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Robinson & Cole Attorneys Appointed to Board of Directors of Nonprofits

HARTFORD, CT (December 20, 2012) – Robinson & Cole attorneys have recently joined the boards of four nonprofit agencies. Business litigation attorney [Amanda B. Barry](#) has joined the Board of Directors of The Children’s Law Center, employment and labor attorney [Nicole A. Bernabo](#) was appointed to the Board of Directors of Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Inc., business litigation attorney [Edward J. Heath](#) has been elected to the Board of Directors of Greater Hartford Legal Aid, and health law attorney [Brian D. Nichols](#) has joined the Executive Board of Give an Hour.

The [Children’s Law Center](#) elected Ms. Barry to its Board of Directors in October. The organization works to protect the interests of indigent children in family court and advocates for policies that advance their well-being and best interest. Through its programs and services, such as offering low-cost mediation services and parent education, providing training and support for lawyers who represent children, and advocating for positive systemic change regarding the rights and treatment of children, the center strives to create safe, stable environments for children whose parents are in chronic conflict.

The Connecticut Bar Association appointed Ms. Bernabo to the Board of Directors of [Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Inc.](#), in November. The nonprofit organization is a telephone hotline, helping callers with legal problems in Connecticut that involve family law, employment, public benefits, and housing and consumer problems, such as bankruptcy. The service is free and available only to low-income people.

[Greater Hartford Legal Aid](#) (GHLA) elected Mr. Heath to its Board of Directors this month for a three-year term, beginning in January. Each year, GHLA represents thousands of people, provides community legal education to help people advocate for themselves, advocates to inform government decision makers about how laws affect people with few resources, and strives to make government programs provide the help they promise. Its mission is to achieve equal justice for poor people, to work with clients to promote social justice, and to address the effects and root causes of poverty.

Mr. Nichols was elected to serve on the Executive Board of [Give an Hour](#) (GAH), a nonprofit focused on developing national networks of volunteers capable of responding to both acute and chronic conditions that arise within our society. GAH’s current focus is on meeting the mental health needs of the troops and families affected by the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan through direct counseling services, as well as on working to reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues by participating in and leading education, training, and outreach efforts in schools and communities and around military bases.

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