



# Press Release

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**BROWN RUDNICK HOSTS BOSTON MAYOR IN LAS VEGAS**  
*Event Draws 200+ at Retail Real Estate Convention  
with Focus on Boston Development Opportunities*

**Boston, MA, May 25, 2004** – Last night at The Bellagio in Las Vegas and in conjunction with the International Council of Shopping Centers' (ICSC) Spring Convention, Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP hosted a cocktail reception honoring Boston's mayor, The Honorable Thomas M. Menino. In collaboration with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Brown Rudnick hosted this event to facilitate introductions for the Mayor and retailers and developers interested in establishing or expanding operations in the Boston area. More than 200 real estate and retail industry leaders attended this evening reception. This is the second year in a row that Brown Rudnick has hosted the ICSC reception for Mayor Menino.

The ICSC Spring Convention is the largest gathering of real estate and retail professionals in the world. This year's conference theme was "Shopping Centers: A Legacy of Excellence" More than 35,000 participants from around the world attended, including retailers, shopping center developers and owners, brokers, lenders, municipal officials, and service providers. Held in Las Vegas from May 23-26, the 47<sup>th</sup> annual conference included a Leasing Mall, Trade Expo and Educational Sessions.

"We are delighted to once again host this reception for Mayor Menino, to entertain friends from the real estate and retail industry, and help facilitate new and extended retail business development in Boston," commented Joel Reck, Partner at Brown Rudnick, Chair of the Firm's 40-person Real Estate Group, and a member of the Mayor's Green Building Task Force. "This reception," continued Reck, "is an excellent opportunity for key industry leaders and Mayor Menino to meet and initiate vital discussions." Again this year the reception was the forum to prompt substantive discussions that are expected to trigger continued conversation back in Boston.

Tom Phillips, Partner in Brown Rudnick's Real Estate Group and one of the event's lead organizers, voiced similar enthusiasm. "As an active member in ICSC, I see the connections being made between industry players. We're happy to help advance this network here in Boston."

Brown Rudnick's Real Estate Group is one of the largest and most sophisticated real estate practices in the Northeast. Their long-standing relationship with the City has enabled the Firm to work closely with the City on a range of retail development initiatives and general real estate matters.

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