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BROWN RUDNICK CONTINUES WASHINGTON DC EXPANSION WITH ADDITION OF TWO CORPORATE PARTNERS

Fred L. Levy and Catherine (Katy) Gardner join from Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP

Boston, MA and Washington DC, May 7, 2007 -- Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that **Fred L. Levy and Catherine (Katy) Gardner** have joined the firm's Washington DC office as partners in the Corporate & Securities Department. Formerly partners at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, Mr. Levy and Ms. Gardner bring a combined 35 years of experience in corporate and finance law, with a special focus on mergers & acquisitions, fund formation and related matters.

According to Joseph F. Ryan, Brown Rudnick's CEO, "We are committed to expanding our Washington DC office and adding top legal talent who are focused on delivering excellence to our clients. Fred and Katy exemplify this profile and share in our entrepreneurial spirit. We are pleased to have these outstanding partners join the firm."

Mr. Levy has over 30 years of experience practicing in all aspects of corporate law. He has vast experience in the M&A market and has represented companies in over 300 mergers, acquisitions, dispositions and similar transactions, both domestically and internationally. Mr. Levy represents middle market and emerging growth companies, across a wide range of industries including television, cold storage, manufacturing & distribution, and networking & IT infrastructure. He guides clients in establishing strategic alliances and in negotiating and drafting a wide array of commercial contracts, complex shareholder agreements and lending arrangements. Currently, Mr. Levy serves as outside general counsel to many of his clients.

In addition, Mr. Levy has structured various domestic and offshore private equity and hedge funds. These funds invest primarily in CDO's, synthetic CDO's and credit default swaps. As counsel to these funds, Mr. Levy represents them in the purchase and sale of numerous instruments and contracts relating to the securities held by the funds. He has also represented many domestic and offshore lenders and borrowers in various funding activities, including senior and mezzanine financings.

Ms. Gardner represents domestic and foreign corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies in their formation, day-to-day operations and business and financial transactions. She has broad-based experience in structuring transactions, drafting and



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negotiating various transactional documents in connection with asset sales and acquisitions, stock acquisitions, mergers, private placements, venture capital transactions, hedge funds and lending transactions. She represents entities in diverse industries, including hedge funds, television broadcasters, technology companies, manufacturing companies and trade associations.

In addition, Ms. Gardner represents lenders and borrowers in their funding activities, including senior secured and mezzanine financings. She has structured various domestic and offshore hedge funds and private equity funds, including funds which invest primarily in CDOs and credit default swaps. As counsel to the funds, she continues to represent them in the purchase and sale of securities held by the funds and in other day-to-day fund activities.

Since January 2007, Brown Rudnick has added several senior professionals to its rapidly growing Washington DC office. The regulatory and economic litigation team of **Joy M. Leong** and **James I. Campbell Jr.** joined the firm's Washington D.C. office from Sidley Austin LLP. Ms. Leong and Mr. Campbell share a robust postal service and policy reform practice, and also have significant experience in global logistics & supply chain management, international transportation, telecommunications, and insurance. Also that same month, **James J. Bonham**, the Former Executive Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) and Chief of Staff to the late Representative Robert T. Matsui, joined the Firm as a Principal in the Government Law & Strategies Group.

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