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Brown Rudnick Receives Top Rankings from Chambers & Partners in Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Corporate M&A, Environmental, Real Estate and Healthcare Law

Boston, MA, June 27, 2007 – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that it has been ranked by Chambers & Partners as a top law firm in the areas of Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Corporate M&A, Environmental, Real Estate and Healthcare. In addition, individual attorneys across the firm's offices in Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut were selected as legal leaders for demonstrating exemplary professional qualities, such as technical legal prowess, professional conduct, client service, market awareness, diligence and commitment. The results are published in the 2007-2008 edition of *Chambers & Partners' Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers*.

The Brown Rudnick attorneys identified as among the nation's leading practitioners in their focus areas are:

In Massachusetts:

- **William R. Baldiga** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring)
- **Edward S. Hershfield** (Real Estate)
- **Stephen M. Leonard** (Environmental)
- **Lawrence B. Litwak** (Healthcare)
- **Paul W. Shaw** (Healthcare)
- **Samuel P. Williams** (Corporate M&A)

In New York:

- **Edward S. Weisfelner** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring)

In Connecticut:

- **Mark A. Asmar** (Real Estate)
- **Douglas A. Cohen** (Environmental)
- **Franca L. DeRosa** (Real Estate)

The Bankruptcy/Restructuring Group is noted as "a fabulous restructuring practice," and "a significant force in bankruptcy-related work in the region." A client remarks, "They are the best people we deal with in terms of private equity-related work." As Managing Director,



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William R. Baldiga is characterized as a “highly-respected attorney.” In New York, **Edward S. Weisfelner** is described as a tough attorney who is “not afraid of anyone,” and whose clients are never left empty-handed.

The firm’s Corporate/M&A practice moved up in rankings in 2007 as a result of its involvement in some large and extremely complex transactions. **Samuel P. Williams**, Managing Director of the Corporate Group, is characterized as “hard-working, talented and responsive,” as well as “all that you could ever want in a lawyer.” Similarly, in Healthcare, clients praise the attorneys for being “trustworthy and reliable,” and for “always getting the job done.” **Lawrence B. Litwak** is cited as “a brilliant negotiator and brilliant litigator when he needs to be.” **Paul W. Shaw** adds to the team’s strength with his expertise in white-collar defense and strong name in a wide variety of regulatory litigation.

In the Environmental arena, firm attorneys are identified as a “credible and intelligent” team. In Connecticut, **Franca L. DeRosa** is valued for her ability to “size up what we’re trying to accomplish and is fantastic at understanding the commercial picture. She can put together the commercial objective with legal barriers in mind.” **Douglas A. Cohen** is seen as an EPA expert with a “client-oriented approach” and an “ability to work strongly as part of a team.” In Massachusetts, **Stephen Leonard** is identified as the leading light of the Boston team.

The firm’s Real Estate Group receives high marks for its regional strength in both Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as the team’s industry depth and focus in energy, healthcare and telecommunications. **Mark A. Asmar** is a standout, with a client commenting, “I have the highest regard for his ethics, creativity and ability to work through complex issues.” **Edward S. Hershfield** is highlighted as the firm’s most active practitioner in Massachusetts with a niche in military base redevelopment.

The Chambers rankings are based on comprehensive research conducted by Chambers & Partners Legal Publishers, a highly respected British research firm that publishes directories that rank leading lawyers based upon their reputation among peers and clients. Chambers’ listings are based solely on outside evaluations of merit. For the U.S. directory, over 7,000 in-depth client and competitor interviews were conducted by a team of 40 full-time researchers over a period of eight months.

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