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Tax Attorney Joins Robinson & Cole's New York Deal Team

NEW YORK, NY (September 21, 2011) – Robinson and Cole LLP welcomes attorney Michael P. Walutes as counsel in the Tax Group. Mr. Walutes brings more than 20 years of experience counseling public and private companies, debt and equity funds, REITs, and other entities on the tax aspects of a wide variety of transactions. He is resident in the firm's New York office.

"The tax implications of M&A deals are complex, and they vary depending on how the transaction is structured," said Christine E. Bromberg, chair of Robinson & Cole's Tax Practice. "Michael's judgment and experience will help us select the structure that best serves our clients' business goals."

"Michael's ability to help clients evaluate and capitalize on the tax aspects of all types of business transactions makes him a value-added member of our New York Deal Team," said Eric J. Dale, chair of the firm's Emerging Companies, Private Equity, and Venture Capital Group.

Mr. Walutes has substantial experience advising businesses on the tax implications of mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, financings, securities issuances, real estate transactions, securitizations, investments in distressed assets, and derivatives.

Mr. Walutes has previously practiced law at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius and Sullivan & Cromwell. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School and his B.A., *Phi Beta Kappa*, from The Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Walutes is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey.

The addition of Mr. Walutes coincides with Robinson & Cole's recent addition of business transactions partner Joseph B. White and two health care attorneys in Providence, as well as a public finance attorney in Hartford.

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