



Press Release

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BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS SEEKS 2003 RELATIONSHIP GRANT PROPOSALS

Firm's Charitable Foundation Furthers Support of Inner-City Educational Programs in Boston, Hartford and Providence; Extends Reach to New York City

Boston, MA, August 26, 2003 – Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, a premier international law firm, today announced that the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt entity, is now accepting proposals for 2003 *Relationship Grants*. Awarded annually, *Relationship Grants* provide significant financial support to non-profit organizations working to improve inner-city education in the communities where Brown Rudnick is located. Through its Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, the Firm is also committed to fostering meaningful relationships with recipient organizations via volunteer efforts and pro bono legal representation. The deadline for submitting proposals is September 19, 2003.

In 2002, the Firm awarded nine grants to schools and community groups in Boston, Hartford and Providence, many of whom have also been the beneficiaries of Firm volunteer support and free legal council. For 2003, Brown Rudnick has extended its reach to include New York City, where the Firm has built a strong community presence since its 2002 merger with Berlack, Israels & Liberman.

Submission Guidelines:

To be considered for a 2003 *Relationship Grant*, non-profit organizations must submit in hard copy format (1) individual contact information; (2) a summary of the company,

including budget information for the most recent fiscal year end, a list of the Board of Directors, and the nature of the support that the organization currently receives from any other lawyer or law firm; (3) a two-page summary of the proposal; and (4) the size of the grant sought from the Foundation. An original and three hard copies of the proposal must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST), Friday, September 19, 2003 by the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, Corp. at One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111.

Proposals may be in any amount up to \$50,000, unless the project will encompass activities in more than one city. Applicants are invited to submit scaled proposals describing portions or increments of their project that could be successfully undertaken with less than the amount sought for the full grant proposal. Grants will be awarded for one year, 2004, with the possibility of renewal for periods thereafter.

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation will review proposals throughout the fall and announce the recipients of the 2003 *Relationship Grants* in December.

To obtain a proposal form, please visit

<http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/relationship.htm>.

About Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP

Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP is a full-service, international corporate law firm with offices in the United States and Europe. The firm has over 200 attorneys who provide representation across five areas of the law: Banking & Finance, Corporate, Government Law & Strategies, Real Estate, and Litigation. 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 to the legal profession . It serves as an umbrella entity to encompass all of the Firm's pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement, and public interest efforts.

