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**Robinson & Cole Announces Annual Pro Bono, Mentor,
and Community Service Awards**
Recognizing lawyers' outstanding contributions to the firm and community

HARTFORD, CT (August 22, 2013) – Robinson & Cole recognized 13 lawyers for their initiative and outstanding dedication to the firm and the community at a reception on August 8, 2013, at Billings Forge Community Works. Managing partner John B. Lynch Jr. announced the Mentor of the Year, Community Service, and Distinguished Service awards while Pro Bono partner Edward J. Heath presented the firm's Pro Bono Award.

The **Pro Bono Award** recognizes individuals for their outstanding commitment to Robinson & Cole's pro bono initiative. This year, the Pro Bono Committee honored five lawyers in the Hartford office for their dedication to the pilot program the firm is running at the Connecticut Superior Courts in Middletown and Hartford to help victims of domestic violence obtain or preserve court-issued restraining orders to protect themselves and their families:

- Benjamin B. Adams, insurance lawyer
- J. Tyler Butts, insurance lawyer
- Kate E. Dion, business litigation lawyer
- Amanda E. Gordon, business litigation lawyer
- Kristopher I. Moore, business litigation lawyer

"It would be an understatement to say this was well deserved," said Mr. Heath. "These individuals have shown a level of professionalism, teamwork, and bravery that I greatly admire and respect."

Robinson & Cole's **Mentor of the Year Award**, sponsored annually by the firm's Professional Development Committee, recognizes and honors lawyers throughout the firm for their exemplary guidance and encouragement of fellow attorneys in their pursuit of effective lawyering and professional growth. The award recipients are selected through a firmwide nomination process. Robinson & Cole is pleased to announce that this year's awards go to the following attorneys:

- Matthew A. Kameron, finance lawyer in the Boston office
- Dwight H. Merriam, land use lawyer in the Hartford office
- Gregory P. Varga, insurance lawyer in the Hartford office
- Joseph B. White, business transactions lawyer in the Providence office

The **Community Service Award** recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary community and charitable activities. Three lawyers were recognized this year: Christine E. Bromberg, Steven L. Elbaum, and Peter V. Lacouture.

- Ms. Bromberg, a tax lawyer in the Hartford office, was recognized for her long-standing involvement with Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, which recently elected her vice chair of its Board of Directors.
- Mr. Elbaum, a real estate lawyer in the Stamford office, earned recognition for his many years of service to the Boys & Girls Club of Stamford, including a period when he served as president of its Board of Directors.

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- Mr. Lacouture, an environmental lawyer in the Providence office, was honored for his involvement in a number of organizations, including the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, of which he was a founder and president, and the Rhode Island Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Lacouture also serves as an active volunteer firefighter and president and deputy chief of Exeter Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

To honor his exemplary service to the firm and the community, J. C. David Hadden, former head of the firm's Tax Group, was presented with the **Distinguished Service Award**. "For as long as I have known David, he has given generously of his time and skill to many charitable organizations that provide resources and support to people with developmental disabilities," said Mr. Lynch. "His work on behalf of these and other charitable organizations that promote the full inclusion of all people with disabilities in community life is truly inspirational."

The firm also welcomed five summer law interns at the event: Kelly Frye, Milan Moore, and Ashley Randall from the Hartford office, Christie Jean from the Stamford office, and Dana Weiner from the Providence office.

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