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**Robinson & Cole Gains Over 30 Former Thelen Attorneys in
Hartford, Connecticut and New York City**

HARTFORD, CT (November 14, 2008) – Robinson & Cole, a leading commercial law firm with more than 225 lawyers and eight offices in the Northeast and Florida, announced today that 9 partners and over 20 additional attorneys from Thelen LLP will be joining the firm. The group strengthens the firm’s land use, real estate, and environmental practices and deepens the construction practice with the addition of eight experienced lawyers in this area. Additional attorneys increase resources in the labor and employment, litigation, finance, and intellectual property practices.

The addition of the Thelen attorneys should propel Robinson & Cole into The American Lawyer’s ranking of the top 200 firms in the country.

“The addition of these accomplished attorneys to Robinson & Cole speaks to our strength as a regional firm and will add considerable value to expansion of our New York City office, expansion of our intellectual property practice, and the addition of a prominent construction practice, all goals of the firm’s strategic plan,” said Robinson & Cole’s managing partner, Eric D. Daniels. “We are excited to welcome the new attorneys to our firm and are certain that this group will feel at home here.”

The former Thelen attorneys, while based in Hartford and New York City, will be working closely with clients throughout the region utilizing the legal resources of Robinson & Cole’s Boston and Stamford offices. Norman H. Roos, Thelen Hartford managing partner, said, “We are delighted to be joining Robinson & Cole. The firm has proved to be a dynamic and successful platform, well poised for continued growth, particularly in challenging economic times.”

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Joining Robinson & Cole as partners are Garry C. Berman, Real Estate; Dennis C. Cavanaugh, Construction and Surety; Gregory R. Faulkner, Construction; Mitchell L. Fishberg, Labor and Employment; Richard L. Green, Technology and Intellectual Property; Andrew L. Kramer, Real Estate; Martin A. Onorato, Construction; Norman H. Roos, Banking and Financial Services; and George C. Springer, Jr., Commercial Litigation.

In September, Robinson & Cole hired three Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP environmental attorneys after the firm announced it was closing its Hartford office, expanding Robinson & Cole's national environmental and utilities practice to more than 25 people.

Founded in 1845, Robinson & Cole will grow to over 250 attorneys and over 250 professional staff in eight offices to serve regional, national, and global business clients in multiple practice areas, as well as governmental and nonprofit entities. Further information is available at rc.com.

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