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Community Dedication Honored and Summer Associates Return to School

HARTFORD, CT (August 23, 2010) – Robinson & Cole honored the recipients of the firm’s 2010 Pro Bono Award, Mentor of the Year Award, and Community Service Award at the Hartford Jaycees Boathouse in late July while bidding farewell to the summer associates who had interned at the firm. David J. Burke and Jeffrey J. White received Pro Bono Awards; Kate M. Carter, Stephen E. Cooper, Nuala E. Dronney, Kirstin M. Etela, Carla M. Moynihan, and Craig A. Raabe received Mentor of the Year Awards; and Melissa M. D’Alelio and Katherine A. Lane received Community Service Awards.

David J. Burke and **Jeffrey J. White** each received the Pro Bono Award for their outstanding contribution to the firm’s pro bono efforts. Mr. Burke, a labor and employment counsel, was recognized for his work representing many organizations, including Latino Community Services and Stamford Emergency Medical Services. Mr. White, a business litigation associate, was acknowledged for his role in undertaking cases regarding racial disparity and also for his active involvement with the Center for Women and Families of Fairfield County.

The Robinson & Cole Mentor of the Year Award distinguishes those attorneys who have acted as exceptional mentors through excellent listening, coaching, and advising. The nominees for this award, sponsored by the Professional Development Committee, are selected through a firmwide voting process. This year’s recipients were; **Kate M. Carter**, a real estate litigation and title insurance associate; **Stephen E. Cooper**, a business transactions counsel; **Nuala E. Dronney**, a business litigation associate; **Kirstin M. Etela**, an environmental and utilities associate; **Carla M. Moynihan**, a real estate partner; and **Craig A. Raabe**, a business litigation partner.

The firm’s Community Service Award recognizes individuals who have contributed much of their time and efforts to serving the community and who also have encouraged others at Robinson & Cole to become more involved. The recipients for the 2010 awards were **Melissa M. D’Alelio** and **Katherine A. Lane**. Ms. D’Alelio, an insurance and reinsurance associate, was recognized for her commitment to the Robinson & Cole ePals program and for her creation of a mock trial lesson plan. Ms. Lane, a business transactions associate, was recognized for her volunteer service with Ridgefield ABC, a local chapter of the national program A Better Chance, Inc.

In addition to celebrating the achievements of its attorneys, the firm also said good-bye to the 2010 summer associates, who will return to their respective schools in the fall. Summer associates are current students who have completed their second year of law school and who intern at the firm for the summer.

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