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Robinson+Cole Elects New Partners

Firm elects seven lawyers to partnership in Hartford, Boston, and Providence

HARTFORD, CT (December 11, 2017) – Robinson+Cole is pleased to announce the election of seven new partners, effective January 1, 2018. The new partners are Kendra L. Berardi, Stephen O. Clancy, Dana M. Horton, Rachel V. Kushel, Keisha S. Palmer, Timothy C. Twardowski, and George W. Watson III.

“The development and advancement of our lawyers is critical to our continuing success,” said [Stephen E. Goldman](#), Robinson+Cole’s Managing Partner. “The advancement of these new partners is representative of the ways in which the firm continues to grow and be successful. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate our new partners, and also congratulate the R+C community for helping them achieve their success.”

New Partners

[Kendra L. Berardi](#) – Ms. Berardi focuses her practice on real estate litigation and complex commercial litigation. She is a member of Robinson+Cole’s Litigation Section, Business Litigation Group, and its Real Estate and Title Insurance Team and Appellate Team. Ms. Berardi also counsels clients on issues related to condominium formation, management, and operation. She litigates and counsels clients regarding condominium related disputes and complex business disputes, including claims for breach of contract and business torts such as fraud, misrepresentation, unfair and deceptive trade practices, and class action litigation. Ms. Berardi works primarily in the firm’s Boston office.

[Stephen O. Clancy](#) – Mr. Clancy focuses his practice on insurance coverage and extra-contractual litigation, as well as professional liability and other complex litigation. He is a member of Robinson+Cole’s Litigation Section, and its Insurance + Reinsurance Practice Group. Mr. Clancy’s insurance coverage experience includes the representation of property, liability, and excess insurance carriers in connection with high-exposure litigation often involving claims for extra-contractual damages. His experience also includes the representation of a diverse group of individual and institutional clients including legal, medical, financial, insurance, and design professionals. Mr. Clancy works primarily in the firm’s Hartford office.

[Dana M. Horton](#) – Ms. Horton is an insurance litigation attorney with over 15 years of experience representing and advising insurance companies in large loss property subrogation matters, property insurance coverage disputes, and

bad faith claims. Her experience includes handling proceedings from inception through resolution in state, federal, and appellate courts. Ms. Horton represents insurers who have compensated their customers for damage pursuant to their property insurance policies, and she pursues recovery from responsible third parties. She also has extensive experience litigating and advising insurers on coverage issues and defends insurance companies in extra-contractual claims and bad faith litigation throughout New England. Ms. Horton is a member of Robinson+Cole's Insurance + Reinsurance Group and works primarily in the firm's Providence office.

[Rachel V. Kushel](#) – Ms. Kushel counsels clients on all aspects of employment law and workplace human resource issues, including equal employment matters, investigations and hiring, discipline, termination, discrimination, leave and harassment issues. She litigates matters from inception to trial and through appeal in federal and state courts. Ms. Kushel represents clients in administrative agency matters before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Department of Labor and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. She also represents clients in arbitration hearings, and regularly represents clients in other alternative dispute resolution and in mediations with federal, state and private mediators. Ms. Kushel is a member of Robinson+Cole's Labor, Employment, Benefits + Immigration Group and works primarily in the firm's Hartford office.

[Keisha S. Palmer](#) – Ms. Palmer is a member of Robinson+Cole's Public Finance Group. She represents state, municipal, and Indian tribal governments in the issuance of tax-exempt and taxable general obligation bonds and other debt obligations. In addition, she serves as bond counsel to issuers of 501(c)(3) bonds, qualified private activity bonds, revenue bonds, tax credit bonds, lease financings, and conduit borrowings. Ms. Palmer's work as bond counsel includes, among other things, drafting bond authorizations, negotiating indentures, advising clients on refunding transactions, arbitrage rebate liability, changes in use of bond-financed facilities, restructuring tax-exempt obligations due to financial distress, and guiding clients through Internal Revenue Service examinations of bond issues. She works primarily in the firm's Hartford office.

[Timothy C. Twardowski](#) – Mr. Twardowski focuses his practice on land use policy, development permitting, and real estate. He represents a national wireless communications provider in permitting matters, and has assisted that client in securing approvals for the installation or modification of wireless telecommunications facilities in dozens of Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Mr. Twardowski also advises a national real estate trade association on state and local land use and real estate-related initiatives and trends across the country. He is a member of Robinson+Cole's Land Use and Real Estate + Development Groups and works in the firm's Boston and Providence offices.

[George W. Watson III](#) – Mr. Watson, a member of Robinson+Cole's Environmental, Energy + Telecommunications Group, focuses his practice on energy, telecommunications, and utilities law, and he handles a range of environmental, real estate, and land use concerns for clients in these industries. Mr. Watson assists clients with the siting and permitting of energy, utility, and other infrastructure projects and represents clients in the acquisition, development, and disposition of commercial real property. His practice includes drafting and negotiating



environmental land use restrictions in connection with the remediation of contaminated properties. Mr. Watson works primarily in the firm's Providence office.

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