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Newman Real Estate Institute at Baruch College Appoints Richard Pergolis Advisory Board Co-Chair

Richard Pergolis, a partner in the real estate brokerage and finance firm Pergolis Swartz Associates, Inc., has been named co-chair of the Advisory Board of the Steven L. Newman Real Estate Institute at Baruch College.

Mr. Pergolis, a Baruch alumnus, class of 1960, will join real estate executive William Newman, class of '47, heading a distinguished group of industry professionals who provide leadership and vision to the Newman Institute, which, since its founding in 1996, has become a major asset to New York City's real estate community.

Richard Pergolis was first appointed to the Newman Institute's Board of Advisors in 2000. In 2004, he endowed the Pergolis Urban Real Estate Gallery at Baruch. The gallery, located at the Newman Institute's home at 137 East 22nd Street, mounts exhibitions highlighting urban architecture and design.

"We intend to promote and further expand the institute's mission of providing resources and educational programs to New York's real estate professionals and community leaders," Mr. Pergolis stated. In addition to the Pergolis appointment, new leadership at the Newman Institute includes Jack Nyman, who became the institute's director in February 2007.

Richard Pergolis has had a long and distinguished career in real estate. He is a member of the Mortgage Brokers Association of New York and a former member of its Board of Governors. In 1991, he was named Man of the Year by the Greater New York Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

Mr. Pergolis is also an active board member of "Pathways to Housing," a non-profit providing housing and other services for the homeless.

Baruch College offers a rich and varied array of real estate programs, ranging from certificate programs, through the bachelor's degree, to the PhD level. Academic programs are offered through Baruch College's Zicklin School of Business as well as through its Division of Continuing and Professional Studies (CAPS). The Newman Real Estate Institute supplements and enhances the College's academic offerings by providing a forum for research, discussion, and public policy debate.

For additional information about the Newman Real Estate Institute, call 646.660.6950 or visit <http://zicklin.baruch.cuny.edu/newman>