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**John Lynch Named Managing Partner of Robinson & Cole**

HARTFORD, CT (March 26, 2009) – John B. Lynch, Jr., has been elected managing partner of Robinson & Cole LLP, a leading commercial law firm with more than 250 lawyers and eight offices in the Northeast and Florida.

Lynch has been an attorney with the firm since 1984 and will continue as a member of the firm’s Business Transactions and Finance Practice Groups. Since joining Robinson & Cole, Lynch has focused his practice on serving corporate and financial services clients with sophisticated business and commercial finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate work.

Lynch succeeds Eric D. Daniels as managing partner. Daniels led the firm for nine years, and during his tenure, the firm expanded the scope and depth of its practices and grew by nearly 100 lawyers. Daniels will assume a leadership role in the firm’s business development efforts and remain active in civic and nonprofit leadership positions in the community. “John is well-qualified to take over the leadership of our firm at this time having served as a key member of our managing committee and as a co-chair of our business practice for several years,” says Daniels. “He is well-prepared to deal with the opportunities and the challenges that lie ahead.”

“My focus as managing partner will be to lead the firm and its management team in continuing to help our clients achieve their business and strategic goals,” says Lynch. “Continuing Robinson & Cole’s proud tradition as a civic and community leader will also be a very high priority.”

Lynch received his B.A. in economics and accounting from Holy Cross, *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. Lynch is a member of the Board of Directors of Hartford Stage and an alumnus of Leadership Greater Hartford. He also served on the Wethersfield Economic Development and Improvements Commission, the Entrepreneurship Institute and the Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board.

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