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Robinson+Cole Manufacturing Industry Practice Chair Elected to CBIA Board of Directors

Jeff White to serve a four-year term with the state's largest business organization

HARTFORD, CT (December 2, 2020) – Robinson+Cole Manufacturing Industry Practice Chair [Jeffrey J. White](#) is among seven new leaders elected to serve on the Connecticut Business and Industry Association's (CBIA) Board of Directors during the organization's annual meeting on November 19, 2020. The CBIA is Connecticut's largest business organization, with thousands of member companies, small and large, representing a diverse range of industries from every part of the state.

"These business leaders will help develop innovative strategies and guide collaboration between the private and public sectors towards rebuilding Connecticut's economy, bringing back jobs, and creating opportunities for all residents," said CBIA president and CEO Chris DiPentima.

"I am pleased to be a part of such a distinguished group of business executives, including several clients, as we look to improve the business climate in Connecticut and build on our storied history in the manufacturing and aerospace sectors," said Mr. White.

Mr. White is significantly involved with manufacturing industry issues on both a national and international level. He has represented a cross-section of manufacturing companies ranging from large global companies to family-owned businesses. He has worked with economic development agencies to support direct foreign investment into the United States and currently advises several manufacturers headquartered in Europe.

Mr. White also serves on the Connecticut District Export Council, as appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and was recently presented with its 2020 Ambassador Award in recognition and appreciation of outstanding contributions and leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic in service to the region's exporters and manufacturers.

Mr. White has been invited to speak at The White House, U. S. Department of Commerce events, and by other manufacturing trade associations. He has worked with economic development agencies to support direct foreign investment into the United States. Due in large part to Mr. White's efforts, Robinson+Cole was presented with the President's "E" Award for Export Service by the United States Secretary of Commerce in May 2019. The Award was established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 and is the highest recognition any U.S. entity can receive for



significant contributions to the expansion of U.S. exports. Robinson+Cole was the only law firm in the country to receive the honor in 2019. In addition, Mr. White was recognized for his leadership of the Robinson+Cole Manufacturing Industry Practice in the inaugural list of “New England Trailblazers,” a special supplement developed by the business arm of Law.com and the *Connecticut Law Tribune* published last year.

Mr. White’s innovative approach has helped create a series of firsts that have solidified Robinson+Cole as having “one of the nation’s top manufacturing law practices,” as noted in a recent article by the *Indiana Lawyer*. For example, Mr. White created the widely read [Manufacturing Law Blog](#), which was one of the first blogs in the country to address legal issues facing manufacturers and distributors.

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