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## **Robinson & Cole Expands to Providence**

HARTFORD, CT (April 9, 2009) – Robinson & Cole LLP, a leading commercial law firm with 240 lawyers and eight offices in the Northeast and Florida, announced today that it is opening its ninth office in Providence, Rhode Island.

Two prominent Rhode Island attorneys, Peter V. Lacouture and Patricia J. Igoe, both from the firm Nixon Peabody LLP, have been elected partners of Robinson & Cole. Lacouture joined the firm’s Environmental and Utilities Practice Group, while Igoe joins the Finance Practice Group.

“The addition of the Providence office speaks to our strength as a regional firm,” says Robinson & Cole’s Managing Partner John B. Lynch, Jr. “We have seen an increasing demand from our current clients to handle matters in Rhode Island. When the opportunity presented itself to add two experienced partners with established practices, we knew the time was right.” Lynch continued that “this is a first step into Rhode Island, and while we will have five lawyers in the office initially, we expect to expand.”

The new office is located in the heart of downtown Providence at One Financial Plaza. Primary legal service offerings are in the areas of environmental and utilities, finance, insurance litigation, products liability and subrogation, and business litigation.

Founded in 1845, Robinson & Cole has 240 attorneys and 250 professional staff in nine offices to serve regional, national, and global business clients in multiple practice areas, as well as individual clients, governmental, and nonprofit entities. Further information is available at [rc.com](http://rc.com).

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