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Robinson+Cole Establishes New Community Service Award in Honor of Former Partner

Inaugural award presented to The Bridge Family Center

HARTFORD, CT (September 20, 2016) – At a recent meeting of its partners, Robinson+Cole announced the establishment and inaugural presentation of the George C. Hastings Community Service Award. The award bears the name of the firm’s former partner, George C. Hastings, who practiced at the firm from 1957 until his retirement in 1995.

Mr. Hastings had a prolific career as a lawyer and a community leader for over 60 years. His community contributions have included: being a founder and longtime board member of The Bridge Family Center and serving as Board President of the Greater Hartford Legal Aid Foundation, chair of the Connecticut Board of Pardons, a United States Commissioner, and Vice Chair of the West Hartford Board of Education.

The George C. Hastings Community Service Award will be presented annually to a community service organization that has made an outstanding contribution to serving Greater Hartford. The first recipient of the award was The Bridge Family Center, a comprehensive, regional nonprofit agency that provides a broad range of services for children and families throughout the Greater Hartford area. Mr. Hastings presented the award, on behalf of Robinson+Cole, to Margaret Hann, Executive Director of The Bridge.

“Community service has always been one of Robinson+Cole’s core values, and nothing exemplifies that more than the lifetime commitment that George Hastings has made to going the extra mile to improve the lives of others,” said Stephen E. Goldman, the firm’s managing partner. “We thought that the creation of this annual award would be an appropriate way to recognize and thank George for his incredible contribution. He set an important example for so many of us at Robinson+Cole, and was a mentor to innumerable lawyers who have made community involvement a priority.”

The Bridge Family Center has a nearly 50-year involvement with Robinson+Cole, beginning with Mr. Hastings. Hastings House, one of The Bridge’s Short-Term Assessment & Respite homes, is named after him, and The Bridge’s website describes him as a respected attorney and friend who has “advocated for youth and, families in

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many arenas, including the courtroom. He is courageous, caring, and insightful; he shares his wise counsel without hesitation; he gives his time, opens his heart, and shares his humor with all of us. The Bridge is built on George's commitment to social justice.”

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The inaugural George C. Hastings Community Service Award was presented to Margaret Hann, Executive Director of The Bridge Family Center, by the award's namesake, George C. Hastings.