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## **Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell Dallas Senior Counsel Elected to Executive Committee of the ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers**

(DALLAS) August 12, 2008 – Kirsten M. Castañeda, Senior Counsel in the Dallas office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, has been unanimously elected to serve on the 14-member Executive Committee of the American Bar Association’s Council of Appellate Lawyers (CAL) for 2008-09. Castañeda’s election took place at the recent CAL Annual Meeting in New York. As a member of the Executive Committee, she hopes to advance the CAL’s mission to foster a dialogue among federal and state appellate lawyers and judges to improve appellate advocacy and strengthen ties among federal, state and local appellate bar associations. Castañeda also looks forward to assisting in the CAL’s development of continuing legal education programs taught by exceptional appellate judges and practitioners from across the nation.

As a member of Locke Lord’s Appellate Practice Group, Kirsten Castañeda handles a wide variety of sophisticated state and federal appeals involving class actions, arbitration, financial institutions, oil and gas exploration, and employment and other commercial disputes. She also regularly works with trial lawyers on discovery disputes, error preservation, and jury charge preparation and objections. Castañeda has significant experience in emergency mandamus matters, and frequently speaks on appellate topics at legal seminars and bar association meetings.

Castañeda received her law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law as a Hatton W. Sumners Scholar, and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University. She is a frequent speaker on appellate, class action, and legal writing issues.

Founded in 2000, the CAL is the first and only national appellate bench-bar organization in the United States.

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, Locke Lord 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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