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## Robinson+Cole Lawyer Honored by Connecticut Bar Association

*Dwight H. Merriam recognized for “distinguished professional service”*

HARTFORD, CT (May 1, 2017) – The Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) presented Robinson+Cole lawyer [Dwight H. Merriam](#) with the John Eldred Shields Distinguished Professional Service Award during the organization’s annual awards celebration on April 13, 2017. Mr. Merriam is a member of Robinson+Cole’s Real Estate + Development Group, where he represents land owners, developers, governments, and individuals in land use matters.

Mr. Merriam founded Robinson+Cole’s Land Use Group in 1978. In addition to being a leader in his practice, Mr. Merriam is a Fellow and past president of the American Institute of Certified Planners, a former director of the American Planning Association, immediate past chair of the American Bar Association’s Section of State and Local Government Law, chair of The Institute for Local Government Studies at The Center for American and International Law, and a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the American Bar Foundation, and the Connecticut Bar Foundation. He also teaches land use law at the University of Connecticut School of Law and at the Vermont Law School and has published over 200 articles and 13 books.

With regard to the CBA, Mr. Merriam is an active member of several sections and committees, including: the Environmental Law Section Executive Committee, the Planning and Zoning Section Executive Committee, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the Medical Marijuana Committee, the Real Property Section, and the Veteran’s and Military Affairs Section.

The John Eldred Shields Distinguished Professional Service Award is presented to an attorney who has performed outstanding service through or on behalf of the CBA that has benefitted members of the association, legal profession or the community at large.



*Pictured from left to right are Monte E. Frank, President of the Connecticut Bar Association; Karen DeMeola, President-elect of the Connecticut Bar Association; Dwight H. Merriam, recipient of the 2017 John Eldred Shields Distinguished Professional Services Award and lawyer at Robinson+Cole; Jonathan M. Shapiro, Vice President of the Connecticut Bar Association; and William H. Prout, Jr., Co-chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Awards Committee.*

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