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Chadbourne's Commercial Litigation Department: A Look Back At 2009

In 2009, Chadbourne's Commercial Litigation Department was proud to have the opportunity to represent its clients on a wide variety of cutting-edge matters, and to secure significant victories on behalf of many of them. As we set our sights on 2010 and beyond, we provide a brief overview of some of the matters that we handled in 2009.

Chadbourne Wins \$24 Million for Bank Hapoalim

On October 21, Chadbourne won a substantial judgment in New York State Supreme Court on behalf of Bank Hapoalim in a fraud case brought against Banca Intesa.

The verdict came after a 12-day jury trial before State Supreme Court Justice Shirley Kornreich. The verdict was \$14.6 million for the plaintiff, Bank Hapoalim, plus interest from May 2003, bringing the total amount of the judgment to about \$24 million.

Bank Hapoalim alleged that, in May 2003, Banca Intesa and certain subsidiaries sold to Bank Hapoalim three discounted non-interest bearing promissory notes, each with a face value of \$5 million. The notes were issued as part of a scheme carried out by Banca Intesa to generate money for Parmalat's South American subsidiaries. The notes purchased by Bank Hapoalim were not repaid at maturity.

The Chadbourne trial team was led by Scott S. Balber and included partner Phoebe A. Wilkinson and associates Emily Abrahams, Jonathan C. Cross, Maureen K. Schad and Paige Willan.

Chadbourne Secures Dismissal of \$300 Million Fraudulent Conveyance Claim

Chadbourne represented Citicorp, as administrative agent of a \$300 million revolving loan facility, in the adversary proceeding Official Committee of */ continued page 2*

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Unsecured Creditors of Tousey, Inc. v. Citicorp North America, filed May 2008 in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. The plaintiff sought to avoid that financing, and the liens against collateral pledged as security for it, on the grounds that they constitute fraudulent conveyances. After the plaintiff was twice granted leave to replead, the claims were ultimately dismissed with prejudice, and the matter is now on appeal.

The Chadbourne team was led by partners Thomas J. Hall and Thomas J. McCormack.

Chadbourne Acts As Parachute Counsel and Reverses Unfavorable Ruling for Greystone Financial

Chadbourne represented Greystone Financial in a litigation against the Italian clothing manufacturer, Diesel. Following a bench trial before U.S. District Judge Harold Baer, Jr. in the Southern District of New York, the court dismissed all claims brought by Diesel against Greystone (which claims had sought nearly \$20 million in damages). In addition, Judge Baer ruled that Diesel was liable to Greystone on its counterclaim for unjust enrichment. Chadbourne was brought into the case to replace another law firm on the eve of the trial and after the court had issued a summary judgment opinion that was unfavorable to Greystone. The case arose from a contractual relationship between two shoe companies, their U.S. distributor and the distributor's secured lender, Greystone.

The Chadbourne team included partners Oliver J. Armas and Phoebe A. Wilkinson and associates J. Carson Pulley and Kim Zafran.

Chadbourne Obtains Favorable Settlement in Trade Secret Matter

Chadbourne represented plaintiffs PowerDsine and Microsemi in a trade secrets case against AMI Semiconductor in the Southern District of New York seeking \$100 million in damages for breach of a nondisclosure agreement covering

certain semiconductor technology. All counterclaims filed against PowerDsine and Microsemi, for breach of contract, business defamation and interference with prospective business relations, were dismissed on Microsemi and PowerDsine's motion for summary judgment. After a two-week trial, the parties entered into a confidential settlement that was on terms favorable to PowerDsine and Microsemi.

The Chadbourne team led by partner Scott S. Balber also included Intellectual Property partners Walter Hanchuk and Dennis Hopkins, and Litigation associate Emily Abrahams.

Chadbourne Defending Tiffen in Fraudulent Conduct Action

Chadbourne is representing former insiders of the Tiffen Company in defense of a fraudulent conduct action brought by a former trustee before the New York Supreme Court. Claims are for \$20 million.

The Chadbourne team is being led by Scott S. Balber.

Chadbourne Handles First Investment Dispute Filed Against the Government of Dubai in International Arbitration

Chadbourne handled what is reputed to be the first investment suit ever filed against the Government of Dubai in an international arbitration. The case originally brought in the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes and handled by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP was dismissed on jurisdictional grounds. Chadbourne refiled the case as an international commercial arbitration case before the Dubai International Arbitration Court in Dubai. Chadbourne conducted an intense two-week hearing, in which high-profile witnesses testified before a panel of very well recognized arbitrators from Canada, the UK and Australia.

The Chadbourne team included partners Jack Greenwald, Oliver J. Armas and Phoebe A. Wilkinson, and associate Thomas Pieper.

Chadbourne Represents ABN AMRO Bank, N.V.

Chadbourne is representing ABN AMRO Bank, N.V., in connection with a litigation brought by Diapason Commodities Management S.A. in the Supreme Court of New York, Commercial Division, against ABN and Beeland Interests Inc. The complaint, which claims \$20 million in damages, alleges a breach of contract by ABN and Beeland with respect to the payment of certain licensing fees in connection with the use of a commodities index. On our motion, the court stayed the litigation pending resolution of related arbitration proceedings not involving ABN.

Partner Alan I. Raylesberg is leading the Chadbourne team.

Chadbourne Prepares Appeal to the Court of Appeals on Behalf of Awards.com

Chadbourne, acting as co-counsel, has filed briefs on behalf of its clients, Inspire Someone LLC and Awards.com, in an appeal to the New York Court of Appeals of a decision of the Appellate Division, First Department, dismissing claims for breach of contract that had been asserted by Awards and Inspire against Kinko's, Inc. The case arose from a contract between the plaintiffs and Kinko's, pursuant to which plaintiffs were to operate certain "stores-in-stores" at various Kinko's locations throughout the United States. Kinko's abruptly terminated the contract in September 2005, purportedly because a single monthly payment due under the contract was a few days late. After the Supreme Court, New York County rejected Kinko's' summary judgment motion, upholding plaintiffs' breach of contract claim (while rejecting plaintiffs' claim for lost profits), the Appellate Division reversed, and found that the single, few days late payment was a "material breach" of the contract. The Appellate Division also affirmed the dismissal of the lost profits claim. Chadbourne is now representing the plaintiffs in their appeal from the Appellate Division decision.

Partner Alan I. Raylesberg leads the Chadbourne team, which includes partner Thomas E. Butler and associate Eric Twiste.

Chadbourne Wins Second Circuit Appeal Over Frozen Argentine Pension Fund Assets

Chadbourne obtained a ruling from the US Second Circuit Court of Appeals that removed a freezing order on Argentine pension fund assets held in New York. The Court ruled that, under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, the assets are immune from creditors' claims. Chadbourne represents the Union of Argentine Pension Fund Managers (Union de Administradoras de Fondos de Jubilaciones y Pensiones) (the "Union") and the eight pension fund managers (AFJPs) that comprise the Union in a matter brought by bondholders who had moved to attach U.S. assets of Argentine pension funds located in the United States.

The Chadbourne team included partners Oliver J. Armas, Thomas J. Hall, Carlos T. Albarracin and associate Robert E. Grossman.

Chadbourne Represents Arthur Andersen LLP

Chadbourne has continued its defense of Arthur Andersen in the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Eastern District of New York in connection with numerous claims made by the bankruptcy trustee for, and lenders to, Allou Distributors for alleged accounting malpractice relating to purported losses of approximately \$150 million, including so-called "deepening insolvency" damages. The case is proceeding through discovery.

The Chadbourne team is led by partners Alan I. Raylesberg and Robert A. Schwinger, and includes associate Eric Twiste.

Chadbourne Represents Bessemer Trust Company

Chadbourne represents Bessemer Trust Company as plaintiff in litigation against a former executive who had come to Bessemer as part of the acquisition of the executive's former company, and who, two years later, left Bessemer and wrongfully induced clients representing over \$220 million in assets to follow him. In April 2007, we obtained a liability verdict in Bessemer's favor following a non-jury trial in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Thereafter, we obtained summary judgment dismissing the defendant's counterclaims against Bessemer. In July / continued page 4

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2007, we completed a trial on the damages phase of the case, and the court awarded significant compensatory damages to Bessemer in April 2008. The matter is now on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Partner Donald I Strauber leads the Chadbourne team.

Chadbourne Obtains Victory in Arbitration on Behalf of Major Jewelry Manufacturer

Chadbourne obtained a victory on behalf of a major European jewelry manufacturer in May of 2009, when the arbitrator in an ICDR Arbitration issued an order dismissing the claims asserted in the arbitration in the aftermath of a two-day hearing. Subsequently, two New York State Courts also dismissed related claims. The claims had arisen from a New York law firm's representation of the manufacturer in breach of contract claims pending in the Southern District of New York.

Chadbourne attorneys involved in the matter included partner Thomas E. Butler and associates J. Carson Pulley and Caroline Pignatelli.

Chadbourne Wins Precedent-Setting Pro Bono Appeal

Chadbourne won an appeal in a precedent-setting pro bono lawsuit on behalf of four New York judges against the New York Senate, the New York Assembly and the State of New York. The ruling of the Appellate Division, First Department requires New York State to raise judicial salaries and to award substantial back pay. The case continues with the State's appeal to the New York Court of Appeals, which was argued on January 13, 2010.

The Chadbourne team included partners Judge George Bundy Smith and Phoebe A. Wilkinson, and associates J. Carson Pulley, Robert M. Kirby and Caroline Pignatelli.

Chadbourne Seeks Confirmation of Award Against The Republic of Peru

Chadbourne recently brought a proceeding in the Southern District of New York to confirm a foreign arbitration \$30 million award rendered against a special program of the Republic of Peru. Although the award was only rendered against the program, Chadbourne sought to confirm the award against both the program and the Republic. The defendants moved to dismiss the action because the award was not rendered against the sovereign itself, because the Court lacked personal jurisdiction over all defendants, and on forum non conveniens grounds. In a September 2009 decision, the Court denied the motion, ruling that the program and the sovereign were the same legal entity such that the award could be confirmed and enforced against both parties, and that none of defendants' procedural arguments could impede our efforts to confirm the award under the Inter-American Convention on International Commercial Arbitration. The matter is currently on appeal to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Chadbourne team is being led by partner Thomas J. Hall and supported by associates Robert E. Grossman and Paige Willan.

Chadbourne Represents Cable Television Operator in Challenge to Telephone Company's Violation of Cable Franchise Requirements

For nearly two years, Chadbourne has represented San Juan Cable, the 25th largest cable company in the U.S., in challenging the efforts of Puerto Rico Telephone Company, the dominant telephone company in Puerto Rico, to enter the cable television market in Puerto Rico. Chadbourne successfully opposed PRTC's initial cable franchise application, prompting the state regulatory agency to deny the application on the grounds that PRTC was illegally funding the development of its cable business with revenue from its regulated telephone business. Subsequently, PRTC filed a second franchise application, which Chadbourne is challenging on similar grounds; that proceeding is currently stayed pending the Puerto Rico Supreme Court's review of the regulatory agency's

denial of our client's right to intervene in the franchising proceeding. PRTC has also admitted spending tens of millions of dollars to construct its cable system prior to obtaining a franchise, in violation of applicable cable law, and Chadbourne is representing San Juan Cable in federal and state injunction proceedings to stop that unauthorized construction.

This representation has involved attorneys from the DC and NY offices, and combines the efforts of our corporate and litigation practices. Chadbourne attorneys include partner Dana Frix, counsels Karl Buch and Jim Stenger, and associates Emily Abrahams, Aaron Bartell, Robert Kirby, Carlos Martinez and Megan Strand.

Chadbourne Represents Stan Lee Media, Inc. in a Dispute Over Ownership of Well Known Characters

Chadbourne has taken over as lead counsel for plaintiff Stan Lee Media, Inc. ("SLMI") in this decade-long legal dispute between shareholders of SLMI and Marvel Entertainment. The case concerns the ownership of the highly profitable IP characters created by Stan Lee, the Marvel collaborator behind the lucrative Spider-Man, Iron Man, and X-Men franchises valued in excess of \$2 billion. Issues at stake include whether Lee assigned the rights to these characters to SLMI before leaving the company. The litigation continues in the shadow of Disney's recent \$4 billion proposed acquisition of Marvel.

The Chadbourne team is being led by partner Oliver J. Armas.

Chadbourne Represents Creditors' Committee in Tribune Company Bankruptcy

Chadbourne is representing the Creditors' Committee in this high-profile Chapter 11 proceeding pending in Delaware bankruptcy court. In connection with that representation, Chadbourne litigators are currently undertaking a comprehensive investigation into potential claims that may be brought against various parties on behalf of the Committee, with the expectation of pursuing multiple-billion dollar claims. Tribune Company owns and operates seven major newspapers (including the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times), 23 television and radio properties, and the

Chicago Cubs professional baseball team. It encountered significant financial problems following its conversion to a private company in a leveraged buy-out transaction overseen by billionaire real estate investor Sam Zell and it filed for bankruptcy in 2008, owing over \$13 billion.

The Chadbourne team is being led by partners Thomas J. McCormack and Robert A. Schwinger.

Chadbourne Obtains a \$37 Million Judgment for Vistra Trust Company Ltd.

Chadbourne represented Vistra Trust Company, as trustee of a \$200 million Jersey Island trust, six Swiss companies, two United States limited liability companies and a British Virgin Islands receiver in lawsuits pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the Delaware Chancery Court. Chadbourne obtained a \$37 million judgment on behalf of Vistra for funds that were misappropriated by the trust protector through a complex scheme perpetrated over three continents. In addition to its work in connection with the matters pending in the United States, Chadbourne has been coordinating the efforts of co-counsel in Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, England, the Isle of Jersey and Switzerland.

The Chadbourne team is being led by partner Scott S. Balber.

Chadbourne Counsels Venezuelan Financial Institutions in Connection with Asset Seizures by the United States Government

Chadbourne has counseled various Venezuelan financial institutions in connection with the United States Government's seizures of Venezuelan assets held in banks in San Juan, Puerto Rico and Miami, Florida. In March 2009, the United States Government executed seizure warrants at Caracas International Bank in San Juan, Puerto Rico and the Bank of America in Miami, Florida, seizing approximately \$300 million in assets belonging to various Venezuelan financial institutions. Chadbourne is representing several of these institutions, seeking recovery of the seized funds.

Chadbourne lawyers involved in this matter include partner Thomas E. Butler, counsel Karl H. Buch, and associate Robert Kirby.

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Welcoming New Colleagues

Once again we offer a warm welcome to all of the attorneys who joined the commercial litigation team over the past year.

- **Ignacio Suarez Anzorena**, Partner, Washington, DC office
- **Marc D. Ashley**, Counsel, New York office
- **Laura Rowntree**, Associate, New York office
- **Sara Marzal Yetano**, Associate, Washington, DC office
- **Juan Carlos Zamora**, Associate, Mexico City office

Newsworthy

Chadbourne is extremely proud that three of our partners (**Thomas J. Hall**, **Alan I. Raylesberg** and **Judge George Bundy Smith**) are authors of individual chapters in the illustrious treatise, *Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts*, Robert Haig, editor, 2nd edition, 2005. The authors of this publication, a joint venture of West and the New York County Lawyers' Association, include many judges, as well as some of the best and most well-known commercial litigators in New York State. A Third Edition will be published shortly and we are pleased that partners Hall, Raylesberg and Smith will once again be the authors of their respective chapters in that edition.

At The Podium

C. Ignacio Suarez Anzorena presented "Relevancia y contenidos del acuerdo arbitral internacional" at the II Jornada Internacional de Arbitraje "Temas Actuales en Arbitraje" in Buenos Aires, Argentina on September 28th. Only a few days later, he was a panelist at the IV Conferencia de Arbitraje Internacional in Quito, Ecuador on September 30th for a session titled "Jurisprudencia Actual en materia de Arbitraje Internacional Comercial y de Inversión" and on October 1st for the session titled "Análisis Práctico: Redacción de Demandas de Arbitraje Internacional." Additionally, in October, he served as a panelist at the ICC Conference in Madrid, Spain on October 7th, titled "Arbitraje en Iberoamérica: Desarrollos y Desafíos." Further, he was a panelist for a session titled "Counsel's Arbitration Strategy and the Arbitrator's Perspectives: Effective arbitration tactics—what works and what to avoid from personal experiences," held at the 2009 ICDR International ADR Reporting Program Series in Lima, Peru on November 5th. He also was a panelist at the ICDR International Arbitration conference "Dentro del Programa de ICDR de 2009 Sobre Métodos Alternativos de Solución de Conflictos" in Bogota, Colombia on November 9th.

Chadbourne would like to welcome **Gerald D. Silver**, who has just joined the firm as a partner in the New York office in the litigation practice. Gerry will draw on his broad experience as a commercial litigator with an expertise in technology litigation and a focus on securities and financial services litigation.

Oliver J. Armas presented "The Ins and 'Outs' of Contractual Performance in Today's Economy" in New York, NY on May 19th. On October 13th, he was a panelist on International Chamber of Commerce's Young Arbitrators Forum's "So You Want to Become an Arbitrator" in New York, NY. The following day, he presented "The International and Domestic ADR: Legal Updates and Clause Design for Corporate Counsel" at the ICDR program hosted at Chadbourne in the New York, NY office. Additionally, in October, he moderated a panel entitled "ICDR International: ADR Reporting Series" at the North American Roundtable in São Paulo, Brazil on October 27th. Moving into November, on the 12th, he presented "The FCPA and Other Federal Laws that Keep In-House Counsel Awake at Night" at the ABA Conference on Current Issues in Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation in New Jersey.

Salvador Fonseca was a speaker in an International Arbitration Workshop organized by the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission in Santa Cruz, Bolivia on August 14th. The next day, he was a speaker in an International Arbitration Congress organized by the Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission in Puebla, Mexico. He spoke at an International Congress on Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods organized by the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce in Pereira, Colombia, held October 8th – 9th.

Luis Enrique Graham was panelist in a June 11th seminar on Practical Issues of Bankruptcy Proceedings at the Mexican Bar Association in Mexico City, Mexico. On July 27th, he was speaker at the Panama Arbitration Center on the topic of Disputes in Infrastructure Projects in Panama City, Panama. In October, he had three speaking engagements. On the 7th, in Mexico City, he gave a speech before the Bankruptcy Committee of the Mexican Bar Association regarding Bankruptcy Legislation and Effects within Arbitral Proceedings in Mexico City. On October 22nd, he and Salvador Fonseca were keynote speakers at an arbitration lecture in Lima, Peru, "Arbitration of Infrastructure Projects — Practical aspects," organized by the American Chamber of Commerce of Peru for

its roster of arbitrators. On the 30th, he was panelist at the Annual Conference of the International Section of the American Bar Association to discuss the Economic Crisis Implications on Contracts and Its Enforcement Across Different Jurisdictions in Miami, Florida.

Thomas J. Hall presented “The Ins and ‘Outs’ of Contractual Performance in Today’s Economy,” in New York on May 19th. He was a panelist on a session titled “Claims Against Directors: Is D&O Insurance Enough Protection in the Context of the Financial Storm?” at the International Bar Association’s Annual Conference in Madrid, Spain on October 7th. Additionally, he was a panelist on a session titled “Sovereign Debt Litigation: Lessons from the Front Line” at the ABA International Law Section Conference in Miami, Florida on October 30th.

Sylwester Pieckowski played the role of the plaintiff in a simulation, “The Case of the Mule “Antoine,” at the JAMS ADR workshop: Mediation Advocates Summit & Train-the-Trainers Course, held in Rome, Italy on November 3rd.

Alan Raylesberg, Don J. Mros and **Richard G. Liskov** presented “What Happens When Your Financial Guaranty Insurer Goes ‘Bust’?” in New York on June 10th.

Alan I. Raylesberg and **Richard G. Liskov** held a CLE entitled “What You and Your Company Need to Know About D & O Insurance Policies,” in the New York office on June 23rd.

Julia Romanova gave a presentation on “Changes to the Russian Bankruptcy Code” during an in-house breakfast meeting for select members of the Russian press on October 15th.

Robert A. Schwinger led a panel on January 28, 2009, at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the New York State Bar Association for the Commercial & Federal Litigation Section entitled “Let He Whose Executives Were Without Sin Cast the First Stone: Using Management Wrongdoing to Bar Suits by Corporate Plaintiffs and Debtors.”

Judge George Bundy Smith delivered the “Jones Lecture” at the Albany Law School on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. The Lecture is named for the late New York State Court of Appeals Judge Hugh Jones. The topic was “Hugh Jones: A Judge and a Man for All Ages.”

On Tuesday, May 19th, there was a complimentary presentation and webinar on litigation strategies that parties may attempt to avoid long-term contractual obligations, titled “The Ins and “Outs” of Contractual Performance in Today’s Economy.” **J. Allen Miller** moderated the panel discussion with Chadbourne partners **Oliver J. Armas** and **Thomas J. Hall** participating on the panel. **Governor George E. Pataki** gave the introductory remarks.

In The Press

- **Andrew A. Giaccia, Thomas J. McCormack** and **Mary T. Yelenick**, “Companies in Hot Seat as Courts Advance Climate-Change Claims,” *Law.com*, January 4, 2010.
- **Thomas J. Hall** and **Judge George Bundy Smith**, “Commercial Division Update: Deciding Enforceability of Jury Waivers in Disputed Contracts,” *New York Law Journal*, December 18, 2009.
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- **Oliver J. Armas** and **Thomas J. Hall**, “Sovereign Debt – Judicial Cases in the United States,” *Global Financial Crisis: Navigating and Understanding the Legal and Regulatory Aspects*, October 30, 2009.
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- **Thomas J. Hall** and **Thomas J. McCormack**, “Financial Meltdown Triggers Litigation Wave,” *New York Law Journal*, January 5, 2009.

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Awards, Rankings and Recognitions

Best Lawyers 2010

- Alan Raylesberg was one of 22 Chadbourne Attorneys recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2010.
- Chambers Latin America 2010
- Oliver Armas, Luis Enrique Graham, Thomas Pieper and Ignacio Suarez Anzorena all ranked as leaders in their specialties.
- Latin America-wide: ranked in Band 5 for International Arbitration.
- Mexico: ranked in Band 3 for International Trade/WTO

Benchmark: Litigation 2010

- New York: Local Litigation Firm: Ranked Highly Recommended

National Rankings

- Bankruptcy Litigation: Thomas Hall
- General Commercial Litigation: Thomas Hall
- Product Liability Litigation: David Wallace and Phoebe Wilkinson

NY Local Litigation Stars

- Scott Balber: Bankruptcy Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Securities Litigation
- Thomas Hall: Bankruptcy Litigation
- Thomas McCormack: Commercial Litigation, Securities Litigation
- Gary Morrisroe: Product Liability Litigation
- Alan Raylesberg: Commercial Litigation
- David Wallace: Product Liability Litigation

NY Future Stars

- Oliver Armas
- Phoebe Wilkinson

The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration 2010

- Oliver J. Armas
- Luis Enrique Graham
- C. Ignacio Suarez Anzorena

Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration 2009

- Oliver J. Armas
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