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## Robinson+Cole Lawyers Named “New Leaders in the Law” by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*

*Virginia McGarrity, Andrea Donovan Napp, Evan Seeman, and Brian Wheelin receive recognition*

HARTFORD, CT (September 29, 2016) – The *Connecticut Law Tribune* has recognized Robinson+Cole lawyers Virginia E. McGarrity, Andrea Donovan Napp, Evan J. Seeman, and Brian J. Wheelin as New Leaders in the Law. They will be honored at an awards dinner on November 10 at The Bond Ballroom in downtown Hartford, along with the other lawyers being recognized. This distinction spotlights lawyers under the age of 40 who have excelled in the courtroom, in client service and cultivation, in service to bar associations, and in performing pro bono work or community service in a volunteer capacity.

[Virginia E. McGarrity](#) has a sophisticated legal practice that offers clients the broadest range of employee benefits and executive compensation services. She is a recognized authority with respect to Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance, whose advice is sought after by employers and employee benefits professionals. A frequent speaker to industry groups, Ms. McGarrity lends her skills to some of the nation’s largest insurance brokerage and consulting firms and regularly partners with Connecticut-based health insurers with respect to the implications of the ACA. Beyond her professional pursuits, she is a diversity advocate whose personal commitment to social justice issues are reflected in her civic engagement. Ms. McGarrity is the past president and a current member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA). During her tenure as president, the CHBA gained national recognition by the Hispanic National Bar Association, and in 2012, she received the CHBA’s Recognition Award honoring her leadership within the Connecticut Hispanic legal profession. Ms. McGarrity is the secretary for the Board of Trustees of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, a Hartford-based National Historic Landmark whose mission is to inspire social justice and positive change. In 2011, she was recognized in the *Connecticut Law Tribune*’s special section of “Lawyers of Color: High Achievers” and received Robinson+Cole’s Pro Bono Service Award for her work on behalf of disabled war veterans.

[Andrea Donovan Napp](#) sensed e-discovery was an opportunity early in her career and took the initiative to immerse herself in the emerging field, learning all she could about the law and the technology. Ms. Napp quickly became

known as the firm's resident thought leader on the topic, and in 2010, while still an associate, Ms. Napp created Robinson+Cole's E-Discovery and Information Governance Team, which she still chairs today. In 2015, she was promoted to partner and now speaks nationally on the topics of e-discovery and information governance. In addition to her practice, Ms. Napp is actively involved in supporting the firm's community and is a member of the Hiring Committee, Women's Committee, and Professional Development Committee. She has also chaired Robinson+Cole's annual United Way campaign for the past two years. Plus, she frequently volunteers her time to mentor law students at UConn and Quinnipiac. An avid runner, Ms. Napp has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Hartford Marathon Foundation since 2014.

[Evan J. Seeman](#) focuses his practice on land use, environmental, and municipal law cases, with a special emphasis on the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). Mr. Seeman has been at the center of virtually all of Robinson+Cole's RLUIPA representations. In addition, he frequently authors articles and speaks on the subject, which includes his role as lead contributor to the firm's well-known [RLUIPA Defense](#) blog. Mr. Seeman exemplifies the qualities of a strong leader in the legal profession through his commitment to pro bono service as the 2014 recipient of the Robinson+Cole Pro Bono Award, his dedication to the growth of a diverse law firm through his involvement in the firm's Women's Committee and Diversity Committee, and mentorship to upcoming lawyers as the 2015 Summer Associate Program coordinator.

[Brian J. Wheelin](#) is a member of the firm's Business Litigation Group, E-Discovery Committee, and Data Privacy + Security Team. He has over 12 years of experience representing clients in complex business disputes in state and federal courts in Connecticut and New York. In addition, he has first-chaired cases to verdict as well as argued appeals before the United States Second Circuit and state appellate courts. In addition, Mr. Wheelin holds leadership roles within local professional organizations, including serving on the executive committee of the Federal Practice Section for the Connecticut Bar Association and as co-chair of the Civil Litigation Committee for the Fairfield County Bar Association. In this role, he routinely serves as a panelist for seminars on litigation-related topics. He has also demonstrated a dedication to the local community by serving on the Board of Directors of, and as pro bono counsel to, Stamford Dollars for Scholars and the Yerwood Center. Mr. Wheelin is also a Wish Ambassador for the Make a Wish Foundation of Connecticut.

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