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**Robinson & Cole Lawyers Selected as James W. Cooper Fellows
of the Connecticut Bar Foundation**

HARTFORD, CT (February 28, 2013) – The Connecticut Bar Foundation has elected seven Robinson & Cole lawyers as Fellows to the [James W. Cooper Fellows Program](#). The program honors leaders in the legal profession and the judiciary in Connecticut. The following lawyers were elected:

[Dennis C. Cavanaugh](#), chair of the firm’s Construction Law Practice Group, focuses his practice on construction law and contract suretyship matters, counseling public and private building owners, tenants, lenders, building contractors, design professionals, subcontractors, and sureties.

[Steven L. Elbaum](#) concentrates his practice in commercial real estate law, representing corporations, developers, municipalities, and international lending institutions in acquisitions and sales of real property, development of mixed-use projects and corporate headquarter campuses, mortgage loan transactions, and office and industrial leases throughout the country. He chairs the firm’s Metro New York Real Estate Practice Group and is a member of the firm’s Managing Committee.

[Gregory R. Faulkner](#) has served as local, national, and international counsel in all aspects of construction law. He is also chair of the firm’s Education Practice, representing the interests of colleges and universities and other institutions of learning with regard to their unique building and facilities program needs.

[Christopher J. Hug](#) focuses his practice exclusively on dispute resolution, whether in classic litigation or in arbitration and/or mediation contexts. His experience is grounded originally in handling complex commercial finance disputes and workouts but has evolved to where he primarily focuses on commercial construction disputes, commercial lender litigation, and active probate litigation.

[Eric Lukingbeal](#)’s practice involves environmental litigation, predominantly Superfund, toxic torts, environmental contamination, enforcement defense, citizen suits under the Clean Water Act, and public trust matters.

[Earl W. Phillips Jr.](#) is chair of the firm’s Environmental and Utilities Practice Group. His practice includes environmental compliance counseling and risk management, transactional counseling, brownfield development, project and utility (energy and water) permitting, crisis management preparation and response, environmental defense, business continuity/planning, and cost recovery.

[Brian R. Smith](#), chair of the firm’s Land Use Group, concentrates his practice in land use and real estate as well as in litigation concerning these topics. He represents municipalities, developers, and neighbors in land use, planning, wetland, and coastal resources issues.

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