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MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES A DECADE OF SUPPORT FROM BROWN RUDNICK FIRM DONATES \$25,000 TO MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM FOR 10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

BOSTON, Mass. — Brown Rudnick, through its Center for Public Interest, recently donated \$25,000 to the Massachusetts Bar Association’s 2008 Mock Trial Program. Brown Rudnick has been the exclusive financial underwriter of this program, contributing a quarter million dollars since 1998.

The popular high school Mock Trial competition begins its 23rd year later this month. Last year, Sharon High School won the state championship and placed seventh in the national tournament.

“Brown Rudnick’s commitment is integral to enhancing our ability to provide thousands of our young citizens with an early introduction to the legal system,” said MBA Executive Director Marilyn J. Wellington said.

The 2008 Mock Trial Program began this month. At least 15,000 students at more than 100 schools across the commonwealth are expected to participate. Approximately 100 lawyers across the state will serve as volunteer coaches and judges.

First organized in 1985, the tournament places high school students in a simulated courtroom to assume the roles of lawyers and witnesses in a hypothetical case. This year’s case deals with sexual harassment in the workplace, specifically, the circumstances experienced by a high school senior placed into a work environment as part of an internship offered through the student’s school.

“We are delighted to support MBA Mock Trial Program, which reaches every corner of the Bay State, enriching both high school students and their attorney coaches,” said Al Wallis, Executive Director of the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest.

Incorporated in 1911, the Massachusetts Bar Association is a non-profit organization that serves the legal profession and the public by promoting the administration of justice, legal education, professional excellence and respect for the law. The MBA represents a diverse group of attorneys, judges and legal professionals across the commonwealth.

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