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## Locke Lord's General Litigation Department Named Among the Top in Texas by *Texas Lawyer* Magazine

**August 19, 2013** – *Texas Lawyer* magazine has named Locke Lord's Litigation Department one of its 2013 Litigation Departments of the Year.

The magazine noted winning law firms had to outshine a field it described as "truly competitive."

"Locke Lord's recognition by *Texas Lawyer* as one of the Best Litigation departments confirms the Firm's long-standing commitment to our clients to help them succeed in the courtroom," said Chair Jerry Clements. "Our trial lawyers handle cases of all sizes across all industries always focusing on the client's individual needs and objectives."

In determining the winners, the magazine asked law firms to share big victories and important cases that demonstrated why clients choose them for litigation representation. The work submitted was done in Texas and throughout the rest of the country and abroad. The key, though, the magazine said, was that it was led by Texas lawyers, showcasing the talented litigators in the Lone Star State.

"A major part of our success is the close collaboration among our attorneys, which proves very effective in the many cutting-edge cases we handle," said John McDonald, Co-Chair of the Firm's Litigation Department and a Partner based in Dallas. "A client might be working with an attorney in Austin, Dallas or Houston, but he or she is really getting the full knowledge and experience of our entire global team."

In recognizing Locke Lord, *Texas Lawyer* noted a number of the Firm's litigation successes. This included winning two cases before the Texas Supreme Court on June 21 and winning a \$20 million judgment before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals - *Coe, et al. v. Chesapeake Exploration LLC*. – which also carved out a new area of Texas Statute of Frauds precedent where the 5th Circuit agreed with the district court that describing property with maps generated by global positioning system-enabled computerized mapping software could satisfy well-worn property description standards.

It also noted Locke Lord's success representing oil and gas operator Wendell Reeder in an appeal of an almost \$1 million damages award against him in *Reeder v. Wood County Energy LLC et. al.* Locke Lord's involvement in the case began when it reached the Texas Supreme Court.



“Locke Lord’s Litigation Department of almost 300 attorneys is a great representation of our Firm’s spirit,” said Clements. “We are savvy and strategic, and we work as a team to benefit our clients.”

Locke Lord 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 attorneys building collaborative relationships and crafting creative solutions – all designed and executed to meet clients’ long-term strategic goals.

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