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Brown Rudnick Expands Global Footprint to Southern California Combining with Litigation Boutique Rus Miliband & Smith

BOSTON and IRVINE, CA (APRIL 9, 2013) - - Brown Rudnick LLP, an international *Am Law* 200 law firm, announced that it is expanding to the West Coast by combining with Rus Miliband & Smith, a complex commercial litigation boutique in Orange County, California.

With an Orange County office, Brown Rudnick will have an important presence in the Southern California metropolitan area adding to the firm's global footprint which includes, among other cities, Boston, Dublin, London, New York, and Washington, D.C. Brown Rudnick attorneys represent clients in a wide range of domestic and international matters including corporate, capital markets, litigation, international arbitration, intellectual property, white collar defense and government investigations, government contracts, securities and real estate. Clients include Fortune 500 corporations, emerging technology companies, hedge funds, real estate investment firms, family offices, and firms and individuals with international business interests.

For over 30 years the attorneys at Rus Miliband & Smith have built a reputation for excellence, representing clients in high profile cases across California in complex commercial, business, and real estate litigation, and in corporate reorganization, debt restructuring and bankruptcy proceedings. The lawyers of Rus, Miliband & Smith are highly respected and have been recognized annually by Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America* for commercial litigation, bankruptcy litigation and bet the company litigation. The firm counts among its members past Presidents of the Orange County Bar Association, past Vice President of the State Bar of California, a member of the California Judicial Council, and lawyer representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

"Our strategic goal is to provide services of the highest value to our clients operating in the world's leading financial and business centers," said Joseph F. Ryan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Brown Rudnick. "Our new Orange County office not only enables us to serve our Southern California and West Coast clients more effectively, it also complements our strength in the technology and life sciences sectors and opens a gateway to Asia where our clients increasingly are engaged in business. It took us years to find the right partner in California. Rus Miliband & Smith is a great fit because of their excellence in litigation, restructuring and bankruptcy -- key strengths of Brown Rudnick. We are delighted to join forces with these talented and experienced lawyers. Together we look forward to growing significantly our Orange County office, particularly with the addition of corporate and IP attorneys experienced with emerging technologies, life science and medical device companies."

"We are very excited to join Brown Rudnick," added Ronald Rus, a founding partner of Rus Miliband & Smith. "Numerous national firms had approached us over the years, but were never the right fit. First, we were impressed with Brown Rudnick's firm culture. They value team work and collaboration. They have an energy and entrepreneurial spirit beyond any firm we had encountered. We also recognized that Brown Rudnick's range of practice expertise and expansive national and international platform would be of great value to our clients. We look forward to bringing Brown Rudnick's name to California, and playing a vital role in expanding the firm's reach to West Coast clients who will benefit from the collective talent and sophistication of our combined firm."

About Brown Rudnick LLP

Brown Rudnick is an *Am Law* 200 firm with offices in the United States and Europe. With relentless focus on the client's objectives, the Firm represents clients from around the world in high stakes litigation and business transactions. Our clients include public and private corporations, hedge funds, venture capital funds, private equity funds, multinational Fortune 100 businesses and start-up enterprises. We also represent investors, debtors and official and ad hoc creditors' committees in today's largest corporate restructurings, both domestically and abroad. Brown Rudnick is among the vanguard of law firms advising clients in times of unprecedented opportunity, capital convergence and cross-border uncertainty. The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest is an innovative model combining the Firm's pro bono, charitable giving and community volunteer efforts. For more information, please visit www.brownrudnick.com.

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