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## Locke Lord's London Lawyers and Practice Areas Cited in Prestigious *Chambers UK 2014* Rankings

**(LONDON) November 8, 2013** – Seven Partners in Locke Lord's London office have been recognized as leaders in their fields by *Chambers UK 2014*, a guide that has widespread following throughout the legal industry for its ranking of lawyers.

Receiving recognition are: Damian Cleary, Gavin Coull, Stephen Finch, Kevin Heath, Paula Howard, Ian McKenna and Daniel Polden.

Polden's ranking jumped from Band 5 to Band 2 this year in Real Estate: Lower Mid-Market.

The London office also received practice-wide recognition in the fields of Consumer Finance; Insurance: Contentious Claims; and, Insurance: Reinsurance. "To achieve such recognition less than two years after the Firm first opened its London office is a tremendous achievement," said Locke Lord Chair Jerry Clements.

Lawyers receiving recognition in the following areas are:

### **Consumer Finance (UK wide)**

- Stephen Finch - Senior Statesman
- Kevin Heath - Band 2
- Paula Howard - Band 2

### **Insurance: Contentious Claims (UK Wide)**

- Gavin Coull - Band 4
- Damian Cleary - Band 5

### **Insurance: Reinsurance (UK Wide)**

- Ian McKenna - Band 1
- Gavin Coull - Band 4
- Damian Cleary - Band 5

### **Real Estate: Lower Mid-Market (London)**

- Daniel Polden - Band 2



**The Practice Area UK-wide rankings are:**

- Consumer Finance - Band 4
- Insurance: Contentious Claims - Band 5
- Insurance: Reinsurance - Band 4

*Chambers UK, 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 150 researchers and editors assess the results and rank 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 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, DC. 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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