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LOCKE LORD'S JERRY CLEMENTS RE-ELECTED FIRM CHAIR; FOUR PARTNERS NEWLY ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 12, 2011 – Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell Chair Jerry Clements has been re-elected to head the national law Firm and she will lead its nine-member Executive Committee for a second three-year term. Firm Co Vice-Chair Tom Jenkins of the Chicago office was re-elected to that position, along with Bill Swanstrom of the Houston office, who was re-elected to the Executive Committee and who will serve for the first time as its Co Vice-Chair.

Four new Partners were elected to the new slate of leaders: Janis Loegering, Dallas; Michael Renetzky, Chicago; David Taylor, Houston; and Tom Yoxall, Dallas. The four join re-elected Executive Committee Members Nick DiGiovanni and Dan Schlessinger, both of the Chicago office, in leading the 634-lawyer Firm. The newly elected Executive Committee is the slate submitted by the Firm's Board of Directors.

"This group of Firm leaders represents the perfect blend of experience and strategic vision and will work tirelessly to meet the economic and business challenges of 2011 and beyond," Clements said. "My eight colleagues and I are committed to our clients, to our employees and to continuing the entrepreneurial spirit this Firm enjoys."

The four new Executive Committee Members bring years of experience to the leadership team. Loegering leads Locke Lord's Finance, Banking and Real Estate Department. Her practice involves real estate acquisition, development and finance, commercial finance, health care facility finance and acquisition and hospitality development and acquisition. Renetzky heads the Investment Adviser and Fund Management Section of the Firm's Corporate Practice Group and is experienced in investment management and securities and corporate law. He devotes much of his legal practice to representing buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions transactions. Taylor, Co-Chair of the Corporate and Transactional Department, represents public and private companies on a broad range of corporate and securities matters, including securities offerings, mergers, acquisitions, corporate control and corporate governance issues as well as general corporate matters. Yoxall serves as Co-Chair of the Firm's Business Litigation and Arbitration Practice Group and focuses his practice on class action financial services and general commercial litigation.

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goals. At the end of each year, we want our firm to be better, stronger and more highly regarded than it was at the beginning.

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