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**JONATHAN HALPERN JOINS BRACEWELL & GIULIANI
AS PARTNER IN NEW YORK**

*Mr. Halpern, a Former Assistant United States Attorney, was Chief of the Major Crimes Unit
In the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York*

NEW YORK (January 22, 2007) – Jonathan N. Halpern, who led the Major Crimes Unit in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, has joined Bracewell & Giuliani LLP as a partner in the firm's New York office. Mr. Halpern will focus on white-collar criminal defense, corporate internal investigations, trials, appeals and complex commercial litigation, and he reunites with former colleague Marc Mukasey, who joined Bracewell as a partner in 2006 after eight years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the SDNY.

Mr. Halpern, most recently a partner at Winston & Strawn, represents individuals and companies in investigations and prosecutions by the Department of Justice, various U.S. Attorney's Offices, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

As Chief of the SDNY's Major Crimes Unit, Mr. Halpern supervised 25 attorneys responsible for investigating and prosecuting large-scale and complex white-collar criminal matters. During his 15-year tenure as a prosecutor, he tried a wide variety of federal criminal cases in matters involving corruption, extortion and tax, financial institution and health care fraud.

He has handled all phases of grand jury, trial and appellate work, and served as lead prosecutor in numerous high-profile cases.

Mr. Halpern is a recipient of the Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance.

He received an A.B. in Government, *cum laude*, from Cornell University in 1980, and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 1984, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Boston University International Law Journal*. He is a frequent speaker on matters involving criminal and civil litigation, has provided legal analysis on television news programs, and his legal commentary has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The San Francisco Chronicle*, among other publications.

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