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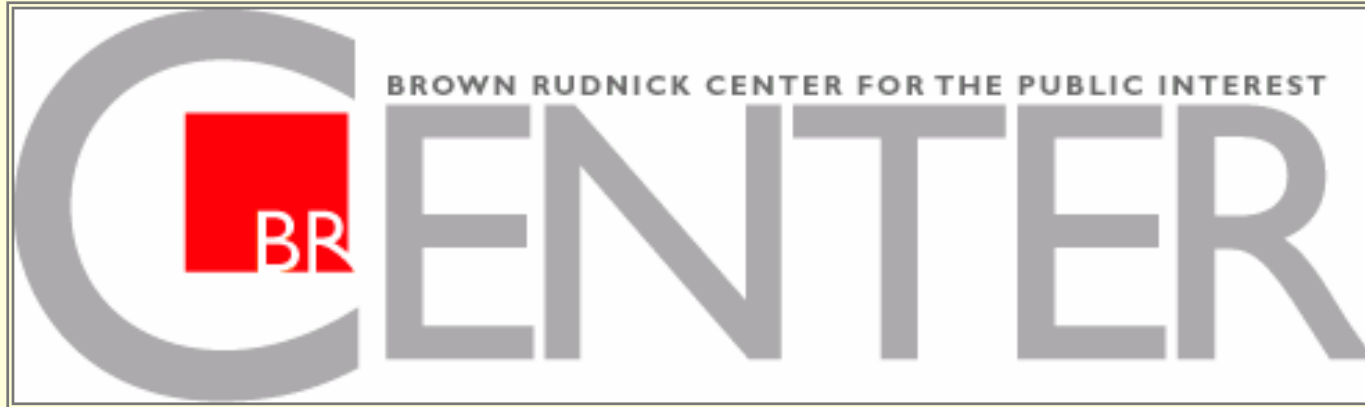
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^ Brown Rudnick CEO, Joseph Ryan, presents contribution to MBA President Kathleen M. O'Donnell.

Brown Rudnick Continues Partnership with Massachusetts Bar Association to Support Statewide High School Mock Trial Program.

The Massachusetts Bar Association announced in October that the law firm of Brown Rudnick, through its Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, has generously donated \$25,000 to sponsor the MBA's 2005 statewide Mock Trial Program. The firm has been the sole underwriter for the past seven years, providing ongoing support for the Mock Trial competition. Last year, more than 115 high schools from across the Commonwealth participated in the competition.

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- The **Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation** is a non-profit, tax exempt organization making grants to improve inner-city education. Formed in 2000, the Foundation has awarded more than 30 grants to worthy programs in Boston, Hartford, Providence and NYC through its *Insight/Foresight* and *Relationship* Grant Programs.
- The Foundation was established through the generous contributions of the partners of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, continuing the Firm’s tradition of providing extraordinary service to its clients and its community. The Firm also created the **Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest** in 2001 to serve as an umbrella organization for the Firm’s pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts. The Center also provides legal, volunteer and administrative support for the Foundation’s activities.



A “United” United Way Campaign.



< CEO Joseph Ryan kicks off United Way Campaign Week via videoconference to Brown Rudnick offices. Below, Joseph Ryan with Bill Henning, Executive Director from the Boston Center for Independent Living, Center Executive Director Al Wallis, and Wendy Jacobs and Amanda Angel, both from the United Way Massachusetts Bay.

Brown Rudnick kicked off a weeklong internal campaign to raise funds for the United Way with a coordinated event videoconferenced from Boston. Firm CEO Joseph Ryan addressed the Firm and spoke about the important role the United Way plays in each of our communities. Following his remarks, each office continued with its individual local event, featuring a speaker from the local United Way. In Boston, attendees were treated to ice cream sundaes.

A week of events to raise awareness about the United Way and to raise money for the campaign followed. In the Boston office, for example, funds were raised through a “Best Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest”, sales from “Candy on a Cart” and the sale of homemade lunch items served at a “Diversity Lunch”. In Hartford, there was an ice cream social and a chili bake off contest. Almost \$54,000 has been raised by Brown Rudnick for the United Way this year.

The Firm’s 2005 United Way coordinators were **Pauline Kosowan & Amy Halloran** (Boston); **Diana Nelson** (Hartford); **Denise Kaer** (NYC) and **Christine Hebert** (Providence).



“I love this stuff!” – A Brown Rudnick United Way campaign volunteer on her involvement with the campaign.

^ Boston office serves Diversity Lunch.



PROFILE: Sue Simone. “ I love working with kids.”



Over several months, through the Center for the Public Interest and with a grant from the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, downtown lawyers and inner-city public school students create a mock trial team.

Interview by Sarah Greenbaum.

What is Citizen Schools Mock Trial Program?

Sue: Citizen Schools is an after school program designed both to teach practical skills to students and to give them a positive environment for learning outside of the regular school day. Students participate in 9-10 week apprenticeships in areas of interest, including law, architecture, financial planning, acting, and journalism. Students who choose legal apprenticeships are assigned to firms that take part in the Mock Trial Program. Our student apprentices from the Washington Irving Middle School in Roslindale, MA, visit Brown Rudnick each week. For their mock trial, they voted to do a negligence case involving a girl who gets bitten by an animal at the zoo. Now they are learning to draft questions, engage in direct and cross examinations of witnesses, and admit items into evidence. The class is very interactive. We expect and create high student participation. The apprenticeship culminates in what we call a “Wow” event – students “try” the case before a real judge in the Federal Courthouse.

What is your role in the Mock Trial Program?

Sue: I am the Brown Rudnick leader for a team of five enthusiastic first year associates, and we meet the day before each class to review our lesson plans and make preparations for the next day’s class. I love working with kids – they have a huge positive outlook on life and are brimming with enthusiasm and curiosity about what lawyers do. My goal is to encourage this independent thinking in addition to fostering values such as respect, fairness, and professionalism. While I want our students to put on a great mock trial at the end of the apprenticeship, their daily input is just as important.

Your career is demanding. Why do you choose to devote so much time to community service?

Sue: When I was 16, attending high school in Brooklyn, I took part in the Lincoln-Douglas Debates Competition. There was a tier for schools that had won before and a tier for those that had never won, including mine. We won 12 debates and the championship in NYC for our tier. Our school and each of the three team members each received \$10,000. I’m not from a privileged background, so I want to show these kids that they can succeed based on their knowledge and skills and they can make it. The Mock Trial Program, which combines my teaching experience with my professional skills, is an ideal opportunity to accomplish this.

Brown Rudnick Again Partners with Massachusetts Bar Association to Support Statewide High School Mock Trial Program. (Continued from front page...)



“Since 1999, Brown Rudnick has generously provided \$175,000 to help fund the Massachusetts Bar Association’s statewide Mock Trial Program,” said MBA President Kathleen M. O’Donnell. “The goal of the program is to give students an understanding of the law, court procedures and our legal system while helping them hone analytical, listening and speaking skills. Through the significant support of Brown Rudnick, students from across the Commonwealth will be able to participate in this year’s Mock Trial competition.”

“Brown Rudnick has a long-standing commitment to improving education and to the enrichment of our society gains when its citizens have a vital understanding of our legal system. The MBA Mock Trial brings these goals together in a powerful way for the hundreds of Massachusetts students who participate each year,” said Joseph Ryan, Brown Rudnick’s CEO.

The annual Mock Trial competition is a program of the Massachusetts Bar Institute, a supporting organization of the Massachusetts Bar Association. First organized in 1985, the program is overseen by the MBA’s Mock Trial Committee and supported by the volunteer efforts of more than 200 lawyers and judges across the state, who serve as high school team coaches and competition judges.

Mock Trial places high school students in a simulated courtroom situation where they assume the roles of lawyers and witnesses in a hypothetical case. The case is developed by the Mock Trial Committee, which choose topics that are timely and relevant to the lives of young people.

For its sustained support of this major public program, the Massachusetts Bar Association presented Brown Rudnick its prestigious President’s Award in January 2003. The award is given to “a member of the MBA who has made an especially significant contribution to the work of the Massachusetts Bar Association”.

Brown Rudnick’s Joel Reck, Al Wallis, Elise Busny and Joe Ryan present a donation to MBA’s Kathleen O’Donnell and Warren Fitzgerald.
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THE BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION CORP.

Making a significant contribution to inner-city education and the quality of life
in Boston, Hartford, NYC & Providence.

TWO HARTFORD EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS RECEIVE GRANTS FROM BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

Insight/Foresight Grants Awarded to Hartford Education Foundation and Southside Family House/Catholic Family Services.

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp. recently awarded two grants to Hartford non-profit organizations. The *Insight/Foresight Grants* provide funding to assist educators with small, concrete projects or needs, which will make an improvement in inner-city education within a year. (Grant applications and information can be found at www.brownrudnickcenter.com/grant.asp.)

Hartford Education Foundation will use the funds to purchase membership in *The JASON Project™*, a multi-disciplinary program that sparks the imagination of students and enhances the classroom experience by bringing science to life and taking advantage of cutting edge technology. Thanks to the grant, five high school biology classes at the Pathway to Technology Hartford Magnet High School will have the opportunity to explore science through interactive research and hands-on learning.

Southside Family House, a program of Catholic Family Services, will purchase materials for its *Jumpstart to Kindergarten* program with the grant. That program provides high quality education to children of all races and religions. The one time purchase will allow teachers to expand their literacy activities and to include home involvement in their education by the children's families.

Al Wallis, Executive Director, said of the grants, "We are delighted to award grants to these worthy Hartford-based organizations. In supporting such science and literacy programs, we hope to enrich the Hartford school curriculum and the lives of attending students. Improving inner-city education is the fundamental mission of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation."

At Harvard Law School, Professor Charles Ogletree receives a Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation contribution to Harvard Law School's *Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice* from Center Executive Director Al Wallis.



^ With a Foundation grant, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts inaugurated a "Holiday Card Art Contest" in Boston public high schools. Judges met in October to select contest winners. Pictured are contest judges Jim Grace (VLA Exec. Director), Marilyn Stempler (Brown Rudnick Partner), Al Wallis (Center Exec. Director), Barbara Krakow (Krakow Gallery, Owner) and Nancy Wilsker (Brown Rudnick Partner.)

PROVIDING PRO BONO LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

The BRBI Pro Bono Commitment.

BRBI is committed to equal access to justice. Thus far in the fiscal year 2005 (2/1/04 – 1/31/05) the Firm has devoted the following number of hours to pro bono legal representation in the United States:

HOURS: 4971

New Pro Bono matters initiated by BRBI in September and October, 2004 include: >

"We love Steven Pohl [and Jeff Sacks]! Their expertise makes such a difference to [our] Team!"

– From a Brown Rudnick nonprofit client being represented pro bono by Steve and Jeff.



Attorney	Matter
David Ridders & Brian Michaelis	Advising a non-profit organization serving the blind and those with vision problems on copyright issues.
Philip Small	Representation of an indigent tenant with a security deposit dispute.
Angel Taveras & William Dolan	Representation of indigent tenant referred by the VLA of R.I. in an effort to recover a security deposit.
John Feeney & Forrest Milder	Advising charitable organization on tax issues.
Brian Lamoureux & William Dolan	Representation of national non-profit organization regarding corporate matters.
Andy Strehle, Nancy Reiner, Sandy Davis & Al Wallis	Legal advice regarding geographic and programmatic expansion to a national non-profit public health organization .
David Bright & Jeff Sacks	Advising Citizen's Advisory Committee regarding major neighborhood real estate development.
Margaret Pinkham	Representation of plaintiff class in federal court matter involving the rights and care of mentally retarded individuals.
Brenda M. Cotter	Representation of low-income author referred by the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts in contract dispute with a publisher.

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Accolade to M. Robert Dushman.

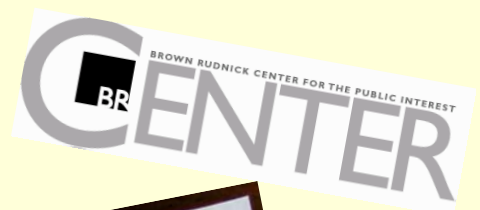
At its September meeting, The Brown Rudnick Pro Bono Committee presented a Pro Bono Accolade Award to partner **M. Robert Dushman** in recognition of his extraordinary diligence in pursuing pro bono opportunities.

Bob has been personally responsible for providing almost 800 hours of pro bono legal representation, while his supervision of other legal staff has generated provision of an additional 1900+ pro bono hours. Moreover, Bob uses pro bono matters as opportunities to train and mentor associates, and he readily offers his guidance and counsel to the Center regarding potential pro bono endeavors.



^ Pro Bono Committee Chair, **Andy Strehle**, presents **Bob Dushman** with the Accolade.

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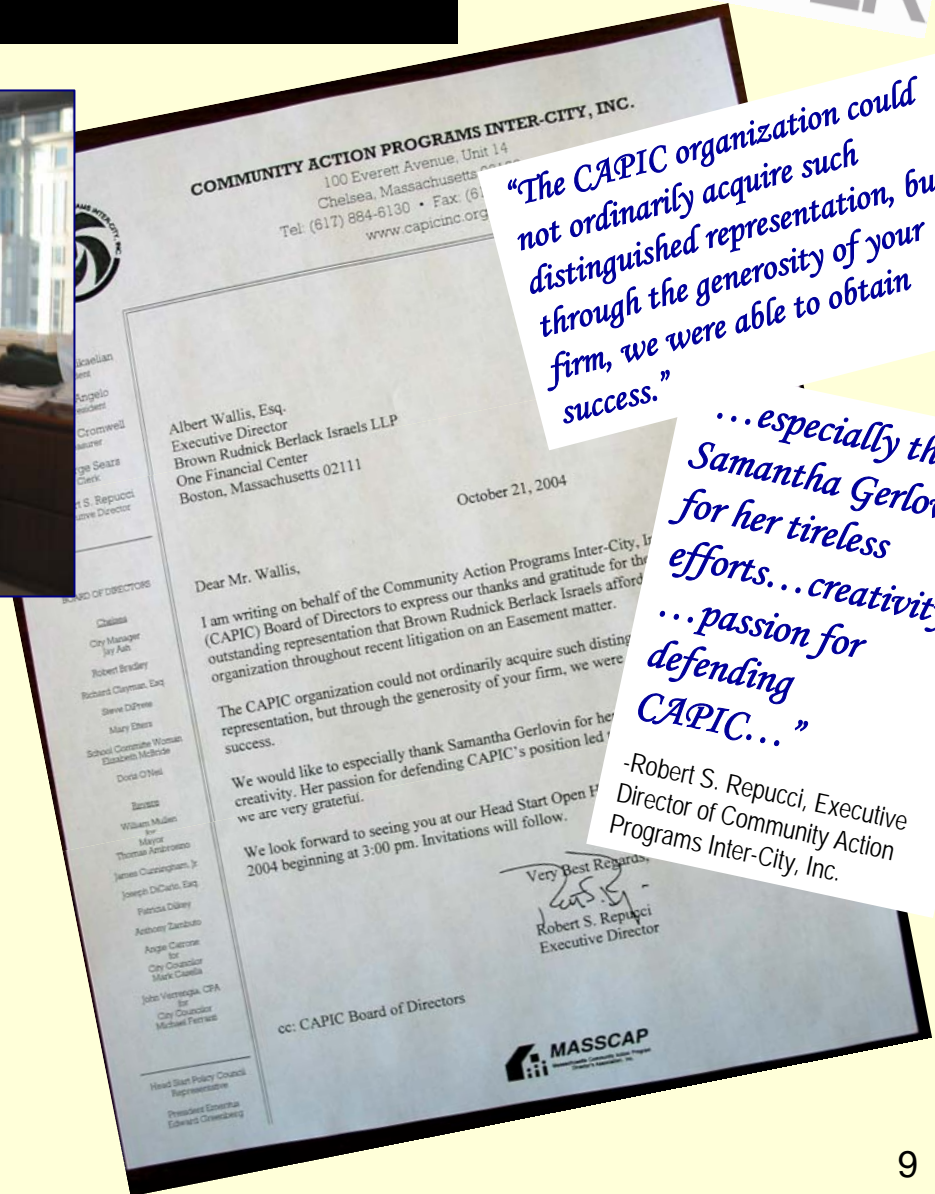
Samantha Gerlovin

successfully advocated for CAPIC, a non-profit community organization, resolving a real estate dispute which threatened its ability to provide a needed pre-school program.



Brown Rudnick Attorneys Advise Homeless Clients.

As it does twice a year, the Center coordinated a legal team at the Pine Street Inn homeless shelter in Boston. Through the Boston Bar Association's Lawyers Clearinghouse on Homelessness, attorneys interview homeless clients and provide legal advice and representation. Participants in the legal clinic included **Michael Hickey, George Haight, Jennifer Ryan, Jarrod Matteson, Michael Keane** and **Al Wallis**.



Compassion in Action: Breast Cancer Awareness.



Through the Center, Brown Rudnick folks joined in the effort to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. In exchange for a minimum donation of \$5 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the donee could wear denim to work on October 8 (Lee National Denim Day to raise breast cancer awareness).

An \$1820 contribution to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was made by participants from all Brown Rudnick's offices.

Brown Rudnick's **Christina Micchelli** and **Dawn Maxey** coordinated this effort. Donation Coordinators included **Christina Matthews, Karen Brisbois, Jenn Kelley, Cheryl McGrail, Kym Patrico** (Boston); **Barbara Carreira** (Providence); **Diana Nelson** (Hartford); **Denise Kaer** and **Jesus Rivera** (NYC); and **Mary Read** (DC).



"I think that what the BRBI Center for the Public Interest does is phenomenal, and it is one of the reasons I was attracted to the firm." – Brown Rudnick first year associate.



Compassion in Action: Remembering 9/11.

New York remembers.

With a visit to Fire Station No. 65 to deliver lunch and thank the firefighters. v



Boston remembers.

With a visit to Fire Station Engine 10, Division 1 to deliver lunch and thank the firefighters. v



Hartford remembers.

With a moment of silence in the Firm's Hartford Room at 9:05 a.m., the time that the second plane struck the south tower of the World Trade Center.

Providence remembers.

With delivery of lunch and thanks to the local firehouse. >



"I really felt like I was part of a greater good today." – a Brown Rudnick participant regarding the visit to the firehouse in Boston.

Helping to Improve Our Community.



• Improving the Massachusetts Environment.

Brown Rudnick partner **Stephen Leonard** served as chairman of *Earth Night*, a fundraiser for The Environmental League of Massachusetts. *Earth Night* is Boston's biggest environmental gala, generating support of ELM programs on behalf of Massachusetts' air, water and land.

• Helping to Fight Arthritis.

Brown Rudnick's **Ellen Lutch Bender** will serve next year as Chairman of the Board of the Arthritis Foundation of Massachusetts.

• Supporting Legal Services.

The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest recently hosted the 2004 Greater Boston Legal Services Associate Fund Drive "kick off lunch" at the Firm's Boston office. **Kate Haffner** and **Jerry Tichner** are co-chairs for Brown Rudnick.

• Supporting the Boston Public Schools.

Brown Rudnick's **Joel Reck**, **Beth Hurley** & **Al Wallis** participated in the second annual "Principal for a Day" in the Boston public schools.

• Thinking about the winter needs of homeless veterans.

As winter approaches, Brown Rudnick's **Joe Harris** has initiated the annual "Joe's Sock Fund" drive to collect new socks for homeless veterans.

Last Words...



^ *Principal for the Day*, Al Wallis with Acting Principal Winston Cox of Boston's Harbor Middle School.

Please contact **Al Wallis** or **Kym Patrico** to discuss any matters regarding the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest.

And finally, apologies for any errors or unintentional omissions which may from time-to-time occur in the Center e-mail news – maybe even this one.

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