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## CHAIR OF BROWN RUDNICK'S REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT APPOINTED AS A MEDIATOR FOR REAL ESTATE BAR ASSOCIATION (REBA) DISPUTE RESOLUTION

*Joel M. Reck, Esq. Completes Mediation Training Pursuant to Mass Trial Courts  
Uniform Rules on Dispute Resolution*

**Boston, MA, June 14, 2005** – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that Joel M. Reck, Partner and Chair of the Firm's Real Estate Department, will join the panel of neutrals for REBA Dispute Resolutions, Inc. (REBA DR). REBA DR is the first alternative dispute resolution service in the Commonwealth exclusively focused on complications arising out of property-related disputes. As a former member of REBA's Board of Directors, Mr. Reck was invited to join the REBA DR panel of 15 prominent real estate attorneys and retired judges, who are accredited to act as mediators in real estate disputes.

According to Peter Wittenborg, executive director of REBA Dispute Resolution, Inc. "REBA DR is indeed fortunate to have secured Joel Reck, one of the pre-eminent real estate practitioners in Massachusetts, for our growing alternative dispute resolution program. I am sure Joel will bring the same energy and commitment he has brought to the Boston Bar Association, the Boston Bar Foundation, and his many other involvements."

Mr. Reck comments, "I am honored to become a REBA DR arbitrator. Throughout my career, I have focused my practice on solving complex real estate issues for diverse commercial clients. I look forward to applying my real estate experience and legal expertise to conflict resolution to help disputants reach an agreement without litigation."

For more than thirty-five years, Mr. Reck's diverse real estate practice has included development projects, acquisitions, sales, financings, leases and work-outs for a variety of institutions with an emphasis on developers, real estate advisors, high-tech companies, pension plans and REITS. He often works closely with ERISA, securities and tax attorneys in connection with this work. His practice consists of structuring, managing and closing sophisticated commercial real estate transactions throughout the United States and has included several of the largest recent development projects in the Greater Boston area.

Recently, Mr. Reck has represented developers and high-tech companies in the planning, permitting and development of high-tech campuses, office buildings and telecommunication facilities. With respect to commercial real estate leasing, Mr. Reck has handled two of the



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three largest leases ever undertaken in the City of Boston, in one instance representing the building owner and in the other instance representing a major institutional tenant.

To become a REBA DR neutral, Mr. Reck completed a 36-hour mediation and conflict resolution training program offered by Mediation Works Incorporated (MWI). The course emphasizes facilitative conflict resolution for court and non-court related matters. The training program develops the mediator's mindset and skills through a variety of methodologies including role-plays based on actual case studies, simulated mediations and in-class lectures.

**REBA Dispute Resolution** was established to meet the growing needs of tomorrow's real estate law practice. By combining the talents and resources of REBA members who are highly recognized in their fields of expertise with a well-respected bar association known for its dedication to excellence, REBA Dispute Resolution brings much-needed specialized dispute resolution alternatives to the legal and real estate communities as well as to the general public.

**The Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts** is a state wide specialty bar association with nearly 3,000 members, all working to advance the practice of real estate law. For more than 100 years, the REBA has upheld professional standards of practice and promoted intellectual and ethical commitment among members of the conveyancing bar.

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