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## Robinson+Cole Recognizes Jackie Robinson Foundation Founder for Longtime Community Service

*Rachel Robinson honored with the firm's Giving Cup Award*

STAMFORD, CT (March 17, 2017) – The law firm of Robinson+Cole honored Rachel Robinson, founder of the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF), with its third Giving Cup Award during a reception at The Palace Theatre in Stamford on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Mrs. Robinson is a longtime Stamford resident and philanthropist and the widow of national American icon Jackie Robinson. She has spent a lifetime giving back to her community, inspiring generations of youth, and enabling others to realize their full potential.

“We are thrilled to recognize Rachel Robinson for her lifetime of service to others. The Robinson+Cole Giving Cup Award, at its core, is our effort to single out those individuals in our community who have selflessly given of their time to right human indignities and improve the lives of others,” said Brian E. Moran, a partner at Robinson+Cole. “Mrs. Robinson and the Jackie Robinson Foundation exemplify what our firm seeks to honor. The foundation has provided over 1,500 gifted high school students the opportunity to realize their full potential. Mrs. Robinson is not only a local hero but also a national treasure .”

Accepting the award on Rachel Robinson’s behalf was her daughter, Sharon Robinson. Along with a commemorative set of Jefferson Cups, Robinson+Cole presented Ms. Robinson with a check for \$5,000 to support the Jackie Robinson Foundation. Over \$1,300 in donations to the JRF was also collected from guest contributions made during the reception.

At the reception, Ms. Robinson spoke about the foundation’s work which supports about 250 scholars each year and has a nearly perfect graduation rate.

“I am delighted to accept the Giving Cup Award on behalf of my mother,” said Ms. Robinson at the event. “As a trailblazer herself and someone who has given back so much to communities including this one, I am thrilled that she is being recognized here in Stamford. In establishing the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which provides both scholarships and comprehensive support services to college students, my mom has worked to promote education

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and encourage young people to become leaders in their communities. Our family has always embraced education as a means to achieve first-class citizenship for all.”

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## **About the Jackie Robinson Foundation**

Founded in 1973, the Jackie Robinson Foundation is a nonprofit organization that administers one of the nation’s premier education and leadership development programs for college students, providing generous, four-year grants and a comprehensive set of support services that has led to a consistent, nearly 100 percent graduation rate. For more information: [www.jackierobinson.org](http://www.jackierobinson.org).

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