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Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell Receives Highest Rankings In *Reactions* Magazine's 2008 Legal Survey

(CHICAGO) June 4, 2008 – As a testament to its continued leadership and skills in the insurance and reinsurance industries, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP was ranked as the No. 1 law firm in the United States in three separate practice areas by *Reactions* magazine in its just-released 2008 legal survey. Locke Lord was the only U.S. firm that received commendations in all seven specific practice areas surveyed. Locke Lord was also singled out as one of the top two U.S. firms overall. Locke, Lord's international presence was also recognized since it was the only U.S. law firm to receive commendation as one of the top insurance and reinsurance firms in the Bermuda market.

Locke Lord ranked as the No. 1 U.S. firm in the categories of Regulatory, Policy Drafting, and Insurance-Linked Securities. It was one of the few U.S. firms also commended for its work in Litigation/Dispute Management, Insolvency (including Run-Offs), Corporate Contracts, and Reinsurance. Locke Lord was the only U.S. firm recognized for its work in the Bermuda market, earning high rankings in the Regulatory, Policy Drafting, Corporate Contracts, Insurance-Linked Securities, Reinsurance, and Overall practice areas.

The *Reactions* legal survey was completed by more than 100 in-house counsel at insurers and reinsurers who were solicited for their views on law firms in the insurance and reinsurance practice areas over the past year. Questions were grouped into geographic regions and areas of expertise. Respondents were from Bermuda, the U.S., Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America. The *Reactions* article stated, "Hopefully, the *Reactions* survey will give companies in the U.S. an idea of who is best to turn to when the effects of the subprime mortgage crisis and options back-dating scandal start to be felt."

Reactions is the leading monthly magazine that provides detailed global coverage of the insurance and reinsurance industries. The magazine explores how the world's businesses, insurers and reinsurers cope with and transfer risk, and looks at the concerns facing senior executives at insurance and reinsurance companies.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm of more than 700 attorneys with offices in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. With a vast geographic scope, and a national reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, LLB&L is focused on achieving client success as a team. Among Locke Lord's many strong practice areas are appellate, capital markets, corporate, class action litigation, employee benefits, energy, environmental, financial services, health care, insurance and reinsurance, intellectual property, labor and employment, public law, real estate, regulatory, REIT, tax and technology.

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