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**Robinson & Cole LLP Receives Most Connecticut First-Tier Rankings
in *U.S. News* - Best Lawyers Survey**

HARTFORD, CT (November 21, 2011) – Connecticut-based law firm Robinson & Cole LLP received the most first-tier rankings in the 2011-2012 “Best Law Firms” list in the city of Hartford and the state of Connecticut from *U.S. News & World Report*.

The firm also received five national rankings, including a Tier 1 ranking for Litigation – Construction; a Tier 2 ranking for Land Use & Zoning Law; and Tier 3 rankings for Construction Law, Tax Law, and Trusts & Estates Law.

The rankings are presented in tiers, either in the national list or metropolitan area, by practice area. The national rankings cover 75 practice areas, while the metropolitan lists cover as many as 119 practice areas. Both rankings are based on surveys in which major clients and lawyers were asked to rate the law firms they consider best in their practice area.

The U.S. News - Best Lawyers Best Law Firms website (<http://bestlawfirms.usnews.com/methodology.aspx>) reports that the “... rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process that includes the collection of client and lawyer evaluations, peer reviews from leading attorneys in their field, and review of additional information provided by law firms as part of the formal submission process. An unprecedented amount of data was collected in the project’s second year, and this combined data resulted in the 2011-2012 “Best Law Firms” rankings ... Clients were asked to provide feedback on firm practice groups, using a scale of 1 (weakest) to 5 (strongest), addressing expertise, responsiveness, understanding of a business and its needs, cost-effectiveness, civility, and whether they would refer another client to the firm”

Robinson & Cole achieved first-tier metropolitan rankings in the following practice areas:

Hartford - Tier 1

Appellate Practice
Commercial Litigation
Construction Law
Corporate Law
Criminal Defense: White-Collar - Governmental Investigation
Criminal Defense: White-Collar - Litigation
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
Energy Law
Environmental Law
Equipment Finance Law
Health Care Law
Insurance Law
Land Use & Zoning Law

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Litigation - Antitrust
Litigation - Banking & Finance
Litigation - Construction
Litigation - Environmental
Litigation - Intellectual Property
Litigation - Land Use & Zoning
Litigation - Real Estate
Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
Litigation - Tax
Litigation - Trusts & Estates
Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
Public Finance Law
Real Estate Law
Securities Regulation
Securities/Capital Markets Law
Securitization and Structured Finance Law
Tax Law
Trusts & Estates Law

Stamford - Tier 1

Corporate Law
Environmental Law
Insurance Law
Real Estate Law
Securities/Capital Markets Law

Rhode Island - Tier 1

Energy Law
Insurance Law

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