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## **Awards 2009**

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### **Real Estate Team of the Year**

"The LAWYER Awards prize for Real Estate Team of the Year is always hotly contested.

This year regeneration is the overwhelming theme, and many of the real estate teams have had to field teams that are able to provide high-level environment and planning work.

That said, there has been some interesting headquarter-related work of varying sensitivity, even though headquarter moves and sales seem to belong to a different age. Niche firm **Maples Teesdale** won the mandate from the US government for the acquisition of a site for its new embassy. It was not the first time the boutique had worked for the US government – the firm advised it on the sale of 20 Grosvenor Square last year"

### **Niche Firm of the Year**

"It has been a rocky year for many real estate practices, but **Maples Teesdale** has managed to grow its market share, winning Legal & General and Deutsche Bank's property asset management division as new clients in the past 12 months. The 10-partner firm punches well above its weight with a client list that includes fund managers, landowners and banks."