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LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL ELEVATES 14 ASSOCIATES TO PARTNERS

December 18, 2008 – Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell has elevated 14 Associates to Partner, effective January 1, 2009.

From the Atlanta office:

- Mark E. Freitag, who focuses his practice on life settlements, premium finance, insurance, private debt, corporate finance and other transactional matters.

From the Austin office:

- Christine Richardson, who focuses her practice on affordable housing matters.
- Tai C. Tran, who focuses his practice on commercial real estate, lending and general transactional matters.

From the Chicago office:

- Christopher A. Pesch, who focuses his practice on general corporate and securities matters.

From the Dallas office:

- Andrew Betaque, who focuses his practice on corporate and partnership taxation.
- Don Clayton, who focuses his practice on class action, consumer lending, and consumer trade practices litigation.
- Mark Mayer, who focuses his practice on commercial litigation and arbitration and eminent domain matters.
- Stefan P. Smith, who focuses his practice on employee benefits and executive compensation law.

From the Houston office:

- Vijay D'Cruz, who focuses his practice on commercial litigation, energy litigation, and construction law.
- Jesus Garcia, Jr., who focuses his practice on commercial litigation.
- Paul M. Pruett, who focuses his practice on real estate and lending law.

From the Los Angeles office:

- Ronald D. Kurtz, who focuses his practice on health care business litigation and other complex civil matters.
- Karen R. Palmersheim, who focuses her practice on business litigation and health care.

From the Washington, D.C., office:

- Thomas E. Knight, who focuses his practice on energy and transactional matters.

Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento, Washington DC

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm of approximately 700 attorneys with offices in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. With a vast geographic scope, and a national reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, Locke Lord is focused on achieving client success as a team. Among Locke Lord's many strong practice areas are appellate, aviation, banking, bankruptcy, business-related litigation, corporate, class action litigation, employee benefits, energy, environmental, financial services, health care, insurance and reinsurance, intellectual property, labor and employment, public law, real estate, regulatory, REIT, tax and technology.

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