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RECOGNIZED NYC REINSURANCE ATTORNEY STEVE SCHWARTZ JOINS LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL AS PARTNER

(NEW YORK) January 14, 2009 – Steve Schwartz, a well-respected and internationally known insurance and reinsurance litigator, has joined Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell as a Partner based in the Firm’s New York office. Schwartz has represented prominent insurance and reinsurance companies in litigation and arbitration involving a wide range of issues. Schwartz comes to Locke Lord from Clifford Chance, where he was a Partner in the firm’s Insurance and Reinsurance Practices.

“We are delighted to have an attorney of Steve’s caliber join the ranks of our Firm and our New York office,” said David G. Greene, Managing Partner of Locke Lord’s New York office.

“Steve’s experience and in-depth knowledge of the reinsurance industry will add depth to our highly regarded reinsurance practice and will give particular strength to our New York market.”

“Locke Lord has consistently been recognized for having one of the top insurance and reinsurance practices in the world,” said Jerry Clements, Chair of Locke Lord. “Steve’s presence will continue our tradition of providing exceptional service to our clients in these industries. We welcome Steve to the Firm, and look forward to working with him on several key issues in the New York market.”

Schwartz has handled cases addressing most of the significant issues faced by cedents and reinsurers for over a decade. He also has extensive experience in disputes arising out of mergers and acquisitions in the industry. Schwartz has won victories in trials conducted before both courts and arbitration panels. A frequent writer and lecturer on reinsurance issues, he received his law degree from Columbia University School of Law, and his undergraduate degree from Princeton University.

In 2008, Locke Lord’s Reinsurance Practice Group was ranked No. 1 in the U.S. market by *Global Broker & Underwriter*. Locke Lord was one of the few U.S. firms commended for its work in Reinsurance by *Reactions*. The firm was lauded for its accomplishments in the Insurance and Reinsurance Practices by *The Legal 500 United States-2008 Edition* and the 2008 edition of *Who’s Who Legal*.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm of more than 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, 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.