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Robinson & Cole Attorneys Earn Additional Honors for Pro Bono Work
Recognized by the Connecticut Veteran's Legal Center, the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, Connecticut Legal Services, and the Pro Bono Partnership

HARTFORD, CT (December 13, 2012) – The pro bono efforts of Robinson & Cole attorneys have earned the attention and recognition of multiple agencies over the course of 2012. In the last few months, five new awards were given to honor the commitment of the firm's lawyers to pro bono work.

The Connecticut Veterans Legal Center presented the firm with its 2012 Veterans Justice Award and named [William J. Egan](#) a Volunteer Hero; the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut gave [Jeffrey J. White](#) and [Craig A. Raabe](#) its 2012 Pro Bono Award on October 19; Connecticut Legal Services selected [April F. Condon](#) as one of its three 2012 honorees for her extensive pro bono work and honored her at its annual meeting on October 23; and the Pro Bono Partnership selected [Britt-Marie K. Cole-Johnson](#) as one of its five Volunteers of the Year from a pool of almost 1,000 attorneys in the tri-state area.

The Veterans Justice Award from the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center recognizes the considerable efforts of the dozen Robinson & Cole lawyers who have handled pro bono matters for veterans through the center in the last year. Chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee, [Edward J. Heath](#), accepted the award on behalf of the firm at the center's third annual benefit on Thursday, November 8, at the John Slade Ely House in New Haven, Connecticut. In his acceptance speech, Heath explained how the firm has been involved with the center since its early days and how its lawyers have demonstrated a remarkably consistent level of dedication.

“It is inspiring to see how quickly my colleagues have responded when the center asks us to take on a new case for a veteran. It is one thing to say that you believe in the cause of helping veterans, and something altogether different to make the time to provide needed professional services pro bono, as so many Robinson & Cole lawyers have done routinely over the past few years.”

These awards follow two other pro bono recognitions the firm received earlier this year. In June, Heath received the 2012 Pro Bono Award from the Connecticut Bar Association for his work in 2011. The Connecticut Veterans Legal Center nominated Heath for this award for his tireless work since 2009 on behalf of the center's clients that have assisted veterans recovering from homelessness and mental illness to overcome legal obstacles relating to housing, health care, and income. He also encouraged other attorneys at the firm to assist in pro bono matters for the center and helped increase the center's access to other corporate and governmental partners.

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Additionally, among the nation's top 200 highest-grossing law firms, Robinson & Cole ranked 97 for pro bono service. The rankings were published in the July/August 2012 edition of *The American Lawyer* magazine and are based on the average number of pro bono hours per lawyer in 2011 and the percentage of lawyers who performed more than 20 hours of pro bono work. The calculations count the number of lawyers in U.S. offices as of December 31, 2011.

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