Chambers USA Recognizes 51 Locke Lord Lawyers and 19 Practice Areas

June 2, 2016 – Legal directory Chambers USA has ranked 51 Locke Lord LLP lawyers and 19 of the Firm’s practice areas for excellence in its 2016 edition. Ten of the Firm’s lawyers have achieved Band 1 rankings in their respective practice areas and the Firm’s Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional) practice has earned a national distinction.

Locke Lord lawyers honored on a national level include: Scott J. Arrington (Projects), Nick J. DiGiovanni (Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance), Bryan L. Goolsby (Capital Markets: REITs), David Patton (Energy: Oil & Gas Transactional), and Thomas J. Smedinghoff (Privacy & Data Security). This year marks DiGiovanni’s first time to achieve recognition on the national level.

Doug Yeager (Real Estate, Texas) was ranked by Chambers USA for the first time this year. In addition, four Locke Lord lawyers moved up in this year’s rankings, including: Elizabeth E. Mack (Environment, Texas), Michael V. Powell (Litigation: General Commercial and Litigation: Energy & Natural Resources, Texas), David S. Szabo (Health Care, Massachusetts) and Bradley C. Weber (Antitrust, Texas).

In addition, two Locke Lord lawyers were named “Recognized Practitioners” and three practice areas from two states received the same distinction.

Below is a full list of Locke Lord lawyers ranked in Chambers USA 2016:

Nationwide

Scott J. Arrington – Projects
Nick J. DiGiovanni – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance
Bryan L. Goolsby – REITs
David Patton – Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional)
Thomas J. Smedinghoff – Privacy & Data Security

California

Los Angeles

Jonathan Bank – Insurance: Reinsurance (Band 1)
San Francisco

Elizabeth Tosaris – Insurance: Insurer

Connecticut (Hartford)

James I. Lotstein – Corporate/M&A (Band 1)

Illinois (Chicago)

Michael P. Bennett – Technology & Outsourcing
Jon Biasetti – Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory
Nick J. DiGiovanni – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance (Band 1)
David Fischer – Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Thomas J. Smedinghoff – Technology & Outsourcing (Band 1)
Paige D. Waters – Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory
Jonathan Young – Bankruptcy/Restructuring

Louisiana (New Orleans)

Omer F. “Rick” Kuebel III – Bankruptcy/Restructuring

Massachusetts (Boston)

Christopher M. Flanagan – Tax
Richard D. Glovsky – Labor & Employment
Stanley Keller – Corporate/M&A
Richard Manley – Banking & Finance: Public Finance
Stephanie H. Massey – Banking & Finance: Public Finance
Jennifer Capasso Mendonça – Banking & Finance: Public Finance
David R. Rodgers – Real Estate
David L. Ruediger – Banking & Finance
David S. Szabo – Health Care (Band 1)
Walter St. Onge – Banking & Finance: Public Finance (Band 1)

New Jersey (Morristown)

James E. Tyrrell – Litigation: Products Liability
New York (New York City)


Rhode Island (Providence)

Mark W. Freel – Litigation: General Commercial (Band 1)
Christopher D. Graham – Corporate/Commercial (Band 1)
Douglas G. Gray – Corporate/Commercial
Gail E. McCann – Corporate/Commercial: Banking & Finance and Real Estate (Band 1)
Walter G. D. Reed – Corporate/Commercial

Texas

Austin

Cynthia Bast – Real Estate
Mike A. Hatchell – Litigation: Appellate (Band 1)
Jennifer Rangel – Health Care
Berry D. Spears – Bankruptcy/Restructuring
Tai Tran – Real Estate

Dallas

Billie Ellis – Real Estate
Don Glendenning – Corporate/M&A
Elizabeth E. Mack – Environment
Michael V. Powell – Litigation: General Commercial and Litigation: Energy & Natural Resources
Susan M. Rainey – Environment
Bradley C. Weber – Antitrust

Houston

Charles S. Baker – Intellectual Property
Buddy Haas – Banking & Finance
Gerald D. Higdon – Environment
Stephen C. Jacobs – Real Estate
Gerald J. Pels – Environment
Bill Swanstrom – Corporate/M&A
Doug Yeager – Real Estate

Locke Lord practice areas recognized in *Chambers USA 2016* are:

**Nationwide**
- Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional)

**Connecticut**
- Corporate/M&A

**Florida**
- Banking & Finance

**Illinois**
- Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance
- Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory
- Real Estate
- Technology & Outsourcing

**Massachusetts**
- Banking & Finance
- Banking & Finance: Public Finance

**Rhode Island**
- Corporate/Commercial
- Litigation: General Commercial

**Texas**
- Banking & Finance
- Corporate/M&A
- Environment
- Health Care
Litigation: General Commercial
Real Estate
Tax

Under “Recognized Practitioners” are:

**Florida (West Palm Beach)**

Mark-David Adams – Banking & Finance: Public Finance (*Recognized Practitioner*)

**Texas (Houston)**

Ben Cowan – Environment (*Recognized Practitioner*)

**Massachusetts**

Health Care (*Recognized Practitioner*)
Technology (*Recognized Practitioner*)

**Texas**

Antitrust (*Recognized Practitioner*)

Chambers & Partners has been ranking lawyers across all industries since 1990. *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* surveys and interviews clients and lawyers across the United States to determine which firms and lawyers are considered leaders in their field. Rankings assess key qualities in the legal field, including technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence and commitment.

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Locke Lord is a full-service, international law firm of more than 20 offices designed to meet clients’ needs around the world. The Firm has a history that spans more than 125 years and is a worldwide leader in the middle market sector. Locke Lord advises clients across a broad spectrum of industries including energy, financial services, fund formation, health care, insurance and reinsurance, private equity and venture capital, real estate, and technology, media and telecommunications, while providing a wealth of experience through its complex litigation, intellectual property, regulatory and transactional teams.