

Manufacturing Industry Team Out + About

Members of Robinson+Cole's Manufacturing Industry Team continually engage with and actively listen to our clients and contacts across the sector in the U.S. and globally. Following developments and trends is an integral component of our client service efforts.



WiM CT "Celebrate the Holidays"

On **December 7, 2021**, Robinson+Cole was pleased to host the Women in Manufacturing (WiM) CT Chapter's "Celebrate the Holidays" event at the [New England Air Museum](#). Museum Executive Director, [Stephanie Abrams](#), along with WiM CT Leaders, [Cyndi Zoldy](#) and [Mary Planeta Fitzgerald](#), joined Robinson+Cole's [Rhonda Tobin](#), [Jennifer Shanley](#), [Abby Warren](#) and [Jeff White](#), who is a WiM national board member, in welcoming guests. Abby also discussed key current labor and employment issues facing manufacturers; Connecticut's Paid Family & Medical Leave Act; the recreational marijuana law's impact on the workplace; and COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

Chief Executive's Smart Manufacturing Summit - Indianapolis, Indiana

Chief Executive

On **September 9, 2021**, Robinson+Cole was pleased to sponsor the Chief Executive's Smart Manufacturing Summit. The summit provided tips for CEOs and their executive teams to navigate their organization's progress—and course correct where necessary—with insights from manufacturing industry veterans. R+C Manufacturing Industry Team Chair [Jeff White](#) and Business Litigation Group Chair [Edward Heath](#) were joined by James Furlong, President, Belimo Americas and J'aime Salvatore, Senior Director, Sales and Marketing, Neoperl, Inc. for an interactive workshop on smart growth strategies for mid-market manufacturers.



On **December 2, 2021**, Robinson+Cole Managing Partner [Rhonda Tobin](#) attended the CT Economic Development Summit hosted at The Bushnell Theater in Hartford, CT. The firm sponsored the event, which was attended by more than 300 guests. Rhonda Tobin is pictured with Commissioner David Lehman (Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development) and Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont.



Virtual SelectUSA 2021 Investment Summit



On **June 7, 2021**, Robinson+Cole's [J. Michael Wirvin](#) moderated a workshop on "Business Structuring in the United States" as part of SelectUSA's 2021 Virtual Investment Summit. The session covered the various corporate structures available in the U.S., and which one might be best suited for a certain business type. Mike co-authored a chapter on the topic, along with R+C's [Michael Kearney](#), [Anna Wang](#) and [Jeff White](#), published in Select USA's 2020 Investor Guide.



Connecticut District Export Council Manufacturing Month Export Webinars: You've Survived, Now Thrive!

Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Team chair [Linn Freedman](#) and Manufacturing Industry Team chair [Jeff White](#) were among the speakers presenting during this Connecticut District Export Council (CTDEC) series of webinars.

Jeff, a member of the CTDEC, presented the first of a two-part webinar series focusing on the business and legal perspective of global sales channels partnering with international distributors and representatives. The program, "International Distributors & Representatives: FIND Them, SIGN Them!," took place on **October 12, 2021**.

On October 28, Linn was among the panelists presenting during the program on "Cybersecurity—Pitfalls and Preparedness for U.S. Firms," which discussed comprehensive ways to proactively prepare companies for a cyber breach.

Digital 360 Summit 2021: August 31, 2021-September 9, 2021 - Texas



Robinson+Cole was pleased to sponsor the Digital 360 Summit 2021 presented by CMG Consulting LLC from **August 31, 2021 - September 9, 2021**. This premier event focused on executives driving industry digitalization, decentralization, and decarbonization. In addition to the Smart Factory & Industry 4.0 Keynote and Panel, the Summit included a number of speakers, programs, two tours of six labs at Texas State University, a vendor showcase, award ceremonies, and more. R+C Manufacturing Industry Team Chair [Jeff White](#) attended the summit.

Virtual: Aerospace and Defense Opportunities in Brazil



[Jeff White](#) participated in a panel discussion titled "Aerospace and Defense Opportunities in Brazil," hosted in collaboration with the New Hampshire Aerospace and

Webinar: Netherlands and Europe Market Opportunities



On **March 30, 2021**, Robinson+Cole's [Jeff White](#) co-moderated the webinar "Aerospace & Defense - Virtual Briefing: Netherlands & Europe Market Opportunities," hosted by R+C in

Defense Export Consortium (NHADEC), the U.S. Commercial Service, and Robinson+Cole on **May 4, 2021**. The event covered Brazil's aerospace and defense ecosystem, including trends and market opportunities; an overview of Brazilian aerospace manufacturer Embraer's business units, current supplier selection processes, and quality and engineering requirements; and a Q&A session regarding OEM and supply chain relationships.

collaboration with CohnReznick. The program included trade professionals from the Netherlands Industries for Defense and Security along with international logistics leaders, and examined how the Netherlands opens its doors for international defense and aerospace corporations with the U.S. while also functioning as the gateway to Europe. The panelists discussed strategies for entering the European market and the support available to help find and develop opportunities and foster cooperation.



Virtual: WIM HR Roundtable

On **September 9, 2021**, Robinson+Cole's [Jennifer Shanley](#) presented "Creative Solutions for Filling the Workforce Gap: Business Immigration" during the Women in Manufacturing's (WIM) HR Roundtable. The program provided the opportunity to network with industry peers and participate in roundtable discussions on key challenging human resource- and training-related topics.

MEDIA MENTIONS

Jeff White Quoted in POLITICO Pro Article on Reshoring Critical Drug Manufacturing to the U.S.

[Jeff White](#) was quoted in the article "Biden faces headwinds bringing critical drug manufacturing to U.S." published in POLITICO Pro on **July 7, 2021**. The article focuses on President Biden's desire to have more essential drugs made in the United States and examines the notion from experts that reshoring production "would require spending billions of dollars for research and development and workforce training, and a revamp of quality control incentives."

Jeff White Appointed to ManufactureCT Board of Directors

June 18, 2021 - [Jeff White](#) was appointed to serve on the board of directors for ManufactureCT, a statewide forum for community and business leaders focused on sharing perspectives from inside manufacturing facilities to build collective strength for the sector. Founded in 1913, ManufactureCT (formerly New Haven Manufacturers Association) is among the longest-running industry groups to serve manufacturers in the United States.



Jeff White Elected to Women in Manufacturing® Association National Board of Directors

Manufacturing Law Industry Team Chair [Jeff White](#) was among 11 new leaders elected to serve on the [Women in Manufacturing® Association](#) (WiM) National Board of Directors. WiM is the only national association specifically dedicated to supporting, promoting and inspiring women who have chosen a career in the manufacturing sector. Jeff's three-year term began on April 1, 2021.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of this dynamic group of industry leaders and look forward to working together to advance women in manufacturing," he said. "It is important, now more than ever, for all of us to 'lean in' as we support the next generation of manufacturing leaders across the USA and the world." Read more in the [press release](#).

[Jeff White Is Quoted in Hartford Business Journal Article on "Reshoring" Manufacturing Operations](#)

[Jen Shanley Authors *Industry Week* Article on Hiring Foreign Nationals](#)

[Rhonda Tobin Is Featured Guest on CBIA Bizcast Program](#)

[Jeff White Quoted in *Hartford Business Journal* article on Manufacturers Continuing to Face Supply Chain Issues](#)

[Natale DiNatale and Kayla West Author *Industry Week* Article on Union Progress Under Biden Administration](#)

[Labor and Employment Members Author *Industry Week* Article on “The ABC’s of DEI”](#)

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