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**CEO MICHAEL A. WOODHOUSE TO BECOME CBRL GROUP, INC. CHAIRMAN
Evins' Successor to Maintain Direction and Leadership**

LEBANON, Tenn. (September 28, 2004) – CBRL Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: CBRL) today announced that its Board of Directors has elected its current President and Chief Executive Officer, Michael A. Woodhouse as Chairman of the Board effective November 23, 2004. Current Chairman Dan W. Evins has notified the Company of his decision not to stand for re-election to the company's Board at that time. The Company's Board of Directors also named Evins, effective November 23, 2004, as its Chairman Emeritus in recognition of his unique role in the development and growth of the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store® ("Cracker Barrel") concept. In this new role, Evins will continue to be available from time to time to provide advice to the Company's Board and senior executives.

Evins founded the Cracker Barrel concept in 1969 and has served as the Company's Chairman since 1970. He was President of Cracker Barrel for 27 years, and Chief Executive Officer until July 2001, when Woodhouse was elected to that position. Evins, who turns 69 in October 2004, established Cracker Barrel as a stopping place for travelers back when the interstate highway system was new. He realized that people would return to his restaurants if they were welcomed with courtesy and could get good food and quality retail products. Evins' approach to business led to the company's mission statement of "pleasing people", and he frequently says that this mission statement applies to all people – guests, employees, suppliers, and shareholders. "Cracker Barrel has grown over the years, to state the obvious," said Evins, "but I am pleased to know that the principles I set as the foundation for the business remain strong."

Woodhouse has over 23 years of experience as an officer in the restaurant and retail industries. He has been responsible for the strategic direction of CBRL Group and its subsidiaries since August of 2001 when he was elected President and CEO of CBRL, and CEO of Cracker Barrel. Previously, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of CBRL and COO of Cracker Barrel. He joined the organization as Senior Vice President of Finance and CFO for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. in 1995. Woodhouse worked closely with the rest of Cracker Barrel's senior management during its successful turnaround in 2000, and has led the establishment of a team-based leadership style at both Cracker Barrel and CBRL's other subsidiary, the Logan's Roadhouse® casual dining concept, which it acquired in 1999. In announcing these changes, Robert V. Dale, the Company's lead independent director, commented, "Mike has built strong leadership teams in both of our operating businesses and we expect as he takes on the additional responsibilities of Chairman, that Mike will continue to provide the steady presence and solid leadership required to meet the challenges of today's restaurant industry."

"While Danny stepped away from the day-to-day aspects of running the business several years ago, we continue to value his perspective and commitment," said Woodhouse. "I think it's safe to say that what Danny started will continue, and that the people at Cracker Barrel will always strive to reflect the values Danny defined in our mission statement of 'pleasing people'. We are pleased that he will continue to be available for advice into the future."

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Headquartered in Lebanon, Tennessee, CBRL Group, Inc., through its subsidiaries, presently operates 506 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store® restaurants and gift shops located in 41 states and 113 company-operated and 20 franchised Logan's Roadhouse® restaurants in 18 states.

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