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VAULT.COM UNVEILS LAW FIRM PRACTICE AREA RANKINGS FOR 2017

SKADDEN NAMED NO. 1 TAX LAW FIRM FOR SEVENTH STRAIGHT YEAR

New York, NY (July 8, 2016) Offering deeper insight into the legal industry, Vault.com released its Law Practice Area Rankings for 2017, examining how associates rate peer firms in areas such as tax law. Associates around the country voted for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom as the strongest firm for tax law for the seventh consecutive year. Vault’s survey respondents remarked that Skadden is “top quality,” is “brilliant and diligent,” and that its “tax practice is great,” which makes it no surprise that its lead in this category is so strong.

“While deciding in which area of law to practice can be overwhelming, law students must start focusing their classes and internships early on,” said Matt Moody, Law Editor at Vault. “While tax law may not be the most glamorous practice area, it’s a recession-resistant specialty and tax associates in our survey report very high satisfaction compared to other attorneys.”

In order to determine the Vault Practice Area Rankings, more than 18,000 associates were asked to vote for up to three firms they consider strongest in their own practice area, but associates were not permitted to vote for their own firm. Vault’s rankings feature the firms that received the highest percentage of votes from survey respondents.

The Top 10 Law Firms for Tax law are:

1. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
2. Davis Polk & Wardwell
3. Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
4. Baker & McKenzie
5. Cravath, Swaine & Moore
6. McDermott Will & Emery
7. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
8. Sullivan & Cromwell
9. Caplin & Drysdale
10. Kirkland & Ellis (tie)
10. Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (tie)

Wachtell dropped three spots to No. 7, allowing Baker & McKenzie (No. 4), Cravath (No. 5), and McDermott (No. 6) to each move up a spot. Sutherland Asbill and Brennan (tied at No. 15), Morgan Lewis (No. 17), Debevoise (tied at No. 18), and Fenwick & West (No. 20) all joined the ranking after being unranked last year.

View the complete ranking of the 20 Best Law Firms for Bankruptcy and the rest of the [Vault Law Practice Area Rankings](#).

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