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EXPERIENCED NYC BANKRUPTCY ATTORNEY SHALOM JACOB JOINS LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL AS PARTNER

(NEW YORK) August 11, 2009 – Shalom Jacob, an accomplished bankruptcy attorney, has joined Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell as a Partner based in the Firm’s New York office. Jacob, who is well-versed in representing clients in bankruptcy proceedings and in non-judicial workouts, complements the Firm’s strong national Bankruptcy Practice, which is chaired by Chicago Partner David W. Wirt. With Jacob’s addition, Locke Lord has added a strong bankruptcy practice to its New York office. Jacob comes to Locke Lord from Dechert, where he was a Partner in the Business Restructuring and Reorganization Group.

Jacob, who has been involved in a number of large and complex bankruptcy cases over the last 20 years, represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, indenture trustees, officers and directors, and asset purchasers in U.S. Bankruptcy Code proceedings and in non-judicial workouts. He advises creditors, debtors and other parties with respect to complex bankruptcy litigation, secured transactions and insolvency issues. Jacob also advises creditors in connection with the enforcement of repurchase agreements, employment agreements, and other contracts in insolvency and bankruptcy situations. Jacob received his law degree from Columbia University Law School.

“We are proud to welcome an attorney of Shalom Jacob’s stature to our Firm,” said David G. Greene, Managing Partner of Locke Lord’s New York office. “With commercial bankruptcies surging in the midst of the ongoing economic crisis, Jacob’s background greatly strengthens and brings a wealth of experience to our bankruptcy presence in New York, our financial capital. He will assist our clients in navigating the fast moving and ever changing bankruptcy process. Shalom is a recognized leader in his field, will help expand Locke Lord’s national Bankruptcy Practice, and will be a tremendous asset to our Firm.”

Jacob’s hiring is the latest in Locke Lord’s continued expansion of its New York office. In an ongoing effort to respond to client needs, Locke Lord earlier this year opened a major Intellectual Property practice in NYC by hiring several dozen attorneys previously with New York-based Morgan & Finnegan, and relocated its New York office to Three World Financial Center. Steven Schwartz, a well-respected and internationally known New York insurance and reinsurance litigator, from Clifford Chance, also joined Locke Lord as a Partner in the Firm’s New York office.

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, bankruptcy, 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.