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Robinson+Cole Presents Annual Awards for Outstanding Contributions

Firm recognizes lawyers in the areas of pro bono representation, mentorship, and diversity and inclusion

HARTFORD, CT (August 13, 2018) – Robinson+Cole recently recognized nine of its lawyers for their pro bono work, mentoring, and efforts to promote diverse and inclusive work environment.

The Pro Bono Award is presented by the firm's Pro Bono Committee and honors individuals for their outstanding commitment to Robinson+Cole's pro bono initiative. This year, [J. Tyler Butts](#), [Jonathan E. Small](#), and [Elizabeth K. Wright](#) were recognized. Mr. Butts was recognized for his work on a case involving the State of Connecticut's seizure of an inmate's civil rights judgment. His representation resulted in a favorable ruling on behalf of prison inmate Rashad Williams. Mr. Small was honored for his volunteer work with the Center for Children's Advocacy representing immigrant children on a pro bono basis as well as for his coordination of a major training program for lawyers interested in representing immigrant children seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in the United States. Ms. Wright was recognized for similar volunteer work for Kids In Need of Defense (KIND).

The Robinson+Cole Mentor of the Year Award recognizes and honors lawyers throughout the firm for their outstanding guidance, support, and encouragement of fellow lawyers in their pursuit of professional growth. The honor was presented to four lawyers this year: [E. Christopher Kehoe](#), [Rachel V. Kushel](#), [Keisha S. Palmer](#), and [Earl W. Philips, Jr.](#)

Lastly, the Diversity and Inclusion Award was presented to [David M. Panico](#) and [J. Michael Wirvin](#). Mr. Panico was honored for his active support of diversity and inclusion efforts through attendance at many firm sponsored diversity events and active sponsorship of diverse attorneys. Mr. Wirvin was recognized for his work in support of diversity and inclusion efforts, including mentoring and leadership in the LGBTQ area and the mentoring of women lawyers in Robinson+Cole's Boston and Providence offices.

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