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LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP NEW ORLEANS PARTNER ELECTED TO PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS

April 22, 2005 – Victoria de Lisle, a partner in the New Orleans office of Locke Liddell & Sapp, has been elected to membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL). She becomes one of only 13 members and two women from Louisiana. Her practice focuses on the areas of real estate, finance and corporate law.

The American College of Real Estate Lawyers has a membership limited to persons of proven leadership with respect to issues of real estate law, regulation and practice. College membership is by invitation only and is limited to persons who have established expertise in real estate law, who observe high standards of professional and ethical conduct and who have contributed substantially to improvement of real estate law and practice. There are approximately 860 ACREL members nationwide.

De Lisle is a graduate of Newcomb College of Tulane University (magna cum laude) in 1989 and of Tulane Law School (summa cum laude) in 1992. She represents financial institutions, owners and developers in the acquisition and development of commercial real estate property, leasing matters, workouts, foreclosures, construction lending, permanent financing, asset based lending, mezzanine financing, equity financing, bond financing, and securitized financings. In addition to ACREL, de Lisle is a member of the Real Property Section of the American Bar Association where she serves on the Membership Committee and is the current Vice Chair of the Housing Committees and a past Chair of the Senior Housing Committee. She is also a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and New Orleans Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW).

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