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Trailblazer Award - Robert Simpson

Robert Simpson is a trial attorney and partner with the Hartford Office of Shipman & Goodwin LLP. He represents clients in federal and state litigation throughout the United States. Robert is the head of Shipman & Goodwin's Product Liability and Toxic Tort Practice Team. He focuses on products liability litigation, with an emphasis on drug and medical device litigation, as well as toxic tort and hospital litigation. He also has extensive experience in employment and business litigation. His litigation practice has included multi-district litigation, class actions, mass torts and claims for unfair competition and false advertising.

Robert has been first or second chair trial counsel in more than twenty-five cases that have gone to verdict. For the last five years he has served as lead trial counsel and national coordinating counsel for several significant medical device and pharmaceutical product liability cases for Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiaries relating to hip implants, pelvic mesh, NSAID and atypical antipsychotic medication litigation. In these high profile cases, Robert has managed all stages of pre-trial proceedings, taken and defended numerous expert and company witness depositions throughout the United States and Europe and has briefed and conducted Daubert and Porter challenges. Robert has been cited as a legal expert in various media publications, such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Nightline and various other media outlets.

Robert takes great pride in service to his profession. He currently serves on the Executive Committee for the National Bar Association, Commercial Law Section. He recently served as Chair of the Section and led its 27th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference in Austin, Texas. Robert is also in leadership of the ABA Section of Litigation, recently serving as Division Director to twenty-three of the Section's substantive committees.

On a local level, Robert is a long standing member of the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association and the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association. He is also on the Board of the Hartford County Bar Foundation. He is also a long standing member of the Hartford County Bar Association and Connecticut Bar Association.

Robert is also invested in community service. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Riverfront Recapture, Inc. Robert has a passion for working with the youth. For over twenty years, Robert has served as a drill instructor, and/or director of the Golden Eagles Pathfinder Scout Group. He has been responsible for working with well over 300 youths over the past twenty years, teaching them life skills and marching techniques. He is also Stewardship Director for the Faith SDA Church in Hartford. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He is married to Camille Simpson and they have three daughters, Alexa (16), Gabriela (12) and Isabela (1). Visit www.shipmangoodwin.com/rsimpson.

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Visionary Award - John Rose

John Rose, Jr. is the Corporation Counsel for the City of New Haven and is a founding member and former President of the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association.

Born in Falmouth, MA on September 26, 1940, John is the second of twelve (12) children born to Josepha (F) and John Rose, Sr. John attended high school in his home town and later earned his undergraduate degree in 1963 from Dartmouth College after which he moved on to Yale Law School from which he graduated in 1966. John began his legal services career in New Haven with the New Haven Legal Assistance Association in that organization's Newhall/Dixwell neighborhood office. After LAA, he moved on to become an Assistant Chief Prosecutor in the Circuit Court system where he worked closely with the venerable prosecutor Arnold Markle. In 1968, John moved to Hartford to become the first Black lawyer in a major law firm in the State's history at Ribicoff & Kotkin. By 1972 he had become that firm's and the State's first black (African American) partner. He would remain at Ribicoff & Kotkin until 1978, when he and several partners left to found a new firm, Loudon, Byrne, Shechtman, Slater and Rose. He worked in that location, in its various permutations, until the end of 1984. John then began a 19 year association with Levy & Droney, P.C., as a partner.

In March of 2004 the public service bug bit and John became Hartford's first Black (African American) full-time Corporation Counsel, appointed by Mayor Eddie Perez.

In addition to his history with Crawford, John has long been involved with legal, social and civic organizations. He has been active with the Hartford County Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys (CAMA) and the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA). He is also a founder and former Vice President of the Connecticut Law Firm Group, which became and is now known as the Lawyers' Collaborative for Diversity, and he is currently still active as one of its Board members. John was the first black (African American) lawyer representative on the State's Judicial Selection Commission, from which posture he collaborated to ensure the nomination of some ten (10) of the State's Hispanic and Black jurists. John is on the Board of FoodShare and on the advisory Board of the Charter Oak Cultural Center. John is the proud father of two children. His daughter, Anika Noni Rose, is the 2004 Tony Award Winner (for "Caroline or Change"), is also the first African American Disney Princess (Movie: The Princess and the Frog) and is currently starring in the BET original series, Quad. His son, Khari Sékou Rose lives in Austin, TX, and has two children.

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2017 Annual Dinner Sponsorship Opportunities

Thursday, May 4, 2017 - 6:00 PM at The Aqua Turf

556 Mulberry Street, Plainville, CT 06479

To register and pay online, visit www.georgecrawfordblackbar.org/annual-dinner/

- Diamond Sponsor - \$3,500**
Premium table for 10 with table signage, full page (7.5" w x 10" h) color ad in program, company signage prominently displayed at cocktail reception, sponsor's logo and web address displayed on George W. Crawford website, and recognition as a Diamond Sponsor.
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Table for 10 with table signage, full page (7.5" w x 10" h) color ad in program, sponsor's logo and web address displayed on George W. Crawford website, and recognition as a Platinum Sponsor.
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Table for 10 with table signage, 1/2 page (7.5" w x 5" h) color ad in program, acknowledgment as a Gold Sponsor on George W. Crawford website, and recognition as a Gold Sponsor.
- Silver Sponsor - \$1,500**
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- 5 Individual tickets and company name listed on back of program; OR
- 1/4 page color ad in program.

Individuals: _____ x \$80/pp (Crawford Members) _____ x \$95/pp (Non-Members)

Contribution:

I/We will be unable to attend, but would like to contribute \$ _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Total Enclosed: \$

Please RSVP with payment by April 27, 2017 to:

Thamar Esperance-Smith (Treasurer), 999 Asylum Ave. 3rd floor, Hartford, CT 06105

Submit all ads and logos by April 27, 2017 to [gdumont@dumontlawllc.com](mailto:g dumont@dumontlawllc.com)

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Sponsorship and Registration Information

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Garlinck Dumont (860) 348-5702 or gdumont@dumontlawllc.com.

Ad Specifications

The following are specification requirements for ads for the 2017 Program Booklet.

- Macintosh or PC/Windows file, CMYK, EPS or PDF. Size as specified by sponsorship level
- File Formats: Print quality PDF preferred and no fonts necessary, or InDesign, Quark, Photoshop, Word with fonts supplied. Sizes specified are usable space.

Full Page Ad - 7.5" w x 10" h

Half Page Ad - 7.5" w x 5" h

Quarter Page Ad - 3.75" w x 5" h

For listing, simply indicate company name exactly as you would like it to appear in email.

Logo Specifications

For our diamond and platinum sponsors, please submit logos as follows:

- CMYK color
- 2100 pixels width and length necessary to balance image
- jpg or PDF format.

Attendee List and Dinner Selections

Dinner Options:

Beef: Filet Mignon

Chicken: Chicken Florentine

Fish: Pan Seared Salmon

Vegetarian: Eggplant Parmesan

Attendee Name	Dinner Selection (Check one for each attendee)			
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
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7.	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
8.	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
9.	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
10.	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian

For directions to the Aqua Turf, visit www.aquaturfclub.com.

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