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## Foundation News





### 2012-13 RELATIONSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

“Relationship Grants” are annual grants through which the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation endeavors to have an active relationship with recipient organizations. While financial support is the gateway to the relationship, the Foundation is also interested in ways in which the mission and work of the organizations may capture the interest and energy of our Board and of the Brown Rudnick lawyers and staff.

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Directors in June approved the award of eleven Relationship Grants for the 2012-13 academic year. These grants, which commence on September 1, 2012, are being awarded in each of the Firm’s U.S. cities. The Foundation is pleased to award this year’s grants to:

Grantee	City	Purpose
 REACH OUT AND READ <a href="http://www.reachoutandread.org/">http://www.reachoutandread.org/</a>	Boston Providence Washington, DC	<p>Continuing the Foundation’s long-standing support of this organization, this year’s grant supports early child literacy programs in three Foundation cities.</p> <p>Brown Rudnick also provides general legal counsel services to the organization on a pro bono basis.</p>
 THOMPSON ISLAND OUTWARD BOUND <a href="http://www.thompsonisland.org/">http://www.thompsonisland.org/</a>	Boston	<p>This long-time grant recipient will use the 2012-13 grant to support its “Connections” education program for Boston public school students.</p> <p>Developed in collaboration with the National Park Service, Connections enhances academic learning and social competence by challenging students to learn in new ways through in-school classroom activities revolving around field experiences on Thompson Island.</p>

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 <p>Arts &amp; Business Council GREATER BOSTON A CHAPTER OF AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS.</p> <p>ARTS &amp; BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER BOSTON/VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS <a href="http://www.artsandbusinesscouncil.org/">http://www.artsandbusinesscouncil.org/</a></p>	Boston	<p>The grant will continue support for the popular Brown Rudnick/VLA Holiday Art Contest in the Boston public schools, as well as for the Teen Art Law Program which focuses on classroom teaching about intellectual property. New this year is the Corporate Art Lending Program where public school student’s art is loaned to businesses.</p> <p>Brown Rudnick provides pro bono legal representation to low-income artists referred by the Arts &amp; Business Council.</p>
 <p>Science Club for Girls</p> <p>SCIENCE CLUB FOR GIRLS <a href="http://www.scienceclubforgirls.org">http://www.scienceclubforgirls.org</a></p>	Boston	<p>This first-time grant recipient will use grant dollars to support a program providing girls with the opportunity to attend weekly science clubs and engage in hands-on topical science and engineering explorations.</p>
 <p>HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM</p> <p>HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM <a href="http://www.lifesavingmuseum.org/">http://www.lifesavingmuseum.org/</a></p>	Boston	<p>A grantee for the third consecutive year, this organization will use the grant to support its Maritime Apprentice Program which serves an older, high-risk population in Boston through work and education programs.</p>
 <p>ALLIANCE INCLUSION PREVENTION <a href="http://aipinc.org/">http://aipinc.org/</a></p>	Boston	<p>This first-time grant recipient will use funds to support afterschool/summer programs serving students at high risk of academic failure.</p>

**UPDATE: FOUNDATION EXPANDING TO LONDON**

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Directors voted to amend the non-profit corporate Articles of Organization to include London within the Foundation’s charitable giving. Presently, the Foundation makes grants in Boston, Providence, Hartford, New York City and Washington, DC. Implementation plans are underway with anticipation that a formal “launch” of the Foundation in London will occur by the start of 2013.



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 <p><b>The Mark Twain House &amp; Museum</b>            THE MARK TWAIN HOUSE &amp; MUSEUM  <a href="http://www.marktwainhouse.org/">http://www.marktwainhouse.org/</a></p>	<p>Hartford</p>	<p>This second-year grant recipient will use grant funds to continue a pilot summer reading and writing program based on “Huck Finn” for 10th graders as part of a six-week summer learning academy at the museum for students from the Hartford Capital Preparatory Magnet School.</p>
 <p><b>the Village</b>            Stronger families &amp; children for 200 years            THE VILLAGE FOR FAMILIES &amp; CHILDREN  <a href="http://www.villageforchildren.org/">http://www.villageforchildren.org/</a></p>	<p>Hartford</p>	<p>The grant will continue to support this long-time grantee’s GED programs for low-income, single-parent mothers.</p>
 <p><b>THE BRONX GREAT DEBATERS</b>  <a href="http://www.nycudl.org">www.nycudl.org</a></p>	<p>New York City</p>	<p>As a third-year grantee, this organization will use the 2012-13 grant to support its award-winning debate team, The Bronx Great Debaters, which seeks to expand city-wide. Brown Rudnick provides pro bono counsel in support of this expansion.</p>
 <p><b>READY TO LEARN PROVIDENCE / THE PROVIDENCE PLAN</b>            READY TO LEARN PROVIDENCE  <a href="http://www.r2lp.org/matriarch/default.asp">http://www.r2lp.org/matriarch/default.asp</a></p>	<p>Providence</p>	<p>The grant will continue support for this long-time grant recipient, specifically for its successful early learning program which works with libraries, head start programs and family day care centers throughout the city to ensure that young children arrive at school healthy and ready to learn. Grant funds provide essential matching dollars to secure federal AmeriCorps volunteers.</p> <p>Brown Rudnick provides general counsel services to The Providence Plan on a pro bono basis.</p>
 <p><b>UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>  <a href="http://www.uschs.org">www.uschs.org</a></p>	<p>Washington, DC</p>	<p>The grant will provide a fourth year of support for historical and educational programming in Washington, DC middle schools which connects in-class teaching about the Constitution with the student “We the People Constitution Tour” of the nation’s Capitol. Additionally, the grant will fund the Brown Rudnick created “Constitutional Challenge” essay contest for students who took the tour.</p>



## Recent Honors and Accolades

### BROWN RUDNICK'S ANDREW STREHLE RECOGNIZED BY ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER BOSTON FOR PRO BONO LEGAL WORK



The Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston has awarded the 2012 Robert B. Fraser Award for Pro Bono Excellence to Andrew Strehle, a partner at Brown Rudnick LLP, for inspiring and leading the firm's Artists' Fee Collection Initiative. This annual award recognizes an attorney, firm, or legal services organization for its sincere dedication to servicing the needs of the cultural and artistic communities of Massachusetts. Mr. Strehle, who also chairs Brown Rudnick's Pro Bono Committee, accepted the award on June 13th during the Council's annual "Martinis and Masterpieces" event held among the art galleries in Boston's South End.

In 2005, through the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, Mr. Strehle and his colleagues at Brown Rudnick launched their Artists' Fee Collection Initiative, which focuses on representing indigent artists who have not been paid amounts due for their artistic endeavors or whose art work has been lost or damaged. During the last seven years, the Firm has represented 32 artists and has contributed to their recovering nearly \$150,000 for the value of their artistic work. In addition, the program has helped artists find new workplaces, establish their rights to artwork, clear their credit and criminal history records, and evaluate their rights and claims. The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest identifies potential eligible clients by participating in the pro bono referral panel coordinated by the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts ("VLA-MA"), a program of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston.

*Pro bono work is an integral part of Brown Rudnick's culture, and our representation of these artists has been particularly meaningful. VLA-MA and Brown Rudnick are taking a leadership position in helping artists to achieve justice, and our attorneys find the work challenging and rewarding. I am honored to receive the Robert B. Fraser Award in recognition of this work.*

— Andrew P. Strehle

### MASSACHUSETTS LAWYERS WEEKLY EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO AWARD

At its annual Excellence in the Law event on May 10, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly presented an Excellence in Pro Bono Award to Brown Rudnick. The award was in recognition of the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest, "the first law firm in the country to establish a separate public-interest entity led by a director." Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Center, accepted the award on behalf of the Firm.



# *Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Grantee News*

## U.S. CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S *WE THE PEOPLE* ESSAY WINNERS RECOGNIZED

The U.S. Capitol Historical Society and the *We the People* Consortium announced the honorees of the 3rd annual *We the People* Constitution Challenge, an essay contest co-created and underwritten by the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation. The competition is open to Washington, DC middle schools participating in 2011-12 *We the People* Constitution Tours, which also received support from the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation through a Relationship Grant. The tour is for 8th grade DC public and charter school students and is centered on the U.S. Constitution and its three branches. The Challenge is a contest where teachers compete to demonstrate what activities they have done throughout the school year with their students to further reinforce what the students learned about the Constitution on the tour.

### THE 2011-12 HONOREES ARE:

#### *Overall Winner*

Cesar Chavez Public Charter School

#### *Honorable Mention Awards*

Shaw Middle School

Columbia Heights Educational Campus

Maya Angelou Public Charter School

All of the winning schools received plaques that were given out at school assemblies in June. Additionally, Cesar Chavez received a \$1,000 award for their school provided through a special Community Grant from the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation. The award was presented by Foundation Director and Brown Rudnick Partner, Paul Enzina.



## BROWN RUDNICK AND FAMILY VISIT TO THE MARK TWAIN HOUSE AND FIRM-WIDE LUNCH

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation supports the Mark Twain House and Museum through a Relationship Grant which helps fund an academic program for students at Hartford's Capital Preparatory Magnet School. In the program, high school students will explore the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, its historical context, and the controversy it has engendered since its publication. The content of this class has been designed to expand students' knowledge of American history and literature, while enhancing their reading comprehension, critical thinking, and writing skills.



## BROWN RUDNICK AND FAMILY VISIT TO THE MARK TWAIN HOUSE AND FIRM-WIDE LUNCH (CONT.)

In June, attorneys and staff in Brown Rudnick's Hartford office and their families enjoyed a private VIP tour of the Mark Twain House. The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation supports the Mark Twain House and Museum through a Relationship Grant. This grant helps fund a summer academic program regarding literature and racism based upon Huck Finn for students from Hartford's Capital Preparatory Magnet School.

Additionally, in collaboration with the Foundation, the Brown Rudnick Diversity Committee coordinated a US Firm-wide lunch and video presentation originating from the Hartford Office in which Craig Hotchkiss, Education Manager at the Mark Twain House, provided a captivating narrative about Mark Twain and the U.S. Civil Rights movement.



*From left: Brown Rudnick Charitable Board Member Doug Cohen, Mark Twain House Education Manager Craig Hotchkiss, Mark Twain House Development Director Beth Miller, and Brown Rudnick Charitable Board Member Mike Camilleri.*

## PRESIDENTIAL HONORS FOR THE BRONX GREAT DEBATERS

Current Relationship Grantee, the Bronx Great Debaters, has received yet another honor. They have been selected as one of the nation's top after-school programs by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Of all the programs chosen, the Bronx Great Debaters is the only one that is a school.

## DISCOVERING JUSTICE MOCK TRIAL FINALS

Brown Rudnick's first-year associates in Boston have been coaching the Orchard Gardens middle school mock trial team for several months, and in May, their efforts culminated in the Mock Trial WOW! at the U.S. Moakley Courthouse before an actual judge. This program is made possible through a grant from the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation to Discovering Justice. Congratulations to the students and to their coaches: Team Captain Eunice Yu, Kiersten Taylor, Zack Hyde, Andrew Oliver, Gabe Carreiro, Sam Sawan, Helen Sterling, Steven Cheng, Rhiannon Campbell, Catherine Feldman, Kate Primiano, Pat Mott, Konrad Chen and Shemane Amin, and to Kellie Cahill who coordinated the effort.





## LYONS COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN

A labor intensive education program involving 19 Brooklyn High School students is well underway. Earlier this year, the Foundation awarded a community grant to assist high school students in the Urban Workshop NYC program to build a gazebo at Madison Square Community Garden in their community. In the Urban Workshop, two experienced teachers work with 19 high school students, many of whom are over-age and under-credited, at risk of not graduating, and receiving special education and/or ESL services. The program integrates daily math and English lessons into construction projects, so that students build their essential academic skills in a way that feels connected to the socially meaningful hands-on carpentry work. Students thereby build their own skills, confidence, self-esteem and engagement in learning while making a difference in the neighborhood where they attend school – and where many of them live. They also receive math and English credit for their work.

## Recent Foundation Community Grant Recipients

*The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation “Community Grant Program” requires that submissions be initiated by a front-line educational worker seeking a small amount of funding for a specific and immediate one-time need.*

## HEALTHY EATING GETS HIP

The Foundation awarded a Community Grant to Seeds in the Middle to purchase educational materials and supplies for its *Hip2B Healthy Program* at P.S. 221 in central Brooklyn. Seeds in the Middle, named by fourth graders, is partnering with P.S. 221's faculty, students, families and the larger community to pilot the first *Hip2B Healthy School* in response to the obesity epidemic. P.S. 221 is one of three New York City neighborhoods with the highest rates of obesity, heart disease and diabetes.



*We are creating a model that will prove to a community of at-risk families and teachers that healthy kids not only feel better but they are more successful academically and in life. We empower students and the community to get healthy through a strategy that provides access to all they need for well-being in an area with few quality supermarkets or opportunities for exercise. Teachers and students grow edible gardens, conduct a student-run Hip2B Healthy Market, work with chefs to cook nutritiously, and engage in exercise programs. Our goal is to serve as a model for other schools with similar demographics to demonstrate that underserved schools can improve health and student performance at the same time.*

– Grant applicant, Nancie Katz

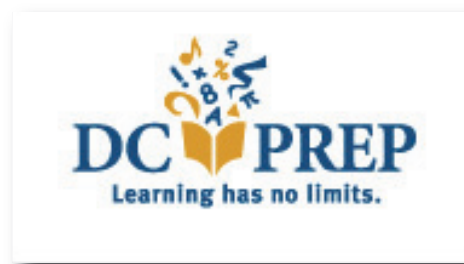
# Recent Foundation Community Grant Recipients

## WASHINGTON 1ST GRADERS GO TO THE THEATER

The DC Prep Charter School received a Community Grant to support an arts education program for first graders. The school will use grant dollars to purchase tickets to a Theatreworks Company Production of “Nate the Great” in Fairfax, Virginia.

*Our first graders have been engrossed in learning about the story elements of fiction this year. We are launching a program on plays, and the field trip to the theater will enhance the students' learning experience, while offsetting the portion that parents would need to pay.*

– Shannon Donnelly, DC Prep Charter School first grade teacher and grant applicant



## HARTFORD CHILDREN GET A TUB OF LITERACY FUN

The Hartford Public Library received a Community Grant to purchase resources for a Literacy “Tub” Program. This program will help ensure that children throughout Hartford have equitable access to materials that aid school readiness and grade level reading.

The library will create 11 large tubs, each filled with thematic materials – such as word puzzles, hand puppets, letter blocks, books, and more – that address specific early literacy and scholastic needs as recognized in the Every Child Ready to Read curriculum. These tubs will travel through the library’s ten branch systems, giving children at each branch time to explore the contents. Each branch will receive one tub every 2-3 weeks on a rotation, with the downtown library receiving two tubs. By trading tubs, the branches will have all the advantages of a large literacy collection without the space issues, while the children will be refreshed and stimulated by new collections.

*Community partners such as public libraries need to find ways to support significant educational growth from birth to third grade. Hartford Public Library is committed to supporting the early literacy and scholastic needs of all children, including and especially children from low-income families, so that they have an equitable opportunity to meet educational objectives. To this end, we have set goals to increase resources and programs that assist parents in removing barriers to early learning success.*

– Lisa McClure, grant applicant and Hartford Public Librarian



## GRANT WILL HELP “KINDLE” PROVIDENCE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Foundation recently awarded a Community Grant to Reservoir Avenue Elementary School in Providence. This grant will be used to purchase Kindles, helping the students to retain the reading progress made during the school academic year and enhancing the student summer reading program. The Kindles will remain with the school as an ongoing classroom resource during the year.





# Recent Community Involvement

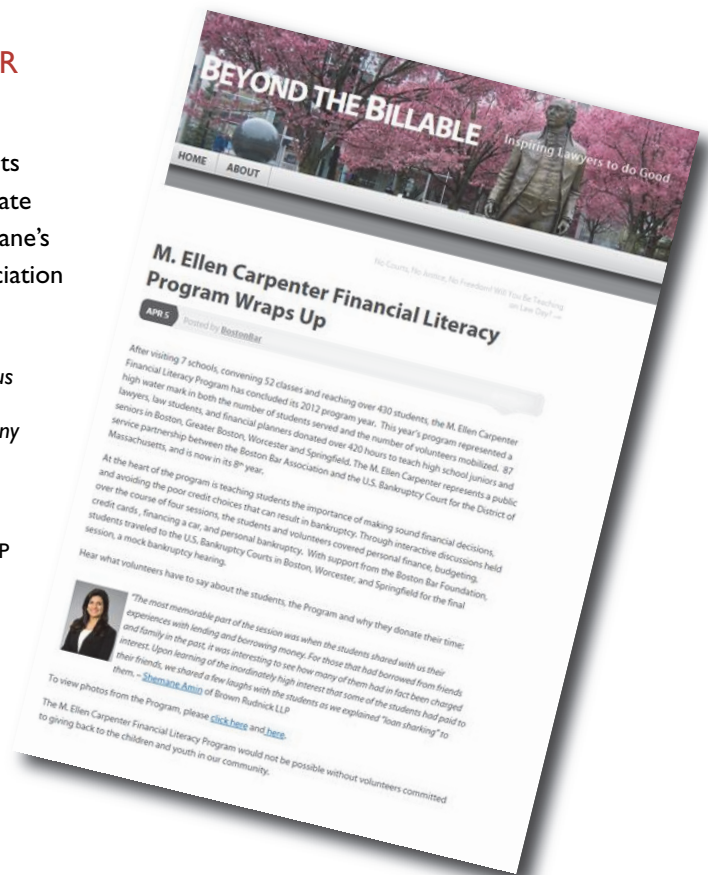
## FINANCIAL LITERACY PROJECT OF THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

This project brings attorneys into Boston classrooms to teach students about financial literacy. Brown Rudnick partner Steve Pohl and associate Shemane Amin recently served as teachers in this program, and Shemane's comments about the experience were featured in a Boston Bar Association online publication.

*The most memorable part of the session was when the students shared with us their experiences with lending and borrowing money. For those that had borrowed from friends and family in the past, it was interesting to see how many of them had in fact been charged interest. Upon learning of the inordinately high interest that some of the students had paid to their friends, we shared a few laughs with the students as we explained "loan sharking" to them.*

— Shemane Amin of Brown Rudnick LLP

<http://beyondthebillable.wordpress.com/2012/04/05/20/>



## ANNUAL SUMMER SAILS

Summer Associates in the New York and Boston offices participated in the annual "SAILS" (Summer Associates in Support of Legal Services) lunch or breakfast in which Summer Associates meet to discuss funding for legal services over a "brown bag" lunch and the Firm donates what it would have spent on the lunch to a Legal Aid or Public Interest Organization chosen by the Summer Associates. This year, the Boston Summers chose to donate to Shelter Legal Services, and the New York Summers chose the Partnership for Children's Rights.



## Recent Pro Bono Legal Representation

### WHO SAID THAT?

*The Center ... reflects the values of the Firm community: charity, compassion, and a commitment to finding solutions to the problems surrounding us.*

– Robert J. Stark, Brown Rudnick Partner, New York office and former Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation



### BOSTON'S ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK DEDICATED

In June, consistent with the key themes of the Greenway to acknowledge the history of Boston as a port of entry for immigrants worldwide, Armenian Heritage Park celebrated the immigrant experience and those who have migrated to Massachusetts shores, contributing to the richness of American life and culture. The park also commemorates lives lost during the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 and all genocide that have followed.

The Park and its endowed funds are a key initiative of the Armenian Heritage Foundation comprised of representatives from 37 Armenian-American churches and organizations within Massachusetts. Brown Rudnick provided pro bono legal support for this effort for several years with a team led by (former) Brown Rudnick attorney Bruce Bagdasarian.



### REPRESENTING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AT BOSTON'S PINE STREET INN

Earlier this month, half of Brown Rudnick's first-year associates in Boston participated in a legal clinic for the homeless at Boston's Pine Street Inn. Afterwards, the team returned to the office to confer about the clients they had interviewed and determined whether there was any legal representation we could provide to them. This program is run through the Boston Bar Association's Clearinghouse.

Back row from left to right: Brown Rudnick's Al Wallis, Steve Cheng, Helen Sterling, Zack Hyde, Pat Mott, Maribeth Perry of the Lawyers Clearinghouse, Ellie Hertzberg, and Rebecca Ferrante of the Lawyers Clearinghouse.

Front row from left to right: Brown Rudnick's Kiersten Taylor, Catherine Feldman, Kate Primiano, Eunice Yu and Sam Sawan.

## HELPING U.K. ARTISTS

“Lawyers Volunteering for Artists” (LVA) is a new pro bono clearinghouse referral service that is being established in London with help from Brown Rudnick’s London office. Currently in a pilot phase, Lawyers Volunteering for Artists screens low-income artists and art organizations needing legal assistance and refers them to a panel of volunteer lawyers who provide pro bono advice and representation. Managing Partner of Brown Rudnick’s London office, Scott Burns, has been a leading force in this effort, which was created by a coalition of major London firms. Brown Rudnick London partners, Stephen Hallam and Georgie Collins, as well as Al Wallis, have been involved in helping to move this from concept to reality.



Scott Burns



Stephen Hallam



Georgie Collins

## NEWEST PRO BONO IMPACT PROJECT: ENOUGH/SUDAN HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT (WASHINGTON, DC)

The Firm’s Pro Bono Policy authorizes the approval of Pro Bono Impact Projects which receive additional attention by the Firm and which may provide associates with special pro bono credit. These projects are usually larger engagements, involving a team approach, with the promise of greater societal impact and the opportunity for professional development. Our most recent Impact Project involves the humanitarian crisis in Sudan.

Brown Rudnick, on a pro bono basis, is representing the Center for American Progress’ *Enough Project* and named individuals in a complaint filed with the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights. The complaint, brought against the government of Sudan, seeks to halt the government’s human rights violations against civilians in South Kordofan and Blue Nile States within Sudan. This representation is provided by Brown Rudnick Washington, DC Partner, Paul Eninna and associates James Bair and Lauren Curry.



Paul Eninna



James Bair



Lauren Curry



# enough

The project to end genocide and crimes against humanity



# Just us

*"No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth." -Robert Southey*



Saying goodbye, even in the workplace, is difficult, and all the more so when you are bidding farewell to colleagues who are personal friends and Center champions. In June, the Center bid two goodbyes of this nature -- to Connie Kelly and Michael Camilleri, both of whom have been a vital part of the Center since its inception.

If you read this newsletter, you know Connie Kelly. Connie was working in the Brown Rudnick marketing department in Boston when the Center was founded in 2001. She retired last month. For many years, her graphic design skills and creativity brought the Center to life on these very pages each quarter. In addition to designing and producing our Center newsletter, she created

beautiful posters showcasing the art work Boston public school students submitted each year in the Center's "Brown Rudnick/Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts" holiday art contest. She invented dazzling PowerPoints to attract interest in the Center's activities. Her eye found the right design and logo for our t-shirts, coffee mugs, Pro Bono Accolades and Dushman Awards. She designed and created the Center's annual calendar allowed her to create both a somber poster officers we lost in the World Trade Center on 9/11 (a Brown Rudnick's Boston office which to this day fire station - Engine 10), and at the other end of the picture of me in the guise of a present day Zorro photographer, our champion, our friend. For eleven duty for the Center.



and frequent reports. Her versatility honoring the firefighters and police poster signed by almost everyone in hangs on the wall of our local Boston spectrum, to playfully Photoshop a (don't ask!). Connie was our artist, our years, she went well beyond the call of

Michael Camilleri is the kind of lawyer who gives our new associate in Brown Rudnick's Hartford office "can't-pass-it-up" career opportunity has recently

Connecticut. During the eleven years with Brown Rudnick he was elected a Director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation and served as the Foundation's treasurer and the Chair of its Development Committee. He received the 2012 Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest Dushman Pro Bono Award. Picture a lawyer who is compassionate, clever, wise, good-humored; a giving individual who inspires and leads pro bono legal representation efforts for the poor, homeless, veterans and who champions the educational needs of inner-city students, and you are picturing Mike.

profession a good name. Mike was a when the Center was inaugurated. A taken him to Pratt & Whitney in

Connie and Mike contributed so much to the Center, the Foundation, and the Firm. Their contributions helped to fuel and will help to sustain the Center's mission, and in that sense they are not gone from Brown Rudnick. Their regular, reliable presence in the workplace, though – the friendship, the smiles, camaraderie – will be truly, truly missed.

Please contact Al Wallis or Kellie Cahill to discuss any matters regarding the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest. Thanks especially to Kellie Cahill, Lisa Murray, Connie Kelly and Kristin Cicerone for their assistance with this newsletter. And finally, apologies for any errors or unintentional omissions, which may from time-to-time occur in the Center Quarterly – maybe even this one.

- Al Wallis

*Al Wallis*

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