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**JOEL M. RECK EARNS HIGHEST HONOR
IN THE
UNITED STATES LAWYER RANKINGS
2006 LIST OF THE "NATION'S TOP 10 REAL ESTATE LAWYERS"**

Boston, MA, May 15, 2006 – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that Joel M. Reck, Chair of the firm's Real Estate Group, has earned the top spot on the 2006 list of the "Nation's Top 10 Real Estate Lawyers" published by the *United States Lawyer Rankings* guide. Attorneys on the top ten list were nominated by members of the Bar and Judiciary, and by general counsels of large corporate and institutional clients.

The *United States Lawyer Rankings* is a new ranking guide established by a consortium of United States corporations in order to recognize those lawyers who have consistently provided the highest degree of legal representation. Attorneys are ranked in the following areas of law: Antitrust, Bankruptcy, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense, Environmental, Intellectual Property, International Trade & Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Real Estate, Securities, Tax and Trusts & Estates.

Joel M. Reck has been practicing for 40 years, and his diverse real estate practice includes 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.



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Mr. Reck 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 handled two of the 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.

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