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Three Additional Locke Lord Partners Included in *Chambers USA* 2012 Rankings; 36 Attorneys and 15 Practice Areas Recognized

June 14, 2012 – Locke Lord added three Partners to its *Chambers USA 2012* rankings, while four attorneys moved up in their categories and several Partners and practice areas maintained their national and state rankings. Thirty-six attorneys were recognized by *Chambers*, which has developed widespread respect throughout the legal industry since its rankings began in 1999. Following last year's trend, three of the Firm's 15 recognized Practice Areas retained nationwide status, including Capital Markets: REITs; Energy: Oil & Gas Transactional; and Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer. In addition, five attorneys from around the country were again ranked nationally: Bryan L. Goolsby (Capital Markets: REITs); Mike A. Hatchell (Appellate Law); David Patton (Energy: Oil & Gas Transactional); Steven Schwartz (Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance); and Gary W. Westerberg (Transportation: Aviation: Litigation). The following four Partners moved to a higher band in *Chambers* rankings in 2012: Goolsby; Nick J. DiGiovanni; Don M. Glendenning; and Gerald D. Higdon.

Below is a list of Locke Lord attorneys included in *Chambers USA 2012* 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

Paige D. Waters – Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory

Gary W. Westerberg – Transportation: Aviation: Litigation (**Nationwide**)

Louisiana (New Orleans)

Omer F. "Rick" Kuebel III – Bankruptcy/Restructuring

New York (New York City)

Steven Schwartz – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance (**Nationwide**)

Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer (**Statewide**)

John F. Sweeney – Intellectual Property: Patent



Texas

Austin

Cynthia Bast – Real Estate
Jerry K. Clements – Litigation: General Commercial
Mike A. Hatchell – Appellate Law (**Nationwide**); Litigation: Appellate (**Statewide**)
Bart W. Huffman – Intellectual Property

Dallas

Christopher F. Allison – Tax
J. Robert Beatty – Litigation: Energy & Natural Resources
R. Brent Clifton – Tax
Lisa Genecov – Healthcare
Don M. Glendenning – Corporate/M&A
Bryan L. Goolsby – Capital Markets: REITs (**Nationwide**)
Vicky Gunning – Real Estate
Elizabeth E. Mack – Environment
Robert T. Mowrey – Banking & Finance
Michael V. Powell – Litigation: General Commercial
Susan M. Rainey - Environment

Houston

Buddy Haas – Banking & Finance
Gerald D. Higdon – Environment
Stephen C. Jacobs – Real Estate
James R. Leahy – Litigation: General Commercial
David Patton – Energy: Oil & Gas Transactional (**Nationwide**)
Gerald J. Pels – Environment
Mike Peters – Corporate/M&A
Bill Swanstrom – Corporate/M&A
David Taylor – Corporate/M&A

Recognized Locke Lord Practice Areas in 2012 are:

Capital Markets: REITs (**Nationwide**)
Energy: Oil & Gas Transactional (**Nationwide**)
Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer (**Nationwide**)
Banking & Finance – Texas
Corporate/M&A – Texas
Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation – Texas
Environment – Texas
Healthcare – 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, *Chambers Global* and other Chambers & Partners publications base their rankings on interviews with thousands of lawyers and clients around the globe, and a team of more than 50 researchers assesses the results and ranks attorneys and practice areas based on market opinion. Attorneys recognized are considered leaders in their fields, and at least half of 20,000 in-house counsel surveyed independently from Chambers cited Chambers & Partners as their most trusted source for legal industry information.

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