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Hunton & Williams' Global Outsourcing and Privacy Teams Recognized in *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500: United States*

Hunton & Williams LLP is pleased to announce its 2012 *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500: United States* rankings. *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500* again recognized the firm for its Outsourcing practice, ranking the firm in "Band 3" and in "Tier 2," respectively. Hunton & Williams also maintained its number one ranking in both surveys for the firm's Privacy and Data Security practice.

Global Technology and Outsourcing

Chambers USA consistently has ranked the firm for Outsourcing, giving "Band 3" honors this year and noting the practice's strength "in cloud computing transactions" and "strong experience in handling complex IT and business process outsourcings." "Interviewees comment on the positive working relationships forged with the team, and praise the team's ability to work seamlessly with in-house counsel." Randall S. Parks, partner and head of the firm's Global Technology and Outsourcing practice, was again ranked in "Band 2" and listed as "a highly skilled lawyer." Clients noted "his experience in the outsourcing sector and the strength of his practice." In addition, partners Jeffrey L. Harvey and Karen M. Sanzaro were recognized in the guide, which praised their experience and knowledge in the outsourcing sector.

Further, *The Legal 500: United States* again ranked Hunton & Williams in "Tier 2" for Outsourcing. The "well-regarded" practice group "handle[s] highly complex, large-scale transactions across multiple sectors with particular strength in retail, financial services and healthcare and are recommended for really understanding business processes and technology." Partners Randall Parks, Jeffrey Harvey and Karen Sanzaro are recognized for their extensive work in outsourcing.

Privacy and Data Security

For the last five years, the firm has held the "Band 1" ranking for Privacy and Data Security by *Chambers USA*. The firm's Privacy and Data Security practice also received the top spot in the *Chambers Global* guide earlier this year. In its *Chambers USA* guide, Chambers and Partners said that "Hunton & Williams is highly regarded for the strength of its excellent team ... and is particularly noted for data breach matters and cross-border data transfer and compliance." The firm was highlighted for its commercial awareness with clients, praising the privacy lawyers for understanding "the full scope of [their] business." Lisa J. Sotto, partner and head of the firm's global Privacy and Data Security practice, was again ranked in "Band 1," and clients noted that she "conveys a sense that you are going to get a consistently right answer at any time of the day." Partner Aaron P. Simpson also was recognized as an "expert in data security incidents," stressing that he is "devoted to understanding the business and what you are trying to accomplish."

In addition to the Chambers ratings, *The Legal 500: United States* 2012 edition again ranked Hunton & Williams in "Tier 1" for Data Protection and Privacy. It notes that Hunton & Williams' clients appreciate the privacy team's "commitment to excellence and work with policy makers, which underpins [the] lawyers'

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excellent practical advice." Lisa Sotto also is recognized as a leading lawyer, and Aaron Simpson is recognized in the directory.

In addition to the U.S. rankings, Hunton & Williams also was <u>ranked in *Chambers Europe*</u> for TMT: Information Technology: Belgium. Brussels managing partner <u>Wim Nauwelaerts</u> was recognized by *Chambers Europe* as "very straightforward, with a no-nonsense approach."

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