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**Rhode Island Bar Association Honors Peter V. Lacouture with  
the Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism**

**PROVIDENCE, RI** (June 15, 2012) – Robinson & Cole is pleased to announce that environmental and utilities partner Peter V. Lacouture has been recognized by the Rhode Island Bar Association (RIBA) as the 2012 recipient of the Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism. This award was named for Ralph P. Semonoff, late president of the RIBA, who left a legacy of the law as a high calling, of justice as a defendable right, and of public service as the beacon of a life's work.

This award, which honors a member the Rhode Island Bar who has demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism in their career through ethical and personal conduct, commitment, and activities, was presented to Mr. Lacouture at the RIBA's annual meeting on June 14, 2012.

"I have known Pete for over 40 years and I have practiced law with Pete for 30 of the 40 years," said Robert W. Edwards, Jr. a partner at Steiker, Fischer, Edwards & Greenapple, P.C., who nominated Mr. Lacouture for the award. "Pete strives to maintain a courteous and dignified manner with his colleagues, clients, and opponents. He is a man whose moral standards and whose personal and professional ethics are beyond reproach. While he represents his clients zealously, he does so with strong professional integrity, at all times serving the law first."

Mr. Lacouture has practiced law in Providence since 1972 and has been with Robinson & Cole since 2009. He represents clients in siting and permitting large infrastructure projects, negotiating cultural resource agreements related to such projects, and developing standard contracts for distributed generation facilities in Rhode Island. He practices before state and local agencies, including the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board, the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Management, and municipal zoning and planning boards. He has argued numerous cases before the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Mr. Lacouture has also been involved in many public service, charitable, and pro bono activities in Rhode Island and nationally through the American Bar Association. Mr. Lacouture's varied professional affiliations and community commitments include serving as editor of the annual report of the American Bar Association's Section of Public Utility, Communications, and Transportation Law, serving on the board of directors to the Rhode Island Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and he was a founder and president of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association. He is also very involved in the town of Exeter where he has lived for 35 years. He is an active volunteer firefighter and president and deputy chief of Exeter Volunteer Fire Company No. 2. He is also chair of the Exeter Fire District and has served as the Exeter Town moderator since 1992.

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*Rhode Island Bar Association President William J. Delaney, Esq., right, presents Peter V. Lacouture with the Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism.*

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