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Robinson & Cole Invites High School Students to Visit Its Main Office

Hartford — September 4, 2008 — Robinson & Cole recently invited the Hartford Public High School students who are participating in the *University of Connecticut Law School/Robinson & Cole LLP Summer Law Institute* to visit and tour the law firm's main office and get a better idea of what working for a law firm entails.

By participating in the Summer Law Institute, the students spent four weeks of their summer immersed in the law through classroom teaching on a variety of legal topics and a series of engaging field trips designed to provide hands-on learning opportunities for the students.

During their visit to Robinson & Cole, the students heard presentations from employees in various departments such as Information Technology, Accounting, Records, Human Resources and Office Services and were also treated to a panel discussion about careers in law and various paths to such a career by Robinson & Cole attorneys and paraprofessionals.

A highlight of the visit was the student presentations which included personal poems, essays, and speeches about their experience with and breadth of learning from the Summer Law Institute.

About the Summer Law Institute

Robinson & Cole, the UConn Law School and the Hartford Public Schools joined together to start the *University of Connecticut School of Law/Robinson & Cole LLP Summer Law Institute: A Partnership with the Hartford Public Schools*. The Institute provided an opportunity for students entering the tenth grade at the school district's new Law and Government Academy to build important academic skills while learning about the law under the guidance of 12 first- and second-year Law School students, known as the Robinson & Cole LLP Law and Government Community Teaching Fellows.

The four-week program encouraged the pursuit of higher education and cultivated an interest in the law among participants by introducing the students to the study of the law, providing exposure to the legal system, and promoting interaction with local practitioners.

The concept of the Institute originated with University of Connecticut Law School students Wendy Clarke '09 and Keisha Palmer '09. Robinson & Cole's decided to support the Institute because it fits perfectly with several of the firm's key goals. Specifically, through the Institute we are supporting increased diversity in the legal community and improvement in the lives of Hartford youths, which positively impacts Hartford.



University of Connecticut Law School/Robinson & Cole LLP Summer Law Institute participants from Hartford Public Schools during their visit to Robinson & Cole's main office.

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