

PRESS RELEASE

**BROWN SHIELD ASSOCIATION, INC. FILES CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE**

LOS ANGELES – March 22, 2006 – Brown Shield Association, Inc., an association comprised of franchisees of “The UPS Store,” announced today that it has retained Century City attorneys Robert L. Shapiro and Nabil L. Abu-Assal to represent its members in a class action lawsuit against United Parcel Service (“UPS”), its subsidiary Mail Boxes Etc., Inc., and other related defendants. The lawsuit, filed in the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles on March 21, 2006, is assigned to the Honorable Judge Victoria G. Chaney. In the complaint, the representative plaintiffs assert claims for fraud, tortious interference with contractual relations, breach of contract, and violation of various state franchise and unfair competition laws. For those claims, the representative plaintiffs seek monetary and punitive damages, injunctive relief, and other relief.