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LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP ANNOUNCES ADDITION OF TWO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PARTNERS IN HOUSTON OFFICE

August 23, 2004 – Locke Liddell & Sapp Managing Partner Bryan Goolsby has announced the appointment of two premier intellectual property attorneys to be based in the Firm’s Houston office. Joining the Firm as partners, effective immediately, are Robert J. McAughan Jr. and Albert B. Deaver Jr.

Both McAughan and Deaver join Locke Liddell & Sapp from Howrey Simon Arnold and White LLP. McAughan’s practice is directed primarily to intellectual property litigation, including patent, trade dress, trade secret and trademark litigation and strategic intellectual property counseling. Deaver focuses his practice on all forms of intellectual property litigation, intellectual property acquisition and protection, and client counseling.

“We are delighted that Bob McAughan and Al Deaver have elected to join Locke Liddell and know our clients will benefit from the expertise they bring in the area of intellectual property,” Goolsby said. “They join an outstanding and growing section headed by Mike Sutton, and their extensive experience in intellectual property matters will increase the depth and capabilities of the section.”

McAughan, a summa cum laude graduate of both Texas A&M University and the University of Houston School of Law, has been involved in all aspects of litigation and works with clients to develop strategic approaches for identifying and procuring intellectual property rights and for dealing with intellectual property rights of competitors and potential competitors. He assists clients in licensing matters, complex prosecution matters and general intellectual property counseling. As described in Chambers USA “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business,” McAughan “is a practical attorney with a client-friendly approach who impresses with his in-depth technical knowledge and broad business skills.” McAughan was selected by Texas Monthly as a Super Lawyer in 2003. EuroMoney selected McAughan for inclusion in its list of the world’s leading patent law experts.

Deaver, a graduate of Texas A&M University and of South Texas College of Law, cum laude, has handled all aspects of IP litigation and trial in his more than 15 years of practice. In addition to litigation and trial work, he counsels clients on IP-related issues, including contracting, employment, invention recognition and patenting, brand identity and trademarking, license

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negotiations, confidential disclosure arrangements, protection of trade secrets, and IP asset recognition and management. Deaver is a Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation.

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