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**Former Oakland Unified School District Chief Facilities Counsel
Joins the Miller Brown & Dannis Team**

San Francisco, CA – June 11, 2009 – The Business, Property and Construction Group at Miller Brown & Dannis (MBD) welcomes Catherine (Cate) Boskoff to its team of school law attorneys. Boskoff joins MBD as the former Chief Facilities Counsel for the Oakland Unified School District, responsible for legal matters on its \$500 million + facilities and modernization Measure B program.

Boskoff has more than 13 years of experience in the laws of public works construction and real estate development, focusing on school district business, property and construction issues. She has worked for both large and small districts and has helped complete numerous transactional and litigation matters in real estate, construction, land-use and business law.

Boskoff said, "In the complicated world of public works construction, attorneys must continuously endeavor to provide clients with preventative legal strategies before job-site problems arise. Districts, design professionals and builders must work cooperatively during all project phases, keeping frequently competing lines of communication open through consensus building and a 'team work' approach." She continues, "Miller Brown & Dannis' long history of working exclusively for districts, coupled with the firm's strong team of construction lawyers is a winning scenario for California children."

"We are thrilled to have Cate on our team," said Janet Mueller, Shareholder and department leader of Business, Property and Construction at MBD. "Cate has already proven herself to be a valuable team player, and I know that her addition to MBD will benefit districts and students alike," said Mueller.

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Boskoff's experience includes wide range of matters relating to stop notice litigation / subcontractor pass-through claims, construction failures, latent defects, general contract and bidding disputes, design professional liability, as well as in disputes impacting delays, acceleration, disruption, and payment. She has dedicated her practice to resolving construction and business disputes in an efficient, cost-effective, organized manner.

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Founded in 1978, Miller Brown & Dannis is a full-service education law firm, exclusively serving California. Representing numerous school districts, community college districts and county offices of education, MBD is recognized throughout California as a firm that applies creative, proactive, in-depth advice and strategies to achieve cost-effective results on behalf of its clients.