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BROWN RUDNICK ADDS TEAM OF VETERAN GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PROFESSIONALS TO BOSTON OFFICE

*Kevin M. Considine, Martin T. Nastasia and Carole Brennan
bring strong ties to the Massachusetts State House and Boston City Hall.*

Boston, MA, May 10, 2007 -- Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that **Kevin M. Considine, Martin T. Nastasia** and **Carole Brennan** have joined the firm's Government Law & Strategies Group in the Boston office. This trio brings a powerhouse of success and experience across multiple disciplines including government law, lobbying, campaign management, political and legislative strategy, crisis management, strategic communications, and community relations. At Brown Rudnick, the team will provide to clients legal counsel and government strategies regarding legislative and regulatory matters at the federal, state and municipal levels that have the potential to affect business or industry. Mr. Considine joins as a firm Partner, Mr. Nastasia as a Government Relations Specialist, and Ms. Brennan as a Principal. They will work with Paul G. Afonso, former Chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Public Utilities Commission"), who joined Brown Rudnick's Boston Government Law & Strategies Group in 2006.

According to Joseph F. Ryan, Brown Rudnick's CEO, "We have a widely respected team of government relations professionals resident in our Boston, Hartford, Providence and DC offices. The addition of Kevin, Martin and Carole will further enhance our leadership in these regions and bolster our government affairs expertise in Massachusetts on both the municipal and state levels. We welcome this talented group of professionals to the firm."

Both Kevin M. Considine and Martin Nastasia join from KMC Strategies Group, a Boston-based government consulting firm. Mr. Considine was the founding partner of KMC Strategies and the affiliated Considine Law Offices. He provides legal representation and government consulting services to business clients on diverse matters involving litigation, legislation and regulatory law. For over 25 years, Mr. Considine has worked drafting and editing legislative proposals. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Considine was employed by the Massachusetts State Senate, serving as legal counsel to the Committee on Government Regulations from 1985 to 1990. From 1980 to 1984, he was employed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives and served as staff director of the Joint Committee on Energy.



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Martin T. Nastasia was the Director of Legislative and Government Affairs at KMC Strategies Group. He brings extensive and diverse experience in analyzing policy issues and developing political strategies. Mr. Nastasia has significant knowledge and in-depth understanding of municipal and state governmental operations through his years at the Massachusetts State House and Boston City Hall. His broad political background enables him to provide comprehensive government representation, a thorough understanding of the legislative process, and effective public policy communication strategies.

Mr. Nastasia served as Legislative Director and Deputy Chief of Staff for Senate Majority Leader Frederick E. Berry, and as Senior Policy Advisor to Therese Murray, former Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and current Senate President. In these roles, Mr. Nastasia managed a broad portfolio of fiscal policy initiatives and was responsible for coordinating communication strategies.

Carole Brennan provides a uniquely integrated set of government relations and media skills, and has substantial crisis management, community relations and political affairs experience. She spent three years as Director of External Affairs for The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), and prior to that, Ms. Brennan served as Press Secretary to The Honorable Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of the City of Boston. Before entering city government, Brennan enjoyed a successful career as a newspaper publisher and journalist. In the late 90s, Ms. Brennan was executive publisher for Community Newspaper Company's urban newspaper group, and prior to that she was Director of Business Development for the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. Ms. Brennan also spent several years in overseas media development in emerging democracies, primarily in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Kevin M. Considine, Martin Nastasia and Carole Brennan join a dynamic team of bipartisan federal and state Capitol Hill advocates and legislative specialists at Brown Rudnick. A full list of the firm's principals and partners are as follows:

- **Thomas D. Ritter**, former Speaker of the House in Connecticut, and past President of the National Speaker's Association;
- **William A. Farrell**, Founder of Brown Rudnick's Government Law & Strategies Practice Group and General Counsel and Legislative Counsel to the Rhode Island Bankers Association;
- **Paul G. Afonso**, the former Chairman of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy and Chairman Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board;
- **Kenneth K. McKay IV**, former Chief of Staff to Governor Donald L. Carcieri, State of Rhode Island;
- **Doyce Boesch**, former Chief of Staff to Senator Don Nickles (R-OK), and Executive Director of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee;
- **Michael Lewan**, former Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT);



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- **Ruth Ravitz Smith**, former Vice President of Federal Government Relations for The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc., and Executive Director of Federal Governmental Affairs for Northeast Utilities;
- **James J. Bonham**, former Executive Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), and Chief of Staff to the late Representative Robert T. Matsui.

Complete biographies for each team member are available upon request or by visiting www.brownrudnick.com.

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