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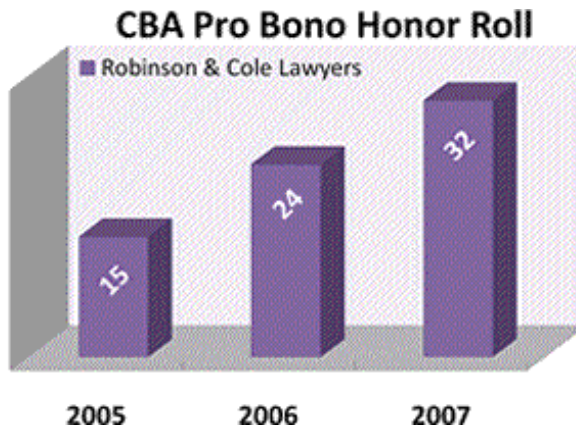
Message from the Pro Bono Partner

As the summer associates depart and our new associates join us, I am reminded that we are in a time of transition. This is certainly true of Robinson & Cole's pro bono program. Our pro bono efforts have resulted in remarkable achievements under the leadership of Don Buck and then Pam Elkow, and I hope to continue their good work as the new pro bono partner. Already this year, the firm has had some notable pro bono accomplishments, not the least of which is having over thirty of our lawyers named to the Connecticut Bar Association's Pro Bono Honor Role—a figure that has doubled in the last two years. Through a variety of measures to be rolled out this year, such as the beginning of the Pro Bono Partnership's operations from our Hartford office, I have no doubt that we'll reach our goal, a significant across-the-firm increase in pro bono involvement.

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2007 CBA Pro Bono Honor Roll

Recently, the Connecticut Bar Association saluted private lawyers and paralegals who donated their time providing free legal assistance to low-income persons. Listed below are the names of the Robinson & Cole lawyers who were recognized for accepting at least one new civil pro bono case last year through any of the close to 20 agencies and programs in the Connecticut Pro Bono Network. As the above graph demonstrates, the number of R&C lawyers receiving this recognition has more than doubled in the past two years.

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Robinson & Cole Pro Bono Awards

At this spring's summer associate welcome party, [Jonathan Blaine](#) and [Pamela Elkow](#) were presented with the second annual Robinson & Cole pro bono award, Jonathan for his contribution to Lawyers Without Borders and Pam for the amazing energy and enthusiasm she brought to the position as the previous pro bono partner. Congratulations to them both!

Recent News

[Effie Patrick](#) has been volunteering her time with the Save Cranbury Association since 2006 and recently closed on a matter in the conservation of certain open space in Norwalk. Effie's efforts were centered around assisting in the preservation of 5.576 acres of open space in permanent conservation easements on Norwalk's renowned White Barn property. Robinson & Cole counseled the neighborhood association, Save Cranbury Association, through the discussions and negotiations surrounding the creation of these easements, which will ensure the protection and preservation of this environmentally sensitive open space. Save Cranbury's principal concerns were the possible effects of development on the area's wildlife and the loss of the historical White Barn Theatre and Museum located on the site. Save Cranbury, together with Norwalk Land Trust, the State of Connecticut, and the City of Norwalk, worked with the owner of the land in its sale of the property to an eco-friendly educational institution to negotiate these easements. Wooded trails will be created on the easements, and the public will continue to have access to this beautiful site located in the heart of Norwalk.

Pro Bono Partnership Hartford Office Updates

Since [Priya Morganstern](#) arrived in February 2008, she has established volunteer relationships with several R&C attorneys, such as [Rita Trivedi](#), [Mimi Lines](#), [Susan Roberts](#), and [Stephen Aronson](#). The clients these volunteers are serving include a community social services organization, an arts organization for seriously ill children, and a residence for physically handicapped adults.

On June 11, 2008, [Scott Sebastian](#) participated in a Pro Bono Partnership-sponsored seminar on how to establish a new Connecticut nonstock, tax-exempt organization. The program was presented primarily to in-house attorneys at Aetna, and Priya extended an invitation to a small group of law firm attorneys to join the Aetna group, both for educational and client development purposes. Scott and one other attorney were the only non-Aetna attorneys to attend this particular program.

Priya and the Pro Bono Partnership are thrilled and grateful to be housed at Robinson & Cole.

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