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**Murtha Cullina Partner Burt Cohen Named  
President of Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity**

**NEW HAVEN, CT (January 10, 2017)**...Murtha Cullina LLP Partner Burt Cohen has been named President of the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity (LCD), effective January 1, 2017. His term will go through June of 2018.

LCD's mission is to enhance diversity and inclusion in the Connecticut legal community for attorneys of color and women to practice law and find satisfying professional opportunities. As president, Mr. Cohen will work with LCD's Executive Director, Board of Directors and LCD members to continue successful collaborations with Connecticut law firms, corporate law departments, affinity bar associations and public sector entities.

Mr. Cohen has been actively involved with LCD since its inception in 2003. "Burt has always been a great advocate of our mission," said Executive Director of LCD, Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard. "With his leadership as President, we are confident Burt will continue to advance our agenda and make Connecticut a place where more attorneys of color and women will succeed in our legal community."

Mr. Cohen currently serves on Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA), a group charged with implementing the Diversity and Inclusion Policy of the CBA. He is the immediate past Chair of the Diversity Committee of Murtha Cullina. He is the former Chair of the Friends of New Haven Legal Assistance and a recipient of its 2012 Equal Access to Justice Award.

Mr. Cohen has practiced law for 32 years in the areas of communications, regulatory and administrative law and related federal and state court litigation. He currently chairs the Information Security and Privacy and Communications Law practice groups of Murtha Cullina. He serves on the Executive Committee of the CBA Energy, Public Utility & Communications Law Section. Mr. Cohen is on the CBA Board of Governors and House of Delegates and serves as Chair of the CBA's Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. He earned his B.A. from Trinity College, and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Western New England School of Law.

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**About the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity**

*The Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity was formed in 2003 by concerned lawyers to answer the call for diversity. Its membership is comprised of law firms, corporate and business law departments, government agencies and law schools. The mission of the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity is to unite the resources, energy and commitment of the State's leading law firms, corporations, public sector entities, law schools, state and county bar associations and affinity bar organizations in the joint mission of making Connecticut a more attractive place for attorneys of color, minorities and women to practice law and find satisfying professional opportunities.*

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