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## Locke Lord REIT Group and Four Partners Ranked Among the Best in *Chambers Global 2014* – Including First-Time Recognition for London Office

**March 24, 2014** – Locke Lord's London office received recognition for the first time in *Chambers Global 2014*, a leading legal directory that ranks the top law firms and lawyers across the industry.

London Partner [Ian McKenna](#) secured a Band 1 ranking – the highest level – in Insurance: Reinsurance, while fellow London Partner [Gavin Coull](#) was ranked in the same category, as well as Insurance: Contentious Claims.

Locke Lord's U.S. practice was once again recognized by *Chambers Global* with a ranking in the Capital Markets: REITs category. Dallas Partner [Bryan Goolsby](#) is ranked in the same practice area, while New York Partner [John Sweeney](#) also earned individual recognition in Intellectual Property: Patent.

McKenna concentrates his litigation practice on reinsurance dispute-resolution, reinsurance restructuring, run-off and exit strategies. In distinguishing him with the very highest Band 1 ranking, *Chambers Global* noted that he is highly knowledgeable and skilled in all aspects of reinsurance law. References praised him as a "formidable litigator and arbitrator," who is "pragmatic, commercially minded and incredibly bright."

Coull focuses his practice on dispute resolution and coverage advice for reinsurers and reinsureds. *Chambers* ranks him in both the Insurance: Contentious Claims and Insurance: Reinsurance categories. References praised Coull for his business acumen and strong client-focus. The directory particularly mentioned his keen understanding of reinsurance issues in Latin America.

Goolsby, who has been recognized previously by *Chambers Global*, is the Chair of the Firm's REIT Practice Group and Finance Committee. He concentrates his practice on facilitating debt and equity offerings on behalf of real estate investment trusts, and representing clients in public and private offerings of debt and equity securities. *Chambers* noted that clients recommended him for his effectiveness on complex legal matters and attentive client service.

Sweeney, also previously recognized by *Chambers Global*, is a former Chair of Locke Lord's Firm-wide Intellectual Property Department. He has extensive litigation experience in cases involving patent, antitrust, trademark and trade issues, having litigated such cases since 1973.



*Chambers Global* lauded Sweeney for his exceptionally deep understanding of matters involving mathematics and computer science.

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