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### **NEW PARTNER EXPANDS BROWN RUDNICK'S STRUCTURED FINANCE PRACTICE IN NEW YORK**

*As a result of continued growth in New York,  
the firm will relocate to top floors of Seven Times Square*

**Boston, MA, May 18, 2005** – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that Madeleine M.L. Tan has joined the firm's Structured Finance Group in New York. With over eleven years of legal and financial experience, Ms. Tan focuses her practice on asset-backed, tax-advantaged and structured finance transactions including securitization, leveraged leasing, sale-leaseback transactions, operating and single investor leases, and equity and credit derivatives.

Ms. Tan has acted as advisor and counsel to alternative investment funds, special situation funds, issuers, lenders, underwriters, equity investors, credit protection buyers and other swap counterparties. She has structured, executed and closed transactions involving a broad range of asset classes including aircraft, rail assets, power generation and transmission facilities, infrastructure assets, waste disposal facilities, freshwater facilities, real estate, airport security systems and telecommunications assets. She also has extensive experience with transactions covering multiple jurisdictions in the US, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Prior to joining Brown Rudnick, Ms. Tan was the principal of Vantis Strategies LLC, a New York-based financial structuring and advisory firm that she founded, where she sourced and advised alternative investment funds and special situation funds on niche and opportunistic investments. Ms. Tan was formerly a partner at Hunton & Williams LLP and also spent several years at the investment bank, Bankers Trust Company (now Deutsche Bank), in Hong Kong.



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According to Brown Rudnick's CEO, Joe Ryan, "Madeleine is a welcome addition to our Structured Finance practice and to our firm as a whole. Her broad legal and financial perspective will greatly enhance our work in asset-based and structured finance, as well as derivatives. As we continue to expand our New York presence, Madeleine's expertise and entrepreneurial spirit are ideally suited to further our mission to provide value-added, client-focused services to the finance sector."

In recent months, Brown Rudnick has added several other new attorneys across multiple practice groups to its New York office: Irene A. Steiner in Estates & Private Clients; Robert E. Kellogg and Robert J. Stark in Bankruptcy & Finance; Chiara M. Goodyear and Claudia J. Saffar in Corporate & Securities; and David J. Molton and John J. W. Inkeles in Litigation.

As a result of the firm's exponential growth in the New York legal market, Brown Rudnick will relocate its offices in late May 2005 to the top floors of Times Square Tower at Seven Times Square. The firm plans to double the size of its New York office.

## **About Brown Rudnick's Structured Finance Group**

Brown Rudnick's Structured Finance Group provides legal services in all types of structured finance and securitization transactions. This group has developed a special expertise – recognized internationally – for structuring and implementing creative securitization programs involving new or esoteric asset classes and new derivative products.

Brown Rudnick has developed a unique capacity to provide structuring, due diligence, communication and transaction management services, in addition to traditional legal services. The team has a proven track record in representing underwriters and issuers in a variety of complex securitization and structured finance transactions. The firm is recognized by the underwriting and legal community, as well as the rating agencies as a skilled and innovative participant in the CMBS and ABS markets.

Brown Rudnick's Structured Finance Group is actively involved in a variety of traditional and esoteric asset classes, such as equipment leases, commercial mortgage-backed securities, intellectual property, life settlements, timeshare loans, military housing and renewable energy. It is this proactive approach, backed by a team of seasoned structured finance professionals, that keeps Brown Rudnick at the forefront of the securitization market.



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## **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 attorneys provide representation across key areas of the law: Structured & Commercial Finance, Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring, Corporate & Securities, Intellectual Property, Complex Litigation, Energy, Real Estate, Government Law & Strategies, and Health Care. Combining a dedication to excellence with a commitment to superior client service, Brown Rudnick provides its clients with a breadth and depth of expertise uniquely suited to their legal needs.

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.

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