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Robinson & Cole Elects New Partners

HARTFORD, CT (January 11, 2010) – The law firm of Robinson & Cole LLP is pleased to announce the election of two new partners: Patrick M. Birney and Peter R. Knight.

Patrick M. Birney is a member of the firm's Finance Group where he concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and creditors' rights law. Mr. Birney routinely represents creditors, creditors' committees, financial institutions, equity holders, and trustees in formal bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court workouts. He has handled a wide variety of complex commercial and Chapter 11 cases throughout the United States. He serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Norton's Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice* and is a contributing editor to *The American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*. Mr. Birney received his J.D. from the University of New Hampshire, his LL.M. in bankruptcy from St. John's University, his M.B.A. from Loyola University Chicago, and his B.A. from the University of Dayton. Mr. Birney also serves on the board of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and is the vice chair of the Wallingford Planning and Zoning Commission. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Peter R. Knight is a member of the firm's Environmental Practice Group where he focuses on defending clients in litigation matters involving all manner of environmental issues. He regularly counsels manufacturers and other corporations on environmental remediation, regulatory and corporate compliance, and sustainability issues. His litigation practice focuses on environmental cost recovery and complex multiparty CERCLA matters and class actions. He also represents companies and individuals in connection with government investigations by state and federal environmental, utility, and financial regulators, and represents clients in defending civil and criminal enforcement actions. Mr. Knight also regularly represents commercial shipping interests in responding to governmental investigations and developing and implementing environmental management systems. He received his J.D., with honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law and his B.A. from Wesleyan University. Mr. Knight is admitted to practice in Connecticut.

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