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Day Pitney's Connecticut Entrepreneur and Investor Website Wins Lex Innovatio Award

Day Pitney's newly launched Connecticut Entrepreneur and Investor Hub has been named a Lex Innovatio award winner. The award recognizes an "elite group of trailblazers" innovating and leading the Connecticut-area legal field. Lex Innovatio described CT Hub as "an impressive example of how law firms can give back and support entrepreneurs and startups."

"We are proud that our efforts to help entrepreneurs and startups have been recognized," said Scott Beach, chair of Day Pitney's Corporate and Business Law department and of its Private Equity and Investment Funds practice group. "There are so many resources that the state of Connecticut offers startup companies and investors, and our goal is to help that sector find and leverage those business resources."

Day Pitney's CT Hub is an online resource for startup companies and investors, providing them with financing and funding tools, networking resources and growth opportunities to help Connecticut-based investments and businesses thrive.

The site includes a downloadable calendar of events, programs and business opportunities around the state for entrepreneurs and investors. It also provides information on tax and financing opportunities from Connecticut's "JOBS" legislation; tax credits and funding opportunities for new businesses; links to accelerators and incubators, competitions and beneficial networks for new business owners; mentoring opportunities; and assistance with intellectual property issues.

Rick Harris, chair of the firm's Technology, Telecommunications and Outsourcing practice group, says there are very few online resources that are state-specific and CT Hub aims to connect entrepreneurs and investors with state agencies and programs that could help them grow businesses in Connecticut. Over the next year, Day Pitney plans to develop similar resource hubs for New Jersey and Massachusetts. "We really want our online resource hubs to provide useful information to early-stage companies and investors based in the states in which we have offices," Harris said. "Getting an award for making this effort tells us that we are filling an unmet need."

Day Pitney and nine other area firms were honored at an awards dinner May 2 at the Hartford Hilton.

Lex Innovatio is an outgrowth of InPractice, New England's largest practice management conference, and a collaborative effort between area bar associations. Associations taking part in Lex Innovatio's research for the award include the Hartford County Bar Association, the New Haven County Bar Association, the Hampden County Bar Association, the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association, the Fairfield County Bar Association, the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, the Legal Marketing Association (New England Chapter), the Association of Legal Administrators (Nutmeg Chapter), the Central Connecticut Paralegal Association, the Southern New England Law Librarians Association and Western New England University School of Law.

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