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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 Biasseti](#) – 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)

[John F. Sweeney](#) – Intellectual Property: Patent

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.