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LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED IN *THE LEGAL 500 UNITED STATES - 2008 EDITION*

(CHICAGO) June 26, 2008 – Recognized for the high-quality work and exceptional service that they perform for their clients, Jon Biasetti and Nick DiGiovanni, Partners in Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell's Chicago office; Brian Casey, a Partner in Locke Lord's Atlanta office; and Stephen C. Jacobs, a Partner in Locke Lord's Houston office, are featured in *The Legal 500 United States - 2008 Edition*. Specifically, Biasetti and DiGiovanni were honored for their accomplishments in the reinsurance practice, Casey for his work in the corporate and regulatory insurance practice, and Jacobs for his commitment to the real estate transactions and finance practice.

This recognition follows on the heels of the announcement earlier this month that Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell's insurance and reinsurance practice was ranked as the No. 1 law firm in the United States in three separate practice areas by *Reactions* magazine in its 2008 legal survey.

Biasetti, co-chair of Locke Lord's Insurance Practice Group, focuses his practice on a broad range of reinsurance matters, including all aspects of transactions, particularly relative to property, annuity, health and life insurance. He was recognized in *The Legal 500* for "his command of subject and ability to negotiate." DiGiovanni, who leads Locke Lord's Reinsurance Practice Group, concentrates his practice on reinsurance and insurance-related issues. His practice and experience involve national and international reinsurance disputes in litigation, arbitration, insolvency and rehabilitation proceedings. He was acknowledged in *The Legal 500* for his "high-quality representation" and as a "very skilled litigator who understands the insurance business very well." Casey, co-chair of Locke Lord's Insurance Practice Group, focuses on corporate; mergers and acquisitions, corporate and structured finance and other transactional; and regulatory matters for corporate clients in the insurance, financial services and health care industries. He was praised in *The Legal 500* for his "quality of representation in general." Jacobs serves clients in real estate development, ownership and acquisition, as well as in formation of business organizations associated with real estate development and ownership. He represents developers and those involved in acquisition programs, and has transactional experience involving all types of income producing properties. He was noted in *The Legal 500* for his "keen" sense and as someone who "takes care of business with a minimum of fuss."

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