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## Locke Lord Honored Among Law360's Elite 2019 Insurance Groups of the Year for Depth and Breadth of Experience, Role in Landmark Deals and Litigation

**February 5, 2020** – Locke Lord's [Insurance](#) Practice Group has been named one of Law360's 2019 Insurance Groups of the Year for its excellence, including recent notable achievements representing [CVS Health](#) in its \$70 billion acquisition of Aetna, representing [WellCare Health Plans, Inc.](#), in its \$17.3 billion merger with Centene and securing a grant of summary judgment on behalf of [Star Insurance Co.](#) from the California Fourth Appellate District in a liability matter.

Law360 honors the litigation wins and major deals that resonated throughout the insurance industry in the past year, with an eye toward landmark events and general excellence. The publication cited the large and diverse array of professionals at Locke Lord as one of the Firm's key assets, with experience in every corner of legal services delivery to the insurance industry.

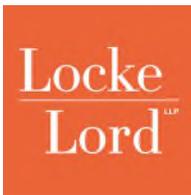
"We have very deep bench strength," [Atlanta](#) Partner [Brian Casey](#), Co-Chair of Locke Lord's [Regulatory and Transactional Insurance](#) Practice Group, told Law360. "We speak the language, we understand lawyers in the regulatory area, that they need to understand a little bit about statutory accounting and a little bit about actuarial science, because those three disciplines — law, actuarial science and statutory accounting — come together frequently."

[Jon Biasetti](#), also Co-Chair of the Firm's Regulatory and Transactional Insurance Practice Group, added that Locke Lord's clients feel confident that the Firm's insurance group knows the issues and their business.

[Chicago](#) Partners [Biasetti](#), [Tim Farber](#) and [Steve Whitmer](#) co-led the Firm's representation of CVS Health in its acquisition of Aetna. Chicago Partners [Ashlee Knuckey](#) as well as [Christopher Barth](#) and [Hugh Balsam](#) were also highlighted by Law360 for their leadership representing WellCare and Star Insurance, respectively.

Chicago Partner [Nick DiGiovanni](#), Chair of Locke Lord's [Insurance and Reinsurance Dispute Resolution, Coverage and Claims](#) Practice Group, said he anticipates the team "will continue to grow and evolve" because the Firm "has become devoted to the insurance industry in every aspect."

Locke Lord's Insurance Practice Group is highly varied and dynamic, distinguished by its lawyers' deep experience in the regulatory and transactional arenas as well as in complex insurance litigation and counseling. The group assists insurance and reinsurance clients across a wide



spectrum of disciplines, including aviation, antitrust, health care, insurance regulatory, corporate and transactional, class action, labor and employment, intellectual property, litigation, tax, corporate and structured finance, and privacy and data security.

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