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LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP NAMES THREE PROMINENT ATTORNEYS AS ITS FIRST-EVER SENIOR PARTNERS

Jan. 6, 2004 - Locke Liddell & Sapp today announced that Judge John Hill Jr., R. Bruce LaBoon and Walter P. Zivley have been named Senior Partners in the Firm. This is the first time in the history of the Firm that any of its partners have been so recognized.

"John Hill, Bruce LaBoon and Walter Zivley each represent the best of Locke Liddell & Sapp in terms of recognized legal expertise and service to our clients," said Firm managing partner Bryan L. Goolsby. "They are known throughout the state as not only outstanding practitioners, but also significant contributors to the community and bar. This is a milestone for the Firm, and certainly a deserving honor in recognition of their noteworthy achievements."

Jeff Love, managing partner of the Firm's Houston office where all three men are based, described them as "the very finest jurists and gentlemen." He spoke of Hill's impeccable character; LaBoon's legacy of leadership; and Zivley's professionalism and integrity.

John Hill is a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, Attorney General of Texas and Secretary of State. His practice focuses on litigation and appellate law, and he has extensive experience in state and federal courts throughout the United States, including many appearances before the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a recipient of the University of Texas Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Bruce LaBoon, former Managing Partner of the Firm, served as Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership and serves on the Executive Committee. His vast community involvement includes serving as a Director of the Texas Medical Center and as a member of the national Board of Governors of the American Red Cross. He is the former Vice Chairman and General Counsel of Texas Commerce Bancshares, Inc., and practices in the Firm's Public Law Section.

Walter Zivley joined the Firm in 1962 and built the Tax, Trust and Estates practice, which is now a major area of client service for the Firm. He has extensive experience in all areas of personal and business tax planning, tax litigation and dispute resolution; and is known as an attorney who not only cares for his clients but gets them results. He is a former director of the Houston Bar Association and served as Chairman of its Tax Section.

Established in 1891, Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP is recognized as one of the leading law firms in Texas and throughout the nation. A full service law firm with offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston and New Orleans, Locke Liddell & Sapp has about 400 lawyers who represent a broad range of businesses and individual clients having extensive domestic and foreign business interests.