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**UNITED STATES LAWYER RANKINGS**  
**2006 LIST OF THE NATION'S TOP 10**  
**INTERNATIONAL TRADE & FINANCE LAWYERS**

**New York, New York – May 15, 2006** – Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, LLP, one of the world's leading international corporate and finance law firms, today announced that John J. Maalouf, Senior Partner of the Firm, has for the fourth consecutive year been named to the *United States Lawyer Rankings* List of the Nation's Top 10 International Trade & Finance Lawyers.

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### **About John J. Maalouf**

John J. Maalouf is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of international finance, banking, corporate and business law. Mr. Maalouf has represented clients in the U.S., Middle-East, China and throughout the world in numerous matters involving international finance, IPO's, mergers & acquisitions, international banking, private equity and international energy transactions. John was ranked among the Nation's Top 10 International Finance Lawyers for the past four years in a row due to his commitment to excellence and outstanding client service in the areas of International Trade & Finance law.

### **About Maalouf Ashford & Talbot**

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