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**Connecticut Bar Association Recognizes Eric Lukingbeal
with Clyde O. Fisher Award**

HARTFORD, CT (September 30, 2013) – The Connecticut Bar Association’s Environmental Law Section has honored Robinson & Cole environmental lawyer [Eric Lukingbeal](#) with its Clyde O. Fisher Award. The award recognizes individuals or entities who have made significant contributions to the preservation or enhancement of environmental quality through work in the field of environmental law, environmental protection, or environmental planning. Mr. Lukingbeal received the award at the CBA’s Environmental Law Section Meeting on September 12, 2013.

“Eric is the person who reminds me the most of Clyde Fisher in every aspect — in his commitment to the environment and land conservation, in his quiet and unassuming way of working to those ends, and in his commitment to the rule of law,” said Dwight H. Merriam, a land use partner at Robinson & Cole, in his nomination of Mr. Lukingbeal. “He is truly one of those people who has done much that affects all of us in ways that we see every day yet have no idea he is the moving force behind it all.”

Mr. Lukingbeal’s practice focuses on environmental litigation, predominately Superfund, toxic torts, environmental contamination, enforcement defense, citizen suits under the Clean Water Act, and public trust matters. He is a former chair of the firm’s Litigation Section and its LandLaw Section. Mr. Lukingbeal was the driving force behind integrating the firm’s trial practice with its environmental and land use practices nearly 25 years ago, allowing the firm to manage matters holistically.

A lifelong interest in environmental stewardship fuels Mr. Lukingbeal’s involvement in environmental causes beyond his profession. He is a past member of the Town of Granby’s Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission and currently serves on the town’s Planning & Zoning Commission. He is a longtime member of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association and its current president, has served on the Lower Farmington River & Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Study Committee to develop a plan to protect and enhance those waterways, is a former president of Holcomb Farm in Granby, and has worked to preserve farming in Connecticut.

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Eric Lukingbeal (*left*) at the CBA's Environmental Law Section Meeting with Timothy Fisher, son of Clyde O. Fisher and the Dean of the University of Connecticut School of Law.

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