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LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan may not be the biggest fish in the pond, but they have been in the forefront in many of 2004's most complex and unique deals. Stroock's lawyers are known for the extra care, time and effort they put in each transaction they are working on, according to top-level officials at various structured finance firms.

Last year, Stroock brought together the expertise of its corporate, insurance, tax and structured finance practice to bring one of the first Triple X insurance securitizations to market, a novel and growing asset class. The law firm has ventured into a largely untapped market by helping structure a landmark U.S. -Mexico cross-border securitization of peso-denominated housing loans. On the synthetics front, Stroock's name comes on top for its involvement in developing credit default swap structures and forms for asset-backed securities transactions, some of which have become industry templates. It has been quick to respond to regulatory changes in the market and has helped clients comply with rules such as FIN 46 and Regulation AB.