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## Three Locke Lord Attorneys Contribute Chapters to Legal Text – *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts*, 3rd Ed.

**January 23, 2012** – Three Locke Lord attorneys have written chapters for the recently published Third Edition of *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts*, a project of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation and Thomson West. Dallas Partner Vince Hess and Of Counsel John McElhaney co-authored Chapter 53 on “Costs and Disbursements,” and New York Partner Jay Safer wrote Chapter 31 on “Magistrate Judges and Special Masters” for the 11-volume treatise that takes an in-depth look at current federal civil procedure and the laws that govern commercial litigators.

Hess has years of experience in complex commercial litigation and arbitration and represents large and mid-size companies in disputes involving software, class actions, managed care and employee benefits, construction, trade secrets, securities, commercial real estate, franchise, health care, constitutional, leasing and environmental issues. McElhaney is former Chair of the Legal Ethics Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has served as a law instructor at Southern Methodist University School of Law. He is an experienced trial lawyer and has also had a substantial impact at the appellate level, establishing precedents in cases involving tortious interference, Texas usury rules, medical malpractice liability and admissibility of flight data recorder evidence in air crash cases. Safer focuses on complex litigation and arbitration both in the United States and abroad. He represents clients in matters concerning contracts, antitrust, securities, RICO, qui tam, international litigation and arbitration, insurance, construction, real estate, employment, media, product liability, health care, professional ethics, financial, constitutional and regulatory issues.

The three are part of a group of 251 authors from around the nation that includes 22 judges and “the cream of the commercial litigation bar and the best lawyers practicing in the federal courts,” according to Robert L. Haig, editor of the *Third Edition*. The 130-chapter book addresses changes in commercial litigation since the first and second editions in 1998 and 2005. According to Thomson West, the volumes constitute a one-of-a-kind collection of federal civil procedure, commercial litigation strategies and examples and a detailed appendix containing jury instructions, cases, forms and other information. The text is considered the go-to guide for every aspect of commercial cases, from initial assessment through trial and appeal.



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