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Lawyers Volunteer at “Junior Achievement Day” at SAND Elementary School in Hartford

Robinson & Cole is First Law Firm to Have Organized Group of Volunteers

Hartford – December 20, 2007 – Attorneys from the law firm of Robinson & Cole recently volunteered on behalf of Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, Inc. to teach students at Hartford’s SAND Elementary School for the first ever “Robinson & Cole/Junior Achievement Day.”

This is the first time a law firm has organized a group of this many volunteers to participate in a Junior Achievement program in the Hartford area at one time. Robinson & Cole recruited 9 volunteers to teach SAND Elementary students in the kindergarten, first grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade classes, totaling about 90 students.

Robinson & Cole attorney and JA Board member Christine Bromberg spearheaded the recruiting efforts within Robinson & Cole. Robinson & Cole’s volunteers, all associates of the firm, included: Wystan Ackerman, Christine Bromberg, Sandra Dawson, Nuala Droney, Shawna Harrison Kohl, Joshua Mirer, Joel Norwood, Scott Sebastian, and Matthew Spaeder. The firm hopes to stay actively involved with JA and plans to send attorneys to teach at another Hartford-area school in the spring.

"The team from Robinson & Cole did an outstanding job working with the students from SAND," said Louis J. Golden, president of Junior Achievement of Southwest New England. "They inspired these young people and we greatly appreciate their commitment to improving our community."

Junior Achievement is a not-for-profit organization with 495 offices around the world whose mission is to bring volunteer teachers from the business community into area classrooms to teach elementary, middle and high school students about how to succeed in a global economy. JA of Southwest New England serves more than 31,000 students in seven Connecticut counties with the help of more than 1,900 volunteers from business and the community. JA uses hands-on experience to help young people understand the business of life. JA prepares students to make responsible choices through programs about entrepreneurship, work readiness, and financial literacy. To learn more about Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, visit www.jaconn.net.

SAND Elementary School first opened in 1899 and derives its name from a neighborhood action league called South Arsenal Neighborhood Development.



Robinson & Cole Associate Shawna Harrison Kohl teaching at SANDS Elementary school for the day.



Robinson & Cole Associate Joshua Mirer helps a student out during a day of teaching.



Left to right: Robison & Cole Associates and JA volunteers Sandra Dawson, Christine Bromberg, Nuala Droney, Scott Sebastian, Shawna Harrison Kohl, Wytan Ackerman, and Joshua Mirer.

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