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Robinson+Cole Announces Annual Community Service and Pro Bono Awards

Firm honors lawyers' dedication and outstanding contributions to the community

HARTFORD, CT (September 4, 2014) – Robinson+Cole recognized four lawyers for their initiative and outstanding dedication to the community at a reception, celebrating the firm's summer legal intern program, on August 7, 2014. Managing partner John B. Lynch Jr. announced the Community Service Awards while pro bono partner Edward J. Heath presented the firm's Pro Bono Awards.

The Pro Bono Award recognizes individuals for their outstanding commitment to Robinson+Cole's pro bono initiative. This year, the Pro Bono Committee honored two lawyers in the Hartford office for their pro bono efforts:

- [Peter R. Knight](#), an environmental lawyer, earned recognition for his work with Lawyers for Children America, a leading child advocacy organization that protects the rights of children who are victims of abuse, abandonment, and neglect by providing quality pro bono legal representation and collaborating for systematic change to improve the lives of children.
- [Evan J. Seeman](#), a land use lawyer, was recognized for his work with St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich, Inc., a ministry of Norwich's Roman Catholic Diocese. It provides free food and other related services through its soup kitchen and food pantry to Norwich's poor and underserved.

"We are extremely proud of the participation we get from all our lawyers taking on pro bono matters," said Mr. Heath. "But every year there are a few that go above and beyond in advocating for those individuals and organizations that face legal obstacles but can't afford to pay for counsel. The commitment and professionalism that Peter and Evan have shown this year in handling their pro bono matters is exemplary."

The Community Service Award recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary community and charitable activities:

- [Thomas P. Cody](#), a land use lawyer in the Hartford office, was recognized for his longtime commitment to Riverfront Recapture, where he currently serves as chair of its Board of Directors. Riverfront Recapture, a

nonprofit organization, leads the effort to reconnect metropolitan Hartford with the Connecticut River by providing access to four riverfront parks in Hartford and East Hartford.

- [Britt-Marie K. Cole-Johnson](#), an employment and labor lawyer in the Hartford office, earned recognition for her involvement with the YWCA Hartford Region, where she has held various leadership roles and currently sits on its Board of Directors. The YWCA Hartford Region is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

“Giving back to the community has been a part of our firm culture since its founding,” said Mr. Lynch. “We want to recognize those individuals who not only find time to volunteer but also dedicate themselves to an organization or cause close to their hearts and help advance its mission. Tom and Britt-Marie have both done that through their leadership, energy, and vision with two organizations that play different, but important, roles in revitalizing Hartford’s neighborhoods.”

The firm also welcomed five summer law interns at the event: Miecha Ashley, Isis Irizarry, Milan Moore, and Ashley Randall from the Hartford office and Jorge Ghazal from the Providence office.

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