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Locke Lord's Harriet Miers Receives Dallas Bar Association's Prestigious 2012 Morris Harrell Professionalism Award

(DALLAS) November 2, 2012 – Locke Lord Partner Harriet Miers, former Managing Partner of a Firm predecessor and a member of the Firm's Litigation and Public Policy sections, today receives the 2012 Morris Harrell Professionalism Award from the Dallas Bar Association (DBA) and the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. This highly distinguished honor is awarded annually to the attorney "who best exemplifies, by conduct and character, truly professional traits whom others seek to emulate and whom all in the bar admire."

Miers served as Counsel to the President of the United States during President George W. Bush's administration. She was appointed Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary on January 20, 2001. In 2003, she was named Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff, and then served as Counsel to the President until she resigned and returned to Locke Lord in 2007.

The Professionalism award, named after iconic Dallas trial lawyer Morris Harrell, celebrates service and leadership to the legal profession, which Harrell – a name partner in a predecessor of Locke Lord -- exemplified throughout his outstanding legal career in which he served as president of the DBA, the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. The award marks yet another milestone in Miers' decorated legal career: She has received the 2005 Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Excellence from the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism and the Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement from the SMU Dedman School of Law. She was the first woman president of the DBA as well as the State Bar of Texas.

"Harriet Miers is remarkable, not only for what she has accomplished during an incredible legal career, but also for her human spirit and humble nature," said Firm Chair Jerry Clements. Noting that prior recipients of the Morris Harrell Professionalism Award include Judge Barefoot Sanders, attorney Louise Raggio and many other respected jurists, Clements said that Miers is in good company with her latest honor. "Harriet is a colleague who inspires us daily as a leader in the legal community, as a professional and community volunteer, and as a strong advocate of pro bono work and the advancement of minorities in our profession."

In 1972, Miers was the first woman hired at Dallas' Locke Purnell Boren Laney & Neely, and became the first woman to lead the Firm when she was elected President of the Firm in 1996, then known as Locke Purnell Rain Harrell. In 1999, when Locke Purnell merged with Houston-based Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon, she became Co-Managing Partner, a position she



held until she left to join the Bush Administration in 2001. She received the Department of Justice Edmund J. Randolph Award in January 2007 for her “dedicated service to justice, the President, and the United States of America.”

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