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**Murtha Cullina LLP Partner Elizabeth J. Stewart Receives  
“Professional Excellence” Award From *Connecticut Law Tribune***

**New Haven, CT (April 11, 2016)**...Attorney Elizabeth J. Stewart of Murtha Cullina LLP is a recipient of this year’s “Professional Excellence” award from the *Connecticut Law Tribune*.

For the second year, the *Connecticut Law Tribune* honored attorneys with at least 30 years of experience for outstanding service to the profession through their Professional Excellence Awards. This year, almost two dozen attorneys throughout Connecticut were honored. The winners were selected based on a variety of factors including: courtroom success, law firm and bar association leadership, advocacy roles, pro bono contributions and service on state and federal bar panels throughout the span of their career. For 30 years, Ms. Stewart has had a distinguished career as a trial lawyer with a reputation as a go-to lawyer for insurance coverage cases and commercial litigation disputes, trying dozens of cases to verdict. Ms. Stewart served as Murtha Cullina’s Litigation Department Chair from 1998 through 2006 and as the Firm’s Managing Partner from 2009 through 2014, the first woman to hold either position.

“Elizabeth has had a remarkable career. She is a brilliant trial lawyer, who has also devoted her time and talents to the bar and the community,” commented Jennifer Morgan DelMonico, Managing Partner of Murtha Cullina. “Elizabeth has mentored other attorneys – particularly women – to develop their potential, and has served as a role model and inspiration to so many of us.”

Ms. Stewart and the other award recipients will be honored at a ceremony on May 25, 2016 at the Bond Ballroom in Hartford.

Ms. Stewart is the Chair of Murtha Cullina’s Complex Litigation Practice Group, and a member of the Firm’s Insurance Recovery and Appellate Practice Groups. She received her Bachelor’s degree and J.D. from the University of Virginia.

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