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Robinson+Cole Welcomes Six New Lawyers

Lawyers join the Business, Finance, Health Law, Insurance, Labor and Employment, and Real Estate Groups

HARTFORD, CT (July 17, 2014) – Robinson+Cole is pleased to welcome to the firm five new associates and one counsel across its practice areas. The lawyers join the firm's Boston, Hartford, and Stamford offices and their arrival corresponds with that of Matthew T. Miklave, who, as previously announced, joined the firm as a partner to head Robinson+Cole's labor and employment practice in the firm's Metro New York offices.

Hartford

[Raymond T. DeMeo](#) (Insurance + Reinsurance, Counsel) – Mr. DeMeo focuses his practice on insurance litigation and class action lawsuits, and has extensive experience supervising complex and high-exposure property and general liability insurance claims and litigation, including class action suits, domestically and internationally. Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Mr. DeMeo was Assistant Vice President and Managing Counsel at Travelers Property Casualty Company, where he oversaw all commercial property insurance litigation nationwide, including bad faith lawsuits arising from property insurance claims. He directly supervised the World Trade Center property insurance litigation and oversaw all litigation arising from Hurricane Katrina. He is admitted to practice law in Connecticut.

[Conor O. Duffy](#) (Health Law, Associate) – Mr. Duffy counsels community providers, hospitals, physician groups, and other health care entities on general corporate matters and health care issues. While in law school, he was the recipient of the CALI Award for Excellence in the CALI Environmental Practice Clinic, Federal Courts, and Mental Health Law courses. He is admitted to practice law in Connecticut.

[Catrina Cartagena Kohn](#) (Finance, Associate) – Ms. Kohn's experience includes serving as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, and borrower's counsel in general obligation bond financings as well as in various lease financings. In addition, her practice includes advising clients on corporate bylaws, entity formation, dissolution, restructuring, and corporate governance matters. Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Ms. Kohn was an associate with a Washington, DC-based firm, where she represented clients in commercial contracts, grant agreements, and joint venture agreements and counseled nonprofit organizations, including charities, religious organizations, and private foundations, on a variety of tax issues. She is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and California.

[Nicole H. Najam](#) (Labor and Employment, Associate) – Ms. Najam advises and represents clients in litigation on a variety of employment law matters, including wage and hour, breach of contract, restrictive covenants, trade secret misappropriation, discrimination, and wrongful termination. Before joining Robinson+Cole, Ms. Najam was associated with a Milford-based law firm, where she practiced complex business and employment litigation. Ms. Najam also completed internships with the Senate Majority Office of the Connecticut General Assembly and the United States Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut. She is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Boston

[Jerome L. Garciano](#) (Real Estate, Associate) – Mr. Garciano focuses his practice on real estate financing and incentives affecting the built environment. He provides financing and tax counsel for developers, lenders, syndicators, investors, nonprofit sponsors, and government agencies in renewable energy and real estate developments using the Historic, New Markets, Renewable Energy, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. He is a LEED Accredited Professional and has advised clients on utilizing energy efficiency and renewable energy tax incentives as well as has experience in the affordable housing and community development field. Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Mr. Garciano was associated with Klein Hornig LLP and Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP. He is a CPA and admitted to practice law in Massachusetts and New York.

Stamford

[Robert A. Barbieri](#) (Business Transactions, Associate) – Mr. Barbieri's practice involves all aspects of corporate and securities law, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture capital transactions, joint ventures, commercial finance transactions, corporate governance, and securities law and compliance. Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Mr. Barbieri served as corporate counsel for a publicly traded financial technology growth company, where he was responsible for corporate, securities, and select regulatory matters. He is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and New York.

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