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BROWN RUDNICK CENTER FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST CELEBRATES FOUR YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Center launches new website to commemorate four years of serving the public interest

Boston, MA, April 25, 2005 – Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, a premier international law firm, celebrates the fourth anniversary of the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest. Established in 2001 as the umbrella entity that encompasses all pro bono, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest cases for the Firm, the Center was founded in the belief that law firms have the power to make a positive impact in the community. The Center strives to lead by example and motivate individuals and organizations - and especially the legal profession - to continually go above and beyond in the name of public interest. To commemorate its four year anniversary, the Center has launched a redesigned website at www.brownrudnickcenter.com.

The Center promotes Firm-wide participation in pro bono legal work. From 2001 through January 31, 2005, (the end of the Firm's 2004 fiscal year), Brown Rudnick has provided 25,627 hours of free legal representation to low income clients and non-profit organizations, the value of which would have been \$8,429,105, if the professionals had billed for the representation at their standard hourly rates. Through the efforts of the Center, Brown Rudnick has provided legal support for diverse pro bono clients, from homeless individuals to non-profit organizations such as Rosie's Place, the Anti-Defamation League, Facing History and Ourselves, Reach Out and Read, and the Family Advocacy Project. Notably, Brown Rudnick served pro bono as General Counsel to Boston 2004, the Host Committee for the 2004 Democratic National Convention, which was established by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston.

As a leader in legal bar associations, the Center is the primary sponsor of the Massachusetts Bar Association State-Wide Mock Trial Program, and supports and trains teams for other



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mock trial programs such as those of Discovering Justice/Citizen Schools in Boston and Community Solutions in Hartford.

Additionally, the Center provides legal and administrative support for the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that awards grants to non-profits working to improve inner-city education. To date, the Foundation has awarded more than 30 grants to worthy educational programs in Boston, Hartford, Providence and New York. The Center enhances the success of these initiatives by helping to provide volunteer and legal support in conjunction with the Foundation's funds.

According to Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, "At its core, the Center is about a premier law firm leading by example by contributing to the community in a meaningful way. Whether it be through Foundation grant dollars to improve inner-city education, provision of free legal counsel to improve access to justice, or volunteerism to help someone in need, we all benefit by being engaged in elevating the quality of our society. In the last four years, we are proud to say that the Center has made a positive impact on the lives of countless individuals in need and has helped to improve inner-city education. It has also provided an effective, meaningful vehicle for the people of Brown Rudnick to act on their idealism. We are proud of these accomplishments, and look forward to continuing to build upon them in the future."

About Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP

Brown Rudnick is a full-service, international law firm with offices in the United States and Europe. The firm's 200 attorneys provide representation across key areas of the law: Corporate & Securities, Corporate Finance, Intellectual Property, Project and Structured Finance, Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring, Energy, Government Law & Strategies, Health Care, Real Estate, Complex Litigation and Trusts & Estates. Combining a dedication to excellence with the implementation of sophisticated technologies, Brown Rudnick provides its clients with a breadth and depth of expertise uniquely suited to their legal needs.

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



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pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts. The Center supports the mission of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., which provides grants in support of improving inner city education. For more information about the Center, please visit www.brownrudnick.com/what/center.htm.

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