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**Seeking Asylum: Robinson & Cole Lawyers Help Man from Uganda in Pro Bono Case**

**BOSTON, MA** (September 21, 2010) – The pro bono effort of two Robinson & Cole attorneys has resulted in asylum in the United States for a man detained and tortured for his human rights work in his home country of Uganda. Partner **James B. Zuckernik** and first-year associate attorney **Katherine S. Kayatta**, both of the firm’s Boston office, represented Samuel Nsubuga (real name withheld by request) of Kampala, Uganda. Mr. Nsubuga was referred to the firm by the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project in Boston, an organization devoted to advocating for individuals in need of legal counsel.

Throughout the year, Robinson & Cole attorneys provide pro bono services to a wide variety of organizations. The selection of this case presented new challenges and an opportunity to support an individual who has devoted his life to developing a human rights support network and advocating for civil rights.

Mr. Zuckernik and Ms. Kayatta, who are both trained by PAIR to represent asylum seekers, first met with Mr. Nsubuga in December 2009. The attorneys submitted a legal filing with written evidence to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in February 2010, telling Mr. Nsubuga’s story. The submission included a detailed summary of his account, along with a voluminous binder specifying the atrocities he suffered, his legal advocacy, the local country conditions, and his medical records from when he was detained in Uganda. The filing resulted in a hearing with the Department of Homeland Security, and asylum officers questioned the client for more than two hours to verify his story. The verdict, a decision that will affect the rest of Mr. Nsubuga’s life, arrived on July 2, 2010, granting him asylum in the United States.

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