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**Robinson & Cole Further Strengthens NYC Presence with Addition of New Attorneys**  
*Firm announces additional hires in its Hartford, Boston, and Providence offices;*  
*expanding its presence across the northeast*

**NEW YORK, NY** (May 15, 2012) – Robinson & Cole announced today that Stephen P. Hanson has joined the firm as a partner in the business transactions group. The firm also announced the addition of three associates in its New York City office. The new attorneys will be focused specifically on business transactions, finance, and commercial litigation.

In addition to Mr. Hanson, Natale V. Di Natale has joined the firm as a partner in the labor & employment group in Hartford, Connecticut. The firm also announced several other additions to its Hartford, Boston, and Providence offices.

“The addition of these attorneys to the firm will improve our ability to respond to new client opportunities while continuing to provide our current clients the highest level of service,” said Robinson & Cole Managing Partner John B. Lynch, Jr. “As we continue to expand our presence in New York, we are confident that these new additions will provide the firm with skilled practitioners in the areas of business transactions, finance, and litigation—areas where client demand is strong. Stephen Hanson brings deep experience in the private equity, venture capital, and fund sectors where we have an active practice and growing client demands.”

The following is a listing of the new attorneys:

**METRO NEW YORK OFFICES**

**Stephen P. Hanson** is a partner in the firm’s business transactions group. He represents financial sponsors (including private equity and hedge funds), their portfolio companies, and other privately-held companies in connection with domestic and cross-border M&A transactions (including leveraged buyouts), joint ventures, equity and debt financings, and general corporate counseling. Mr. Hanson has more than 15 years of experience focusing on private equity and private M&A, including with O’Sullivan Graev & Karabell, LLP (and O’Melveny & Myers following their merger). More recently, Mr. Hanson was a partner and the global co-chair of the Private Equity Practice Group at Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, and a partner with DLA Piper.

**Tanya B. Forde-Chandler**, a lawyer with four years of experience, has joined the firm’s business transactions group focusing on representing public and privately-held companies in a variety of business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, equity and debt financings, commercial contracts, and general corporate matters.

**Michael W. Kaufman**, a lawyer with ten years of experience, has joined the firm’s finance group where his practice involves all aspects of complex secured and unsecured bank, securities, and mezzanine financing transactions, with a focus on syndicated term and revolving credit facilities.

**Austin D. Kim** is an associate in the business litigation group where he focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation representing individual and corporate clients in all types of litigation matters, including

creditors' rights, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair trade practices, bankruptcy, breach of contract, and business torts.

## HARTFORD OFFICE

**Natale V. Di Natale** is a partner in the labor & employment group focusing his practice on labor relations and employment law and related litigation, including all aspects of collective bargaining and arbitrations, employment law aspects of mergers and acquisitions, union organizing, corporate restructuring, and contract administration.

**Peter Dagostine** is counsel in the labor & employment group, representing private and public sector employers in labor relations and employment matters including representing management in state and federal court, before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and during arbitration proceedings.

**Ian Clarke-Fisher** is an associate in the labor & employment group and counsels clients on employment law matters including discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, noncompetition agreements, contracts, layoffs, wrongful termination and employment litigation.

**Amanda E. Gordon** is an associate in the firm's business litigation group, representing clients in corporate litigation matters, including antitrust, intellectual property, creditors' rights, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair trade practices, breach of contract, and business torts.

**Elizabeth W. Kaloyanides** is an associate in the firm's business transactions group where she represents clients in all types of general corporate, technology, mergers and acquisitions, securities, and contract matters.

**Jonathan H. Schaefer** is an associate in the land use group and represents local governments, developers, landowners, and advocacy groups in land use and zoning matters before federal and state courts and local administrative agencies.

## BOSTON OFFICE

**Jonathan R. Hausner** is an associate in the construction law group, focusing his practice on the representation of public and private owners, general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, and construction sureties and handling all aspects of construction project consultation and construction litigation.

## PROVIDENCE OFFICE

**Steven J. Boyajian**, a lawyer with seven years of experience, has joined the firm's business litigation group, focusing his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and civil litigation. He represents creditors, creditors' committees, financial institutions, equity holders, and trustees in formal bankruptcy proceedings and in in-court and out-of-court matters.

## More about Robinson & Cole LLP

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