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Seward & Kissel's M&A Practice Ranked as "Highly Regarded" in Chambers USA 2017

May 26, 2017 – Seward & Kissel is pleased to announce that Chambers USA 2017 has ranked the Firm's Business Transactions Group as Highly Regarded for Corporate/M&A in New York for the fifth year in a row, with both of the Group's co-heads, Jim Abbott and Craig Sklar, recognized as Leading Individuals for Corporate/M&A. Additionally, partner Nick Katsanos was recommended as a 'Recognised Practitioner', and partner Gerhard Anderson was recommended as 'Up and Coming' in 2017.



Summarizing its independent research, Chambers USA had this to say:

What the team is known for: Particularly adept at sell-side and midmarket transactions. Recognized for its cross-border capabilities. Often advises clients working in investment management and the shipping industry.

Strengths: Commentators describe the team as having "top-quality and highly capable problem solvers" and other sources characterize them as "unusually easy to deal with, very diligent, very thorough and always easy to work with."

One client praises the department's responsiveness and asserts that "you have the feeling they really care."

Notable practitioners:

- **James Abbott** is described as a problem solver by clients, who assert that he is "really smart, personable and easy to work with." His recent work includes a variety of cross-border M&A transactions.
- "**Conscientious attorney**" **Craig Sklar** is co-head of the firm's business transactions practice. He offers an "amazing" level of support to his clients, who note how enjoyable it is to work with him. Sources highlight his attentiveness to his clients' needs and goal-oriented nature.
- **Gerhard Anderson** is "an excellent lawyer" who has "great industry knowledge" and provides a "superior client service," according to an impressed source. He advises clients on business transactions, financings and general corporate issues.

About Seward & Kissel LLP

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border M&A transactions and for its representation of transportation companies (particularly in the shipping industry), major commercial banks, investment banking firms, investment advisers and related investment funds (including mutual funds, private equity funds and hedge funds), hedge fund administrators, broker-dealers and institutional investors.

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