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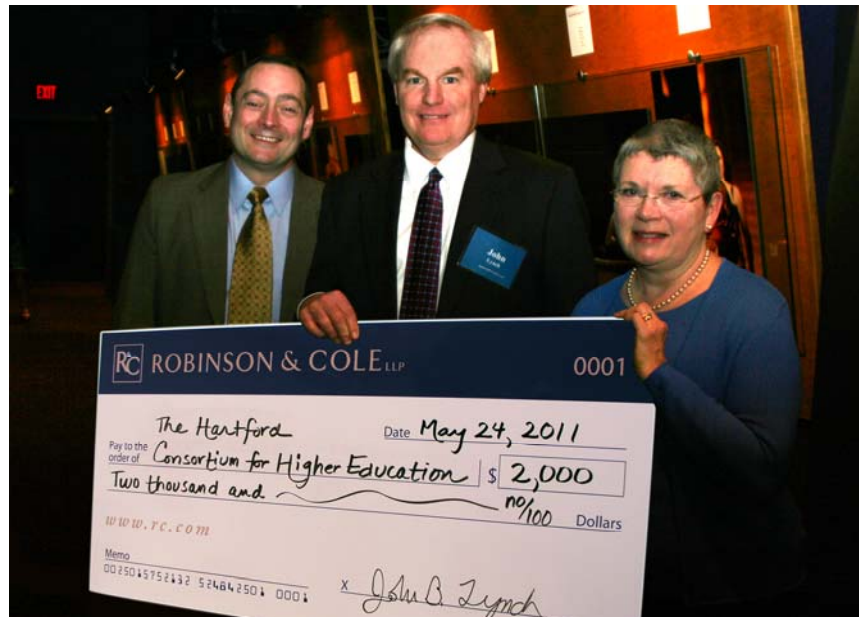
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**Robinson & Cole Shows Commitment to Community, Diversity, and Education at Special
Gem of the Ocean Reception at Hartford Stage**

HARTFORD, CT (June 17, 2011) – The law firm of Robinson & Cole demonstrated its commitment to diversity, education, and the local community at a private reception prior to the Hartford Stage performance of August Wilson’s *Gem of the Ocean* on May 24, 2011.

During the reception, Robinson & Cole presented a check for \$2,000 to Margaret Nareff, executive director of the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education. Established in 1972, the Consortium fosters collaborative endeavors among its private and public institution members. Robinson & Cole’s donation will help sponsor Career Beginnings, a successful summer program designed to help urban, first-generation college-bound students develop the social skills they need to ensure a successful transition to college and professional life.

Robinson & Cole, a longtime supporter of Hartford Stage, was also a production sponsor for *Gem of the Ocean*, a landmark play from August Wilson, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Fences*. Set in the city of Pittsburgh in 1904, at a time when slavery’s imprint was still fresh, the story is a tale of spiritual torment and the quest for redemption.



From left to right: Michael Stotts, managing director of Hartford Stage; John B. Lynch, Jr., managing partner at Robinson & Cole; and Margaret Nareff, executive director of the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education.

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