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EXPERIENCED D.C. CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER BRIAN HEINDL JOINS LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL'S PUBLIC LAW TEAM

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) January 11, 2010 – Brian Heindl, a skilled legislative professional with experience in handling issues pertaining to appropriations, energy, the environment, and foreign affairs, has joined Locke Lord Strategies, the Washington, D.C.-based public affairs and government relations entity of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, as a lobbyist. Heindl will use his background on Capitol Hill and relationships with veteran lawmakers to assist the clients of the Strategies Group.

Heindl was most recently the Appropriations Director and Legislative Assistant to U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI), where he was the office point person on appropriations issues, served as the liaison to the Appropriations Committee, and played an advisory role on energy, environmental, trade, foreign affairs, commerce and labor matters. He was also Sen. Kohl's staff person on the Appropriations Committee for the Interior, Energy and Water, Labor, Foreign Operations and Commerce subcommittees, and wrote speeches, prepared floor statements, drafted legislation and staffed hearings. Heindl's international experience includes trade trips to Taiwan and China, where he met with government officials regarding energy, environment, trade, tax and foreign relations issues.

"Brian's first-hand knowledge of the legislative process, and connections to some of the most important players on Capitol Hill, have enabled him to develop a solid background in appropriations, energy, environmental, and foreign affairs issues," said Phil Rivers, a Partner in Locke Lord Strategies. "The addition of Brian will enable Locke Lord Strategies to enhance the legislative services we provide to our clients, and help them navigate those public policies that affect them at the federal level. The Strategies Group joins me in welcoming Brian aboard, and we look forward to working with him in the service of our clients."

Heindl received his Master's degree in Public Policy from George Mason University, and his Bachelor of Science degree in Politics and History from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

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