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LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL RECEIVES STRONG RANKINGS IN CHAMBERS USA 2009

June 26, 2009 – Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell's thriving practices and quality service to clients continue to be recognized by Chambers USA. In its newly-published *2009 Client's Guide of America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Chambers ranks Locke Lord's practices in 13 categories (up from 12 last year), including 11 state rankings, one of which is top-band: Insurance: Coverage Litigation (Illinois), and two national rankings. In addition, Locke Lord has 28 individual attorneys ranked in the 2009 Guide (up from 22 last year), including three attorneys who earned national rankings. Chicago Partners Nick J. DiGiovanni (Insurance: Reinsurance Litigation) and John B. Haarlow (Insurance: Coverage Litigation), along with Austin attorney Mike A. Hatchell (Litigation: Appellate), all received Tier 1 state rankings, while Hatchell (Appellate Law), Chicago Partner Gary W. Westerberg (Transportation: Aviation: Litigation) and Dallas Partner Bryan Goolsby (Investment Funds: REITs) were ranked nationally.

Below is a listing of all Locke Lord attorneys cited by Chambers USA for their work in specific practice areas:

- In Illinois (all based in Chicago):
Jon Biasetti – Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory
Nick J. DiGiovanni – Insurance: Reinsurance Litigation
John B. Haarlow – Insurance: Coverage Litigation
Randall A. Hack – Antitrust
Stephen M. Murray – Insurance: Coverage Litigation
Gary W. Westerberg – Transportation: Aviation: Litigation
- In Texas:
Christopher Allison (Dallas) – Tax
Richard Bays (Houston) – Technology & IT Outsourcing
R. Brent Clifton (Dallas) – Tax
Don Glendenning (Dallas) – Corporate / M&A
Bryan Goolsby (Dallas) – Investment Funds: REITs
Buddy Haas (Houston) – Banking & Finance
Mike A. Hatchell (Austin) – Litigation: Appellate
Brad Hawley (Austin) – Banking & Finance
Gerald D. Higdon (Houston) – Environment
Stephen C. Jacobs (Houston) – Real Estate
James R. Leahy (Houston) – Litigation: General Commercial
Elizabeth E. Mack (Dallas) – Environment

Robert J. McAughan Jr. (Houston) – Intellectual Property
Gerald Pels (Houston) – Environment
Michael Powell (Dallas) – Litigation: General Commercial
Susan M. Rainey (Dallas) – Environment
Jamie Robertson (Houston) – Real Estate
Michael O. Sutton (Houston) – Intellectual Property
Bill Swanstrom (Houston) – Corporate / M&A

- In New York (both based in New York City):
Steven Schwartz – Insurance: Dispute Resolution
John Sweeney – Intellectual Property: Patent
- In California:
Jonathan Bank (Los Angeles) – Insurance: Reinsurance

Like Chambers UK and Chambers Global, the Chambers USA Guide is designed to reflect market opinion. Entry in the guide is based on market recommendations determined by researchers who canvass clients and lawyers across the U.S. to obtain a consistent market view of which firms and lawyers are considered leaders in the field. Interviews were conducted with thousands of lawyers and their clients.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm with offices in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco 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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