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Locke Lord Chicago Office Managing Partner Jennifer Kenedy Named One of Chicago's Most Influential Women Lawyers by Crain's Chicago Business

(CHICAGO) August 2, 2017 – [Jennifer Kenedy](#), Managing Partner of Locke Lord's **Chicago** office, has been selected by Crain's Chicago Business as one of the Most Influential Women Lawyers in Chicago. The inaugural list recognizes great accomplishments in the legal industry, giving back to the community and mentorship of other women lawyers. Kenedy also serves as a member of the Locke Lord Board of Directors, of which she was a former Co-Chair, Deputy General Counsel and Chair of the Firm's Flexible Work Arrangement Committee.

"Jennifer embodies the qualities — leadership, humanity and extraordinary legal ability, among many others — that Crain's Chicago Business has recognized in her as one of the Most Influential Women Lawyers in Chicago. We're proud to call her a colleague and a friend, and we're thrilled she received this honor," said [Jerry Clements](#), Chair of Locke Lord.

Kenedy is highlighted for obtaining a favorable settlement for her client last year in the Lac Mégantic train derailment cases, a \$2 billion exposure in which lead counsel used an innovative approach that marked the first time the bankruptcy process was used to conclusively settle catastrophic wrongful death, environmental and property claims. She concentrates her practice on commercial litigation, including trade secret misappropriation and other intellectual property litigation, employment and distributorship contractual disputes, construction, product liability, ERISA, real estate and eminent domain. Her experience as national counsel for several financial services, insurance and other companies covers all aspects of litigation from supervising complex discovery and attending mediations and arbitrations to pursuing injunctive relief, trying cases and briefing and arguing state and federal court appeals.

Kenedy is co-chair of the Legal Forum of the Executives' Club of Chicago. She is a member of the advisory board, a former board member and founding executive committee member of the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law. She is a member, and served as former chair of the board of directors, of The Fairway Network.

Kenedy received the Best Lawyers 2017 Women of Influence Award and the National Diversity Council's Leadership Excellence in the Law Award in 2014. She was the recipient of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois Esther Rothstein Award in 2012 in recognition of her leadership and her efforts to empower women in the legal field and beyond. The award recognizes women who exemplify Rothstein's legacy through their leadership qualities and their visionary approach to their careers and to their lives. In 2011, Kenedy was named one of the Most Powerful and Influential Women in Illinois by the National Diversity Council. She has been



named to the Best Lawyers in America list for Commercial Litigation since 2011 and Product Liability since 2012, and she has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer by Law & Politics magazine since 2012.

To view Kenedy's profile, click [here](#).

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