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### West Hartford Residents Honored by Center for Children's Advocacy

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The Center for Children's Advocacy (CCA) recognized Robinson+Cole lawyers Jessica A.R. Hamilton and Jonathan E. Small for providing pro bono representation to Connecticut's immigrant children during the organization's Spring for Kids! Champion of Children Awards Gala at Infinity Music Hall in Hartford, Connecticut on May 8, 2018. Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Small are both members of Robinson+Cole's Insurance + Reinsurance Group.

Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Small were among the lawyers recognized for not only participating in CCA's special immigrant juvenile status (SIJ) training, which trains attorneys for pro bono representation of undocumented children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned, but for also representing at least one child upon completion of the training. SIJ status allows a child to apply for lawful permanent residence. In addition, Mr. Small helped facilitate one of the trainings hosted at Robinson+Cole's Hartford office.

Ms. Hamilton focuses her practice on insurance coverage and extra-contractual litigation, as well as high-exposure liability claims and other complex commercial litigation. She is committed to doing pro bono work and currently represents immigrant children in deportation proceedings based upon referrals from Kids In Need of Defense and the Center for Children's Advocacy.

Mr. Small represents clients in complex commercial litigation. He focuses his practice on insurance coverage and bad faith litigation, unfair business practices claims, professional liability, class actions, and appeals. Mr. Small maintains an active pro bono practice, which includes providing representation for immigrant children in deportation proceedings.

The Center for Children's Advocacy is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the legal rights of poor children whose care is dependent on Connecticut's judicial, child welfare, health, mental health, education, and juvenile justice systems. The organization serves hundreds of individual children each year, providing the legal advocacy needed to give these children a chance to lead healthy, productive lives. Thousands of Connecticut children are helped each year by the CCA's systemic and legislative work. Visit [cca-ct.org](http://cca-ct.org)



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