

2008 EPIC Awards

Law Firm of the Year

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft had a leading role in a number of the most prominent deals of 2007, among them **The Blackstone Group's** purchase of **Hilton Hotels** and **Equity Office Properties**. Cadwalader represented the lending syndicate in Blackstone's \$21 billion purchase of Hilton, which involved a massive CMBS transaction, the securitization of the company, and assets on five continents. The firm also represented **Lehman Commercial Paper** as administrative agent to a syndicate of lenders as part of an acquisition financing amounting to approximately \$6 billion involving the formation of a joint venture between



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Lehman Brothers Holdings and **Tishman Speyer Properties** to acquire the outstanding capital stock of Archstone-Smith Operating Trust for a merger value of approximately \$22 billion.

Key players include **Chris White**, chairman of the department, and partners **Fred Altschuler**, **John Zizzo**, **Jim Carroll**, **Bill McInerney**, **John Busillo**, **Steve Herman**, **Jamie Hassan**, **Melissa Hinkle**, **Justin Jowitt**, **Alan Lawrence**, **Jeff Lee** and **Rich Madden**. **Julian Chung**, a partner in the banking group, also worked on the Tishman/Archstone deal.