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Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell Chicago Partner Appointed to the Illinois State Bar Association's Committee on Women and the Law

(CHICAGO) July 3, 2008 – Mona M. Stone, a Partner based in the Chicago office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, has been appointed to the Illinois State Bar Association's 20-member Committee on Women and the Law. The Committee's purpose is to study and focus on areas of the law uniquely affecting women. Stone will assist with outreach, and serve as the Committee's liaison to female law school students across the state. She will also be actively involved in helping the Committee to assess, design and implement programs designed to satisfy women's unmet legal needs; study and recommend legislation uniquely affecting women; provide a forum for action relating to women's issues; and explore ways to encourage women in their involvement in the legal community at all levels.

Stone serves as Locke Lord's Delegate on the Coalition of Women Initiatives in Law Firms, a non-profit association aimed at creating "best practices" guidance to enhance the retention and promotion of women lawyers and provide support for women's initiatives in law firms. She is also a mentor and member of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL), which supports and advances the interests of women in and under the law, and works toward the social, political, and professional empowerment of women. NAWL members work to end discrimination and violence against women and to prevent the erosion of hard-fought gains.

Stone's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, employment disputes, insurance defense, and aviation defense. She has represented both public and private entities throughout the country, ranging from individuals and small businesses to multibillion-dollar companies.

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