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## Robinson+Cole Lawyers and Staff Named to CCADV's First 100 Plus Class of 2018

*Kelly Frye Barnett, Emily Deans, Kathleen Dion, Rachel Kushel, Nicole Mulé, and Albina Yaikbaeva recognized for improving the lives of domestic violence survivors throughout Connecticut*

HARTFORD, CT (November 12, 2018) – The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) named Robinson+Cole lawyers [Kelly Frye Barnett](#), [Emily C. Deans](#), [Kathleen E. Dion](#), [Rachel V. Kushel](#), and [Nicole S. Mulé](#) and paralegal Albina Yaikbaeva to its First 100 Plus Class of 2018 during the organization's 8th Annual Breakfast & Awards Ceremony on November 9, 2018 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown in Hartford, Connecticut.

Although both men and women have been recognized in years past, the First 100 Plus Class of 2018 was limited to women in celebration of CCADV's 40th Anniversary and *Year of the Woman*. This year's class is comprised of women who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to improving the lives of domestic violence survivors throughout Connecticut. While members are varied in background and profession, they have all contributed to making a difference either statewide or within their local community.



*From left to right: Emily Deans, Albina Yaikbaeva, Kathleen Dion, and Nicole Mulé*

Ms. Barnett and Ms. Dion are members of Robinson+Cole's Business Litigation Group. Ms. Barnett represents clients in government and internal investigations, and in all aspects of complex civil litigation. Ms. Dion focuses her practice on all aspects of civil and criminal litigation. She frequently handles cases related to education, government and internal investigations, and business disputes. Ms. Yaikbaeva supports the firm's Business Litigation Group.

As a member of Robinson+Cole's Environmental, Energy + Telecommunications Group, Ms. Deans represents clients in the areas of environmental, telecommunications, and utilities law. She represents clients such as telecommunications companies and commercial businesses before state regulatory agencies, including the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and the Connecticut Siting Council, and local land use boards.

Ms. Kushel and Ms. Mulé are members of the firm's Labor + Employment Group. Ms. Kushel counsels clients on all employment law and workplace human resource issues. She defends management in state and federal court litigation matters and administrative agency claims. Ms. Mulé represents both public and private sector employers in a variety of labor and employment matters.

CCADV is the state's leading voice for victims of domestic violence and those agencies that serve them. It is a membership organization of Connecticut's 18 domestic violence service agencies that provide critical support to victims, including counseling, support groups, emergency shelter, court advocacy, safety planning, and lethality assessment, among other services. CCADV works to change social conditions through policy, advocacy, public awareness, and community education.

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