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BROWN RUDNICK NAMED AMONG THE LEGAL COMMUNITY'S BEST BY CHAMBERS & PARTNERS

Firm receives high marks in the areas of Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Corporate M&A, Environmental, Real Estate, and Healthcare law

Boston, MA, June 29, 2005 – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that it has been ranked by Chambers & Partners as a top law firm in the areas of Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Corporate M&A, Environmental, Real Estate and Healthcare. In addition, individual attorneys across the firm's offices in Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut were selected as legal leaders for demonstrating exemplary professional qualities, such as technical legal prowess, professional conduct, client service, market awareness, diligence and commitment. The results are published in the 2005-2006 edition of *Chambers & Partners' Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers*.

The Brown Rudnick attorneys identified as among the nation's leading practitioners in their focus areas are:

In Massachusetts:

- **William R. Baldiga** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring)
- **Samuel Williams** (Corporate M&A)
- **Stephen M. Leonard** (Environmental)
- **Lawrence B. Litwak** (Healthcare)
- **Joel M. Reck** (Real Estate)

In New York:

- **Edward S. Weisfelner** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring)

In Connecticut:

- **Mark A. Asmar** (Real Estate)
- **Franca L. DeRosa** (Real Estate)



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The Bankruptcy/Restructuring attorneys are noted as “a tenacious group renowned for its zealous representation of clients,” and are especially recommended for an ability to think outside the box. A client remarks, “They really do grasp the business side a bit better than others.” As Managing Director of Brown Rudnick’s Bankruptcy & Finance Department, **William Baldiga** is noted for his outstanding creditors’ work. In New York, **Ed Weisfelner** is recommended as a “tough adversary who’s creative, energetic and totally committed to his clients.”

The firm’s Real Estate practice receives accolades for having a multidisciplinary team that is “very well connected in the market” and for offering personal service to its clients. **Joel Reck**, the Chair of Brown Rudnick’s Real Estate Department, is referred to as the “go-to figure for strategic advice on large projects.” The Hartford office wins special recognition for “its excellent individual practitioners and for the ‘political clout’ it wields within the state.” Here, Partner **Mark Asmar** is described as “first-class talent with unimpeachable integrity.” Additionally, the report had this to say about the “consistently excellent” Partner **Franca DeRosa**: “Her work is always 100% solid and she never had to retract or amend anything.”

In the area of Corporate M&A, **Sam Williams**, Managing Director of the Corporate Group, is characterized as “smart, practical and results-oriented.” Similarly, on the Environmental side, Partner **Stephen Leonard** is called, “a standout figure, whose previous government experience adds an extra dimension to his practice.” Finally, Brown Rudnick’s Healthcare team is billed as “well-rounded” with a “strong regional presence,” with Partner **Larry Litwak** cited for being “steady and tenacious.”

According to Brown Rudnick’s CEO, Joe Ryan, “Chambers & Partners has become the industry standard for legal ratings, and we are proud to be recognized by them again this year. The high marks given to our practice groups are a testament to the talent and skill of our attorneys and of a firm-wide passionate commitment to superior client service.”

The Chambers rankings are based on comprehensive research conducted by Chambers & Partners Legal Publishers, a highly respected British research firm that publishes directories that rank leading lawyers based upon their reputation among peers and clients. Chambers’ listings are based solely on outside evaluations of merit. For the U.S. directory,



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over 7,000 in-depth client and competitor interviews were conducted by a team of 40 full-time researchers over a period of eight months.

About Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels 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.

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