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## **PRESIDENT BUSH APPOINTS LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL HOUSTON SENIOR PARTNER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL URBAN AIR TOXICS RESEARCH CENTER**

(AUSTIN/HOUSTON) December 8, 2008 – R. Bruce LaBoon, a Senior Partner with offices in both the Austin and Houston offices of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, has been nominated by President George W. Bush to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center (NUATRC), a national center authorized by Congress to conduct air quality public health research. Located in the Texas Medical Center, the NUATRC provides reliable information about the impact of air toxic exposures on public health, and has a proven record of producing high quality research by leading national experts. From his tenure as Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership and the Texas Environmental Research Consortium, LaBoon's experience in working to address air quality issues in Texas will assist the NUATRC on a project it is currently undertaking to help officials better understand how air toxics that people breathe compare to air toxics measured at stationary air pollution monitors.

"Since the efforts of air toxics are highly localized, it is critical that public policy decisions to protect public health are based on thorough analyses of human exposure to air toxics. I look forward to working as a member of the NUATRC Board to fulfill the Center's mission as authorized by Congress," said LaBoon.

A previous Co-Managing Partner of Locke Liddell & Sapp before its combination with Chicago-based Lord Bissell & Brook to form Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, LaBoon has been practicing in corporate, banking, and public law for over 40 years. He has extensive experience representing corporate clients in legislative, financing, mergers and acquisitions, and regulatory matters. In the community, LaBoon has held leadership positions with a number of prominent organizations, including currently serving on the National American Red Cross Board of Governors. He received his Bachelor of Law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law and his Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce from Texas Christian University.

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, aviation, corporate, class action litigation, employee benefits, energy, environmental, financial services, health care, insurance and reinsurance industries, intellectual property, labor and employment, public law, real estate, REIT, tax and technology.

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