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## BROWN RUDNICK TO HOST OVER 300 INTERNATIONAL RETAILERS AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS AT 2006 ICSC SPRING CONVENTION

*Annual reception during world's largest real estate convention facilitates new and extended retail business development in northeastern U.S.*

**Boston, MA, May 15, 2006** – Over 300 leaders in real estate and retail development will gather at the Wynn Resort in Las Vegas for Brown Rudnick's fourth annual cocktail reception during the 2006 International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Spring Convention. Brown Rudnick's Real Estate Group and Retail & Shopping Centers Practice will host The Honorable Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of the City of Boston, creating a forum for both retailers and developers to discuss development opportunities in Boston and across the Northeast.

The Honorable Thomas M. Menino will attend along with the Boston Redevelopment Authority ([www.cityofboston.gov/bra](http://www.cityofboston.gov/bra)), Boston's planning, zoning, and economic development agency. According to the Mayor, "I am pleased to attend Brown Rudnick's annual cocktail reception again. The event always provides a terrific opportunity to connect with some of Boston's major players in the industry and to meet those retailers and developers who have not yet done business in the Boston area."

The ICSC Spring Convention is the largest gathering of real estate and retail professionals in the world. Last year's event saw record breaking attendance of 41,000, all focused on deal making, education and networking. This year's convention, which is scheduled for May 21 – 26 at the Las Vegas Convention Center, expects to attract 50,000 attendees with its theme of BREAKING NEW GROUND.

Joel M. Reck, Partner and Chair of Brown Rudnick's Real Estate Group, comments, "The Firm's annual reception has become a convention highlight for retail real estate professionals. We are extremely pleased that key industry leaders see our event as an important venue for pursuing opportunities in the Boston market and throughout the Northeast."

Comments Tom Phillips, Partner and Chair of Brown Rudnick's Retail & Shopping Centers Practice, "As an active member of ICSC's national and regional leadership, it is gratifying to know that we are helping to facilitate introductions within the shopping center industry that will ultimately advance the goals of the City of Boston."



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