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LOCKE LORD ATTORNEYS AND PRACTICE AREAS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN *CHAMBERS USA 2011* RANKINGS

June 15, 2011 – Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell gained even more recognition for its attorneys and strong practice areas this year in the newly released *Chambers USA 2011 Client's Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. The Firm's practice areas are recognized in 15 categories, including three nationwide rankings (Capital Markets: REITs; Energy: Oil & Gas – Transactional; and Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer) and 12 state rankings. Also, 37 individual attorneys are listed in the 2011 Guide, including five attorneys who earned nationwide rankings. New York Partner Steven Schwartz (Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance – Nationwide) again received a Band 1 nationwide ranking. Los Angeles Of Counsel Jonathan Bank (Insurance: Reinsurance – California) and Austin Of Counsel Mike A. Hatchell (Appellate Law – Texas) earned Band 1 state rankings. Three Locke Lord attorneys were added to the 2011 list over last year's, and an additional practice area – California Healthcare – joined the list of honorees. The *Chambers USA 2011* rankings follow Locke Lord's *Chambers Global* recognition for its REIT practice and for three attorneys: Bryan L. Goolsby (Capital Markets: REITs); John F. Sweeney (Intellectual Property: Patent); and Zunxuan "Digger" Chen (Intellectual Property – Regional Experts).

Here is a list of Locke Lord attorneys included in *Chambers USA 2011* for their work in specific practice areas (listings are state rankings unless otherwise noted):

California

Jonathan Bank (Los Angeles) – Insurance: Reinsurance

Illinois (Chicago)

Jon Biasetti – Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory

Patrick S. Coffey – Healthcare

Louis S. Cohen – Real Estate

Nick J. DiGiovanni – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance

Randall A. Hack – Antitrust

Keith D. Parr – Intellectual Property

Gary W. Westerberg – Transportation: Aviation: Litigation (nationwide ranking)

Louisiana

Omer F. "Rick" Kuebel III (New Orleans) – Bankruptcy/Restructuring

New York (New York City)

Steven Schwartz – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance (nationwide ranking); and Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer (state ranking)

John F. Sweeney – Intellectual Property: Patent

Texas

Christopher F. Allison (Dallas) – Tax

Kenneth M. Anderson (Houston) – Banking & Finance

J. Robert Beatty (Dallas) – Litigation: Energy & National Resources

Jerry K. Clements (Austin) – Litigation: General Commercial

R. Brent Clifton (Dallas) – Tax
Lisa Genecov (Dallas) – Healthcare
Don M. Glendenning (Dallas) – Corporate/M&A
Bryan L. Goolsby (Dallas) – Capital Markets: REITs (nationwide ranking)
Vicky Gunning (Dallas) – Real Estate
Buddy Haas (Houston) – Banking & Finance
Mike A. Hatchell (Austin) – Appellate Law (nationwide ranking) and Litigation: Appellate (state ranking)
Gerald D. Higdon (Houston) – Environment
Stephen C. Jacobs (Houston) – Real Estate
James R. Leahy (Houston) – Litigation: General Commercial
Elizabeth E. Mack (Dallas) – Environment
Robert J. McAughan Jr. (Houston) – Intellectual Property
Robert T. Mowrey (Dallas) – Banking & Finance
David Patton (Houston) – Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional) (nationwide ranking)
Gerald J. Pels (Houston) – Environment
Mike Peters (Houston) – Corporate/M&A
Michael V. Powell (Dallas) – Litigation: General Commercial
Susan M. Rainey (Dallas) – Environment
Jamie Robertson (Houston) – Real Estate
Michael O. Sutton (Houston) – Intellectual Property
Bill Swanstrom (Houston) – Corporate/M&A
David Taylor (Houston) – Corporate/M&A

Recognized Locke Lord Practice Areas are:

Capital Markets: REITs – Nationwide
Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional) – Nationwide
Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer – Nationwide
Banking & Finance – Texas
Corporate M&A – Texas
Environment – Texas
Healthcare – California and Texas
Insurance: Dispute Resolution – Illinois
Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance – Illinois
Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory – Illinois
Intellectual Property – Texas
Litigation: General Commercial – Texas
Real Estate – Texas
Tax – Texas

Chambers USA, as well as *Chambers Global* and other Chambers & Partners publications, bases its rankings on interviews with thousands of lawyers and clients around the globe. A team of researchers assesses the results and ranks practice areas and attorneys based on market opinion – those who make the list are considered recognized leaders in their fields. More than 50 percent of 20,000 in-house counsel surveyed independently from Chambers chose Chambers & Partners as their most trusted source for legal industry information.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP consistently ranks among *American Lawyer's* top 100 U.S. law firms. Our 30-plus practice areas serve national and international clients from offices in Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Hong Kong, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. We have built a solid reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, and our nearly 650 attorneys build collaborative relationships and craft creative solutions – all designed and executed to meet clients' long-term strategic 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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