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Locke Lord Partner Ernesto Palomo Selected for the 2014 Fellows Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

(CHICAGO) March 17, 2014 – Locke Lord Chicago Partner **Ernesto Palomo** has been selected for the 2014 Fellows Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD).

The LCLD Fellows program is a mentoring program built to increase diversity at the leadership levels of the nation's law firms and corporate legal departments. The year-long program selects up-and-coming attorneys who are committed to fostering diversity within their individual institutions, and the profession at large. Locke Lord is a member of the LCLD, an organization that includes firms and corporations across the country committed to improving hiring, retention and promotion of diverse lawyers in the legal market.

Ernesto is a Partner in Locke Lord's Business Litigation and Arbitration group, and is head of the Diversity Committee in the Firm's Chicago office. He devotes considerable time to pro bono matters through the National Immigrant Justice Center, the Center for Disability and Elder Law, and the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

"We are very pleased Ernesto has been selected for this fellowship with LCLD," said Locke Lord Partner **Denise Hanna**, Chair of the Firm's Diversity Committee. "He has proven his commitment to diversity in the legal field and the knowledge he gains through this fellowship will help enhance the Firm's diversity mission."

Diversity is a critical part of Locke Lord's strategic plan for success. The Firm has an active Diversity Committee dedicated to the recruitment, retention and promotion of lawyers of varying ethnicities, races, genders, sexual orientations, languages, nationalities and religions. Locke Lord supports organizations that share our commitment to diversity with our time and our funds.

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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