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Day Pitney Partner Honored for Pro Bono Work by Federal Court

(HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 23, 2014**)?--** On October 17, Hartford-based Day Pitney partner Thomas O. Farrish was presented with the Pro Bono Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the court in providing legal services to indigent persons at the District of Connecticut Bench-Bar Conference Luncheon. He was selected to receive the award by the judges of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Farrish achieved corrective actions on behalf of Connecticut prison inmates on federal civil rights cases as part of his pro bono work, working alongside Day Pitney attorneys Bryan J. Orticelli, Matthew J. Shiroma, Benjamin H. Nissim and Jeffrey P. Mueller.

"Pro bono work is a priority at Day Pitney. We are pleased that our legal skills can benefit and protect individuals and deserving nonprofit organizations in our communities. We are very proud of Tom and the rest of the Day Pitney team," said Paul R. Marino, Day Pitney Pro Bono Committee Chair.

Farrish's practice focuses principally on insurance and reinsurance disputes and other complex commercial litigation. He represents insurance companies and agents in state and federal courts in a wide variety of matters involving claims under general liability, property, automobile, life, health and marine insurance policies. He has also represented ceding companies and reinsurers in over thirty domestic and international reinsurance arbitrations, in fields as diverse as property/casualty, life, long term care, ocean marine and mortgage guaranty. His pro bono practice focuses on the representation of state prison inmates in federal civil rights litigation.

Farrish adds the Pro Bono Award to his many accomplishments including the William F. Starr Fellowship Award, given to the student with the highest grade point average in his or her graduating class at the University of Connecticut School of Law.