricing, internal investigations and Medicare qualification advice, among other matters.

District of Columbia: Insurance (Insurer Firms)

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2 (UP)	3	3	Margaret Warner (2) (UP)	Margaret Warner (3)

Editorial

This national firm moves up the rankings this year following its leading role on several high-profile and diverse insurance litigation matters. These include representing Allianz in negotiating a settlement of 517 childhood sexual abuse cases against the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and acting for the joint liquidators of EMLICO in assessing the \$4 billion claim for environmental liabilities by its insured, GE - the largest environmental claim ever submitted by a policyholder. This array of work is indicative of the wide range of the 20-attorney practice, which has found favor with not only large insurance companies but also numerous investment banks. It also handles a number of highly specialized captive insurance matters, recently winning a summary judgment valued at over \$100 million for the WTC Captive, a federally funded captive liability insurer. **Peg Warner** is part of the team involved in the case, which is also serving as outside general counsel to the WTC Captive in a variety of other matters. Clients rave about her outstanding negotiating style, describing her as a “tough litigator who knows exactly what to say and when, and how to say it for maximum impact.”

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District of Columbia: Intellectual Property				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	4	Joel Freed (1) Raphael Lupo (1) Stephen Becker (4) (NEW)	Joel Freed (1) Raphael Lupo (1)
Editorial				
<p>"Always on the shortlist for bet-the-company matters," this group has a strong litigation practice and a team of attorneys with exceptional technical and legal skills. It offers a full-service IP practice that encompasses patent, trademark and copyright procurement licensing, and advice on issues pertaining to trade secret, unfair competition, advertising, entertainment and computer law. Clients value the group's "team approach, coupled with personalized attention." Among the group's premier performers is patent litigator, co-head of the DC IP practice and "exceptional tactician," Joel Freed. Clients admire his understanding of the "pressure points in disputes as well as the business dynamics that need to be taken into account." His work often takes place in the computer technology area and he recently led the team in two major cases: the successful representation of Linear Technology in patent litigation against Monolithic Power Systems, and acting for Dell in patent infringement claims brought by Lucent concerning 11 patents and more than \$2.5 billion in damages. Raphael Lupo is praised for his courtroom presence, excellent mind and ability to explain complex technology to juries. He litigates at the district, federal and appellate levels and before the ITC on behalf of clients such as Aristocrat Technologies and Seagate Technologies. Stephen Becker leads the firm's patent procurement group, and primarily works on matters involving semiconductor electronics, circuits, telecom, business method and computer-related inventions.</p>				

District of Columbia: Litigation (General Commercial)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	4	Bobby Burchfield (3)	Bobby Burchfield (3)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: A strategic thinker who is especially strong on antitrust litigation matters, Bobby Burchfield of McDermott Will & Emery LLP defended Amgen in a multibillion-dollar antitrust lawsuit concerning allegations of monopolization.</p>				

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Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	4	Stephen Wells (2) Philip McCarty (3) (UP) James Riedy (4) Blake Rubin (4) (NEW)	Stephen Wells (2) James Riedy (4) Philip McCarty (4)
Editorial				
<p>With a "full range of tremendous expertise," this 25-strong team focuses on corporate tax transactions, tax litigation and planning, acting for publicly held companies and non-US entities. It notably represented Tyco International in its worldwide separation into three publicly traded companies - a transaction valued at over \$65 billion and which involved obtaining tax-free qualification and IRS rulings confirming this tax-free status. The team has also seen activity in international tax planning, cross-border transactions and the development of tax-efficient structures. Heading the group, Stephen Wells provides tax advice on the formation of corporate ventures, reorganizations, restructurings and spin-off transactions. With extensive knowledge of international tax, Philip McCarty frequently advises on joint ventures, financial products and tax accounting. James Riedy is also praised for his rigorous and comprehensive understanding of international taxation. His practice covers transactional work, consulting and transfer pricing, and his "in-depth knowledge ensures that you never waste time going down the wrong path." A new name to the tables, partnership tax attorney Blake Rubin is an expert on real estate taxation and is "in-tune with complicated structures." Planning, policy and controversy all fall under his remit, although he is best known for his tax advice to five publicly traded REITs. With such a healthy bench of tax experts, it is little wonder that clients applaud the service on offer here, with one remarking: "Every time I go to them for advice I come away completely satisfied."</p>				

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Florida: Corporate/M&A				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	4	Harris Siskind (2) (NEW)	--
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Harris Siskind works out of McDermott Will & Emery LLP's Miami office. "An extremely efficient and focused operator," he handles a mixed workload of M&A and private equity deals and recently assisted H.I.G. Capital with a number of acquisitions, including those of a steel producer with facilities in Tennessee and Mississippi and a leading jet operator.</p>				

Florida: Healthcare				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
1	1	4	Gary Scott Davis (1) Ira Coleman (1) Jerry Sokol (2) Jennifer Vecchio (3) Joshua Kaye (U)	Gary Scott Davis (1) Ira Coleman (1) Jerry Sokol (2) Jennifer Vecchio (3) Joshua Kaye (U)
Editorial				
<p>With eight healthcare lawyers in Florida and 85 firmwide, this is one of the world's preeminent firms for healthcare: "This is a powerhouse in the market - nationally known, and deservedly so." Ira Coleman is head of the Miami health law department and is, according to one client, "the best rainmaker you'll ever see - he has great instincts for how to deal with a client." His focus is M&A, private equity and the formation and implementation of delivery systems. Gary Scott Davis is Florida's "managed care guru." He advised NCH Healthcare on the disposal of a radiation oncology business to 21st Century Oncology. Jerry Sokol cochairs the firm's health transactions group and specializes in the business aspects of health law, including M&A, joint ventures and contractual arrangements, while Jennifer Vecchio is "an outstanding negotiator who can hold her own against anybody." As well as transactional work, she represents a number of hospitals, health systems and ancillary service providers. "Rising superstar" Joshua Kaye is making a major name for himself in work relating to ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs), and represents ASC management companies, independents ASCs and physician investors in Florida and nationwide.</p>				

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Florida: Litigation (General Commercial)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	4	Bruce Berman (4) Raquel Rodriguez (4) (NEW)	Bruce Berman (4)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioners: Bruce Berman of McDermott Will & Emery LLP “understands how a case works and deftly handles whatever gets thrown at him.” He represents clients in trials, appeals and arbitration, and is skilled in commercial disputes, whether it involves securities or aviation. Of the same firm, Raquel Rodriguez served as general counsel to Florida governor Jeb Bush and is now making a significant mark in private practice. She is defending Blackwater Security Consulting against wrongful death allegations brought by the family members of Blackwater personnel who were killed by enemy fire in Iraq.</p>				

Florida: Tax				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	5	Philip Tingle (4)	Philip Tingle (4)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Philip Tingle of McDermott Will & Emery LLP has a practice centered on partnerships, corporate restructurings and M&A with a focus on the energy industry, where he has been working on the structuring of energy facilities, acquisitions and financing. Clients recommend him for being “super accessible, easy to work with and technically strong.”</p>				

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Illinois: Antitrust				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	4	Joel Chefitz (1) David Marx (1) (UP)	Joel Chefitz (1) David Marx (2)
Editorial				
<p>The talents attributed to David Marx illustrate the key strengths of this group as a whole: "A thoughtful guy who is terrific at achieving consensus," Marx is "very knowledgeable on the intersection of healthcare and antitrust" and handles both counseling and litigation. This team's emphasis on healthcare is considered to really set it apart; this, combined with its expertise in class actions and focus on litigation, gives the outfit a formidable market presence. The Chicago office has eight lawyers active in antitrust, including "renowned trial attorney" Joel Chefitz. He has recently been providing Zebra Technologies with strategic advice.</p>				

Illinois: Banking & Finance				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3 (UP)	4	4	Robert McMenamin (3) Michael Boykins (4) (NEW)	Robert McMenamin (3)
Editorial				
<p>This practice, consisting of eight fee-earners, represents international commercial banks, investment banks, special purpose borrowers and financial institutions across the USA, the UK, Europe and Japan. It acts for both lenders and borrowers, with midmarket asset-based lending a particular strength. The group recently represented Actuant in connection with a \$250 million private placement of 6.875% senior notes. Robert McMenamin achieves recognition for his expertise in company representation and syndicated loan facilities, while Michael Boykins represents borrowers and lenders. On the borrower side, his practice is focused on public company transactional work and secured debt financings. According to clients, the group "is good at being proactive and working independently." It frequently collaborates with the restructuring group.</p>				

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Illinois: Corporate/M&A & Private Equity				
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2 (UP)	3	5	Corporate/M&A Helen Friedli (3) Stanley Meadows (4) Private Equity Timothy Bryant (3) Mark Harris (3) (NEW) Andrew McCune (3) (NEW)	Corporate/M&A Helen Friedli (3) Stanley Meadows (4) Private Equity Timothy Bryant (3)
Editorial				
<p>This outfit has a private equity practice that is earning growing respect and admiration as it takes on work for numerous funds in Illinois and mid to large-sized funds across the USA, such as H.I.G. Capital. Its European offices have also played a key role in its increasing reputation and workload, and clients benefit from the varied expertise and commercial approach on offer. “The firm gets the job done regardless of any obstacles,” stated one client; “we may be at the smaller end of its scale but we still get the Fortune 500 attention.” A team of 24 attorneys works on the private equity side, offering “extremely proficient, astute advice that is both practical and effective,” and is headed by Mark Harris. A strong practitioner with an impressive workload, he recently acted for CDW on a \$7 billion LBO led by Madison Dearborn Partners and Providence Equity. Timothy Bryant effectively combines legal acumen with comprehensive business knowledge to best assist his clients. He specializes in private equity work and is considered to be “a valuable counselor.” He is respected for his expertise in the healthcare and venture capital arenas. With 57 attorneys working in Chicago, the firm’s M&A team presents even greater strength and resources than the private equity group. The firm is a strong choice for M&A advice in the tax, life sciences, IP and energy sectors, and public and private businesses benefit from McDermott’s integrated international network. Clients value Helen Friedli’s thorough understanding and handling of the legal and commercial issues involved in transactions. She recently advised Actuant on its acquisition of Superior Plant Services in a deal worth \$57 million. Stan Meadows works on high-value acquisitions, especially those involving cross-border elements, and was involved in representing Heico Companies LLC on the acquisition by its subsidiary Coppercom of Conex International for \$250 million. Formerly with DLA Piper, Andrew McCune recently joined the group. He focuses on private equity, corporate financings and securities matters on behalf of sponsors, purchasers and sellers.</p>				

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Illinois: Healthcare				
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1	1	3	Michael Anthony (1) Bernadette Broccolo (1) Michael Peregrine (1) William Roach (1) Ralph DeJong (2) Elizabeth Mills (3) (NEW) Kerrin Slattery (U)	Michael Anthony (1) Bernadette Broccolo (1) Monte Dube (1) Michael Peregrine (1) William Roach (1) Ralph DeJong (2) Kerrin Slattery (U)
Editorial				
<p>This is undoubtedly the leading healthcare practice in Chicago, and continues to set the benchmark both regionally and nationally. The large team of 31 lawyers impresses with its determined approach across the spectrum of transactional and regulatory mandates. The broad client base consists of non-institutional groups and individuals, medical manufacturers and institutions such as hospitals, care homes and delivery systems. These clients continue to represent the leading source of work for the practice, but the team is expanding into the pharmaceutical and biotech industry. Michael Anthony is global head of healthcare at the firm and has a broad practice centered around major healthcare transactions. He offers "wonderful insight into the industry and really understands the trends affecting healthcare." The exceptional Bernadette Broccolo has niche expertise in healthcare regulation and the construction of clinical trial arrangements; she also handles issues concerning health information privacy. Michael Peregrine is renowned across the country for his work for tax-exempt organizations, concentrating on governance, corporate structure and executive compensation. He has acted for a wide range of clients, including The American Cancer Society and University Hospitals Health System. William Roach is one of the team's top transactional and regulatory lawyers, and focuses on faith-based healthcare facilities. Ralph DeJong is well regarded for his expertise on executive compensation, executive benefits and employment issues. Kerrin Slattery has a general healthcare practice that encompasses mergers, joint ventures and restructurings. "If I leave a transaction with her then I know it is in good hands," reported one client. Elizabeth Mills "really knows how to analyze the nuances and navigate the gray areas," with respect to the tax-exempt concerns of nonprofit organizations.</p>				

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Illinois: Insurance				
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--	--	2	Transactional & Regulatory Thomas Jones (3) (NEW)	--
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Thomas Jones of McDermott Will & Emery LLP is regarded as one of the premier tax lawyers in the country for organizing captive insurance entities and addressing their various tax issues.</p>				

Illinois: Intellectual Property				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	3	3	Margaret Duncan (4)	Margaret Duncan (4)
Editorial				
<p>This national firm's 30-lawyer Chicago IP group is most prominent in patent litigation, although copyright and trademark matters also feature in its expertise. Margaret Duncan has litigated in a number of different disciplines but focuses on patent litigation. Clients appreciate her attention to detail and excellent strategic approach. She has recently had successes for such notable clients as IKEA, GE and Extreme Networks.</p>				

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Illinois: Labor & Employment				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
4 (UP)	5	4	Stephen Erf (3) Linda Doyle (4)	Stephen Erf (3) Linda Doyle (4)
Editorial				
<p>This renowned corporate firm offers a solid labor and employment practice in Chicago. The team of eight lawyers is split between the trial and employee benefits departments and fields an extensive labor law practice that is focused on union agreements. The firm has also developed strength in wage and hour and discrimination class actions, and has recently seen a significant growth in reduction of workforce counseling. Stephen Erf works closely with the corporate team on labor and employment issues that arise from major transactions. Linda Doyle concentrates her practice on protection of confidential information issues and whistle-blower issues, and non-compete litigation. The excellent full-service benefits and compensation practice is one of the largest in Chicago, and is described by sources as "organized and highly efficient." Senior counsel Jared Kaplan is well regarded for his knowledge of ESOPs. John Hendrickson has a general employee benefits and executive compensation practice, while trial lawyer Nancy Ross focuses on benefits class actions and ERISA litigation. The highly regarded Karen Simonsen has acted for numerous national companies on the design and implementation of qualified retirement plans and nonqualified equity compensation plans. Joe Adams advises corporate clients on executive compensation plans, including stock-based and nonqualified deferred compensation.</p>				

Illinois: Labor & Employment (Benefits & Compensation)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
1	1	3	Jared Kaplan (1) John Hendrickson (3) Nancy Ross (3) Karen Simonsen (3) Joe Adams (U)	Jared Kaplan (1) John Hendrickson (3) Nancy Ross (3) Karen Simonsen (3) Joe Adams (U)
Editorial				
<i>Combined with Labor & Employment - above</i>				

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Illinois: Litigation (General Commercial)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	3	4	David Rosenbloom (2) (UP) Jeffrey Stone (2) Joel Chefitz (3) Michael Pope (3) Douglas Whitney (4)	Jeffrey Stone (2) Joel Chefitz (3) Michael Pope (3) David Rosenbloom (3) Douglas Whitney (4)
Editorial				
<p>This standout healthcare firm has developed a strong litigation practice that handles a great deal of contentious healthcare mandates. The team has an impressive trial practice and excellent substantive litigation capabilities in antitrust, criminal investigations, liability, tax, insurance and ERISA. In a recent highlight, it successfully represented Isis Pharmaceuticals in a breach of licensing agreement with Idera Pharmaceuticals. The firm is also strong in white-collar criminal defense, and the Chicago office handles investigations and trials for individuals and companies in Illinois and across the USA. David Rosenbloom leads the white-collar criminal defense group and is one of the team's leading litigators for healthcare fraud and abuse, compliance and complex commercial litigation. Jeffrey Stone is the global head of the trial practice and is dedicated to white-collar criminal defense, complex commercial litigation, internal investigations and RICO matters. He has represented a wide array of large corporate clients, including Arthur Andersen, Nike and Isis Pharmaceuticals. Joel Chefitz handles a large volume of financial disputes, particularly securities and antitrust cases. A stalwart of the trial Bar, Michael Pope handles mass torts and healthcare litigation, and has acted in a number of cases for Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans. Douglas Whitney is a leading Supreme Court litigator with experience in white-collar crime and tax litigation. Sources say "he displays judgment beyond his years."</p>				

Illinois: Litigation (White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	2	Jeffrey Stone (1) (UP) David Rosenbloom (2)	David Rosenbloom (2) Jeffrey Stone (2)
Editorial				
<p><i>Combined with Litigation (General Commercial) - above</i></p>				

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Illinois: Real Estate				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	3	Fred Feinstein (4)	Fred Feinstein (4)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Praised for his deep and broad real estate knowledge, Fred Feinstein of McDermott Will & Emery LLP is an expert in transactional, litigation, zoning, development and environmental matters.</p>				

Illinois: Tax				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	3	Lowell Yoder (1) Thomas Borders (2) Jane Wells May (3) Andrea Kramer (3) (NEW)	Lowell Yoder (1) Thomas Borders (2) Jane Wells May (3)
Editorial				
<p>The tax practice at McDermott Will has become increasingly less dependent on the Illinois market, having developed a sound reputation for its proactive work on local and international taxation matters, tax planning, audits and litigation. According to impressed commentators, Lowell Yoder "is the country's leading international tax expert." He provides advice on global tax planning for a plethora of multinational companies, and has been pivotal in furthering the prominence of the Chicago office. Malpractice work has been a growing area of activity recently, and the team has been advising clients in litigation on the relevant tax issues and implications. Thomas Borders has been active in this area, representing major accounting firms in malpractice cases. A former trial attorney for the IRS, "he is never overly aggressive and brings a sophisticated touch that works well in this area," say interviewees. The firm's depth of experience in tax litigation is complemented by its knowledge of IRS regulatory provisions and expansion into hedge fund work, which during the past year has involved representing fund managers in tax court and working on several hedge fund audits. Andrea Kramer enters the table in recognition of her "expert opinions on the taxation of financial products." Jane May concentrates on state and local tax matters, assisting businesses with tax controversies at the audit, administrative and judicial levels. Clients consider her "the strategic leader behind the operation."</p>				

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Massachusetts: Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	2	Andrew Liazos (2)	Andrew Liazos (2)
Editorial				
<p>While this firm is seen more as a national player in this area than a regional one, its talented lawyers receive high praise for being willing to roll up their sleeves and get the job done. In recent times the firm has represented Fortune 500 companies and a range of other corporations: for example, it advised financial institutions on executive compensation issues arising out of the bailout bill recently passed by Congress. Highly responsive group head Andrew Liazos has been active representing major insurance providers with regard to executive compensation ramifications in high-level acquisitions. Clients find his technical knowledge and vast experience invaluable.</p>				

Massachusetts: Environment				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
1	1	4	Jeffrey Bates (1) Susan Cooke (1)	Jeffrey Bates (1) Susan Cooke (1)
Editorial				
<p>This innovative and hard-working group continues to impress with its high-end strategic advice and is particularly recommended by sources for issues on environmental risk transfer and complex insurance matters. The firm is highly praised for its expertise in hazardous waste, and represents many major energy and industrial players. The practice has recently represented major chemical manufacturers on large and complex hazardous waste enforcement actions, and advised on environmental issues in acquisitions and divestitures. Susan Cooke spearheaded these matters and is well regarded for her succinct and pragmatic approach. Cooke is also currently assisting a trade association with US and EU regulatory requirements. Sources also praise the firm's diligence and impressive networking skills when it came to regulatory corporate compliance, as well as its excellent judgment when dealing with enforcement agencies. Jeffrey Bates focuses on the international aspects of the practice, which range from advising French clients on restructuring to insurance counseling on the sale of a California rail yard. Bates was also instrumental on multimillion-dollar cleanups involving transnational clients.</p>				

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Massachusetts: Healthcare				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
1	1	3	Stephen Bernstein (1) Christopher Jedrey (1) Charles Buck (2)	Stephen Bernstein (1) Christopher Jedrey (1) Charles Buck (2)
Editorial				
<p>"A leader thanks to its phenomenal local and national expertise," this group has focused on cutting-edge work in the biotech and pharmaceutical fields, representing some of the region's largest clients. Institutional clients include major hospitals and home health agencies, which benefit from the team's "ability to grasp the legal complexities involved in the day-to-day running of organizations." Sources praise its work in corporate compliance, tax exemption and investment issues and particularly highlight the team's first-rate lawyers and reasonable costs. Stephen Bernstein chairs the group and specializes in the issues associated with data privacy and electronic record systems. He also takes a special interest in the Internet's affect on healthcare matters. His clients, which include nonprofit organizations, attribute his success to his "constant availability and innovative, cost-effective solutions." Christopher Jedrey leads the Boston healthcare practice. He deals with corporate transactional work including joint ventures and converting entities to a tax-exempt status. He represents academic medical centers and HMOs, with one source admiring "his straightforwardness, extreme diligence and commitment to clients' needs." Charles Buck assists hospitals with participation agreements and contracts and advises proprietary and tax-exempt hospitals on regulatory matters. He assists the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute with its establishment of cancer care centers in the region.</p>				

Massachusetts: Intellectual Property				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	3	Sarah Chapin Columbia (3)	Sarah Chapin Columbia (3)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Litigator Sarah Chapin Columbia of McDermott Will & Emery LLP inspires confidence in even the most demanding clients with her outstanding intellect and litigation skills.</p>				

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Massachusetts: Litigation (General Commercial)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	3	General Commercial Edward Leibensperger (1) Mark Pearlstein (2) White Collar Mark Pearlstein (2)	General Commercial Edward Leibensperger (1) Mark Pearlstein (2) White Collar Mark Pearlstein (2)
Editorial				
This team consistently impresses sources with "its commercially astute litigation advice." It has seen an uptick in SEC investigations and white-collar crime work, representing a publicly traded company in an FCPA investigation. It is particularly praised for its work in antitrust disputes, and undertakes a significant volume of healthcare litigation. For example, the group recently represented an international seller of medical devices in a major multi-jurisdictional arbitration. The highly effective Edward Leibensperger "grasps the issues instantaneously and brings wise, experienced counsel to every case," say sources. He recently represented a charitable foundation in a repurchase matter in New Hampshire. Mark Pearlstein is "an exceptionally talented white-collar and complex commercial litigator" who is also renowned for his expertise in pharmaceutical cases. He is "easily on my shortlist of the best lawyers in the city," says one source.				

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National: Antitrust				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	3	3	--	--
Editorial				
<p>McDermott Will & Emery houses more than 80 attorneys who focus on antitrust issues. It is recognized throughout the market for its expertise in the healthcare sector, where it is viewed by clients as being "at the vanguard" of firms operating in the area. In the context of the developing area of antitrust law relating to bundled discounts, the team defended Amgen against tying and attempted monopolization claims brought by Ortho. In other matters, it represented Steel Dynamics in connection with a putative class action founded on the allegation that certain steel companies worked together to limit production, causing prices to rise artificially. Ray Jacobsen, head of the competition and antitrust group, is noted for his international expertise</p>				

National: Appellate Law				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	4	4	Miller Baker (4) (NEW)	--
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: "You will receive impressive advocacy" from Miller Baker, at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, sources attest. Head of the firm's appellate group, he handles a wide variety of disputes. He recently acted for Arthur Andersen in an important case relating to the application of the Federal Arbitration Act to claims made by non-signatories of arbitration agreements.</p>				

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National: Energy (Electricity)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3 (UP)	4	4	--	--
Editorial				
<p>Widely regarded as housing the finest energy trading practice in the country, McDermott Will & Emery has made an impact on the mainstream oil and gas world in recent times, following the opening of a Houston office containing LNG expert John Cogan and a raft of other top-quality energy lawyers recruited from Akin Gump and Bracewell & Giuliani. Preeminent in the field of CFTC and FERC compliance work, the group serves a clientele that includes wholesale power and oil and gas marketers, financial institutions, merchant generators and integrated energy companies. Paul Pantano heads the Washington, DC team, which also skillfully provides regulatory support for transactions carried out by its energy trading, LNG and oil and gas clients. As well as his LNG transportation, project development and finance expertise, Cogan and his team have handled major refinery projects including Husky's \$5.5 billion integrated cross-border oil sands and refinery joint venture with BP.</p>				

National: Energy (LNG)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2 (NEW)	--	2	--	--
Editorial				
<i>Combined with Energy (Electricity) - above</i>				

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National: Energy (Oil & Gas)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
4 (NEW)	--	4	--	--
Editorial				
<i>Combined with Energy (Electricity) - above</i>				

National: ERISA Litigation				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	3	Nancy Ross (2) Bill Boies (3)	Nancy Ross (2) Bill Boies (3)
Editorial				
<p>Chicago is the focal point of this firm's ERISA litigation practice, but it is truly nationwide in scope, fielding specialists in New York, Washington, DC, Massachusetts and California. The ERISA litigation team works closely with the firm's employee benefits group, affording it impressive know-how and tremendous trial expertise. Nancy Ross and Bill Boies form the backbone of the practice. Ross heads the employee benefits litigation group and has handled a number of high-profile cases. Most recently she has been representing Chrysler in District Court in Detroit in a lawsuit brought by the United Auto Workers contesting changes to retiree medical benefits. Boies wins acclaim for his highly tuned and carefully considered approach to litigation, which makes him "the perfect courtroom strategist."</p>				

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National: Food & Beverages (Alcohol)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
1	1	3	Marc Sorini (Star*) Daniel Davis (2)	Marc Sorini (Star*) Daniel Davis (2)
Editorial				
<p>This compact team, led by superstar lawyer Marc Sorini, is a key player for beverage issues. "At the pinnacle of his career and unquestionably the standout name in the sector," Sorini earns many kudos for his breathtaking industry knowledge, particularly of the beer industry, and for his building up of the practice: "He's made it the success story that it is today," say sources. The group advises on regulatory, licensing and labeling matters and can draw on the wider resources of the firm for corporate and litigation work. Daniel Davis is admired for his exemplary technical understanding and practical application of regulations, with clients highlighting his "utterly invaluable expertise in trade law."</p>				

National: Government (Political Law)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	2	Bobby Burchfield (3)	Bobby Burchfield (3)
Editorial				
<p>With a strong concentration on litigation, the attorneys at this international firm advise on political, legislative and election-related matters. The firm recently acted for Wisconsin Right to Life (WRTL) on a landmark First Amendment case concerning commercial speech, with the US Supreme Court ruling that WRTL had the right to broadcast issue ads during elections. Prominent clients include the US Chamber of Commerce, Giuliani for President and various governors. Seasoned Washington, DC litigator Bobby Burchfield engages in commercial and constitutional litigation, as well as advising on public policy issues. Interviewees praise his diligence and commitment in handling complex cases, agreeing that "he's a highly focused and dynamic practitioner." Notable work has included several litigation cases for the Republican National Committee.</p>				

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National: Intellectual Property				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	2	4	--	--
Editorial				
<p>"It's always impressive to watch the group in trial," say interviewees about this international IP player. Acting for both plaintiffs and defendants, it is prominent in patent litigation and trademark and copyright matters. Terry McMahon heads the worldwide department from Silicon Valley. He has been busy, representing Aristocrat in a patent litigation appeal against IGT and acting for Extreme Technologies in a patent infringement case filed against Enterasys.</p>				

National: International Trade				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
5	5	5	Trade Remedies & Policy Michael House (5)	Trade Remedies & Policy Michael House (5)
Editorial				
<p>The Washington, DC team at this global player advises on a range of trade-related matters, from trade remedies and policy to FCPA, export controls, sanctions and customs. Michael House continues to attract numerous recommendations from market sources for his broad practice, which includes import relief, export controls and trade disputes. The team enjoys a sizable client base in the agribusiness sector, as well as in Latin America and Asia.</p>				

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National: Life Sciences				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3 (NEW)	--	3	--	--
Editorial				
<p>This sciences and medical devices practice group is best known for its life sciences work in the regulatory, corporate partnering and IP areas. The team, which has emerged from a period of successful consolidation, represents a growing roster of clients, providing strategic advice and undertaking investigations. Many of the partners are based in the Chicago office and work alongside colleagues in Washington, DC and Boston. Clients report that the team takes the time to understand their businesses and provides an attentive service. It recently acted for Amgen in a patent case against Roche concerning epoetin. Stephen Bernstein and Bill Gaede lead the global life sciences practice.</p>				

National: Products Liability				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--		Peter Resnik (5)	Peter Resnik (4)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Peter Resnik of McDermott Will & Emery LLP acts on high-profile food and drug-related cases, including many science-intensive cases involving genetically modified crops and diet drugs.</p>				

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National: Projects (Oil & Gas)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
4 (NEW)	--	4	John Cogan (1) David Schumacher (3) (NEW) Scott Arrington (4) (NEW)	John Cogan (1)
Editorial				
<p>Chicago-based McDermott Will & Emery has bolstered its energy commodities trading practice recently, due in part to the opening of a Houston office, and it has also set up a global projects and infrastructure group. In addition to its successful track record in mining and metals, power and wind projects, the firm particularly shines in oil and gas. The recruitment of John Cogan is a major coup for the practice. An unrivalled LNG expert, he focuses on sponsor work and can "always find the most efficient way to solve the most complex issues." He represented Husky in its \$5.5 billion integrated cross-border oil sands and refinery joint venture with BP. Scott Arrington has a rapidly developing profile in the sector and is currently leading work on the engineering, procurement, construction and management contract for a \$2 billion mining project in Peru on behalf of Minera Chinalco Peru. A favorite of the lenders when it comes to projects in the oil and gas sector, David Schumacher was recruited from Chadbourne & Parke and is regarded as an exceptional project finance specialist. He recently acted for Credit Suisse on the oil and gas swap between the bank and Chesapeake Energy.</p>				

National: Tax (Controversy)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2	2	4	William Goldman (1) Thomas Borders (3) Peter Faber (4) Michael Kelleher (4)	William Goldman (1) Thomas Borders (3) Peter Faber (4) Michael Kelleher (4)

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Editorial

"Extremely effective at taking the nuances of the law and distilling them down into straightforward advice," this team of over 30 attorneys is spread between East and West Coasts. Chicago and Washington, DC are its principal offices, backed up by substantial support in Los Angeles and New York. **William Goldman**, the star of the team, is a "superb litigator and strategist." His experience extends across federal and state tax controversy and he has recently been engaged in a number of complex litigious tax refund cases. The group acts for global corporations on domestic and international issues, IRS audits and appeals through both administrative proceedings and litigation at the trial and appellate levels. A respected state and local tax group attracts clients seeking the resolution of conflicts involving local tax authorities. **Thomas Borders'** practice has taken on a greater national flavor recently with his representation of large hedge fund managers in tax courts. Senior counsel **Peter Faber** has a long-standing history of handling controversy matters at the federal, state and local levels. **Michael Kelleher** has been active in IRS appeals and transfer pricing cases and, along with Goldman, represented Chevron in a \$100 million tax refund relating to the case of Texaco Inc. v United States.

National: Tax (Corporate & Finance)

Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
3	2	4	--	--

Editorial

Chicago and Washington, DC are the two main locations of this tax acquisitions and restructuring practice. A compact team of approximately 25 attorneys advises on the federal, state and local tax aspects of corporate transactions, particularly in the midmarket. Clients include Tyco International and Tribune Company. Often found on transactions involving unique structures or those that are particularly tax sensitive, the attorneys frequently work alongside colleagues in the New York and Los Angeles offices to provide an integrated service; "they will jump right in and make sure all the aspects of a transaction are covered at a moment's notice," say clients. The two principal leaders of the team are global tax planning specialist Lowell Yoder in Chicago and corporate tax expert Stephen Wells in Washington, DC.

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National: Wealth Management				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
1	1	4	Central Region Carol Harrington (1) Judith McCue (1) Quentin Heisler (2) (UP) Richard Lang (3) Eastern Region Henry Christensen (1)	Central Region Carol Harrington (1) Judith McCue (1) Quentin Heisler (3) Richard Lang (3) Eastern Region Henry Christensen (1)
Editorial				
<p>A mainstay at the top of the wealth management rankings, this group continues to dominate the market with its sheer size and quality, and first-rate representation across the full range of trust and estate matters. Henry Christensen is incredibly experienced and widely affirmed to be one of the market's leading lights. He leads the international private client team, overseeing the firm's representation of wealthy families and their commercial interests across the globe. Carol Harrington heads the private client department from the Chicago office. An established authority on generation-skipping tax, she regularly speaks and publishes on the subject and is commended as being "pretty much unsurpassable in that area." Judith McCue has a long-standing reputation as one of the premier attorneys in the trust planning and trust and estate administration field. Interviewees highlight the clarity of her advice and her ability to successfully and tactfully resolve difficult negotiations as her key strengths. Quentin Heisler enjoys a flourishing practice and manages the Chicago office, and is "hugely responsive and accessible." His expertise lies in succession and transfer tax-related matters, and he recently advised a client on a number of wealth transfer alternatives relating to high vote common stock in the client's publicly traded company. Richard Lang is praised for his creativity in acting for entrepreneurs and venture capitalists on wealth transfer and income tax planning matters.</p>				

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New York: Corporate/M&A (Highly Regarded)				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
2 (UP)	3	3	Tim Alvino (5) Thomas Sauermilch (5)	Tim Alvino (5) Thomas Sauermilch (5)
Editorial				
<p>"The McDermott team always knows exactly which are the important issues, helping to point clients in the right direction in complex negotiations." The corporate group is managed by Tim Alvino and has cultivated a superb reputation working for public companies and private equity funds on their transactions. He led the team acting for Irving Oil in connection with a joint venture with Alimentation Couche-Tard relating to a complex leasing arrangement. "Alvino is always well prepared and has a talent for getting right to the heart of the matter," observes one source. "An indefatigable adviser in every situation," Thomas Sauermilch is highly recommended by clients with business interests in Europe as well as the USA. He represented Evonik Degussa in its acquisition of the remaining interests in Degussa Engineered Carbons.</p>				

New York: Environment				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	3	Peter Sacripanti (3) (UP)	Peter Sacripanti (4)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: McDermott Will & Emery LLP's Peter Sacripanti is celebrated for his "superb litigation skills," which he puts to excellent use defending ExxonMobil in major environmental cases. He recently successfully defended the company in the first-ever MTBE case to be tried in the New York Supreme Court, ending six years of litigation. He continues to act as national trial counsel to the company in approximately 80 mass tort, contamination and products liability cases filed by public water providers and state governments against members of the petroleum industry.</p>				

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New York: Immigration				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	2	Joan-Elisse Carpentier (3)	Joan-Elisse Carpentier (2)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Joan-Elisse Carpentier of McDermott Will & Emery LLP is recommended for her systematic approach and great work ethic. Client especially appreciate her ability to “deliver advice in comprehensible language.”</p>				

New York: Labor & Employment				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	4	Joel Cohen (2)	Joel Cohen (2)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: Joel Cohen of McDermott Will & Emery LLP is also admired for his exceptional knowledge of labor law. As well as handling union negotiations he is also an accomplished employment litigator, recommended for his tough but fair approach.</p>				

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New York: Tax				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
4	4	4	Arthur Rosen (3) (UP) Peter Faber (4) Thomas Giegerich (4) (NEW)	Peter Faber (4) Arthur Rosen (4)
Editorial				
<p>The 17 practitioners here cover state, local and federal tax law, with a focus on domestic corporate tax, transfer pricing and tax controversy. They also have considerable structured finance expertise and work closely with the firm's corporate attorneys in the private equity and hedge fund sectors. Highlights include advising on the development of a tax structure for Diageo. An expert on transfer pricing, Thomas Giegerich "really understands the economics of a transaction, which means his advice is always of an excellent quality." Well regarded for his tax planning and state and local tax litigation skills, Arthur Rosen is also admired by clients for his forceful stance and ability to find "sound resolutions to complex structures." Senior counsel Peter Faber handles tax planning and litigation and also brings federal tax law expertise to the table.</p>				

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Texas: Energy & Natural Resources				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
4 (NEW)	--	4	John Cogan (Star*) (UP) Robert Stephens (4) (UP)	John Cogan (1) Robert Stephens (5)
Editorial				
<p>March 2008 was the official birth of McDermott Will & Emery's Houston office, and the energy team has quickly attracted market attention. Combining teams from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld and Bracewell & Giuliani, led by John Cogan and Robert Stephens, the firm now has leading practices in international LNG and energy commodities trading, as well as a presence in upstream oil and gas. Respected as one of the world's greatest LNG lawyers, Cogan has been active upstream and downstream in oil and gas, and represented Anadarko in the sale to Occidental of two companies holding Anadarko's producing assets in Qatar. Stephens is "a lawyer you can rely on no matter how great the challenge - calm and thoughtful, he is a master at navigating the energy and finance landscape." He acted for Constellation Energy Commodities Group in the structuring and documentation of requirements for a secured natural gas supply facility for Superior Energy.</p>				

Texas: Intellectual Property				
Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Number of Tiers	Leading Individuals 2009	Leading Individuals 2008
--	--	4	Susan Knoll (1)	Susan Knoll (1)
Editorial				
<p>Other Notable Practitioner: A recent addition to McDermott Will & Emery LLP, Susan Knoll is "a top-tier litigator - any company in the country would be lucky to have her on board." The head of the IP department, she focuses on patent litigation.</p>				