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## NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED WHITE COLLAR AND SECURITIES LITIGATOR/FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY PAUL COGGINS JOINS LOCKE LORD TO HEAD ITS WHITE COLLAR PRACTICE

(DALLAS) January 19, 2010 – Paul Coggins, one of the country’s highly respected White Collar and Securities litigators and a former U.S. Attorney of the Northern District of Texas, has joined Locke Lord as a Partner based in the Dallas office and Chair of the Firm-wide White Collar practice. He comes to Locke Lord from Fish & Richardson, where he was a Partner.

“I have known Paul for decades and view him as one of the top White Collar and trial lawyers in the country,” said Jerry Clements, Chair of Locke Lord. “He has a national reputation for his criminal defense practice, and is well-respected by clients and attorneys alike. He commands a tremendous respect and is highly regarded. To say we are thrilled to have Paul join Locke Lord is an understatement.”

Coggins was appointed by President Clinton to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas from 1993-2001. He twice served on the U.S. Attorney General’s Advisory Council and in 1998 became its Vice Chair. While the U.S. Attorney, Coggins prosecuted the nation’s first “three strikes” case in Texas and some of the earliest cybercrime cases in the United States. He also prosecuted one of the most complex cases ever brought under the federal Economic Espionage Act, stamped out one of the nation’s largest immigrant smuggling rings, and built one of the nation’s first healthcare and fraud task forces. His clients currently include Fortune 500 companies, public entities, government officials and well-known business leaders. Coggins is a graduate of Yale University, Harvard Law School and a Rhodes Scholar.

“I have known and admired many of Locke Lord’s attorneys for years, watched as it became one of the first large civil firms to begin a White Collar practice, and followed as the firm brought in other established attorneys to grow it to a national practice,” Coggins said. “I am excited about the opportunities as we continue to expand this already strong practice area and one that continues gaining importance in this highly regulated environment, and I hope to provide additional expertise to Locke Lord’s robust corporate client base throughout the country.”

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.