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BROWN RUDNICK RECEIVES 2007 CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD BY THE *BOSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL*

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Boston, MA, September 10, 2007 – On September 6, 2007, Brown Rudnick was honored with the 2007 Corporate Philanthropy Partner of the Year Award for the Arts by the *Boston Business Journal*.

Brown Rudnick was recognized for its ongoing partnership with the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts (VLA). Through its Center for the Public Interest, for the last four years, Brown Rudnick has partnered with the VLA to provide pro bono legal services and educational programming to low-income and indigent artists in Massachusetts, and to support and encourage art education in Boston Public Schools.

Albert W. Wallis, Executive Director of The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, accepted the award, which was presented at the second annual Corporate Philanthropy Summit in Boston, a gathering of the regions' top business and civic leaders. Mr. Wallis commented, "This award is a testament to how we can leverage our influence and power as a major law firm to help the disenfranchised within our own communities. We should all be proud of this accomplishment."

The Boston Business Journal in partnership with The Boston Foundation, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Mass Bay and the Merrimack Valley, and the region's top business executives and civic leaders gathered to discuss corporate philanthropy. The Summit focused on a range of issues impacting corporations charitable giving and the integration of philanthropy into their mission.

The Corporate Philanthropy Partner of the Year Award is bestowed annually to a Boston-based for-profit organization that has demonstrated innovation and developed best practices in a specific partnership with a nonprofit. Candidates were judged on four standards: mission, innovation, impact and sustainability in four categories: community health, education, the arts and innovation.

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About the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc.

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA) is a non-profit organization established to meet the legal needs of the state's artistic community. VLA is the only organization in Massachusetts designed specifically to address the legal concerns of the art community. VLA provides a Legal Referral Program, seminars and workshops to artists and arts organizations from all creative disciplines including, among others, visual arts, music, literary arts, performing arts, and film and video. For more information, visit www.vlama.org.

About Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP

Brown Rudnick is an international law firm with offices in the United States and Europe. The firm represents clients from around the world, providing business-focused solutions that address today's ever-changing, ever-demanding competitive marketplace. With an entrepreneurial and collaborative mindset, Brown Rudnick offers a broad slate of capabilities and talents in areas that include: Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring, Complex Litigation, Corporate & Securities, Energy, Finance, Government Law & Strategies, Health Law, Intellectual Property and Real Estate. For more information, please visit www.brownrudnick.com.

The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest is a measure of the Firm's strong commitment to the community and serves as an umbrella entity encompassing the Firm's pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts. For more information, please visit www.brownrudnickcenter.com.

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