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

**Boston, MA, June 27, 2008** – 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, Environmental, Real Estate and Healthcare law. Individual attorneys across the firm's offices in Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut were recognized 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 2008-2009 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)
- **Paul W. Shaw** (Healthcare)
- **Samuel P. Williams** (Corporate)

#### 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 capable group stacked full of gifted people" and "highly skilled and tenacious." Clients are impressed by the firm's cutting-edge approach to insolvency: "It is the best firm we know for adapting to changes in the law and adopting new methods to advocate effectively for its clients." As Managing Director, **William R. Baldiga** is singled out for his "excellent strategies" and "creative solutions." In New York, **Edward S. Weisfelner** is described as "astute and very commercial." Comments



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one client: "Ed can get you back on your feet when you seemingly have no hope of recovery."

The firm's Corporate practice is seen as a "good, solid player" that handles a broad range of domestic and cross-border M&A and venture-based transactions. **Samuel P. Williams**, Managing Director of the Corporate Group, is seen as the "driving force behind the firm's practice, and is widely held in high regard by his competitors in the market." Similarly, in Healthcare, clients praise the firm's expertise, honoring **Paul W. Shaw** for his experience with compliance fraud and abuse litigation.

In the Environmental arena, Brown Rudnick is recognized for integrating its environmental expertise with real estate, energy, corporate, litigation and government relations skills. In Connecticut, **Franca L. DeRosa** is known as "very knowledgeable and commercially astute," while **Douglas A. Cohen** is seen as an EPA expert who can apply regulatory knowledge to his clients' business.

The firm's Real Estate Group is viewed as a team that can provide "depth beyond its size" to clients across the Northeast. **Mark A. Asmar** is "the firm's best-known lawyer" and **Edward S. Hershfield** is "the group's leading light who possesses a dynamic practice focused on finance and development-related work and land-use matters."

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.

## **About Brown Rudnick LLP**

Brown Rudnick is an international law firm with offices in the United States and Europe. The firm represents clients from around the world, providing business-focused solutions that address today's ever-changing, ever-demanding competitive marketplace. With an entrepreneurial and collaborative mindset, Brown Rudnick offers a broad slate of capabilities and talents in areas that include: Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring, Complex Litigation, Corporate & Securities, Energy, Finance, Government Law & Strategies, Health Law, Intellectual Property and Real Estate. For more information, please visit [www.brownrudnick.com](http://www.brownrudnick.com).

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