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Robinson+Cole Receives Presidential Award for Export Service

Honoring Manufacturing Law Group for Demonstrating A Sustained Commitment to Export Expansion

HARTFORD, CT (May 23, 2019) – Today, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross presented Robinson & Cole LLP 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.

"Robinson+Cole has demonstrated a sustained commitment to export expansion. The "E" Awards Committee was very impressed with Robinson+Cole's work of broad impact within the business community to further expand U.S. exports. Your company's case studies demonstrating measurable export growth achieved by its clients were also particularly notable. Robinson+Cole's achievements have undoubtedly contributed to national export expansion efforts that support the U.S. economy and create American jobs," said Secretary Ross in his congratulatory letter to the company announcing its selection as an award recipient.

Robinson+Cole, an AmLaw200 firm with more than 200 lawyers throughout the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Florida and California, regularly represents manufacturing clients throughout the United States and globally ranging from Fortune 50 companies to privately held and/or family-owned companies that sell both business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) products and services.

"Exporting is crucial to the success of the businesses we work with," said [Jeffrey J. White](#), Robinson+Cole Partner and Manufacturing Law Group leader. "Every day we see the growth of our clients' businesses, due in large part to exporting. This growth has enabled our clients to add jobs and support their local communities as they expand their bottom line. Buyers and consumers in foreign markets want quality products made in the United States, and we are honored to receive the 'E' Award."

In 2018, U.S. exports were the highest on record with U.S. services at \$821.1 billion and U.S. exports of goods reaching \$1.7 trillion, demonstrating how American private enterprise can not only survive, but thrive, in the international market.



American companies are nominated for “E” Awards through the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service office network, located within the U.S. Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration. Record years of successive export growth and an applicant’s demonstration of an innovative international marketing plan that led to the increase in exports is a significant factor in selecting the overall winners.

Accepting the “E” Award on behalf of Robinson+Cole were Mr. White and Robinson+Cole manufacturing lawyer, [Kevin Daly](#). They were joined by Joanne Rapuano, Chief Compliance Officer, North America for Embraer Executive Aircraft, Inc. and a Robinson+Cole alumna.

“It was a pleasure to be part of the Robinson+Cole trade compliance team and I am glad to have contributed to the success that is being recognized by the Department of Commerce,” said Ms. Rapuano.

For more information about the “E” Awards and the benefits of exporting, visit www.export.gov.

About Robinson+Cole’s Manufacturing Practice

Robinson+Cole’s manufacturing practice has been a trendsetter in the legal industry through a series of “firsts” such as the widely read [Manufacturing Law Blog](#) and roundtables designed for in-house counsel at manufacturing companies (*Manufacturing Law Group*) and for executives at small to mid-sized privately held manufacturers (*Manufacturing Executive Roundtables*). The firm’s team of manufacturing lawyers represent manufacturers and distributors both nationally and internationally. For more information, please visit

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