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## Robinson+Cole Lawyers Recognized for “Excellence in the Law” by *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*

*Steven Boyajian honored as a “Leader in the Law” and Leticia Pimentel named an “Up & Coming Lawyer”*

PROVIDENCE, RI (June 7, 2023) – Robinson+Cole Bankruptcy + Reorganizations Group lawyer [Steven J. Boyajian](#) and Environmental, Energy + Telecommunications Group lawyer [Leticia C. Pimentel](#) were among the lawyers selected for recognition as part of *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly’s* 2023 Excellence in the Law awards. The annual awards program took place on June 6, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, and honors excellence in all areas of the Rhode Island legal community.

Boyajian was honored as a “Leader in the Law,” a distinction that honors the current leaders of the bar, drawn from across the spectrum of the legal profession. Boyajian focuses his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and handles a broad range of litigation from utilities regulation to business and real estate disputes. He frequently represents financial institutions, private lenders, purchasers of distressed assets, executory contract, title insurers, suppliers, and professional service providers. Boyajian demonstrates and shares his knowledge with both peers and clients through speaking and writing opportunities that have included the Rhode Island Bar Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute and its member publication, the *ABI Journal*, and the *Providence Journal*. He has been selected to the Rhode Island *Super Lawyers* list for the years 2018 to 2021, and has also been recognized in *Rhode Island Monthly’s* 2022 and 2021 Professional Excellence in Law awards in the area of Bankruptcy And Workout. Boyajian’s involvement in various professional organizations includes fellowship in the Rhode Island Bar Foundation, where he is currently serving as Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors and is the Chairman of its Thomas Black Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee. In addition, Boyajian is a member of the Board of Directors of Day One, Rhode Island’s leading organization committed to reducing sexual abuse and violence and supporting those affected by it.

Pimentel was named an “Up & Coming Lawyer,” an honor described as a “salute to the rising stars of the Rhode Island Bar,” which recognizes attorneys who have been “practicing and admitted to the RI Bar for 10 years or less yet have already distinguished themselves in the practice of law.” Pimentel focuses her practice on energy and utility law. She routinely represents clients before the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on a range of energy-related regulatory and compliance matters. Most recently, Pimentel represented the state’s electricity and natural gas distribution company in securing PUC approval for the state’s energy efficiency program and renewable energy

growth program. She also assists clients with the permitting and siting of energy, utility, and other infrastructure projects. Pimentel helps natural gas and electric providers secure permits and approvals for installation of new transmission and distribution facilities throughout Rhode Island. In 2022, Pimentel was presented with the Robinson+Cole Pro Bono Award due in part to having the highest number of pro bono hours among associates not involved in court-appointed cases. Most of her pro bono work is focused on representing immigrant children and families through her work with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), a cause that is particularly important to her as a Brazil-born attorney practicing in Rhode Island. Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Pimentel served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable O. Rogeriee Thompson of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

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