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## Robinson+Cole Recognized for Pro Bono Work

*Firm receives the Diana Kleefeld Pro Bono Award from Connecticut Appleseed*

HARTFORD, CT (November 18, 2019) – Robinson+Cole was presented with the Diana Kleefeld Pro Bono Award by Connecticut Appleseed for its work on a special education research project, and other pro bono efforts, during the organization’s “Good Apple” Awards in Hartford, Connecticut on November 11, 2019. Robinson+Cole lawyer [Christine E. Bromberg](#) served as co-chair of the annual event.

A group of R+C lawyers, including [Gregory J. Bennici](#), [Emily C. Deans](#), [Peter K. Knight](#), [Rachel V. Kushel](#), and paralegal Albina Yaikbaeva, recently assisted Connecticut Appleseed in a research project that examined how school districts are dealing with rising special education costs. The team of volunteers interviewed dozens of special education professionals in school districts across Connecticut. Their findings will be incorporated in a report that will be disseminated to every school district in the state and to the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), and to members of the state legislature’s Education Committee.



*Robinson+Cole lawyer Ryan Leichsenring, Robinson+Cole Pro Bono Chair Peter Knight, and Robinson+Cole Managing Partner Stephen Goldman.*

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R+C lawyer [Ryan V. Leichsenring](#) was also included in the firm's pro bono recognition for his role in the spin-off of an existing Connecticut Appleseed program, Connecting through Literacy: Incarcerated parents, their Children, and Caregivers (CLICC), to a new public charity. CLICC focuses on the use of mentoring and literacy activities to strengthen communication and deepen bonds between children and their incarcerated parents.

Connecticut Appleseed works to help make systemic changes in the delivery of services to enhance social and economic justice in the state of Connecticut. The organization's group of volunteers includes pro bono lawyers who work to improve access to education, health care, financial and other services for broad segments of Connecticut's population.

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