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BROWN RUDNICK ATTORNEYS APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS (ICSC)

*James Wakim will serve as Connecticut State Director;
Thomas J. Phillips will serve as Eastern Division Next Generation Chair*

Boston, MA, May 7, 2007 – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that two partners in the firm's Retail & Shopping Centers Practice Group -- **Thomas J. Phillips** and **James Wakim** -- were selected for leadership positions by the Chairman of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).

Mr. Wakim was appointed Connecticut State Director, where he will be responsible for directing ICSC State Officers to help advance the mission of ICSC in Connecticut. Mr. Wakim will also serve a key role on the New England Idea Exchange Program Planning Committee and the planning of associated conferences in the region. For the past three years, Mr. Wakim has served on the Connecticut Planning Committee and as the Connecticut State Government Relations Committee Co-Chair for ICSC.

Mr. Phillips will serve as Eastern Division Next Generation Chair. In this role, he will oversee the Next Generation program for all six New England states as well as for New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia. Next Generation is ICSC's educational, networking and mentoring program for retail real estate professionals seeking to develop their careers and build relationships within the shopping center industry. Mr. Phillips has also served on ICSC's New England Idea Exchange Program Planning Committee for the past three years.

Both attorneys will serve one-year terms beginning on May 20, 2007.

Later this month, over 300 leaders in the retail and shopping center industry will gather at the Wynn Resort in Las Vegas for Brown Rudnick's fifth annual cocktail reception during the 2007 ICSC Spring Convention. At this event, Brown Rudnick's delegation 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.

Founded in 1957, the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) is the global trade association of the shopping center industry. Its 70,000 members in the U.S., Canada and more than 80 other countries include shopping center owners, developers, managers,



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marketing specialists, investors, lenders, retailers and other professionals as well as academics and public officials. As the global industry trade association, ICSC links with more than 25 national and regional shopping center councils throughout the world.

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