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Locke Lord Elects Seven New Partners in Four U.S. Cities; Practice Areas Include IP Pharmaceutical, Litigation, Bankruptcy

December 20, 2012 – Locke Lord has announced the promotion of seven attorneys around the country to partnership level, effective January 1, 2013. Three new Partners are members of the IP Pharmaceutical team; two practice in Litigation; one is a member of the Bankruptcy team; and one practices in White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Investigations. The new partnerships include Locke Lord's offices in Chicago, Dallas, New Orleans and New York. Locke Lord is pleased to announce the following new Partners:

From the Chicago office:

- **David B. Abramowitz** practices in the IP Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology and IP Litigation groups, with a primary focus on litigating complex patent cases brought under the Hatch-Waxman amendments to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. He regularly counsels generic pharmaceutical and biotech companies regarding both federal IP litigation and regulatory matters.
- **James T. Peterka** is a member of the IP Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology and IP Litigation groups, and focuses his practice primarily on Hatch-Waxman pharmaceutical patent litigation. He regularly counsels generic pharmaceutical companies in connection with patent and regulatory issues, and in all aspects of litigation.
- **Margaret M. Schuchardt** is a member of the Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice. She handles commercial litigation in a wide array of matters, including contract disputes and business torts, intellectual property matters, insurance insolvency litigation, class actions, maritime garnishment proceedings and derivative shareholder litigation.

From the Dallas office:

- **Kelly Vickers** is part of the Firm's White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Investigations Practice Group, and she has represented clients before most major federal law enforcement and investigative agencies, including the IRS, the FBI and the SEC. She also represents a wide range of companies and individuals primarily in federal court, involving complex commercial litigation, securities litigation and antitrust litigation.

From the New Orleans office:

- **Jason Marechal Cerise** practices in the Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Insolvency Group and focuses on energy matters, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, collection and

foreclosure. His experience includes resolution of co-lessee and operating agreement disputes, gas balancing disputes, successor liability in contamination cases, plugging and abandonment issues and other regulatory and compliance matters.

From the New York office:

- **Peter J. Fallon** works in the IP Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology and IP Litigation groups, with a focus on patent and trademark prosecution. He has significant domestic and international experience in patent prosecution and opinion work in polymer and pharmaceutical technology, petrochemicals, hydrocarbon cracking processes, de-icing chemicals, titanium alloys and nutritional compositions.
- **Casey B. Howard** is a member of the Firm's Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Insolvency groups. His practice focuses on litigation related to complex commercial transactions, bankruptcy, consumer finance, employment and maritime disputes. He has tried numerous jury cases before New York's state and federal courts and frequently practices before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Locke Lord LLP consistently ranks among *American Lawyer's* top 100 U.S. law firms. The Firm's full range of practice and industry areas serve international and national clients from offices in Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Hong Kong, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New 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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