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Locke Lord Strategies Partner Denise Hanna Appointed Chair of Firm-wide Diversity Committee and Ongoing Diversity Initiatives

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) September 28, 2012 – Locke Lord Strategies Partner Denise Hanna has been named Chair of the Firm-wide Diversity Committee, a leadership group that oversees Locke Lord’s ongoing diversity initiative throughout its 11 U.S. cities, London and Hong Kong. Hanna has more than two decades of experience in the national health care arena and is an integral part of Locke Lord Strategies, the Firm’s Washington, D.C.-based lobbying arm of the Public Law practice.

“Denise is not only a wonderful lawyer and important part of our Health Care practice, but she also is a leader and active volunteer in professional and community organizations,” said Locke Lord Chair Jerry Clements. She said Hanna’s experience as former Chair of the National Bar Association’s (NBA) Health Law Section is good leadership preparation for the active role she will fill as Chairman of the Firm’s Diversity Committee. The NBA is the nation’s oldest and largest association of African American lawyers and judges.

Locke Lord champions diversity and considers it a critical part of the Firm’s strategic plan for success. The Firm supports organizations that share this commitment to diversity with time and funds. In addition, diversity is among the goals cited in Locke Lord’s Mission Statement:

“We will work to recruit, hire, motivate and retain colleagues from many backgrounds and perspectives, recognizing that in the communities where we serve diversity is a priority.”

Hanna’s significant experience with health care law and public policy covers everything from health plan regulatory compliance to complex business transactions, and clients seek her strategic advice on a wide range of issues. She played a key role in organizing the National Bar Association’s Healthcare Law Summit, has been Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for the American Bar Association’s Washington Healthcare Summit since 2010 and currently chairs the Coordinating Committee on Diversity for the American Bar Association’s Health Law Section. Hanna is a frequent writer and guest speaker on health reform topics.

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Orleans, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. It has an excellent reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, with its 650-plus lawyers building collaborative relationships and crafting creative solutions – all designed and executed to meet clients' long-term strategic goals.

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