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Robinson+Cole Lawyers Honored for Pro Bono Service

The Pro Bono Partnership and Connecticut Bar Association have honored three lawyers for their dedication to pro bono work

HARTFORD, CT (May 3, 2016) – Robinson+Cole’s commitment to providing pro bono services is a long-standing tradition, and recently three lawyers were honored for their work on pro bono cases. [Peter A. Dagostine](#) and [Susan N. Masters](#) were recognized by the Pro Bono Partnership as Volunteers of the Year for 2015 at a reception on April 26, 2016, and [Peter R. Knight](#) was one of the Connecticut Bar Association’s Anthony V. DeMayo Pro Bono Award recipients and honored at the CBA’s annual awards celebration on April 14, 2016.

The Pro Bono Partnership selected Mr. Dagostine and Ms. Masters from a pool of approximately 350 volunteer lawyers across Connecticut. They were nominated because of their sustained, multiyear commitment to the Pro Bono Partnership, the high quality of their work, and their positive and professional attitude.



Robinson+Cole lawyers Susan N. Masters (center) and Peter A. Dagostine (right) at the Pro Bono Partnership’s awards reception with fellow honoree Tiffany R. Hubbard of McCarter & English.

Each year, the Pro Bono Partnership, which provides free legal assistance to nonprofit organizations serving the poor or providing other important social and community services in Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York, celebrates the commitment of a few special volunteers for their exceptional dedication. These volunteers are recognized for the complexity or transformative nature of a pro bono project in which they are involved, their extraordinary responsiveness, or the sheer volume of their matters or time committed to pro bono service through the Partnership.

The Connecticut Bar Association's pro bono award is named in honor of the Honorable Anthony V. DeMayo, who tirelessly fought for fundamental fairness and championed the legal rights of the poor and accused. The award recognizes CBA members who volunteer for the Pro Bono Network. The recipients are selected based on their demonstrated dedication to providing legal services to those in need. Mr. Knight was nominated by Lawyers for Children American (LCA), which provides legal counsel for children in neglect and abuse cases. A longtime LCA volunteer, Mr. Knight has teamed with numerous Robinson+Cole lawyers in representing dozens of children throughout Connecticut.

In 2015, Robinson+Cole's lawyer and nonlawyer timekeepers contributed over 9,000 billable hours, with a value of over \$3 million, toward pro bono work. Robinson+Cole and its lawyers have been recognized repeatedly over the years for their outstanding pro bono contributions, earning awards and accolades from the state bar, professional associations, legal services organizations, clients, and legal publications. The firm has an active Pro Bono Committee, chaired by Mr. Knight, which consists of partners, counsel, and associates from across the firm's offices and practices. The committee is responsible for establishing and instituting policies that encourage and facilitate pro bono work.

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