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**MDM&C Attorney Daniel J. Klau and 4 Connecticut Law Tribune
Journalists Receive Helen M. Loy Award**

*Award from Connecticut Professional Chapter of the Society for
Professional Journalists honors individuals who advance open government
through the use of Freedom of Information laws*

MORRISTOWN, NJ – May 21, 2015 – McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP (“MDM&C” or “the Firm”) today announced that attorney Daniel J. Klau, who serves as Of Counsel in the Firm’s Hartford office, was included in a team of 4 respected journalists from the Connecticut Law Tribune who have received the 2015 Helen M. Loy Award from the Connecticut Professional Chapter of the Society for Professional Journalists (“CTSPJ”).

The Helen M. Loy Award annually honors individuals who advance open government through the use of Freedom of Information laws. MDM&C attorney Dan Klau – together with writer Thomas Scheffey, editor Paul Sussman, publisher Jeff Forte, former writer Isaac Avilucea – were recognized for their battle in court and active coverage of a judicial attempt to censor the Connecticut Law Tribune in a case involving confidential juvenile court proceedings. Their successful fight to allow the Connecticut Law Tribune to publish its story on those proceedings was, according the CTSPJ, “especially important in the current atmosphere where the right to access information in Connecticut is under attack.”

At the Firm, Dan focuses his practice on First Amendment and appellate litigation. In addition to representing private parties, he has also represented the State of Connecticut and various agencies and officials in trial and appellate matters, including *Longley v. State Employees Retirement Commission* (2007), in which he persuaded the Connecticut Supreme Court to reverse an Appellate Court ruling that would have cost Connecticut taxpayers an additional \$60-80 million per year in cash contributions to the state employee pension fund and would have increased the state’s unfunded pension liability by \$800 million to \$1 billion.

Along with MDM&C partner Louis R. Pepe, Dan recently served as pro bono legal counsel to Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy's Sandy Hook Advisory Commission. Dan also serves as an Adjunct Faculty member at the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he has taught privacy law since 2003. He is also a supervising attorney for the Yale Law School Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic, the immediate past president of the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government and a member of the board of the Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information. Dan is also the author of the legal blog, www.appealinglybrief.com.

Dan received his J.D., *summa cum laude*, in 1990 from Boston University School of Law. After graduation, but before entering private practice, he served as law clerk to Chief Justice Ellen Ash Peters of the Connecticut Supreme Court. He lives in West Hartford, CT with his wife, Dr. Jennifer Klau, and three children.

About CTSPJ's Helen M. Loy Award

The late Helen M. Loy was a former chairwoman of the Freedom of Information Commission, and one of the trio of original members appointed by then-Gov. Ella T. Grasso. Loy served as a commissioner from 1975-1985 when she died. Upon her passing, the Connecticut Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists named its annual Freedom of Information award in her honor. Please visit www.connecticutspj.org for more information.

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