

# Robinson+Cole



## Manufacturing Industry Group's Mid-Year Report

### Honored to Receive President's "E" Award for Demonstrating a Sustained Commitment to Export Expansion

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross presented Robinson+Cole with the President's "E" Award for Export Service at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. In total, Secretary Ross honored 48 U.S. companies with the President's "E" Award, the highest recognition any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports. R+C was the only law firm recognized.



Presentation of the President's "E" Award in May [l-r] U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross; Jeff White, R+C Manufacturing Industry Group Chair; Kevin Daly, R+C Manufacturing Industry Group; Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Gilbert B. Kaplan

### White House Manufacturing Roundtable - Washington D.C.

**Jeff White** participated as one of 14 manufacturing leaders invited to meet with senior staff from the White House's Office of Public Liaison. The roundtable discussion was jointly organized by the Department of Commerce and the Small Business Administration. The discussion included an overview of the sustained growth in the U.S. manufacturing industry, while also touching on the obstacles currently facing industry,

including the digital revolution and the impact that disruptive technologies can have on industrial marketing and the widening skills gap and interpersonal complexities of a multi-generational workforce.



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### [Aerospace and Defense Industrial Buying Trends - Hartford, CT](#)

"Aerospace and Defense Industrial Buying Trends: How Does It Impact Your Business?" was the topic of a discussion presented by the U.S. Department of Commerce and Thomas Publishing Company at Robinson+Cole's Hartford office during Export Week 2019. **Jeff White** provided opening remarks for the event.



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### [2019 Smart Manufacturing Summit - Dallas, TX](#)

R+C's Manufacturing Industry Group sponsored the Chief Executives Group's 2019 Smart Manufacturing Summit in Dallas, Texas in May. The Summit was designed for executives from mid-market manufacturers. **Ed Heath** and **Jeff White** were invited to speak at the Summit and led an executive roundtable entitled "Global Growth Without Friction."

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### [International Space Trade Summit - Hartford, CT](#)

R+C's Manufacturing Industry Group was invited to participate in the first annual International Space Trade, which was presented by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The Summit focused on aerospace and defense, advanced manufacturing, and IT companies from the "5 Eyes" alliance countries - U.S., Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the U.K. **Jeff White** chaired the steering committee that developed the compliance based programs for the Summit. **Ed Heath** spoke on a panel focused on "Government Contracting and Related Compliance Strategies," which covered topics including anti-bribery laws (such as

the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act), government contracting, and cybersecurity requirements. **Kevin Daly** was a panelist during the session “Export Compliance – An Industry Perspective: OEM & Supply Chain Perspectives on Meeting the Technological Challenges of Space.”



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### **Contributing to Thought Leadership**

***The Indiana Lawyer*, "Internet of things in manufacturing creates new data, cybersecurity questions"**

***The Hartford Business Journal* featured Jeff in its Newsmakers section.**

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