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THE LAWYERS CLEARINGHOUSE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ELECTS BROWN RUDNICK ATTORNEY TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Service of experienced real estate attorney, David A. Bright, will increase Firm support provided through Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest

Boston, MA, October 3, 2005 – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, announces that David A. Bright has been named to the Board of Directors for the Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness (Clearinghouse). An attorney in the Firm's Real Estate Department, Mr. Bright will also play a role in the provision of pro bono legal support for the mission of the Clearinghouse. The Firm regularly provides this representation through the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, which serves as an umbrella entity encompassing the Firm's pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts.

According to Maribeth Perry, executive director of The Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, "We are delighted that David will be a member of our board of directors. His experience in the affordable housing industry will be a valuable asset to our organization, and his enthusiastic support and legal counsel will help advance our mission to increase the supply of affordable housing and assist the homeless."

The Clearinghouse offers free legal services to those who cannot afford an attorney in two distinct areas: (1) to nonprofit organizations or those seeking nonprofit status to further their goals, and (2) to homeless individuals through shelters such as the Pine Street Inn, St. Francis House, and Friends of the Shattuck Shelter.

Mr. Bright focuses his practice on conveyancing, permitting and affordable housing. He represents large corporations and institutions in connection with their acquisition of commercial real estate, and assists them in obtaining the federal, state and local permits necessary to construct their projects. Mr. Bright also represents community development corporations and tenants' organizations in connection with their acquisition and development of affordable housing.

About the Lawyers Clearinghouse

The Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness (Clearinghouse) was founded in 1988 by the Boston Bar Association and Massachusetts Bar Association. It grew



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out of a common belief that through an organized, broad-based program, the pro bono resources of the private bar could be used to fight homelessness. The creation of the Clearinghouse also reflected the enormous economic pressures placed on low and moderate income families in Massachusetts, and on the limited capabilities of the nonprofit groups assisting them with their housing needs.

The Clearinghouse has served as the model used by bar sponsored pro bono groups throughout the country in establishing similar programs, including the District of Columbia, Rhode Island, and Maryland. In 1991, the Clearinghouse received the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Partnership Award.

About Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP

Brown Rudnick is a full-service, international law firm with offices in the United States and Europe. The firm's 200 attorneys provide representation across key areas of the law: Corporate & Securities, Corporate Finance, Intellectual Property, Project and Structured Finance, Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring, Energy, Government Law & Strategies, Health Care, Real Estate, Complex Litigation and Trusts & Estates. Combining a dedication to excellence with the implementation of sophisticated technologies, Brown Rudnick provides its clients with a breadth and depth of expertise uniquely suited to their legal needs. For more information, please visit www.brownrudnick.com.

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. The Center supports the mission of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., which provides grants in support of improving inner city education. For more information about the Center, please visit www.brownrudnickcenter.com.

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