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LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL PARTNERS AND REIT PRACTICE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2010

March 5, 2010 – Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell has been recognized as a top U.S. firm in Investment Funds: REITs in the just-released Chambers Global 2010 Edition. In addition, two Locke Lord Partners were specifically singled out as leading U.S. lawyers in their practice areas. Dallas Partner Bryan L. Goolsby, who chairs the Firm's Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT) Practice Group, was recognized for his work in Investment Funds: REITs, and New York Partner John F. Sweeney was acknowledged for his strong Intellectual Property practice. This accomplishment comes on the heels of their inclusion in *Chambers 2009 Client's Guide of America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, where Goolsby was ranked nationally for his work in Investment Funds: REITs, and Sweeney received a high state (New York) ranking for his work in Intellectual Property: Patent. In 2009, Locke Lord's REIT practice was ranked among the top law firms in the country in *The American Lawyer's* annual Corporate Scorecard, which ranks the largest law firms by size and number of transactions in a series of subspecialties.

Goolsby facilitates debt and equity offerings on behalf of real estate investment trusts, and represents boards and board committees, corporations and underwriters in public and private offerings of debt and equity securities, and purchasers and sellers of both public and private entities. He received his law degree from The University of Texas School of Law, and his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Tech University.

Sweeney's litigation experience includes patent, antitrust, trademark and trade dress bench and jury trials and appeals. He has had extensive jury trial practice and has argued many times in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Sweeney received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, and his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Carnegie-Mellon University.

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Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm with offices in Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco 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, corporate, class action litigation, employee benefits, energy, environmental, financial services,

health care, insurance and reinsurance industries, intellectual property, labor and employment, public law, real estate, REIT, tax and technology.

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