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Robinson+Cole Lawyer to Lead American Bar Association Section

Peter Lacouture elected chair of the ABA Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section

PROVIDENCE, RI (August 21, 2017) – The American Bar Association (ABA) Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section elected Robinson+Cole partner [Peter V. Lacouture](#) as chair during the section's annual meeting on August 12, 2017, held in conjunction with the ABA 2017 Annual Meeting.

Formerly the Section of Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Law (PUCAT,) the Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section is the third oldest section in the ABA and celebrates its 100th anniversary during 2017-2018 bar year. The group brings together members of the bar who represent clients in the rapidly changing legal environment in infrastructure and regulated industries including the aviation, communications, electricity, gas, oil pipeline, railroad, transportation infrastructure, and water industries. Mr. Lacouture has served the section in a number of positions including twelve years as Editor in Chief of *Recent Developments in Public Utility, Communications and Transportation Industries*, a comprehensive review of developments in areas represented by the Section's committees.

Mr. Lacouture, who has practiced law in Providence since 1972, is a member of Robinson+Cole's Environmental, Energy + Telecommunications Group. In his practice, Mr. Lacouture represents clients in the siting and permitting of large infrastructure projects. He also represents clients in other public utility, zoning, environmental, and land use cases in Rhode Island. Mr. Lacouture regularly appears before state and local agencies, including the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board, the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Management, Coastal Resources Management Council, and municipal zoning and planning boards.

Mr. Lacouture was awarded the Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism by the Rhode Island Bar Association in June, 2012. He has served as Town Moderator of the Town of Exeter, Rhode Island since 1992, and is President and Deputy Chief of the Exeter Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

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