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## Robinson+Cole Presents YWCA's Stand Against Racism Event

*Reverend Sharon Washington Risher shares her inspirational story as keynote speaker*

HARTFORD, CT (May 5, 2017) – The law firm of Robinson+Cole proudly sponsored YWCA's Stand Against Racism event on Friday, April 28, 2017. This year's theme, Women of Color Leading Change, was highlighted by remarks from keynote speaker, Reverend Sharon Washington Risher.

Reverend Risher shared her personal experience of losing her mother, Ethel Lee Lance, who was killed along with eight others, including two cousins and a childhood friend in the Charleston, South Carolina shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015. In her remarks, Reverend Risher touched upon gun violence, racism and hate in America, and the path to forgiveness.

"On behalf of my firm and those of us here today, I am pleased to welcome Reverend Risher," remarked Stephen E. Goldman, managing partner of Robinson+Cole, during his introduction of the speaker. "In the face of tragedy, she's found the courage to share her story and become a proponent for change."





*Pictured from left to right are Deborah Ullman, Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA Hartford Region; Stephen E. Goldman, Managing Partner of Robinson+Cole; Reverend Sharon Risher; and John B. Lynch Jr., Chair of Robinson+Cole's Diversity Committee.*

Stand Against Racism is a signature campaign of YWCA USA to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities. This event is one part of the larger national strategy to fulfill the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism.

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