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## Locke Lord's San Francisco Office Adds a Third Veteran Attorney to Nationally Recognized Corporate Insurance Practice Group

**(SAN FRANCISCO) November 10, 2011** – Locke Lord today announced the addition of another new Partner to its Corporate Insurance Practice Group, welcoming experienced attorney Elizabeth A. Tosaris to its San Francisco Office. She is the third high-caliber insurance regulatory attorney added recently to a practice that counts more than 50 lawyers who devote a substantial portion of their transactional, corporate, securities, investment management, tax and regulatory practices to representing the insurance industry. Tosaris' colleagues, Partner Paige Waters and Of Counsel Stephanie M. O'Neill Macro, joined Locke Lord's Chicago Office late last month.

The trio's experience in insurance and reinsurance transactional and regulatory matters strengthen and diversify Locke Lord's already nationally recognized Corporate Insurance Practice Group, building its West Coast presence and adding bench strength and broader capabilities for the benefit of clients. The three recently joined from SNR Denton, formerly Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal.

Tosaris focuses her practice on insurance regulatory matters all over the United States and has one of the most highly regarded insurance administrative law practices in the State of California. She has broad experience in sophisticated market conduct and examination representations. Besides adding significantly to Locke Lord's growing footprint on the West Coast — where the Firm has hired new attorney groups in the Sacramento and Los Angeles offices this year — Tosaris will work closely with Corporate Insurance attorneys around the country and internationally.

"Elizabeth is highly regarded in the insurance industry, and she brings years of experience to our San Francisco Office," said San Francisco Managing Partner Matt Blackburn. "We look forward to working with Elizabeth and we are confident her insurance experience will enhance our ability to serve clients in California and around the country."

Tosaris earned her law degree from UC Hastings School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Williams College. She has practiced in the California insurance market since 1991. In 1999, she joined two others from Long & Levitt in founding SNR Denton's insurance regulatory group. Tosaris' national insurance regulatory practice includes several top tier companies in the insurance industry.



“Elizabeth’s focus on insurance regulatory and administrative law fits perfectly with our growing practice, and we see great opportunities for collaboration,” said Atlanta’s Brian Casey, Co-Chair of the Corporate Insurance Practice Group.

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