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**Robinson & Cole to Sponsor Annual WALKS Constitution Essay Contest**

**HARTFORD, CT** (January 31, 2012) – Robinson & Cole LLP is sponsoring the 50<sup>th</sup> annual WALKS interscholastic Constitution Essay Contest and awards dinner on April 17, 2012, at Avon Old Farms School.

“We are proud to sponsor this academic competition that promotes greater knowledge of our nation’s Constitution,” said Edward J. Samorajczyk, Jr., a partner at Robinson & Cole and an Advisory Board member of WALKS. WALKS (an acronym for Westminster School, Avon Old Farms School, Loomis Chaffee School, Kingswood-Oxford School, and Suffield Academy) provides students with limited financial means from Greater Hartford an opportunity to attend and succeed at each of its member schools.

Every year, history students at the five WALKS schools are invited to write essays on a selected topic relating to the Constitution. “The Fourth Amendment and Technological Innovations” is the topic for the 2012 contest. The essays of two students from each school are chosen by their history department chair and submitted as finalists to the contest judge without the students’ names or school identification. Federal District Court Judge Richard J. Leon is judging the finalists for this year’s competition.

Judge Leon has served at the U.S. Department of Justice and as counsel to Congress in various capacities. He is currently an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center and the George Washington University Law School.

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