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## LOCKE LORD'S STEPHANIE DONAHO NAMED LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN HOUSTON TRUSTS AND ESTATES BY *BEST LAWYERS 2011*

(HOUSTON) October 26, 2010 – Locke Lord Partner Stephanie Donaho is recognized by *Best Lawyers* as the 2011 Houston Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year, the only attorney in the region to receive the top spot by the peer-review publication. Donaho chairs the Firm's Trusts and Estates section, and she has extensive experience in estate planning, probate, trust and estate law, transfer taxation, asset protection and charitable planning.

Donaho has been named one of the top 50 women attorneys in Texas and the top 100 lawyers in Houston in *Texas Monthly's* "Super Lawyer" edition. She also has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and she frequently speaks and writes on estate and trust-related topics. She serves the Houston region as a board member for the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Development Board and for Goodwill Industries of Houston.

*Best Lawyers* conducts thousands of confidential surveys among U.S. lawyers to allow them to evaluate their professional peers. Attorneys selected as Lawyers of the Year in their practice areas received particularly high ratings and respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism and integrity. Locke Lord Partner Neal H. Brockmeyer in the Los Angeles office is the 2011 Los Angeles Mergers & Acquisitions Lawyer of the Year.

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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