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### **CHAIR OF BROWN RUDNICK'S RETAIL & SHOPPING CENTER GROUP IS APPOINTED TO LEADERSHIP POSITION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS (ICSC)**

*Thomas J. Phillips will serve as State Director*

**Boston, MA, May 12, 2009** – Brown Rudnick, an international law firm, today announced that **Thomas J. Phillips**, Chair of the firm's Retail & Shopping Centers Practice Group, was selected by the Chairman of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) to serve as State Director for Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. His term will begin on May 17, 2009.

As State Director, Mr. Phillips will be responsible for guiding ICSC's State Leadership Committee and Program Planning Committees in order to advance the interests of the retail real estate industry in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont.

Brown Rudnick has been an active supporter of ICSC for many years, and Mr. Phillips has held several ICSC leadership positions. Most recently, he served as Eastern Division Next Generation Chair, where he oversaw ICSC's Next Generation program for all six New England states as well as for New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia. In addition, Mr. Phillips is the Chair of ICSC's 2009 New England Idea Exchange, a two-day conference to be held in Boston this July 8-9.

Brown Rudnick's CEO Joseph F. Ryan commented, "Tom's appointment is a result of his continued dedication to ICSC, and his new role will further elevate the Firm's presence with owners, developers, investors, lenders, retailers and other professionals in the retail and shopping center sector."

Later this month, over 300 leaders in the retail and shopping center industry will gather at the Wynn Resort in Las Vegas for Brown Rudnick's 7th annual cocktail reception during the 2009 RECon (ICSC's annual convention). As in the past, Brown Rudnick will continue its tradition of creating a forum for retailers and developers to discuss real estate opportunities in Boston and across the Northeast.

Founded in 1957, the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) is the global trade association of the retail real estate industry. Its 70,000 members in the U.S., Canada and more than 100 other countries include shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing specialists, investors, lenders, retailers and other professionals as well as academics and public officials.



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