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LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL HOUSTON PARTNER NAMED TO NATIONAL ENERGY ORGANIZATION'S LEADERSHIP POST

(HOUSTON) August 10, 2009 – David Patton, a Partner based in the Houston office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell and Co-Chair of the Firm's Energy Practice Group, has been named to the nine-member Executive Committee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, an educational organization dedicated to providing scholarly research of the laws and issues affecting domestic and international mineral and water resources. Patton is also a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, representing the State Bar of Texas, and was previously a Trustee at Large from 2003-2006.

In addition, Patton, who serves on the Council of the State Bar of Texas Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section, which promotes excellence in the practice of oil, gas and energy resources law by monitoring legal developments; providing education; encouraging and facilitating practice in the area; and promoting ethics and professionalism, has been named Editor of the Law Section's quarterly newsletter.

Patton has more than 30 years of experience in various legal aspects of the oil and gas industry, including acquisitions and sales of assets or equity interests and the drafting and negotiation of leases, contracts and agreements related to field, pipeline and plant operations. He has represented clients in connection with surface use conflicts, day to day exploration and development activities, and the resolution of oil and gas disputes. Patton is a frequent speaker on oil and gas issues. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

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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