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## **BROWN RUDNICK GROWS ITS PRIVATE EQUITY PRACTICE IN EUROPE**

*International law firm adds three prominent UK solicitors  
to its Corporate Group in London*

**Boston, U.S., and London, U.K., August 8, 2005** -- Brown Rudnick, a rapidly growing international law firm, today announced the appointment of three new solicitors in its London office in a move that reflects the firm's increasing business in the private equity and venture capital arena. Kieran O'Connor, Matthew Sillett and Adrian Yeandle join Brown Rudnick, augmenting the Corporate Group's expanding global presence.

These three prominent UK lawyers bring to Brown Rudnick over 25 years of combined experience in working with private equity funds and their portfolio companies across a broad range of industries, from healthcare and hi-tech to 'old economy' companies. The new appointments represent a significant hiring coup for Brown Rudnick and also reunite this team of specialist lawyers. O'Connor, Sillett and Yeandle worked together at Osborne Clarke in the late 1990s and are, individually and collectively, well regarded and recognized within the UK private equity and VC communities.

Kieran O'Connor and Matthew Sillett both join Brown Rudnick as Partners from Speechly Bircham where they led that firm's private equity group. Adrian Yeandle joins them as a Senior Associate from Osborne Clarke's London office. At Speechly Bircham, O'Connor and Sillett specialised in working with venture capital and private equity funds and their portfolio companies. They routinely advised investors and corporations on a range of transactions from start-up structures and financings to complex buy-out arrangements. They also advised on fund establishment and structure, including regulatory framework within which such funds operate.

Yeandle was a member of Osborne Clarke's corporate team and advised both private and public companies on a wide variety of corporate transactions, including M&A, equity issues and joint ventures, with a primary focus on cross-border transactions. He was also the firm's country manager for France and was responsible for the firm's relationship with associate office, Stehlin & Associates.

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Announcing the new appointments today, Scott Burns, the senior Partner of Brown Rudnick in London, commented, "In addition to our well-established corporate advisory and insolvency practices, Brown Rudnick has seen very strong growth over the past 18 months in our business working with many of the leading private equity funds in the UK and Europe. These new appointments are a natural result of this growth and of our commitment to serving clients in this area."

Kieran O'Connor added, "Brown Rudnick truly understands what clients want in the UK market and offers the ideal platform to continue growth in our practices. We see a strong fit with culture, business philosophy and strategic objectives. In fact, my contacts in the private equity community have strongly endorsed my joining Brown Rudnick."

**Brown Rudnick's International Practice Group** has extensive experience in structuring and coordinating international corporate transactions, including multinational venture capital financings, global public offerings through international investment banks and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. The firm advises both emerging international businesses seeking private capital and investors providing such financing. Brown Rudnick also counsels emerging growth companies on doing business internationally and entering the US and UK commercial and financial markets. The firm partners with clients at all stages of development with the goal of reducing risk and maximizing international growth opportunities. In addition to legal expertise, Brown Rudnick is attuned to the cultural, political and business considerations that are essential for successful international businesses.

Brown Rudnick's experience in advising businesses on international growth and expansion includes establishing foreign offices, organizing and operating subsidiaries, minimizing international taxes and negotiating strategic joint ventures and licenses with foreign partners.

The firm opened its London office in 1997 and its Dublin Office in 2002 to support a rapidly growing international practice. These offices work closely with the US offices to better serve European and other international clients seeking to expand their businesses across international borders.

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