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## **REBNY Announces Winners of 2005 Most Ingenious Deal of the Year Awards**

### **Award Ceremony held April 4<sup>th</sup>**

*April 4, 2006, New York, NY* – The Real Estate Board of New York announced the three winners of its *Sales Brokers' Most Ingenious Deal of the Year Awards* for 2005. The prestigious awards were presented at the REBNY Sales Broker Committee's annual cocktail party on April 4 at the 101 Club.

Chosen from among 13 dealmakers' most creative real estate transactions in the categories of sale, lease, and finance, the three award winners were recognized for real estate deals that demonstrated the most ingenuity, creativity, and professional skill.

- **The *Henry Hart Rice Award*, which memorializes a past *Most Ingenious Deal of the Year Award* winner and five-time *Robert T. Lawrence Award* recipient, was presented to first-place winner:**  
The Lease of 1211 Avenue of the Americas  
Brokers: Newmark Knight Frank - Moshe Sukenik, Mark S. Weiss,  
Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. - Mitchell A. Arkin, John S. Gray
- **The *Robert T. Lawrence Award* was awarded to the second place winner:**  
175,000 square foot purchase of 83 Maiden Lane  
Brokers: CB Richard Ellis, Inc. - Brian D. Gell, Gary Kamenetsky
- **The *Edward S. Gordon Award* was presented to the third place winner:**  
The Financing of 522 Fifth Avenue, NYC  
Brokers: The Ackman-Ziff Real Estate Group, LLC - Simon Ziff, Patrick Hanlon

REBNY President Steven Spinola said, "Those who took home the prizes for the Most Ingenious Deal of the Year Awards should know that they have won some of the most coveted awards in our industry, and that their fellow members of the industry applaud their resourcefulness, talent and expertise."

The 13 submissions for 2005 included five sales, five leases, and two finance transactions. From them, a panel of judges chose the winners. The judges were: Sales Broker Committee Chairman, Woody Heller of Studley Inc., Patrick Crandall of Fremont Investment and Loan, Sheri Chromow of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Francis Greenburger of Time Equities, Inc. and Robert A. Knakal of Massey Knakal Realty Services, Inc.

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