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## Locke Lord Recognized by Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas for Firm's Commitment to Pro Bono Legal Services

**(AUSTIN) August 12, 2016** – Locke Lord was recently honored with a 2016 Judge Suzanne Covington Pro Bono Service award on behalf of Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas (VLS). The Firm was recognized as a Pro Bono Champion, based on the number of pro bono cases handled by Locke Lord lawyers over the past year as well as the level of financial support provided by the Firm and individual lawyers.

The Covington awards honor and celebrate attorneys and firms that devoted an extraordinary amount of time providing legal services to low-income clients of VLS in 2015. [Susan Kidwell](#), Partner in the Firm's [Austin](#) office and President-Elect of VLS, attended the awards reception in May.

"We are honored to be recognized by VLS for the legal services we provided to the Austin community over the past year," Kidwell said. "We are committed to helping the mission of the VLS to provide assistance with the critical matters they face in ensuring that poverty is not a barrier to justice and we look forward to continuing our work for the organization."

With a global footprint and history of services that spans 125 years, Locke Lord is committed to giving back to the communities in which its lawyers and staff live and work. This is reflected in the pro bono, charitable giving, community outreach and bar association activities undertaken by the Firm each year.

Established in 1981 by Austin attorneys concerned by inequity in the civil legal system, VLS is a non-profit organization that provides civil legal services to low-income people through attorney volunteers in Travis County.

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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, public finance, real estate, and technology, media and telecommunications, while providing a wealth of experience through its complex litigation, intellectual property, regulatory and transactional teams.