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**Robinson & Cole Welcomes Twelve New Attorneys in Five Offices
Expanding its Presence across the Northeast**

HARTFORD, CT (May 11, 2012) – Robinson & Cole is pleased to announce that two partners and ten other lawyers have joined the firm’s ranks across its Northeast offices. The new attorneys add a depth and breadth of experience to various practice areas, including business, labor & employment, finance, litigation, land use, and construction.

The partners that joined Robinson & Cole are Natale V. Di Natale, who joins the labor and employment practice in the Hartford office, and Stephen P. Hanson, who joins the business transactions practice in the New York office.

“We are extremely pleased to add these lawyers to our firm,” said Robinson & Cole Managing Partner John B. Lynch, Jr. “The lawyers provide the firm with skilled practitioners in areas where client demand is strong. Natale Di Natale is a well-recognized labor and employment lawyer with a strong client base in the Connecticut market. Natale will head our firm’s labor practice. Stephen Hanson brings deep experience in the private equity, venture capital, and fund sectors where we have an active practice and growing client demands.”

Following is a listing of the new attorneys:

HARTFORD OFFICE

Natale V. Di Natale is a partner in the labor & employment group focusing his practice on labor relations and employment law and related litigation, including all aspects of collective bargaining and arbitrations, employment law aspects of mergers and acquisitions, union organizing, corporate restructuring, and contract administration.

Peter Dagostine is counsel in the labor & employment group representing private and public sector employers in labor relations and employment matters including representing management in state and federal court, before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and during arbitration proceedings.

Ian Clarke-Fisher is an associate in the labor & employment group and counsels clients on employment law matters, including discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, noncompetition agreements, contracts, layoffs, wrongful termination and employment litigation.

Amanda E. Gordon is an associate in the firm’s business litigation group representing clients in corporate litigation matters, including antitrust, intellectual property, creditors’ rights, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair trade practices, breach of contract, and business torts.

Elizabeth W. Kaloyanides is an associate in the firm’s business transactions group where she represents clients in all types of general corporate, technology, mergers and acquisitions, securities, and contract matters.

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Jonathan H. Schaefer is an associate in the land use group and represents local governments, developers, landowners, and advocacy groups in land use and zoning matters before federal and state courts and local administrative agencies.

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Stephen P. Hanson is a partner in the firm's business transactions group. He represents financial sponsors (including private equity, venture capital, and hedge funds), their portfolio companies, and other privately held companies in connection with domestic and cross-border M&A transactions, joint ventures, equity and debt financings, commercial contracts, and general corporate matters.

Tanya B. Forde-Chandler, a lawyer with four years of experience, has joined the firm's business transactions group focusing on representing public and privately-held companies in a variety of business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, equity and debt financings, commercial contracts, and general corporate matters.

Michael W. Kaufman, a lawyer with ten years of experience, has joined the firm's finance group where his practice involves all aspects of complex secured and unsecured bank, securities, and mezzanine financing transactions, with a focus on syndicated term and revolving credit facilities.

Austin D. Kim is an associate in the business litigation group where he focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation representing individual and corporate clients in all types of litigation matters, including creditors' rights, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair trade practices, bankruptcy, breach of contract, and business torts.

BOSTON OFFICE

Jonathan R. Hausner is an associate in the construction law group focusing his practice on the representation of public and private owners, general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, and construction sureties and handles all aspects of construction project consultation and construction litigation.

PROVIDENCE OFFICE

Steven J. Boyajian, a lawyer with seven years of experience, has joined the firm's business litigation group, focusing his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and civil litigation. He represents creditors, creditors' committees, financial institutions, equity holders, and trustees in formal bankruptcy proceedings and in in-court and out-of-court matters.

More about Robinson & Cole LLP

Robinson & Cole is an Am Law 200 firm with approximately 225 lawyers in nine offices serving regional, national, and international clients, from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies. Since 1845, Robinson & Cole has expanded to meet the changing needs of clients. The firm represents corporate, governmental, and nonprofit entities, as well as individual clients, in a wide range of matters, including corporate; business and insurance litigation; tax and tax-exempt; finance; public finance; land use, environmental and utilities, and real estate; health law; labor, employment, and benefits; intellectual property and technology; and government relations. For more information, please visit www.rc.com.

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