Chambers USA 2017 Recognizes 53 Locke Lord Lawyers and 17 Practice Areas

May 31, 2017 – Legal directory Chambers USA has ranked 53 Locke Lord LLP lawyers and 17 of the Firm’s practice areas for excellence in its 2017 edition. Eleven 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), David Patton (Energy: Oil & Gas Transactional) and Thomas J. Smedinghoff (Privacy & Data Security).

Six Locke Lord lawyers were ranked by Chambers USA for the first time this year, including: Paul E. Coggins (Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations), M. Benjamin Cowan (Environment), Tim Johnson (Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations), Kiprian Mendrygal (Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations), Cynthia Timms (Litigation: Appellate) and Mitch Tiras (Tax).

In addition, four Locke Lord lawyers moved up in this year’s rankings, including: John K. Arnold (Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation [Oil & Gas]), Christopher M. Flanagan (Tax), Buddy Haas (Banking & Finance) and Jennifer L. Rangel (Health Care).

Below is a full list of Locke Lord lawyers ranked in Chambers USA 2017:

Nationwide

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

California

Los Angeles
Jonathan Bank – Insurance: Reinsurance (Band 1)

San Francisco
Elizabeth A. Tosaris – Insurance: Insurer
Illinois (Chicago)

- Michael P. Bennett – Technology & Outsourcing
- Jon Biasetti – Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory
- Nick J. DiGiovanni – Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Reinsurance (Band 1)
- David J. Fischer – Bankruptcy/Restructuring
- Thomas J. Smedinghoff – Technology & Outsourcing (Band 1)
- Paige D. Waters – Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory
- Jonathan W. 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 A. Manley Jr. – Banking & Finance: Public Finance
- Stephanie H. Massey – Banking & Finance: Public Finance
- Jennifer Capasso Mendonca – Banking & Finance: Public Finance
- David R. Rodgers – Real Estate
- David L. Ruediger – Banking & Finance
- David S. Szabo – Health Care (Band 1)
- Walter J. St. Onge III – Banking & Finance: Public Finance (Band 1)

New Jersey (Morristown)

- James E. Tyrrell Jr. – Litigation: Products Liability

Rhode Island (Providence)

- Mark W. Free – 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
Charles F. Rogers – Real Estate

Texas

Austin

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

Dallas

Paul E. Coggins – Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Band 1)
Don M. Glendenning – Corporate/M&A
Elizabeth E. Mack – Environment
Kiprian Mendrygal – Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
Michael V. Powell – Litigation: General Commercial and Litigation: Energy & Natural Resources
Susan M. Rainey – Environment
Cynthia Timms – Litigation: Appellate
Bradley C. Weber – Antitrust

Houston

John K. Arnold – Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Oil & Gas) (Band 1) and Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Electricity)
Charles S. Baker – Intellectual Property
M. Benjamin Cowan – Environment
Buddy Haas – Banking & Finance
Gerald D. (Jerry) Higdon – Environment
Stephen C. Jacobs – Real Estate
Tim Johnson – Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
Gerald J. Pels – Environment
Bill Swanstrom – Corporate/M&A
Mitch Tiras – Tax

Locke Lord practice areas recognized in *Chambers USA 2017* are:

**Nationwide**

Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional)

**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
Environmental
Litigation: General Commercial
Real Estate
Tax
The Firm’s “Other Noted” (“Recognized Practitioners”) lawyers and practice areas are:

**Nationwide**

Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance (Compliance & Litigation)

**Florida (West Palm Beach)**

*Mark-David Adams* – Banking & Finance: Public Finance

**Washington, D.C.**

*Denise Hanna* – Health Care

**Massachusetts**

Health Care

**Rhode Island**

Real Estate

**Texas**

Antitrust

Labor & Employment

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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