

Volunteer Spotlight: Robinson & Cole LLP

Pro Bono Partnership has always been able to count on **Robinson+Cole (R+C)** as one of our premier "go-to" law firms. R+C attorneys are responsive, professional, and effective. The number of R+C attorneys who have volunteered through the Partnership is impressive - almost one-third of the Firm's attorneys have worked on a project with the Partnership! Together, these attorneys have handled over two hundred separate legal matters for our clients with a willingness to work on a very wide array of projects. Some of those projects - notable for degree of complexity or impact - include:

- > Helping a community development organization create a new nonprofit joint venture entity which operates a mattress recycling program
- > Assisting a neighborhood revitalization organization with numerous purchases of blighted buildings for purposes of rehabilitation
- > Drafting an agreement between a small social service organization (our client) and the local public school district to create a new partnership high school
- > Assisting a child care center with documents relating to a loan and state bond financing, enabling the center to expand its facilities and therefore to increase the number of low-income children served

R+C has also played an extremely important role in assisting the Partnership with our educational programming. R+C attorneys have presented numerous workshops on a variety of topics, including a panel presentation about risk management that was attended by more than one hundred local nonprofits, and a timely webinar regarding the Affordable Care Act.

As if the Firm's impressive level of volunteerism wasn't enough, the Firm has also provided us with a home at its flagship office in Hartford since 2008 at no cost. R+C provides the Partnership with office space for the Program Director and her assistant; access to the Firm's business, information technology and document support services; use of the Firm's conference rooms for client meetings; and computers and phones. R+C also provides office space to us in its Stamford office.

R+C has been at our side from the beginning. The Firm was instrumental in establishing the Hartford-based program over a decade ago, and remains committed to being a key pro bono player in the Connecticut market. We believe that R+C demonstrates a commitment to pro bono service that begins at the top, has existed for many years, and is fundamentally woven into the culture at the Firm - and we are so grateful for the firm's many contributions!