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## BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR ITS 2008 *RELATIONSHIP GRANTS*

*Foundation expands geographic reach to Washington D.C.*

**Boston, MA, August 30, 2007** – Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a non-profit, tax-exempt entity established by Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, is accepting proposals for its 2008 *Relationship Grants*. The Foundation's *Relationship Grant* program seeks to improve inner-city education by developing a relationship with a non-profit organization that optimally includes providing financial support, pro bono legal representation and volunteer time.

*Relationship Grants* are awarded annually to organizations for the purpose of addressing the educational needs of less enfranchised individuals and groups within the geographic boundaries of Boston, Hartford, New York City and/or Providence. For its 2008 grant program, the Foundation has expanded its geographic reach and for the first time will accept proposals for Washington, D.C., where Brown Rudnick has a fast-growing office. The grant applications and an explanation of the program can be found at [www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation](http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation). The deadline for submitting proposals is September 27, 2007.

This year the Foundation anticipates that a least one significant *Relationship Grant* will be awarded for a proposal which seeks to provide an innovative means of addressing the issue of school truancy and drop-outs. Proposals relating to that issue are specifically invited.

According to Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., "We are continually evaluating our grants programs to ensure we are addressing challenging, under-funded education issues in the cities in which Brown Rudnick has offices. In 2008, we will focus our attention and resources on reducing public school absenteeism and drop-outs. Student non-attendance has far-reaching implications that affect students, families and communities. Our goal is to award at least one major grant to an educational program aimed at keeping children in school."

The Foundation is presently supporting 12 one-year *Relationship Grants* in Boston, Hartford, New York and Providence. Many former grant recipients have also been beneficiaries of Brown Rudnick's volunteer support and pro bono legal representation.



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