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LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL L.A. PARTNER ELECTED CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION'S HEALTH LAW SECTION

(LOS ANGELES) August 17, 2009 – Denise E. Hanna, a Partner based in the L.A. office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, has been elected Chair of the National Bar Association's (NBA) Health Law Section for a two-year term. Hanna, who also will consequently serve on the NBA's Board of Governors, which formulates policies for the entire Association, was named to both posts at the NBA's recent annual convention in San Diego. Hanna previously served as Treasurer on the Health Law Section's Executive Board, and recently served as Moderator and Co-Organizer of a roundtable discussion held as part of the 2009 Healthcare Law Summit sponsored by the NBA's Health Law Section.

The mission of the Health Law Section is to promote excellence in the practice of health care law by serving as a resource on health care legal issues for members of the NBA, and collaborating with other professional constituents to offer education, information and dialogue on pertinent matters related to the health care industry.

Hanna is a health care transactional and policy attorney. She represents both health care and non-health care businesses in general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions, strategic ventures, financings and complex business transactions, many of which involve issues and business relationships of first impression. She is often involved in advising clients of the impact of health care regulation on a range of business transactions. She has extensive experience in developing and negotiating contracts for her clients' standard operations, marketing and distribution arrangements and business process outsourcing. Hanna co-edits Locke Lord's *Weekly Health Care Reform Update*. Hanna, who also serves as Vice Chair of the California Hospital Medical Center's (CHMC) Community Board of Directors, and as Chair of CHMC Community Board of Directors' Hope Street Early Head Start Committee, received her law degree from Stanford Law School, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Sciences from the University of Chicago.

The NBA is the nation's oldest and largest national association of predominantly African-American attorneys and judges, with affiliate chapters throughout the United States and affiliations throughout the world. It represents a professional network of over 20,000 attorneys, judges, educators and law students.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm with offices in Atlanta, Austin, 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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