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Locke Lord Adds Corporate Partner Christine Williford to Growing Dallas Office

(DALLAS) May 24, 2018 – **Christine Williford** has joined Locke Lord's **Dallas** office as a Partner in the Firm's **Corporate** Practice Group. Williford brings to the nationally recognized Corporate team at Locke Lord a broad corporate and securities practice with a focus on representing both buyers and sellers in private M&A transactions, as well as capital market transactions and SEC reporting and compliance.

"Chrissy's experience, particularly in the private equity and public company space, will help strengthen our corporate presence in Dallas. She's a highly motivated individual, extremely personable and thought very highly of among her colleagues and clients," said **Vicky Gunning**, Managing Partner of Locke Lord's Dallas office. "Her arrival combined with the addition of Tax Partner Will Becker earlier this year is indicative of the Firm's continued commitment to strategically growing the Dallas office and team."

Williford, who joins the Firm from Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, regularly advises clients on corporate governance and other general corporate matters. She has represented a wide range of companies, from Dow 30 and Fortune 150 companies to small, privately held companies, including startups. She has advised clients on a wide variety of matters, ranging from daily operations to financing and acquisition/disposition transactions. Williford also has experience representing issuers and underwriters in multi-jurisdictional equity and debt offerings. She has represented both purchasers and sellers in cross-border M&A transactions and has advised clients on other general U.S. corporate matters. She has been named a Texas Rising Star by Super Lawyers since 2016.

"Joining a Corporate team with as solid of a reputation as Locke Lord's was an opportunity I couldn't pass up," said Williford. "The Firm has experienced a number of years of growth in the M&A space, and I'm looking forward to helping build upon the fantastic momentum the group has established."

Williford is an active member of the Dallas community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Cancer Support Community of North Texas. She is also President of Club Blue, the young professionals arm of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Dallas. In addition, she is the Vice President of YPF for Kids (formerly known as Young Professionals in Finance for Kids). She is a Fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation and a member of the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers and Association for Corporate Growth DFW.

Locke Lord has played an integral role in Dallas' corporate and civic life for more than 125



years, with about 250 lawyers and staff in the office. Its lawyers remain dedicated to providing the transactional, governance, trial and administrative legal services of the increasingly broad range of leading business interests that characterize Dallas. In addition, the Firm's Dallas office has long been a participant in local business organizations and a supporter of numerous civic and charitable groups dedicated to community affairs, education, arts and culture throughout the state.

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