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THREE LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP PARTNERS NAMED AMONG BEST LAWYERS IN DALLAS FOR 2003

May 7, 2003 – Three partners in the Dallas office of Locke Liddell & Sapp have been selected by their peers as representing the best of their profession, according to a survey by D Magazine. Listed in “The Best Lawyers in Dallas/2003” by the magazine are E. Phillip Bush, R. Brent Clifton and Ronald R. Cresswell.

Bush, a member of the firm’s Management Committee, was cited for his ERISA practice. A graduate of Southwestern University with a law degree from SMU, Bush’s concentration is in employee benefits and tax law. He is also an adjunct faculty member at SMU School of Law and a fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits.

Clifton was selected for his tax practice. A graduate of Abilene Christian University with a law degree from SMU, Clifton’s concentration is in tax and partnership law. He has been chair of the Texas and Dallas Bar tax sections and several American Bar Association tax section partnership committees. He also is a CPA.

Cresswell was selected in connection with his trust and estates practice. An undergraduate and law graduate from the University of Texas, he also has an L.L.M. degree from Georgetown University. His concentration is in tax and estate planning law. Cresswell has served as tax advisor to the U.S. Tax Court; tax attorney to the Chief Counsel’s Office of the IRS; adjunct professor at SMU School of Law; president of the Dallas Estate Planning Council; chairman of the probate section of the Dallas Bar Association; and a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

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