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BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS OPENS WASHINGTON DC OFFICE

Two Senior Capitol Hill Advocates Join the Firm as Principals

Boston, MA, April 1, 2004 – Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, a premier international law firm, today announced that it has opened a new office in Washington, DC, with Michael Lewan and Doyce Boesch, two experienced Capitol Hill advocates, joining the firm's Government Law & Strategies Practice Group as Principals.

Lewan, a former Chief of Staff to U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-CT, brings more than 16 years of experience on Capitol Hill and in Democratic politics to BRBI. Boesch, a 24-year Washington veteran, brings extensive experience on the Republican side, having served as Chief of Staff to Sen. Don Nickles, R-OK, and Executive Director of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee.

"We are excited about this expansion opportunity and the addition of Michael Lewan and Doyce Boesch to our strong Government Practice," said Joe Ryan, Brown Rudnick's CEO. "Our presence in Washington, DC will allow us to extend our services to existing clients and build relationships with new clients for whom we can offer an exceptional range of legal and strategic services."

Across a broad slate of disciplines and working with a sweeping range of industry sectors, Brown Rudnick provides legal and strategic counsel to a global client base. This DC-based expansion of the firm's political and geographic reach strengthens its ability to protect and advance clients' interests with federal, state and local government entities.

Michael Lewan joins Brown Rudnick with more than 16 years of Capitol Hill experience and recognized expertise in legislative affairs. Most recently, Mr. Lewan was President of the Michael Lewan Company, a Washington, DC-based firm specializing in the development and execution of public policy strategies for domestic and international corporations. He has worked with a wide cross section of Fortune 500 companies, as well as leading trade associations in the American business community.

Mr. Lewan has served as Chief of Staff to Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-CT, and U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-NY. A former member of the Clinton-Gore National Finance Council, Mr. Lewan twice served on the Presidential Inaugural Committee, and is the Chair of the Democratic Leadership Council Steering Committee. He is also active with the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Among his accomplishments, Mr. Lewan was named in 1994 by President Bill Clinton as Chairman of the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

Doyce A. Boesch is a Washington veteran of 24 years. Prior to joining Brown Rudnick, he was President of Boesch & Company, Inc., a government relations and public affairs firm based in Washington DC. With an impressive slate of experience in political strategy, policy making and fund raising, Mr. Boesch has worked directly with Republican members of the U.S. Senate and extensively with the White House.

Mr. Boesch's career accomplishments include managing U.S. Sen. Don Nickles', R-OK, successful election campaigns and also serving as the Senator's Chief of Staff. Mr. Boesch was also Senate liaison for the Dole for President campaign, subsequently served as the Senate liaison for the Bush for President campaign, and, after successfully managing Senator Nickles' race for the Chairmanship of the National Republican Senatorial Committee

(NRSC), Mr. Boesch assumed the role of Executive Director of the NRSC. He also managed the the 1994 election of U.S. Rep. Tom Delay, R-TX, as House Majority Whip.

At Brown Rudnick, Lewan and Boesch join a dynamic team in the Government Law & Strategies group of bipartisan attorneys, senior Capitol Hill advocates and legislative specialists. Tom Ritter, former Connecticut Speaker of the House and past president of the National Speakers Association, chairs this practice. Other key figures include William Farrell, General Counsel and Legislative Counsel of the Rhode Island Bankers Association, whose career includes 25 years of experience working in the state legislative and regulatory arenas. Leading activities in the Boston area is Cheryl Cronin, voted one of the three most powerful women in Boston. Cronin currently serves as the General Counsel of the 2004 Democratic National Convention Host Committee.

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