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Robinson & Cole Partner Named to Inaugural “Irish Legal 100”

Hartford — July 8, 2008 — The law firm of Robinson & Cole is pleased to announce that business litigation partner James A. Wade has been named to the inaugural “Irish Legal 100,” the first-ever listing of the most distinguished and accomplished lawyers of Irish descent in America.

Jim Wade has tried numerous criminal and civil cases across the United States. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1980. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* under Business Litigation, Personal Injury, and Criminal Law and in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers*.

For more than twenty years, Mr. Wade served as outside counsel to the Connecticut Democratic Party. He was responsible for the drafting of the procedural and substantive rules of the Democratic Party in Connecticut and represented the party before the United States Supreme Court in connection with a reapportionment case. Mr. Wade has represented numerous public officials in Connecticut in litigation involving constitutional election and voting issues.

In the last several years, Mr. Wade has tried, on behalf of major corporations and their employees, complex criminal and civil cases involving antitrust, securities fraud, government contracting fraud, mail fraud, and public corruption. He has also represented numerous Fortune 500 companies on various compliance issues, including grand jury investigation compliance, securities regulation, banking issues, and environmental concerns.

Mr. Wade graduated from Yale University with a B.A. and received his LL.B. from the University of Virginia. He received his commission from the United States Navy after attending officer candidate school in Newport, Rhode Island, and served three years as a JAG officer before returning to private practice.