



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact:

Lisa Murray

617.856.8509

lmurray@brownrudnick.com

BROWN RUDNICK CENTER FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST CELEBRATES FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Center strives to bring idealism of legal profession to a new level

Boston, MA, April 28, 2006 – Five years ago this week, the international law firm of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP founded the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest to coordinate all pro bono, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest cases for the Firm. As a result, during those five years, millions of dollars in free legal representation have been provided to people and organizations who could not otherwise afford an attorney; hundreds of hours of volunteer time have been donated to community service; and -- through the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp. -- dozens of grants have been awarded to not-for-profit organizations to improve inner-city education.

According to Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, "We believe that law firms are in a unique position to make a positive difference in the community. The Center is Brown Rudnick's vehicle to champion, coordinate and celebrate our Firm's contributions to the public interest, while we also strive to motivate others in the legal profession to focus to do the same. The success of our efforts during the past five years demonstrates the dedication of Brown Rudnick to public interest efforts and the wisdom of creating the Center as the instrument to pursue that commitment. We look forward to the next five years, with an expectation that our focus, breadth and success in helping those in need will continue to deepen."

As a result of the Center's work, on June 15, 2006, both Brown Rudnick and Al Wallis will receive the Robert B. Fraser Award for Pro Bono Excellence. Bestowed by the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA), a non-profit organization established to meet the legal needs of the state's artistic community, the award honors leadership and dedication in pro bono legal work. In recent years, Brown Rudnick has provided legal



Press Release

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.

The Center also 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 45 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.

To commemorate the five-year anniversary, and in conjunction with National Library Week, the Center held a book drive to collect new and gently used children's books for inner-city children of all ages. Organized by Brown Rudnick's library staff, books were collected at four of the firm's U.S. offices – Boston, Hartford, New York and Providence – and donated to Reach Out and Read, a national non-profit organization that promotes early literacy. Reach Our and Read is a Firm pro bono client and one of the Foundation's 2006 grant recipients.

About Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP

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