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Abbey Spanier Rodd & Abrams, LLP Commences Class Action Securities Lawsuit on Behalf of Investors in Gabriel Capital, L.P.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 17 /PRNewswire/ -- Abbey Spanier Rodd & Abrams, LLP commenced a Class Action lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (Case No. 08-10930) on behalf of a Class, consisting of all persons and entities who invested in limited partnership interests of Gabriel Capital, L.P. ("Gabriel" or the "Partnership") between December 12, 2002 through and including December 12, 2008 (the "Class Period") and also retained their investment through that date. In addition, the Class, with respect to plaintiff's claims of breach of fiduciary duty only, includes all Gabriel limited partners as of the end of the Class Period.

The Complaint alleges that defendants violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, common law fraud, negligent misrepresentation and breach of fiduciary duty under the laws of New York State. Defendants include Gabriel Capital, L.P., J. Ezra Merkin ("Merkin") and BDO Seidman, L.P. ("Seidman") Gabriel is an investment partnership managed by defendant Merkin, who is the founder, General Partner and Manager of Gabriel. Plaintiff and other class members are qualified investors that purchased limited partnership interests in Gabriel. Defendant Seidman is the independent auditor for Gabriel and during the Class Period issued audit reports on Gabriel's annual financial statements which were relied on by plaintiff and other limited partners of Gabriel

This case arises from a massive fraudulent scheme perpetrated by Bernard L. Madoff ("Madoff") through his investment firm, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC ("BMIS"), and others. The complaint alleges that Defendants Gabriel, Merkin and Seidman recklessly or with gross negligence and/or in breach of fiduciary duties owed to plaintiff and other class members, caused and permitted at least 27% of the investment capital of Gabriel to be handed over to Madoff to be "invested" for the benefit of plaintiff and the other limited partners of Gabriel. Plaintiff's investment in Gabriel has been decimated as a direct result of: (a) defendant Merkin's abdication of his responsibilities and duties as General Partner and Manager of Gabriel and its investment funds and; (b) the failure of Gabriel's auditor Seidman, in light of "red flags" indicating a high risk to Gabriel from concentrating its investment exposure in Madoff as third-party investment manager for a substantial portion of the Partnership's assets, to perform its audits and provide its annual audit reports in conformance with generally accepted auditing standards.

Plaintiff seeks to recover damages on behalf of all those who invested in Gabriel as defined above. If you are a member of the Class you may wish to join in the action to serve as lead plaintiff. If you wish to serve as a lead plaintiff, you may, no later than February 15, 2009 request that the Court appoint you as lead plaintiff.

A lead plaintiff is a representative party that acts on behalf of other class members in directing the litigation. In order to be appointed lead plaintiff, the Court must determine that the class member's claim is typical of the claims of other class members, and that the class member will adequately represent the class. Under certain circumstances, one or more class members may together serve as "lead

plaintiffs." Your ability to share in any recovery is not, however, affected by the decision whether or not to serve as a lead plaintiff.

Abbey Spanier Rodd & Abrams, LLP has been retained to represent the Class. The attorneys at Abbey Spanier Rodd & Abrams, LLP have extensive experience in securities class action cases, and have played lead roles in major cases resulting in the recovery of over one billion dollars for investors. If you would like to discuss this action or if you have any questions concerning this Notice or your rights as a potential class member or lead plaintiff, you may contact:

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