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**Robinson & Cole Announces 2013 Counsel Promotions**

**HARTFORD, CT** (January 17, 2013) – Robinson & Cole is pleased to announce the election of Christopher F. Girard and Amanda S. Eckhoff to counsel, effective January 1, 2013.

“Congratulations to Chris and Mandy,” said John B. Lynch Jr., managing partner of the firm. “They are both dedicated lawyers with bright careers ahead of them at Robinson & Cole.”

**Christopher F. Girard**

Christopher Girard is a member of the firm’s Litigation Section, based in the firm’s Hartford office. Mr. Girard concentrates his civil litigation practice on commercial litigation, business torts, and market conduct cases, representing businesses, municipalities, and individuals in state and federal courts. He has tried several cases to verdict in both court and arbitration proceedings. Mr. Girard’s experience also includes health and benefits litigation, where he represents hospitals, insurers, and managed care organizations in a variety of disputes. Additionally, he practices in the area of employment litigation, representing employers in a wide variety of cases, including claims alleging discrimination, retaliation, and defamation in both state and federal courts. Mr. Girard serves on the firm’s Pro Bono Committee and focuses his pro bono service on representing U.S. military veterans.

A resident of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, Mr. Girard received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Western New England University School of Law and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in history from Boston College. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

**Amanda S. Eckhoff**

Amanda Eckhoff is a Boston, Massachusetts-based member of both the Land Use Group and the Business Group, where she serves institutions and developers in complex financing and permitting transactions. Ms. Eckhoff has assisted clients with matters ranging from the financing of real estate projects, construction lending, loan participations, and loan workouts to green construction, leasing, condemnation, and the obtaining of land use and environmental permits and approvals necessary for development and construction.

Ms. Eckhoff resides in Quincy, Massachusetts, and received her J.D. from Boston College Law School and her B.A., *cum laude*, from Carleton College. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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