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**Robinson & Cole Announces Pro Bono Award Recipients**

**HARTFORD, CT** (November 18, 2011) – Robinson and Cole LLP has awarded William J. Egan, counsel in the firm’s Business Litigation Group, and Virginia E. McGarrity, an associate in the firm’s Employee Benefits and Compensation Group, the 2011 Pro Bono Award. This award recognizes individuals for their outstanding commitment to Robinson & Cole’s pro bono initiative.

**William J. Egan**

Through Robinson & Cole’s relationship with the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, an organization dedicated to helping veterans overcome legal barriers to adequate housing and benefits, Mr. Egan represented four veterans facing eviction and likely homelessness. Through his efforts, Mr. Egan’s clients were able to stay in their homes or reach an agreement with their landlords regarding a mutually agreeable move-out date without a judgment being entered against them. His professionalism and courtesy in handling these matters and his efforts to reach a consensual resolution earned him high praise from his clients and their landlords alike.

Mr. Egan is a resident of Weatogue, Connecticut. He received his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law and his B.A. from Harvard University. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

**Virginia E. McGarrity**

Ms. McGarrity lent her legal talents to a wide variety of pro bono matters in 2011, including representing children. Through referrals from Lawyers for Children America, for example, she represented a teen and an infant in neglect proceedings as well as handled a juvenile permanency review hearing for a young client. Virginia further assisted her teen client with securing much-needed social and educational services by helping her transition to the Job Corps program, where she will learn vocational skills while earning her high school degree.

Ms. McGarrity is a resident of Wethersfield, Connecticut. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law, and her B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Massachusetts. She is admitted to practice in Connecticut.

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