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## Locke Lord Named a Texas Powerhouse Firm by *Law360* – Recognized for Strong Energy Group and Major Litigation Wins

**June 30, 2014** – Locke Lord has been named a **Texas Powerhouse Firm** by *Law360*. The designation is based upon significant litigation wins, transactions and projects the Firm worked on in the state in the past two years.

In its profile of Locke Lord, *Law360* noted the Firm’s strong Texas roots, from the founding of the original predecessor firm in Dallas in 1891, through the forward-thinking evolutions and strategic mergers that have allowed Locke Lord “to grow along with its clients and adapt to meet the needs of an evolving market, making it one of *Law360*’s Texas Powerhouses.”

“Texas gives us a very strong and proud foundation to build on,” said Firm Chair and Texas native **Jerry Clements**. “Each of the mergers we’ve done through the years has strengthened our client base and quality of work and made us a stronger firm.”

In addition to its three Texas locations, Locke Lord has a large presence in Chicago and a number of other U.S. cities, and in recent years expanded overseas to add offices in Hong Kong and London.

Though the breadth of the Firm’s work and its geography have changed through the years, the fundamentals of putting client services first have not, the article says. “There’s been a change in scope,” said Firm Vice Chair **Bill Swanstrom**, “but fundamentally, the culture and philosophy haven’t changed at all.”

Locke Lord’s Energy group – which has grown from a handful of lawyers to a team of 60 in the past two decades – received accolades for its work in Texas, with *Law360* referring to the Firm’s 2012 representation of El Paso Corp. in the \$21 billion sale of its exploration and production business as a “game-changing deal” that is “emblematic of how far Locke Lord’s energy group had moved up the food chain.”

The Firm was also recognized for its “precedent-setting litigation wins,” in particular, a unanimous decision in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Atlantic Marine Construction Company in a highly watched case regarding the enforcement forum-selection clauses in business contracts, and the representation of Retractable Technologies, Inc. in an antitrust and false advertising suit that garnered a \$113 million jury verdict in September 2013 – the 17th largest verdict of the year.



“We’ve had great success nationally in class action and energy litigation and won some very important decisions in litigation and on the appellate side,” said Clements. “It comes not just from one or two cases but a whole lot of other things that have made us have a really incredible year on behalf of clients in the trial section.”

Locke Lord’s Pro Bono work was lauded for its role in helping to amend the criminal justice system in Texas. A team of nearly 40 Locke Lord lawyers interviewed prosecutors across the state and uncovered systemic inconsistencies from county to county regarding what information was provided to defendants during discovery. Compelled in large part by the Firm’s research, in May 2013 Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed the Michael Morton Act, a state law requiring prosecutors turn over all evidence to defense attorneys in criminal cases. Clements referred to this project as “an example of the heart and soul and core values of the firm.”

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

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