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Paulette Brown to Receive Highest Award from New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law

(MORRISTOWN) November 2, 2016 – **Paulette Brown**, Partner at Locke Lord's **Morristown** office and the Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association, has been selected by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law to receive the 2016 Daniel J. O'Hearn Award for Professionalism.

The Daniel J. O'Hearn Award, to be presented Nov. 3, is bestowed once a year and is the highest award conferred for professionalism in the state of New Jersey. Brown will be recognized as a lawyer who has consistently demonstrated outstanding character and has displayed a steady commitment to the ideals of professionalism. Recipients are well-respected members of the legal community who have exhibited high ethical standards, career achievement, and service to the bar and to the community.

Brown is a Labor and Employment Partner and Co-Chair of the Locke Lord's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. She is a Fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and for nearly 40 years, has focused her practice on all facets of labor and employment and commercial litigation. Brown is also nationally known for speaking out to eliminate bias in the U.S. legal system and for her fight against subtle racism, discrimination and small slights known as "micro-inequities." Prior to entering private practice, she held a number of positions, including in-house counsel to Fortune 500 companies and as a Municipal Court judge.

This year, Brown has also been recognized by the *New Jersey Law Journal* in its 2016 Top Women in Law and received the 2016 Howard University Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in the field of law.

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