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**Robinson & Cole Lawyer Timothy D. Bates Receives  
2006 William Crawford Distinguished Service Award**

**New London** – November 7, 2006 – Robinson & Cole lawyer Timothy D. Bates was selected to receive the 2006 William Crawford Distinguished Service Award by the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut. Mr. Bates, a partner with Robinson & Cole, practices in the firm's New London, Connecticut office.

Mr. Bates has served his community in numerous ways over the years. He is currently chairman of the board of Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, a deacon for the Noank Baptist Church and a member of the board of directors for The Williams School in New London. In addition, Mr. Bates is a past chairman for the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut; a past chairman and board member of the Mystic Community Center in Mystic; a past chairman for the Town of Groton Planning Commission; and a past chairman of the board of Connecticut Legal Services.

Mr. Bates has practiced law in the area of land use in Connecticut for many years. In his practice, he has represented various municipalities, including the Town of Stonington, the Town of North Stonington, the Borough of Stonington, the City of Groton, the Town of Plainfield, the Noank Zoning Commission, and the Ledge Light Health District. Mr. Bates earned his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School. Mr. Bates and his family reside in Noank.

The William Crawford Distinguished Service Award was created in 1977 to recognize an outstanding member of the community who has exemplified the spirit of community service and contributed to improving the quality of life in eastern Connecticut. There will be an award dinner on November 13 to honor Mr. Bates.

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