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ACCOMPLISHED TECHNOLOGY PARTNER TRANSFERS FROM ATLANTA TO AUSTIN OFFICE TO BE IN TECHNOLOGY HUB

(AUSTIN) September 8, 2009 – Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell announces the addition of a well-known technology attorney to its Austin office. Patrick J. Hatfield, who co-chairs Locke Lord's Technology Transactions Section, and most recently served as a Partner based in the Firm's Atlanta office, has moved to Locke Lord's Austin office, where he will continue his role as Partner and Technology Co-Chair, and bolster the Firm's Technology Practice in a city long considered to be a national technology hub. The addition of Hatfield to the Firm's Austin office will enable the Firm to more effectively respond to client needs and help clients prepare for future technology trends, opportunities and challenges.

A frequent speaker and writer on emerging matters in the national technology field, Hatfield has a significant amount of transactional experience, including software license and development relationships, along with dispute avoidance and dispute resolutions relating to IT/outsourcing relationships. He also is involved in assisting clients in designing and implementing effective electronic signature processes.

"Pat's presence in Austin will be a tremendous asset for our Firm and our clients," said Brad Hawley, Managing Partner of the Locke Lord's Austin office. "Pat is on the forefront of the most critical issues facing this rapidly developing field, and is known for his strategic and proactive skills. He is very involved in the most important legal and business issues that are shaping the development and deployment of new technological systems and products."

Throughout his legal career, Hatfield has focused on technology, financial services and intellectual property. He has handled a wide range of IT, outsourcing, acquisition and joint venture arrangements in the global financial services industry. His experience includes handling licensing, outsourcing and mergers & acquisition transactions in the United States, Europe, South Africa, Australia, and Asia. Hatfield received his law degree from Indiana University School of Law, his Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University Graduate School of Business, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Purdue University.

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