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33 Locke Lord Attorneys and 15 Practice Areas Recognized in *Chambers USA 2013* Rankings; 5 Attorneys on National List

June 3, 2013 –Thirty-three Locke Lord attorneys have been recognized as leaders in their fields by *Chambers USA 2013*, which has developed a widespread following throughout the legal industry for its ranking of lawyers. As with last year's ranking, 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. The Firm's Real Estate practice earned state recognition in Illinois, reflecting the practice group's growth and depth in the Chicago office.

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).

New York Partner Kevin J. Walsh joined the *Chambers* list this year in the Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer practice. Chicago Senior Counsel Jay Kallas was named to the Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory practice list. Chicago Partner Louis S. Cohen (Real Estate) moved to a higher band in *Chambers 2013* rankings. And Dallas Partner Michael V. Powell was recognized in the additional practice area of Litigation: Energy & Natural Resources, along with his continued recognition in the Litigation: General Commercial practice.

Below is a list of Locke Lord attorneys included in *Chambers USA 2013* 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

Louis S. Cohen – Real Estate

Nick J. DiGiovanni – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance

Randall A. Hack – Antitrust

Jay Kallas – Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory

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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

Kevin J. Walsh – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer

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

Lisa Genecov – Healthcare

Don M. Glendenning – Corporate/M&A

Bryan L. Goolsby – Capital Markets: REITs (**Nationwide**)

Vicky Gunning – Real Estate

Elizabeth E. Mack – Environmental

Michael V. Powell – Litigation: Energy & Natural Resources; Litigation: General Commercial

Susan M. Rainey - Environmental

Houston

Buddy Haas – Banking & Finance

Gerald D. Higdon – Environmental

Stephen C. Jacobs – Real Estate

James R. Leahy – Litigation: General Commercial

David Patton – Energy: Oil & Gas Transactional (**Nationwide**)

Gerald J. Pels – Environmental

Bill Swanstrom – Corporate/M&A

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Recognized Locke Lord Practice Areas in 2013 are:

- Capital Markets: REITS (**Nationwide**)
- Energy: Oil & Gas Transactional (**Nationwide**)
- Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer (**Nationwide**)
- Banking & Finance – Texas
- Corporate/M&A – Texas
- Environmental – 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 – Illinois
- 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.

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 national and international 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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