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KARIN TORGERSON LEAVES THE WHITE HOUSE TO REJOIN LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP'S DALLAS OFFICE

May 9, 2005 – Karin Torgerson rejoins Locke Liddell & Sapp today as a Partner based in the Dallas office, returning to the Firm's Litigation Section after working for two years for President George W. Bush. Torgerson first served in the White House as Special Assistant to the President and Associate Staff Secretary, and most recently served as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of USA Freedom Corps, the volunteer initiative President Bush created after September 11th. She played a significant role in coordinating former Presidents Bush and Clinton's efforts to raise private-sector donations to help victims of December's devastating Indian Ocean tsunami, and in February traveled with the two former Presidents as they toured Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives – areas particularly hard hit by the tsunami.

“Working in the West Wing and for the President of the United States, was an incredible experience, but I missed practicing law,” Torgerson said. “It was time for me to come back to Texas – which has been my home since I was 9 months old.”

Torgerson is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, and has her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas' Plan II program. She joined Locke Liddell & Sapp in 1995.

“We are thrilled to have Karin back at the Firm,” said Jerry Clements, Chair of the Firm's 200-person Litigation Section who also serves on the Firm's Management Committee. “She is an outstanding litigator who put her legal career on hold to work for the President. We feel fortunate that she has chosen to return to Locke Liddell, and know our clients will benefit from her exceptional skills and additional experiences.”

Established in 1891, Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP is one of the leading law firms in Texas and throughout the nation. A full service law firm with offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston and New Orleans, Locke Liddell & Sapp has approximately 400 lawyers who represent a broad range of businesses and individual clients having extensive domestic and foreign business interests.