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## Old Friends Reunite

### Robinson & Cole's Pat & Eric Daniels of Glastonbury Co-Chair HARC's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction, *Out of This World!*

(Hartford, CT) Richard Stone fondly remembers his days of working at Robinson & Cole, "I worked hard! We used to set up the kitchen. We replaced the supplies and delivered faxes and phone books! They always invite me back for the picnic and the holiday party now." Richard, who worked on HARC's supported employment team at Robinson & Cole for sixteen years starting in 1987, really got to know all the attorneys and other employees at the firm. And they got to know him.

According to Pat and Eric Daniels, co-chairs of HARC's twenty-second annual benefit auction this year, "Richard and we all started at Robinson & Cole at about the same time, and all the attorneys loved having the HARC team there. Visiting with them was a wonderful break from the day-to-day demands of the job. And we were fortunate to have such out-going and personable members of the HARC team – like Richard!"

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Pat's specialty was trial work, focusing on contract, creditor's rights and personal injury cases. Eric focuses on trial work, commercial litigation and product liability. While Pat has taken a breather from law to focus on their family, they both agree that having personally gotten to know the HARC support clerks at Robinson & Cole has helped them to feel a very real motivation in their roles as auction co-chairs.

As Eric says, "It's a great motivator when you see first hand the impact that HARC has on the lives of people like Richard. It really has grabbed us . . . and makes us all the more intent on making this a successful auction! We see that we can make a difference in people's lives. I'm very pleased and encouraged at the positive response I've received from so many area businesses and corporations . . . and it's great to see Richard again!"

Pat adds, "The HARC event is always so unique. The energy, the different themes and costumes, the games and raffles, the auctioneers, the references to HARC's families and participants . . . all of this really makes for a fun, and very meaningful night. We really feel that we know this organization, and we want to contribute to it. The first auction we attended was *Hot! Hot! Hot!* in 2002. We didn't know about the costumes then, but our friends and we have more than made up for it since!" Truer words were never spoken! Pat and Eric and their ever-growing circle of friends attending the auction, can always be counted on to have the most creative, theme-based costumes and outfits in attendance.

Sponsors of the event, as of September 14, 2010 are:

**Gold Level:** CIGNA; Travelers Foundation; NBC CT; and Bank of America

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Dr. Stephen Becker, HARC's President / CEO adds, "We are delighted to have Pat and Eric as our co-chairs this year. Their energy and commitment have already made a major impact on this year's event! We greatly appreciate their efforts on behalf of HARC and people with intellectual disability, especially during these difficult economic times."

HARC's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Auction, *Out of this World*  
Saturday, November 13, 2010; 6:30 – midnight  
Hartford / Windsor Marriott

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**About HARC**

HARC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with intellectual disability and their families. It was founded in 1951 by families, long before community services were available and institutionalization was the only option. HARC is now a strong advocate for civil rights and opportunities, and a major provider of clinical and supportive programs that span

the entire lifetime: early intervention (Birth-to-Three), family support, respite care, employment and day services, residential, recreation, behavioral health and elderly services.

HARC is a Community Investment Partner of United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut and serves Greater Hartford.

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Photo Captions: Standing: Eric Daniels and Richard Stone Seated: Pat Daniels