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Hunton & Williams LLP Keeps Top Spot in Privacy Rankings

Hunton & Williams LLP is pleased to announce its 2011 rankings from Chambers and Partners and *The Legal 500: United States.* The firm maintained its number one ranking in both surveys for its <u>Privacy and Data Security</u> practice.

For the last four years, the firm has held the "Band 1" ranking for Privacy and Data Security by both the *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global* guides. In its *Chambers USA* guide, Chambers and Partners recognized the firm's privacy and data security practice for its "full spectrum of privacy issues including data security breaches, records and information management and legislation compliance." Hunton & Williams also received the highest honors for its client service and "commercial awareness." In addition, the practice was praised for its connections with regulatory agencies. Lisa J. Sotto, partner and head of the firm's Privacy and Data Security practice, was ranked in "Band 1," and was singled out for her "tremendous wealth of knowledge" and proactive nature in assisting clients.

Chambers is one of the leading legal directories and its ranking system is based on, and validated by, extensive third-party research with clients, peers and industry leaders.

In addition to the Chambers ratings, *The Legal 500: United States* 2011 edition also recently ranked Hunton & Williams in "Tier 1" for Data Protection and Privacy. It notes that Hunton & Williams is "the go-to firm for privacy matters." The group was recommended as "top-rate for quality, efficiency and response time." Lisa Sotto also is recognized as a leading lawyer and <u>Aaron P. Simpson</u>, a partner in New York, is recognized in the directory.

Hunton & Williams also has been ranked by Chambers and Partners in its *Chambers UK* and *Chambers Europe* guides. The firm was ranked in "Band 1" for Data Protection by *Chambers UK*, and partner Bridget C. Treacy also was ranked in "Band 1." Brussels partner Christopher Kuner was recognized in *Chambers Europe* for TMT.

About Hunton & Williams' Privacy and Data Security Practice

Hunton & Williams' practice is a leader in its field and for the fourth consecutive year has been ranked by *Computerworld* magazine in a survey of more than 4,000 corporate privacy leaders as the top law firm globally for privacy and data security. The practice group assists organizations in managing privacy and security risks associated with the collection, use and disclosure of consumer and employee personal information. The firm's lawyers counsel clients on new and evolving global legal requirements that affect the use of information and work closely with clients to conduct full-scale privacy assessments. Hunton & Williams' privacy and data protection lawyers understand the global policy issues and business processes that inform the current privacy debate and apply that knowledge in providing legal advice.

Visit the Privacy and Information Security Law Blog at www.huntonprivacyblog.com for global privacy and information security law updates and analysis.

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