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**Connecticut Superior Court Judge Antonio C. Robaina
Joins McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP**

*Addition Bolsters Law Firm's "Bench Strength" of Former Justices
Who Provide Counsel in Mediation and Arbitration Consultation*

MORRISTOWN, NJ / HARTFORD, CT – May 21, 2018 – McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP (“MDM&C” or “the Firm”) today announced that former Connecticut Superior Court Judge Antonio C. Robaina has joined the Firm as an Of Counsel member of its Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) practice group. Judge Robaina, who announced his retirement from the bench last month, was appointed to the Connecticut Superior Court in 1998. He will be based in the Firm’s Hartford CT office, serving clients nationwide.

Judge Robaina’s extensive judicial experience includes roles as presiding judge for civil matters in the Hartford Judicial District; as Administrative Judge in the Windham Judicial District and the presiding judge for civil matters in the New Haven Judicial District; as well as the Assistant Administrative Judge in that district. He also was the Presiding Judge for Family Matters in the Hartford Judicial District, having the largest family docket in the state. He has served in judicial districts throughout the state as a trial judge in criminal, family, civil jury, and juvenile cases.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Robaina practiced law for two decades in New Haven, and over the course of his legal career has played a leadership role in several professional, civic, and charitable organizations. Notably, Judge Robaina served as the president of the board of directors of The Connection Fund, Inc., a nonprofit corporation designed to develop real estate for charitable purposes. He was the chairman of the Deep River (CT) Board of Education from 1987 to 1997, and the vice chairman of that town’s planning and zoning commission. He also was a one of the founders and a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association.

Judge Robaina joins MDM&C’s highly regarded ADR Practice Group that includes five other former members of the judiciary: two judges from the Connecticut Supreme Court, two from the New Jersey Superior Court, and a judge who has served in the United States District Court in New Jersey and the United States Magistrate Court. The practice group also includes several notable attorneys, including Ronald J. Riccio, the former Dean and professor of law at the Seton Hall University School of Law.

The Firm's ADR Practice covers more than a dozen industries on a national and international basis, handling arbitration, mediation, discovery disputes, case management, and internal investigations. Its lawyers act as neutrals, as well as preparing and assisting clients who participate in ADR.

MDM&C Managing Partner, Edward B. Deutsch, said, "As an attorney and judge, Judge Robaina has earned a reputation for his knowledge and skills as a practitioner, and as an individual who has made significant contributions to his community and profession. We are honored to have him join our Firm, and know that our clients will benefit from his extensive experience in finding resolutions to complex and difficult matters."

Judge Robaina was born in Havana, Cuba and is fluent in English and Spanish. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is a James Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation. He was the chairman of the Diversity Award Committee for the Lawyer's Collaborative for Diversity. He is the recipient of the Judge Robert Zampano Excellence in Mediation Award given by Community Mediation, Inc., in 2016 he received the Henry J. Naruk Judiciary award from the Connecticut Bar Association, and in 2009 he received the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Judicial Award. He currently resides in Deep River, CT.

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