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Brown Rudnick Announces 2009 Recipients of *M. Robert Dushman Pro Bono and Community Service Awards*

Annual awards created in memory of law firm partner and public interest advocate

Boston, MA, April 7, 2009 – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced the winners of the second annual Brown Rudnick Center for the Public **Interest M. Robert Dushman Pro Bono** and **Community Service Awards**. These two awards honor both a successful Brown Rudnick attorney and a non-attorney whose professional or work life has demonstrated the qualities and commitment to the public interest that distinguished the Firm's late partner, M. Robert Dushman.

The 2009 **Pro Bono** Award was presented to **Carl E. Axelrod**, a partner in Brown Rudnick's Real Estate Group, whose career and character have demonstrated a sustained commitment to pro bono representation and public interest work. Carl has a long history of nurturing and mentoring other attorneys to pursue the highest ideals of the legal profession, particularly with regard to pro bono representation and civic involvement. During his career with Brown Rudnick, Carl has represented at least 32 pro bono clients and recorded almost 4990 pro bono hours. He also has served as President of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation. In this role, as well as in his personal life, Carl has been very actively involved in philanthropic and community affairs.

The Pro Bono award includes the right to direct the Firm to make a \$2500 donation to the reputable charity of the recipient's choice. Carl has selected Community Servings (www.servings.org), a long-standing firm pro bono client.

The 2009 **Community Service** Award was jointly presented to Brown Rudnick Library Directors **Kathleen Gerwatowski** and **Diana Pierce**. This award recognizes a non-attorney at Brown Rudnick who has demonstrated a long-standing, exceptional contribution to community service through his/her employment at the Firm, in recognition of the spirit and philosophy of respect and egalitarianism Mr. Dushman had for everyone in the Brown Rudnick workplace. Kathleen and Diana have made it part of the library culture to routinely go above and beyond their "library duties" to spearhead, lead and inspire community service and philanthropy throughout the firm. They lead book drives for Reach Out and Read, help with the United Way Campaign, collect food and toiletries for pro bono client Rosie's Place, participate in the annual holiday toy drive for children in state custody, among many other endeavors. Their spirit is seen throughout the firm and is reflected in each of our libraries and our librarians.



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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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