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**Eric Dale Elected President of Crossroads Venture Group Board of Directors**

**STAMFORD, CT** (January 21, 2014) – The Crossroads Venture Group (CVG) has elected [Eric J. Dale](#) president of its Board of Directors for the State of Connecticut. Mr. Dale previously was vice president of the state board and president of the Stamford Chapter’s Board of Directors, a position he will continue to hold as he serves as president of the state board.

“I am excited to lead CVG this year, as it celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in furthering its mission to assist the development of high-growth enterprises through the promotion of capital formation in Connecticut,” said Mr. Dale. “Entrepreneurship is a cornerstone of the future economic growth of our county and state, and CVG provides an attractive network for entrepreneurs to test ideas, find partners, attract investment, and connect with the customers they need to grow their business.”

A significant portion of Mr. Dale’s practice at Robinson & Cole includes working with fast growth companies as well as angel and venture investors. In this capacity, he represents a cadre of entrepreneurs and businesses as they build and manage through the roller coaster ride of capital formation, organization structure, team building, and realignment. His vast experience in working with companies accelerating and decelerating through business and industry cycles makes him a value-added member of their team. Mr. Dale is chair of Robinson & Cole’s Business Transactions Practice Group.

The Crossroads Venture Group was founded in 1974 by some of this country’s pioneer venture capitalists to create a forum for business-venturing opportunities. It quickly grew and became a catalyst for funding Connecticut-based entrepreneurial companies, connecting high-growth emerging companies and service providers to leading venture investment professionals to assist the businesses with their development through the promotion of capital formation in Connecticut. The CVG Board of Directors sets policy, develops statewide events, and oversees three chapters in Stamford, Hartford, and New Haven that each have a board responsible for local networking and informational events. CVG hosts three signature programs throughout the year—Second Thursdays, Crossroads Club Luncheons, and the Boardroom Series. With over 400 members it is now the model for over 100 organizations around the world.

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