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### **BOSTON'S HOLIDAY SPIRIT ARRIVES EARLY**

### **THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS**

*First annual Holiday Card Contest kicks off this week*

**Boston, MA, September 16, 2004** – The Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA) launches its first annual Holiday Card Contest for Boston Public High School students. Created to support young artists in Boston Public Schools, the contest provides an opportunity for educators to encourage students to explore their artistic sides. The contest was initiated with a generous grant from The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation and with assistance from the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, as well as through the support of Boston Public Schools.

The VLA invites any student currently enrolled in a Boston Public High School to participate. Students should submit a piece of two-dimensional visual artwork -- painting, drawing, photography, or computer-aided design -- that reflects the true spirit of the holiday season.

A panel of judges will select the first, second and third place winners, as well as honorable mentions, and all winners will be announced on **October 25, 2004**. The first place student will have his or her artwork reproduced on a holiday card, which will be available for purchase. All winning students will receive an award certificate and a gift. In addition, the art classes of the winning students will receive art supplies or a trip to one of the many local art museums. The contest will culminate on **November 10, 2004**, with an awards ceremony hosted by the contest sponsor, the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest at the law firm of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP.

Artwork may be submitted to a Boston Public School art teacher or can be sent directly to Kathy Tosolini, Senior Program Director for the Arts of Boston Public Schools, Boston Public



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Schools, 26 Court Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108. All entries must be postmarked by October 15, 2004. For complete contest rules, please visit [www.vlama.org](http://www.vlama.org) and click on the Holiday Card Contest icon.

Executive Director of the VLA comments, "The VLA has launched this contest, because we strongly believe the arts play an integral role in every student's secondary education. Thanks to the support of the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest and The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation, along with the Boston Public Schools for helping this contest come to life."

Comments Albert Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, "Improving inner-city education is the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation's focus, so offering our support and sponsoring this VLA art contest is a natural extension of our mission. We are pleased to help encourage and foster the talent and skill of Boston's young artists."

Kathy Tosolini, Senior Program Director for the Arts of Boston Public Schools, "We are excited to be involved with the VLA. Their efforts provide an opportunity to share the work of our talented students with the community at large. The contest is a terrific way to showcase the breadth of talent in the city of Boston."

## **About the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc.**

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts, Inc. (VLA) is a non-profit organization established to meet the legal needs of the state's artistic community. VLA is the only organization in Massachusetts designed specifically to address the legal concerns of the art community. VLA provides a Legal Referral Program, seminars and workshops to artists and arts organizations from all creative disciplines including, among others, visual arts, music, literary arts, performing arts, and film and video. For more information, visit [www.vlama.org](http://www.vlama.org).

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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. 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](http://www.brownrudnick.com/what/center.htm).

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