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BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS ELECTS NEW PARTNERS

Three new partners serve a diverse client base

Boston, MA, February 1, 2004 – Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, a premier international law firm, today announced that Gregory T. Arnold, Matthew S. Gilman and Cheryl Boylan Pinarchick have been elected partners of the Firm, in recognition of their strong, demonstrated contributions and valuable future roles they will play in the Firm's continuing success.

"We are extremely pleased and proud to make this announcement," commented Joe Ryan, Brown Rudnick's CEO. "Greg, Matt and Cheryl each have evidenced an admirable level of enthusiasm and commitment to the Firm and to their individual practices. Their colleagues here at the Firm welcome them to the partnership and look forward to the business opportunities that await."

Greg Arnold has a diverse litigation practice, with an emphasis on commercial disputes; financial, class-action and patent litigation; and labor & employment issues. Actively involved in international litigation, Greg is also a successful litigator before the U.S. International Trade Commission. Career accomplishments include playing a major role in establishing personal jurisdiction in Massachusetts over the parent company to Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation. He was also part of the team that represented the Ad Hoc Committee of Trade Creditors in the MCI/WorldCom chapter 11 cases, and he is currently representing a group of 65 investors in offshore hedge funds, pursuing recoveries of \$600 million in invested capital lost due to fraudulent hedge fund management practices.

Matthew Gilman's practice concentrates on securities law, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, corporate finance, venture capital and general corporate law. Matt is experienced in representing publicly and privately held corporations, emerging growth companies and entrepreneurs in the start-up and development stages of business. A substantial part of Matt's practice involves advising his clients in IPOs and follow-on offerings, securities law compliance and corporate governance issues, going private transactions, private investment and venture capital financings, and the acquisition and sale of businesses in a wide range of industries. Matt also works closely with university entrepreneurship programs, serving as a lecturer, mentor and advisor to entrepreneurs.

Cheryl Boylan Pinarchick's practice focuses on the resolution of complex commercial and civil disputes, including professional malpractice, non-competition/trade secret litigation, joint venture/licensing disputes, product liability/toxic tort litigation, bankruptcy and wrongful death actions. Cheryl also counsels clients in a variety of business contexts including contract negotiation, drafting and enforcement, and has served as an arbitrator in various civil litigation matters. Recent career accomplishments include representing the estate of Melissa S. Gosule in a wrongful death action against various defendants including American Automobile Association, Inc. and AAA Southern New England. Cheryl was also part of the team that recently represented High River Limited Partnership in its purchase of a billion dollar industrial outsourcing company out of bankruptcy.

About Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP

Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP is a full-service, international law firm with offices in the United States and Europe. The firm has over 200 attorneys who provide representation across key areas of the law: Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring, Finance, Corporate & Securities, Intellectual Property, Government Law & Strategies, Real Estate, and Complex Litigation. Combining a dedication to excellence with the implementation of sophisticated technologies, Brown Rudnick provides its clients with a breadth and depth of expertise uniquely suited to their legal needs.

The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest is a measure of the Firm's strong commitment to the community and serves as an umbrella entity to encompass all of the Firm's pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts.