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Law firm of the year, Americas

Morrison & Foerster

We were named **Structured Products magazine 2009 Law Firm of the Year, Americas**. For three out of the last four years the firm has been named law firm of the year by *Structured Products* magazine. The award recognizes the firm's work in the commodities, derivatives and structured products areas.

**Structured Products magazine** said the following about our work:

Morrison & Foerster (MoFo) has capitalised on the opportunities coming its way, diving into the thick of Icelandic bank workouts, and doing its fair share of complex, generally Lehman Brothers-based restructuring. While doing all of this, the firm has been lauded by banks and distributors as responsive, high quality, reliable, accommodating and reasonably priced.

*"They are the premier law firm for structured products advice,"* says one US distributor. *"We have used them almost exclusively on our structured products business and couldn't be more satisfied. They not only understand the law, but also the business elements."*

The crucial element of the way that MoFo conducts its business is an ability to understand the complex array of rules and practices that are scattered across the practice of structured products in the US. *"They are efficient, know what they're doing..."* says a banker from a large US investment bank.

Not only do they know and understand the relevant derivatives, investment and capital markets businesses, but *"they are in touch with everybody and so they know what everyone else is doing"*, says another New York-based banker from a European bank. *"Their service is outstanding."* The same banker is a regular visitor to MoFo's teach-ins and a recipient of the regular briefings the firm circulates to its clients.

MoFo has dramatically expanded its work on structured products in a year in which many law firms and banks have at best consolidated what they do. Over the 12 months to April 2009, the firm has worked on over 130 structured note offerings from its US office, representing US\$2.4 billion on face value.