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Robinson+Cole Presents Annual Awards for Outstanding Contributions

Firm recognizes lawyers in the areas of pro bono representation, community service, mentorship, and diversity and inclusion

HARTFORD, CT (August 25, 2017) – Robinson+Cole recently recognized five of its lawyers for their pro bono work, community service, mentoring, and efforts to promote an inclusive work environment.

The Pro Bono Award is presented by the firm's Pro Bono Committee and honors individuals for their outstanding commitment to Robinson+Cole's pro bono initiative. This year, [Sorell E. Negro](#) was recognized for her involvement in leading a unique pro bono project to combat wildlife crimes in Namibia. With poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking on the rise throughout Africa, threatening endangered species such as elephants and rhinos, Robinson+Cole is assisting Namibia's Legal Assistance Centre in improving the country's wildlife conservation laws and strengthening their enforcement.

The Community Service Award recognizes efforts to build strong, sustainable partnerships within local communities and to promote service, community commitment, and civic responsibility. The 2017 award was presented to [Lisa M. Boyle](#) for her longtime involvement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford. For nearly 20 years, Ms. Boyle served on the board of directors, including several years in which she served as the Board Secretary. During that time, she established a summer internship program at Robinson+Cole for Boys & Girls Clubs participants as well as an annual holiday gift drive at the firm benefitting the organization. Both of these efforts have been highly successful in building a strong partnership between Robinson+Cole and the Boys & Girls Clubs.

The Robinson+Cole Mentor of the Year Award recognizes and honors lawyers throughout the firm for their outstanding guidance, support, and encouragement of fellow lawyers in their pursuit of professional growth. The honor was presented to three lawyers this year: [Edward J. Heath](#), [Mitchell L. Lampert](#), and [Sorell E. Negro](#).

Lastly, the Diversity and Inclusion Award was presented to [John H. Kane](#), who served as chair of Robinson+Cole's Diversity Committee from 2012-2016. During his tenure, Mr. Kane led efforts to enact the firm's current Diversity Action Plan. In addition, he advocated for Robinson+Cole's support of the YWCA's Stand Against Racism event and



several events for the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity. Mr. Kane continues his commitment to diversity and inclusion as a member of the Tri-State Diversity Council.

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