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BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION CORP. ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND FOUR NEW DIRECTORS

Boston, MA, January 26, 2009 – Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a non-profit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from law firm Brown Rudnick LLP, today announced that its Board of Directors has elected **Cheryl B. Pinarchick** as Foundation President. Ms. Pinarchick was elected by unanimous vote during the Foundation's Annual Meeting on January 15, 2009. She succeeds Carl E. Axelrod, who has served as Foundation President since 2004.

A Partner in Brown Rudnick's Litigation Department, Ms. Pinarchick's practice focuses on the efficient resolution of complex commercial and civil disputes. She is also very active in the employment arena, counseling clients on a wide variety of employment issues. Ms. Pinarchick served as a Foundation Vice President for two terms and as a Director of the Board since 2004. She is actively involved in providing pro bono legal representation and volunteer support to local non-profit organizations through Brown Rudnick's Center for the Public Interest.

During the January 15th Annual Meeting, the Foundation also elected 2007-2008 Board Directors, **Brian P. Gallogly** and **Henry W. Menn III**, as Vice-Presidents, and re-elected Brown Rudnick CEO, **Joseph F. Ryan**, as Chairperson; **Kenneth R. Asher** as Treasurer; and **Douglas A. Cohen** as Clerk. Additionally, four new Board Directors were elected: **Mary D. Bucci Michael J. Camilleri, Christopher J. Carolan** and **Paul W. Cicchetti**. Together, these attorneys will participate in the Foundation's grant programs designed to improve inner-city education. Since its inception in 2001, the Foundation has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in educational grants, and through the law firm of Brown Rudnick generated hundreds of hours in pro bono representation and volunteer support.

Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., stated, "We applaud outgoing President Carl Axelrod on five years of inspirational leadership. As we move into 2009, working with Cheryl, the new Officers and Board Directors, we are well poised to continue and deepen the Foundation's focus, breadth and success in helping to improve inner-city education."



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