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LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL HOUSTON PARTNER NAMED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINERAL LAW FOUNDATION

(HOUSTON) September 24, 2008 – David Patton, a Partner based in the Houston office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell and Chair of the Firm’s Energy Practice Group, has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF), an educational organization that provides scholarly research of the law and issues affecting domestic and international mineral and water resources. Patton previously served the RMMLF as a Trustee at Large from 2003-2006, and returns for the 2008-2009 term as the representative of the State Bar of Texas.

Patton also was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of the *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas and Energy Law*, which is published twice a year by students at the University of Texas School of Law and is widely circulated to the oil, gas and energy legal communities.

Patton has more than 30 years of experience in various legal aspects of the oil and gas industry, including acquisitions and sales of assets or equity interests and the drafting and negotiation of leases, contracts and agreements related to field, pipeline and plant operations. He has represented clients in connection with surface use conflicts, day to day exploration and development activities, and the resolution of oil and gas disputes. He is a frequent speaker on oil and gas issues. Patton received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

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