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## LOCKE LORD BISSELL & LIDDELL EXPANDS NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOCUS WITH RELOCATION OF PARTNER TO DC OFFICE

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) September 14, 2009 – Denise E. Hanna, a well-known health care policy and transactional attorney, who had been based in the Los Angeles office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell since arriving at the Firm in 2006, has moved to the Firm's Washington, D.C., office. With the national health care debate taking center stage on Capitol Hill, the addition of Hanna to Locke Lord's D.C. office will enable the Firm to expand its national health care focus and enhance the Firm's ability to respond to clients' multifaceted needs. In addition to her continued role as a Partner in the Firm's Health Care Group, Hanna also will work closely with Locke Lord Strategies, the Firm's D.C.-based public affairs and government relations entity.

Through her active involvement on the national health care scene, Hanna has a keen awareness of the most important issues that are shaping the industry. She chairs the National Bar Association's (NBA) Health Law Section and serves on the NBA's Board of Governors, which formulates policy for the entire Association. Hanna also has participated in health care seminars across the country, including moderating a recent roundtable discussion held as part of the NBA Health Law Section's 2009 Healthcare Law Summit. She will Co-Chair the Health Law Section's 2010 Healthcare Law Summit. Hanna will continue to serve as Vice Chair of the Community Board of Directors of California Hospital Medical Center (one of the flagship hospitals owned by Catholic Healthcare West) and remain Chair of CHMC's Hope Street Early Head Start Committee.

"We are excited about adding a health care attorney of Denise's caliber in the nation's capital," said William J. Kely, Managing Partner of Locke Lord's D.C. office. "Her broad experience and skills will be integral to our D.C. office and the Firm's vibrant health care practice, and will put us front-and-center in the ongoing debate over future health care reform. We know our health care clients nationwide will benefit from her knowledge and her positioning in D.C."

Hanna represents health care organizations in general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions, strategic ventures, financings, complex business transactions and antitrust matters, many of which involve issues and business relationships of first impression. She advises clients on the impact of federal and state health care regulation on operations and transactions, and has extensive experience in developing and negotiating contracts for her clients' standard operations, marketing and distribution arrangements and business process outsourcing. Hanna is co-editor of Locke Lord's *Weekly Health Care Reform Update*. She received her law degree from Stanford Law School, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Sciences, with honors, from the University of Chicago.

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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