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Robinson+Cole Bolsters National Bankruptcy Practice with Addition of Distressed Debt and Special Situations Fund Partner, Patrick Trostle

HARTFORD, CT (January 22, 2024) – Robinson+Cole is pleased to announce the addition of [Patrick J. Trostle](#) to the firm's Bankruptcy + Reorganizations Group in the Hartford, CT office. Trostle has 30 years of experience representing clients in a wide variety of high-profile transactional matters, including bankruptcy, restructuring and litigation. Trostle joins from the New York office of a major international law firm.

"We are thrilled to be kicking-off 2024 with the expansion of our national bankruptcy practice," said [Rhonda J. Tobin](#), Managing Partner of Robinson+Cole. "Patrick's vast experience, especially in the distressed debt area, will add strategic depth to our strong bankruptcy practice."

Robinson+Cole's Bankruptcy + Reorganizations Group is co-chaired by [Natalie D. Ramsey](#), a Regent of the American College of Bankruptcy, and Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Philadelphia and Wilmington, DE offices, and [Patrick M. Birney](#) and [Michael R. Enright](#) in the firm's Hartford office. Over the last few years, the group has welcomed partners [Curtis J. Crowther](#), [Earl M. Forte](#) and [Rachel Jaffe Mauceri](#), promoted partner [Katherine M. Fix](#) and added associates [Michael C. Barber](#), after a clerkship at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, [Katherine S. Dute](#), after a clerkship at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, and [Richard E. Willi III](#), after a clerkship at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

"Robinson+Cole's reputation, including its bankruptcy, international, and aerospace reputation, drew me to move my practice," said Trostle. "The firm also affords me the platform to return to my Connecticut roots while continuing to practice in the New York and international markets."

Trostle has served as lead counsel to investment funds, banks, multinational corporations, energy companies, bondholder committees, derivatives counterparties, and insurance companies in complex finance, commercial, regulatory, and compliance matters. He advises Chapter 11 debtors as well as creditors, including hedge funds, and multinational corporations. Trostle has served as appellate counsel in several bankruptcy cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and testified as an expert witness on New York law in an Australian administration proceeding. His pro bono work in developing the largest grid-connected solar energy project in East Africa received recognition from [The Financial Times](#) and *The American Lawyer*, among others.



Trostle helped found and continues to serve on two academic boards in the UK regarding commercial law, including restructuring law: the Commercial Law Centre at Oxford University (Harris Manchester College) and the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) at the University of London (Queen Mary). His work for the CCLS includes coordination with UNIDROIT, a Rome-based entity that seeks to harmonize international commercial law.

Last month, Robinson+Cole announced the significant expansion of its [Affordable Housing Finance Team](#) with the addition of six lawyers and six professional staff members from Washington, DC-area-based firm Kearbey Pirulli & Evatt LLC. The team included [Robert A. Kearbey](#), [Nicholas A. Pirulli](#) and [Patrick L. Evatt](#), who all joined the firm as partners. Robinson+Cole's Washington, DC office also recently welcomed former Skadden litigator [David E. Carney](#) as a partner in the firm's Business Litigation Group and former U.S. Department of Justice trial attorney [Sean C. Griffin](#) as a litigation partner.

In addition to growing the Washington, DC office, in 2023, Robinson+Cole also welcomed three new partners to its New York office, adding [Ze'-ev D. Eiger](#) to the firm's Capital Markets + Securities Team, [Jessica L. Rothman](#) to the Construction Group and [E. Evans Wohlforth, Jr.](#) to the managed care litigation practice. The firm further expanded its Managed Care Litigation Team by adding [Adam J. Petitt](#) as a partner in Philadelphia. Each of the additions advanced the firm's strategic goal of growing in its larger commercial markets and deepening the strength of several of its practices to enhance client service.

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