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### 77 LOCKE LORD ATTORNEYS FROM 10 U.S. OFFICES RECOGNIZED IN LATEST *BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2012* EDITION

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- Michael A. Hatchell – Appellate Practice
- Brad B. Hawley – Real Estate Law
- Joseph Alan Holman – Communications Law, Energy Law
- L. Jeffery Hubenak – Real Estate Law
- Jennifer L. Rangel – Health Care Law
- John K. Schwartz – Commercial Litigation
- Charles Watson – Appellate Practice

#### Chicago

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- Louis S. Cohen – Real Estate Law
- Nick J. DiGiovanni – Insurance Law
- Jennifer A. Kenedy – Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation
- Robert M. Stephenson – Appellate Practice
- Michael P. Trier – Insurance Law

#### Dallas

- Christopher F. Allison – Litigation & Controversy/Tax, Tax Law
- Robert J. Banta – Real Estate Law
- J. Mitchell Bell – Real Estate Law
- Bryan E. Bishop – Corporate Law
- George E. Bowles – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation/Construction, Litigation/Intellectual Property
- Stuart M. Bumpas – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Non-Profit/Charities Law, Trusts and Estates
- Edward Philip Bush – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- R. Brent Clifton – Tax Law
- Paul E. Coggins – Criminal Defense/White-Collar, Litigation/Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
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- Herschell Gene Emery – Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- John L. Estes – Mediation
- Don M. Glendenning – Corporate Law
- John H. McElhaney – Antitrust Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation/Labor & Employment, Litigation/Real Estate
- John B. McKnight – Corporate Law
- Robert T. Mowrey – Litigation/Banking & Finance
- Robb P. Stewart – Real Estate Law

### **Houston**

- Kenneth M. Anderson – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law
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- Stephanie Donaho – Trusts and Estates
- Dan A. Fleckman – Corporate Law, Energy Law
- Ed Friedman – Employment Law/Individuals, Employment Law/Management, Labor Law/Management
- Buddy Haas – Banking and Finance Law
- Gerald D. Higdon – Environmental Law
- J. Graham Hill – Personal Injury Litigation/Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation/Plaintiffs
- John L. Hopwood – Litigation/Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates
- James Howard – Tax Law
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- Stephen C. Jacobs – Real Estate Law
- James Russell Leahy – Personal Injury Litigation/Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation/Plaintiffs
- Brandon Lobb – Derivatives and Futures Law
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- Robert D. Miller – Government Relations Practice
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- Charles Parker – Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation
- David Patton – Energy Law, Oil & Gas Law
- Gerald J. Pels – Environmental Law
- Stan Pieringer – Banking and Finance Law
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- Michael O. Sutton – Copyright Law, Litigation/Intellectual Property, Litigation/Patent, Patent Law
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- Harry C. Marcus – Litigation/Intellectual Property, Litigation/Patent, Patent Law, Trademark Law
- John F. Sweeney – Litigation/Intellectual Property, Litigation/Patent

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- Scott E. Bartel – Corporate Governance Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Regina J. Schroder – Litigation & Controversy/Tax, Tax Law
- Eric J. Stiff – Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law

### **San Francisco**

- Daniel B. Eng – Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Governance Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law

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