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Locke Lord's Sara Schnorr is First Transgender Woman Appointed by Governor to Serve on Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women

(BOSTON) April 26, 2016 – [Sara Schnorr](#), Of Counsel in Locke Lord's [Boston](#) office, has been appointed by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. Schnorr, one of 5 Governor appointees, is the first transgender woman to serve on this commission. She was sworn in Monday.

As a volunteer member, Schnorr will review and assess the status of women in the state and work to push forward policy changes and legislative actions that will improve opportunities and equality for women. Commissioners are appointed by one of four authorities: the Governor, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and the Caucus of Women Legislators.

"I am honored by the trust that the Governor has placed in me by appointing me a Commissioner," said Schnorr. "I look forward to adding my unique voice, my energy and commitment to the Commission's important work of advancing full equality and equal rights and opportunities for all women in the Commonwealth."

Schnorr's appointment follows Locke Lord's show of support of transgender equality in Massachusetts earlier this month. The Firm, along with over 40 other businesses, urged state legislature to vote in support of Act Relative to Transgender Anti-Discrimination. Boston Office Managing Partner [Matt McTygue](#) represented the Firm and joined Attorney General Maura Healey in signing a [letter](#) in support of the act. Locke Lord was the only law firm among the 43 signed companies.

For more information on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, please visit their [website](#).

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