Peter Wynacht Joins Locke Lord as Partner in Chicago Office, Strengthening Firm’s Tax Capabilities and Private Equity and Venture Capital Practice

(CHICAGO) March 9, 2020 – Peter Wynacht has joined Locke Lord’s Chicago office as a Partner in the Firm’s Tax Department, expanding the Firm’s capabilities to counsel clients on complex tax matters, especially across the private equity and venture capital industry.

Wynacht, who joins Locke Lord from Vedder Price, focuses his practice on federal income tax matters, with an emphasis on corporate mergers and acquisitions and corporate spin-offs and split-offs. He regularly represents private equity and venture capital firms on dispositions and acquisitions of portfolio companies as well as entrepreneurs, strengthening Locke Lord’s Private Equity and Venture Capital practice.

“Peter is a great strategic fit for Locke Lord’s Chicago office and will also work closely and collaboratively with the Firm’s highly regarded Private Equity and Venture Capital team, particularly in the Northeast,” said Michael Renetzky, Managing Partner of Locke Lord’s Chicago office. “Peter has an outstanding reputation among his clients, and we are extremely pleased to welcome him to Locke Lord.”

Wynacht has represented domestic and foreign individuals and business entities in day-to-day operational matters and complex business transactions, including business startups, mergers and acquisitions, business and capital restructurings and U.S. inbound and outbound investment matters. Previously, Wynacht served as senior tax counsel for Chevron Corporation, where he navigated a variety of complex tax matters and incorporated cutting-edge tax planning techniques from around the world.

“Joining Locke Lord gives me a unique opportunity to build on the Firm’s collaborative culture and reputation of providing best-in-class service, working closely with lawyers across geographies and practice areas to help clients achieve their goals,” Wynacht said. “I am thrilled to join a Firm of this caliber and look forward to expanding Locke Lord’s tax capabilities.”

Locke Lord provides a wide range of tax planning and controversy services for all types of business entities and individual clients. The Firm’s lawyers offer advice on U.S. federal, international, state and local tax matters, handling tax controversies at all levels and counseling tax-exempt organizations. The team is knowledgeable and skilled on any tax issue clients face, including structuring and negotiating corporate spin-off transactions or other tax-free or taxable reorganizations. The Firm’s lawyers closely monitor changing tax laws and regulations to ensure...
clients achieve their business objectives, while maximizing the benefits of tax planning.

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