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LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP ELEVATES FIVE ASSOCIATES TO PARTNERSHIP STATUS

Dec. 19, 2003 – Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP has elevated five associates to partner level, effective January 1, 2004:

From the Dallas office:

- Elizabeth E. Bonesio, who focuses her practice on finance and real estate/development transactions.

From the Houston office:

- Brent Benoit, who focuses his practice on securities litigation, commercial litigation, and public policy.
- David Harrell, who focuses his practice on commercial litigation.
- Hanna Norvell, who focuses her practice on labor and employment.
- Buddy Sanders, who focuses his practice on tax and corporate.

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