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Nine Locke Lord Practice Areas Among Top Nationally and Nearly 100 Practice Areas Recognized in 2014 "Best Law Firms" Report

November 1, 2013 – Nine Locke Lord practice areas are among the best in the country, according to national and metropolitan rankings released today by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* in the 2014 "*Best Law Firms*" report. That number rose by three from last year. Locke Lord's top practice areas – earning a Tier 1 national ranking – are: Corporate Law; Insurance Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property; Litigation-Patent; Oil & Gas Law; Patent Law; Real Estate Law; Trademark Law; and Trusts & Estates Law.

Overall, Locke Lord garnered 26 "Best" spots in the national rankings and 73 spots in the metropolitan rankings. The analysis by U.S. News Media Group and *Best Lawyers* includes evaluations from clients and other attorneys, as well as peer reviews from lawyers recognized as leaders in their specific practice areas. Firms are required to have at least one lawyer in a *Best Lawyers* practice area listing to be eligible for inclusion in the *Best Law Firms* report; Locke Lord has 87 attorneys listed in "*The Best Lawyers in America 2014*."

Locke Lord's recognized practice areas include:

National Rankings – Tier 1

- Corporate Law
- Insurance Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Oil & Gas Law
- Patent Law
- Real Estate Law
- Trademark Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

National Rankings – Tier 2

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Derivatives and Futures Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Employment Law - Management



- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- Mergers & Acquisitions Law
- Tax Law

National Rankings – Tier 3

- Banking and Finance Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - ERISA
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Litigation - Tax

Metropolitan Rankings – Tier 1

AUSTIN

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Communications Law
- Energy Law
- Health Care Law
- Real Estate Law

CHICAGO

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

DALLAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Environmental Law
- Health Care Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - ERISA
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- Litigation - Trusts & Estates



- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

HOUSTON

- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Derivatives and Futures Law
- Employment Law - Management
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Labor & Employment
- Oil & Gas Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts & Estates Law

LOS ANGELES

- Corporate Law
- Securities Regulation

NEW YORK

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

SACRAMENTO

- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Tax Law

WASHINGTON DC

- Insurance Law

Metropolitan Rankings – Tier 2

ATLANTA

- Mergers & Acquisitions Law



CHICAGO

- Employment Law - Management
- Real Estate Law

DALLAS

- Appellate Practice
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Litigation - Tax
- Non-Profit/Charities Law

HOUSTON

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Information Technology Law
- Labor Law - Management
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Non-Profit/Charities Law
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Trademark Law

LOS ANGELES

- Corporate Governance Law
- Insurance Law
- Mergers & Acquisitions Law

NEW ORLEANS

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Real Estate Law

SACRAMENTO

- Corporate Law
- Litigation - Tax

Metropolitan Tier 3

CHICAGO

- Appellate Practice



DALLAS

- Antitrust Law
- Litigation - Banking & Finance

WASHINGTON DC

- Real Estate Law

The national Tier 1 rankings will be featured in mid-November in the first edition of the “Best Law Firms” *Legal Issue*, and the national and metro Tier 1 rankings will be featured in “Best Law Firms” *General Counsel Publication*. Survey questions to clients and attorneys asked them to evaluate firms based on expertise, responsiveness, integrity, cost-effectiveness, civility, understanding of a business and its needs as well as other criteria.

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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