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PAUL W. CICHETTI JOINS BROWN RUDNICK'S NEW YORK OFFICE AS A PARTNER IN THE FIRM'S REAL ESTATE PRACTICE GROUP

Boston, MA, May 15, 2008 -- Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that Paul W. Cicchetti has joined the Firm's Real Estate Practice Group in New York. Prior to joining Brown Rudnick, Mr. Cicchetti was a Partner at Holland & Knight LLP.

Mr. Cicchetti practices in the real estate finance sector. His experience spans mortgage and mezzanine lending for portfolio lenders, including life insurance companies and banks, as well as securitized mortgage lending for CMBS-lenders. Mr. Cicchetti also advises on matters related to structured financing, loan servicing, work-outs, loan participations, sale-leasebacks, environmental and development projects, as well as the disposition and acquisition of real estate projects. He has handled all aspects of financings, acquisitions, dispositions, and development of major transactions involving commercial, retail, hotel, office, residential and mixed-use real estate projects.

Additionally, Mr. Cicchetti will work with members of Brown Rudnick's Structured Resolution Group to analyze issues surrounding the subprime market collapse in an effort to help clients identify and execute on arbitrage and repackaging strategies.

Mr. Cicchetti joins a strong team of real estate attorneys at Brown Rudnick. Since the Firm's inception in 1948, the real estate practice has been one of the Firm's primary practice areas. The attorneys are nationally recognized for their work in Development and Construction; Retail & Shopping Centers; Environmental, Zoning, & Land Use; Housing; Leasing; Property Acquisitions & Dispositions; Real Estate Financing; and Workouts & Foreclosures.

Brown Rudnick's CEO, Joseph F. Ryan, commented, "We have one of the most sophisticated real estate practices in the Northeast, and our attorneys focus on the full range of



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contemporary real estate issues. The addition of Paul helps the team to establish a stronger New York presence and augments our real estate finance capabilities across all offices. We are pleased to welcome him to our Firm.”

This announcement follows Brown Rudnick’s May 6, 2008 notice that Roger Gregory joined the Firm’s Private Equity Team in the London office. In March, Edward J. Naughton joined Brown Rudnick’s Boston office as a Partner in the Litigation Department. Mr. Naughton is an experienced trial attorney specializing in patent litigation and intellectual property law. Also in March, a well-known Washington Government Contracts & Litigation Group joined the Firm’s Washington DC office. Formerly with Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., the eight lawyer group is led by partners Kenneth B. Weckstein and Daniel B. Abrahams. Members of this group assist clients in resolving complex disputes in both public contract and commercial settings. Representative experience includes bid protests, contract claims, wage and hour disputes, compliance investigations, trade secret disputes, complex commercial litigation, government contract due diligence related to mergers and acquisitions, and counseling to avoid litigation.

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