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## **BROWN RUDNICK CELEBRATES TEN YEARS IN LONDON**

**London, U.K., March 12, 2008** -- Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in London.

Brown Rudnick opened its London office a decade ago with J. Scott Burns, a Partner in the firm's Corporate Department in the United States, to support a rapidly growing international practice. Since then, that office has expanded to include 21 lawyers – including recent hires - and 13 staff. Initially, the London office focused on expanding its strong US technology and venture capital practice by representing European tech companies and their investors. Today, Brown Rudnick has an internationally recognized European Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Practice, with such notable clients as Index Ventures, Mangrove Capital Partners, Atlas Venture, Amadeus Capital Partners, and Environmental Technology Fund LP, among others. Brown Rudnick also has a strong cross-border M&A practice, having represented numerous companies on public transactions. And, over the last decade, the London office has expanded to include Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring, International Litigation & Arbitration, Climate & Energy, and Technology & Outsourcing, complementing strong Corporate Finance and Private Equity teams. Lawyers in the firm's London office work closely with the firm's US offices to serve European and other international clients seeking to expand their businesses across international borders.

Brown Rudnick's CEO **Joseph F. Ryan** remarked, "Brown Rudnick was founded some 60 years ago with an entrepreneurial business philosophy and clear vision for growth. In keeping with our business mission, we opened our London office a decade ago to establish a platform on which we could better serve our expanding international client base. Since then, we have remained focused on growing that office through lateral hiring and the professional development of young lawyers. It is this strategic growth plan that will fuel our international success for many years to come."

**J. Scott Burns**, Managing Partner of Brown Rudnick's London office, stated, "Our anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate our past success and to reinforce the values that have sustained us in this region. The London market welcomed us ten years ago, and we have gradually become part of the fabric of the city, its culture and, and more broadly speaking, Europe's business and legal communities. With our strong pan-European client base and a continued commitment to grow in the London, we look ahead eagerly to the next ten years."



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In recent months, the London office has had much to celebrate. On February 1, 2008, the Firm elected London based associates **James Shaw** and **Adrian Yeandle** to the firm's partnership. Both James and Adrian are solicitors who practice in Brown Rudnick's Corporate & Securities Department. In January, internationally renowned insolvency lawyer **Louise Verrill** joined Brown Rudnick's Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Practice in London. She is considered by insolvency industry experts to be one of the top legal minds in this field, and her high profile extends to her role as President of the Insolvency Lawyers' Association, where she is the first woman to be elected to this prestigious position.

Last month, Brown Rudnick was named a finalist for a 2008 UK Technology Innovation & Growth Award by Library House in the category of "Technology Law Firm of the Year." Also, in late 2007, the firm received a special commendation as part of the Investor AllStars Service Provider of the Year Awards, which honors a specialist advisory firm serving the venture capital industry for its innovation, creativity and overall contribution in a venture financed deal.

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