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## BROWN RUDNICK RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS INVESTOR ALLSTARS 2008 SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**London, U.K., September 29, 2008** -- Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that it was recognized as the European Venture Capital Service Provider of the Year by Investor AllStars. This award, considered the "Oscars" of the VC community, honors a specialist advisory firm for its innovation, creativity and overall contribution in a venture financed deal. Winners were announced on September 24, 2008 during the Annual Investor AllStars Venture Capital Gala at the Hilton Park Lane Hotel in London.

Brown Rudnick's Corporate Team provides strategic advice and guidance to business organizations through all phases of their growth, from start-up, to enhancing and managing growth, through the execution of an exit strategy. Drawing from the full menu of capabilities, this practice group has established enduring relationships with these corporate "life cycle" clients. Facilitating access to seed and growth capital, Brown Rudnick represents investors and companies seeking financing. Clients include emerging growth companies, angel investors, strategic corporate investors, domestic and offshore venture capital funds, hedge funds, private equity funds, commodity pools and similar investment vehicles.

London team members have assisted in defining industry standards in the venture capital sector in the UK and across Europe. As long-time supporters of both BVCA and EVCA, the firm has had the opportunity to contribute significantly to the development of this sector. For example, after being a member of the EVCA Corporate Governance Working Group in 2005 and contributing to the development of the EVCA Corporate Governance Guidelines, London Partner **Tina Baker** was elected to a four-year term on the EVCA Professional Standards Committee in June 2006. As part of that continuing charge, Ms. Baker is serving on the Code of Conduct Task Force and is involved in rewriting the EVCA Code Ethics. She also serves as a member of the Responsible Investing Working Group.

London Partner **James Shaw** was a member of the team of leading VC lawyers, investors and entrepreneurs who drafted the BVCA model venture capital documents for series A venture capital investments, which were modeled on the NVCA form documents (currently used in the US) and are designed to streamline VC transactions in the UK by allowing lawyers/investors/companies to operate from a model set of legal documents. Additionally, **Roger Gregory**, a partner joining Brown Rudnick in early 2008 from Nabarro, sits on the BVCA Legal & Technical Committee, which looks after VC deals as well as their private equity activity.



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As a further extension of our commitment to the VC and emerging growth industries, Brown Rudnick established a dedicated Cleantech Team in June 2008. Led by London Partner **Mark Dorff**, this interdisciplinary group serves the needs of companies and investors involved in renewable, sustainable, and environmentally safe technologies.

In the fall of 2007, Brown Rudnick invested, along with some of the prominent venture capital funds, in Seedcamp Investments LLP, a week-long program that supports the next generation of entrepreneurs in Europe. As one of the founding sponsors, Brown Rudnick maintains a central role in this initiative. In addition to providing financial support to Seedcamp, members of Brown Rudnick's London office serve as mentors and coaches to participating entrepreneurs.

Brown Rudnick has also been a sponsor and supporter of the European Tech Tour Association (ETT) for several years. During August through October 2007, the firm served on the Selection Committee for the English Tech Tour, screening over 100 companies and participating in the Tour.

In the U.S., Brown Rudnick is a continuing sponsor of programs and initiatives that support the entrepreneurial community in the US, such as the MIT \$50K Entrepreneurship Competition, MIT Enterprise Forum, Harvard Biotechnology Club Business Plan Competition, Babson College's Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship Business Plan Competition and Rocket Pitch, Boston University's Entrepreneurial Management Institute, Connecticut Venture Group, Brown Venture Group and Slater Center for Interactive Technologies.

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The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest is a measure of the firm's strong commitment to the community and serves as an umbrella entity encompassing the firm's pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts. For more information, please visit [www.brownrudnickcenter.com](http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com).

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