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Dwight H. Merriam Honored with Professional Excellence Award by *Connecticut Law Tribune*

Robinson+Cole partner recognized at awards dinner on October 21, 2015

HARTFORD, CT (October 29, 2015) – Robinson+Cole lawyer [Dwight H. Merriam](#) was recognized with a Professional Excellence Award by the *Connecticut Law Tribune* at a celebratory dinner on October 21, 2015. This is the inaugural year of the Professional Excellence Awards. The 21 lawyers honored each have 30 or more years of experience and have made substantial contributions over the course of their careers to law firms, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, corporations, law schools, and the judiciary, and to the practice of law in general.



Mr. Merriam with his award at the honors ceremony, joined by Robinson+Cole colleagues Charles E. Janson, Evan J. Seeman, Michele L. Maresca, Sorell E. Negro, and Edward V. O'Hanlan (from left to right).

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Mr. Merriam founded Robinson+Cole's Land Use Group in 1978 and represents landowners, developers, governments, and individuals in land use matters. He is widely published, having written more than 200 articles and ten books, including the leading treatise and the leading casebook in the field, and is called upon to speak at events across the country. He also co-authors the blog *RLUIPA Defense* at www.rluipa-defense.com, a resource for anyone interested in issues surrounding the avoidance of or defense against claims under RLUIPA. He has been cited in the national press, from the *New York Times* to *People* magazine and *Glamour*, and has appeared on NBC's *Today* show, MSNBC, and public television. Mr. Merriam also teaches land use law at the University of Connecticut School of Law and the Quinnipiac University School of Law.

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