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Locke Lord Dallas Partner Harriet Miers Appointed Commissioner to Texas Access to Justice Commission by State Bar of Texas

(DALLAS) June 28, 2013 – Locke Lord Partner Harriet Miers has been appointed a Commissioner to the Texas Access to Justice Commission, a statewide organization committed to increasing access to justice for low-income Texans. Miers, former Managing Partner of a Locke Lord predecessor firm, is one of three new commissioners appointed by the State Bar of Texas.

Miers served as Counsel to the President of the United States during President George W. Bush's administration. She was first appointed Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary in January 2001, then became Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff. She served as Counsel to the President until she resigned and returned to Locke Lord in 2007, where she is a member of the Firm's Litigation and Public Policy sections in the Dallas and Washington, D.C., offices.

"Harriet Miers has spent a lifetime improving the justice system and ensuring that everyone has equal access to justice," said Locke Lord Chair Jerry Clements. "We are so proud that she will continue that commitment as Commissioner to this important organization, and her contributions will make a big difference in the lives of many Texans."

The latest appointment is one in a long line of service, achievements and awards in Miers' distinguished career. She 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 Dallas Bar Association (DBA) as well as the State Bar of Texas. In late 2012, Miers received the Morris Harrell Professionalism Award from the DBA and the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. The distinguished honor is presented 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."

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