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**Donovan Hatem LLP Partner Brian Newberry Elected  
Rhode Island State Representative**

**BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 5, 2009** – Donovan Hatem LLP, a multi-practice law firm with offices in Boston and New York, is pleased to announce that **Brian C. Newberry**, Partner, was elected State Representative for District 48 in Rhode Island on November 4, 2008. Brian, of North Smithfield, Rhode Island, will begin serving his term on January 6, 2009, and will balance his new legislative responsibilities with leading Donovan Hatem LLP's Rhode Island practice, which concentrates on commercial litigation and the defense of professionals, including architects, engineers, accountants, and attorneys.

Brian was elevated to partner at Donovan Hatem LLP on January 1, 2008, and continues to be a solid contributor in the development of the firm's litigation practices. Regarding his new non-legal role, Brian states, "I will look for opportunities to work with my colleagues in the legislature to make Rhode Island more business-friendly, to address and develop concrete plans to turn around the state's swelling unemployment rate, and to improve its tax and regulatory system."

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