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Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell Houston Partner Named Fellow Of American College Of Trial Lawyers

(HOUSTON) April 11, 2008 – Experienced securities litigator Charles Parker has been named a Texas Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the country's leading legal associations. In its nearly 60-year history, the College recognizes and invites as members the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Membership cannot exceed 1 percent of the lawyer population in any state or province.

A Partner with Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell based in the Houston office, Parker is one of only seven Texas lawyers inducted into the Fellowship this year. Invitation to this prestigious group follows extensive investigation and is extended only to trial lawyers whose careers are marked by "the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality."

He has tried many complex business and securities cases. Parker is co-chair of the Firm's White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Investigation practice. He has been recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer in Texas Monthly Magazine for securities litigation.

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