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## **Brown Rudnick Attorney Christian A. Rivera Named to the Board of Directors for The Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness**

**Boston, MA, August 21, 2008** -- Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that Christian A. Rivera, an attorney in the Firm's Real Estate Practice Group, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for The Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness. The Lawyers Clearinghouse provides pro bono legal services to nonprofit organizations, groups seeking nonprofit status, and guests of homeless shelters in Greater Boston.

At Brown Rudnick, Mr. Rivera represents financial institutions, for-profit and non-profit organizations and governmental agencies in connection with complex development and real estate financing transactions. He has significant experience with the zoning and permitting of mixed-use developments, low income housing and tax credit developments, and acquisitions of commercial and residential portfolios.

Through the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, Mr. Rivera has worked extensively, on a pro-bono basis, with community development corporations on borrowing, permitting, acquisition and disposition of real estate. He is presently involved with several pro bono engagements representing indigent clients and organizations serving the low income. Brown Rudnick has been a long-time supporter of the Clearinghouse and the Firm's attorneys participate twice a year in Clearinghouse legal clinics for the homeless.

Mr. Rivera stated, "I look forward to working on the development of affordable housing, as well as reducing homelessness and strengthening communities, which are the three goals of the Lawyers Clearinghouse. The Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness is an organization which has a strong record of helping people who are in need, and one of which I am honored to be a part. As a member of the Board of Directors, I will work to ensure that housing is accessible to those in need, especially in these challenging economic times."

The Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness was founded in 1988 by the Boston Bar Association and Massachusetts Bar Association. The organization grew



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out of a common belief that through a dedicated, broad-based program, the pro bono resources of the private bar could be used to fight homelessness. The creation of the Clearinghouse also reflected the enormous economic pressures placed on low and moderate income families in Massachusetts, and on the limited capabilities of the nonprofit groups assisting them with their housing needs.

## **About Brown Rudnick LLP**

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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](http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com).

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