



FENWICK & WEST LLP

## Press Release

### Fenwick & West Ranked as Top 20 M&A Legal Advisor for Third Quarter 2005

September 28, 2005 (San Francisco and Mountain View, CA) – Fenwick & West earned the #16 spot in *Global Securities Information* (GSI) Third Quarter 2005 ranking of legal counsel for all completed mergers in the third quarter of 2005. The GSI M&A league table tracks all deals registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission that have completion dates that fall within the specified time period and result in a change in control.

Fenwick & West's top 20 ranking for this period includes the completion of several notable technology industry deals, including Shopping.com's \$620M acquisition by eBay and Symantec's \$13.5B acquisition of VERITAS Software. Fenwick & West's focus on technology industry transactions continually places its M&A group among the most active legal advisors nationwide for all industries and recently earned the firm the #1 legal advisor ranking for technology sector mergers and acquisitions, according to Mergermarket.

#### GSI Legal Counsel Rankings for Third Quarter 2005 Completed Mergers

| Rank | Counsel                               | Count | Total Value    |
|------|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1    | Cravath Swaine & Moore                | 6     | 58,691,624,005 |
| 2    | Jones Day                             | 5     | 53,961,670,937 |
| 3    | Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom     | 21    | 47,315,396,424 |
| 4    | Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz          | 9     | 45,512,759,418 |
| 5    | Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison | 10    | 45,347,439,108 |
| 6    | Simpson Thacher & Barlett             | 12    | 44,278,960,112 |
| 7    | King & Spalding                       | 7     | 42,677,075,961 |
| 8    | Willkie Farr & Gallagher              | 6     | 41,921,278,493 |
| 9    | Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP           | 2     | 36,500,262,550 |
| 10   | Shearman & Sterling LLP               | 7     | 21,419,322,050 |
| 11   | Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP             | 17    | 20,496,570,919 |
| 12   | Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman       | 2     | 20,402,187,820 |
| 13   | Linklaters & Alliance                 | 3     | 15,058,508,113 |
| 14   | Ropes & Gray                          | 6     | 14,255,767,531 |
| 15   | MacFarlanes                           | 1     | 14,014,435,311 |
| 16   | Fenwick & West                        | 4     | 13,913,801,773 |
| 17   | Morgan Lewis & Bockius                | 5     | 12,366,767,139 |
| 18   | Sullivan & Cromwell                   | 7     | 12,340,169,725 |
| 19   | Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw                | 12    | 11,720,612,102 |
| 20   | LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & MacRae          | 1     | 11,500,000,000 |
| 21   | Stroock & Stroock & Lavan             | 1     | 9,041,059,489  |
| 22   | Stikeman Elliot                       | 2     | 8,174,744,262  |
| 23   | Goodwin Procter LLP                   | 6     | 7,348,551,297  |
| 24   | O'Melveny & Myers                     | 6     | 6,775,983,345  |
| 25   | Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft          | 2     | 5,750,462,475  |