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**Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence Names  
Six Robinson & Cole Lawyers Among its “First 100”**

*Lawyers recognized for pro bono Domestic Violence Restraining Order Program*

**HARTFORD, CT** (November 20, 2013) – The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) honored six Robinson & Cole lawyers among its “First 100” at a breakfast ceremony on November 19, 2013. [Benjamin B. Adams](#), [Patrick M. Birney](#), [J. Tyler Butts](#), [Edward J. Heath](#), [Kristopher I. Moore](#), and [Jonathan H. Schaefer](#) were among the male leaders from across Connecticut recognized for making a difference and standing committed to raising awareness of the availability of, and access to, domestic violence services.



*Robinson & Cole lawyers J. Tyler Butts, Edward J. Heath, and Kristopher I. Moore at the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s “First 100” awards ceremony on November 19, 2013. They, along with Robinson & Cole lawyers Benjamin B. Adams, Patrick M. Birney, and Jonathan H. Schaefer, were among 100 male leaders from across Connecticut honored by the CCADV for raising awareness of the availability of, and access to, domestic violence services.*

Robinson & Cole’s lawyers were selected for the pro bono work they do through the firm’s Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) Program. The DVRO Program was established in 2012 when the firm reached out to the Connecticut Superior Court, Connecticut Legal Services, and New Horizons Domestic Violence

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Services to find ways to aid victims of domestic violence in the Middletown family court. Through the program, victims of domestic violence, who otherwise would not be represented, receive attorney advice and help in navigating the court system. To date, 11 Robinson & Cole lawyers have provided over 550 hours of pro bono service through the DVRO Program and have made the following legal representation possible: 50 engagements initiated, 17 ex parte applications and affidavits completed, and 33 evidentiary hearings held.

The work of the DVRO Program continues to grow, with lawyers now providing pro bono representation for Interval House in Hartford as well. Connecticut Legal Services also recently honored the firm for its DVRO Program at its annual meeting on October 29, 2013.

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