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## Robinson+Cole Lawyer Participates in 2014 Innovation Summit

*Eric Dale introduced Companies to Watch in Pitch Challenge at 8<sup>th</sup> annual event*

STAMFORD, CT (November 20, 2014) – The 2014 Innovation Summit was full of inventive, enterprising entrepreneurs and Robinson+Cole lawyer [Eric J. Dale](#) had the honor of introducing the “Tech Companies to Watch” selected to participate in the summit’s pitch fest. This was the 8th annual event presented by the Connecticut Technology Council, the Angel Investor Forum, the Crossroads Venture Group, and CURE on November 12 at the Oak Dale Theater in Wallingford, Connecticut.

Nearly 100 tech companies, including recent start-ups and some small tech firms who have been in business for a few years, participated in the summit that afforded them opportunities to exhibit and network with angel and venture capital investors, corporate business development executives, and business service providers.

Forty select firms participated in the summit’s pitch fest, delivering a three-minute pitch to a panel of judges who picked the best and awarded cash prizes.

“The innovation summit is a tremendous event to learn about and celebrate Connecticut’s top innovators and high-potential companies,” said Mr. Dale, chair of the Business Transactions Group at Robinson+ Cole and president of the Cross Roads Venture Group. “It is always interesting to see what entrepreneurs in Connecticut are aspiring for, and to me, the pitch fest is one of the most exciting parts of the day. It was an honor to be part of that this year.”

The half-day summit also included a funding fair where 20 funders including angels, VC’s, corporate VC’s, investment bankers, lenders, family offices, government programs, and private investors offered individual guidance and advice; mentor meetings for all the participating entrepreneurs to meet one-on-one with subject matter experts; and an awards ceremony recognizing the next generation of high-growth companies in Connecticut and the region.

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