



# Press Release

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## BROWN RUDNICK ATTORNEYS HONORED IN *THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2008*

*Firm honorees practice in*

*Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights, Structured Finance, Commercial Litigation, Energy, Environmental, Real Estate, Government Relations, Family Law and First Amendment Law*

**Boston, MA, October 1, 2007** – Brown Rudnick, a premier international law firm, today announced that 17 of its partners have been selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2007-2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Four of the 17 honorees have been named *Best Lawyers* for more than 10 consecutive years, and one firm partner has been recognized for over 20 years.

Considered the definitive guide to legal excellence in the United States, *The Best Lawyers in America* is published by Woodward/White, Inc. Lawyers were selected for inclusion in this new edition of *Best Lawyers* as a result of an exhaustive and rigorous peer-review survey that has been developed and refined for nearly 25 years. The current edition of *Best Lawyers* is based on 1.8 million confidential evaluations by only the top attorneys in the country. *Best Lawyers* also conducted thousands of extensive telephone interviews with leading attorneys throughout its balloting process.

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

### In Boston:

- **William R. Baldiga** (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights)
- **Ronald S. Borod** (Structured Finance Law)
- **Stephen M. Leonard** (Environmental)
- **Steven B. Levine** (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights)
- **Paul P. Perocchi** (Family Law) – a ***Best Lawyer for 20 years***



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- **M. Frederick Pritzker** (Commercial Litigation and Construction)
- **Joel M. Reck** (Real Estate)
- **Joseph F. Ryan** (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights) – a ***Best Lawyer for 10 years***

## In Hartford:

- **Mark A. Asmar** (Real Estate)
- **Douglas A. Cohen** (Environmental) – a ***Best Lawyer for 10 years***
- **Scott P. Consoli** (Real Estate)
- **Franca L. DeRosa** (Energy and Environmental) – a ***Best Lawyer for 10 years***
- **Thomas D. Ritter** (Government Relations)
- **Howard L. Siegel** (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights) – a ***Best Lawyer for 10 years***
- **Philip M. Small** (Energy and Environmental)
- **James E. Wakim** (Real Estate)

## In New York:

- **Edward S. Weisfelner** (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights)

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