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Letter From the Chair

For many of us, the start of spring inspires and invigorates. This certainly rings true at Locke Lord as it’s abuzz with activity, and there’s a great energy at the Firm. Our alumni network is so important to us, our friends are valued, and we’re excited and honored to update all of you on the many happenings at Locke Lord.

It’s no secret that it’s a challenging time for all of us in the legal industry. During these changing times, we’re focused on working with our clients as one team collaboratively across our offices and practices. I continue to be proud of our strong culture of outstanding client service, collegiality and teamwork. Thank you for being an important part of this strong legacy.

We have many things to report in this alumni newsletter. It’s been nearly 100 days since President Donald Trump took office, and our lawyers are working tirelessly together to ensure our clients stay up to date on the legislative and regulatory events that may impact them. As you know, there is much to keep up with.

We also had the honor of sitting down with Mary Kay Inc.’s recently appointed Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary Julia Simon. Julia, whom I had the pleasure of working with, is an alumna of the Firm, a client of the Firm and has worked for Mary Kay for more than 15 years.

Thank you to Dallas Partner Frank Stevenson, who took time out of his busy schedule to give us an update on serving as President of the State Bar of Texas and what’s ahead in the remaining few months of his year-long appointment. We are delighted that Dallas Partner Harriet Miers was recently chosen as a Texas Legal Legend by the State Bar of Texas, the highest award bestowed by the organization. It was a much-deserved recognition for Harriet, whose dedication to justice, service and professionalism are unparalleled across the legal profession.

I’m thrilled to highlight another year of strong growth in M&A for the Firm, especially during the economic challenges. We have a terrific team across the Firm, and you will see many of the important deals in which they have been involved.

And, finally, we all lost a dear friend in Ed DeYoung at the end of last year. I was crushed by his passing and miss him very much. I first met Ed in 1998 and started working closely with him when the two Texas firms merged in 1999. Anyone who knew Ed will remember his big personality — he loved practicing law and loved having a good time. He also was a bit of an enigma: He could quote Shakespeare and Edward Albee on one hand, as well as every New York Yankees or University of Texas football statistic. As you will see in this issue, Ed’s memory will live on through a newly created endowed scholarship fund at his alma mater, The University of Texas Law School. Hook ‘Em, Ed.

We’d love to hear from you, so please be sure to keep in touch. And follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter for news, announcements, webinars and other events, or visit the Locke Lord website.

Best Regards,

Jerry Clements
Locke Lord Firm Chair
President Trump’s First 100 Days

Clients Turn to Locke Lord to Navigate Regulatory and Legislative Developments

President Donald Trump was sworn into office on January 20, and Locke Lord lawyers are staying on top of changes in business and monitoring laws and regulations that govern U.S. and multinational corporations. The Firm’s lawyers are working hard to ensure that clients and friends have access to current and relevant information they need. A few examples include:

Health Care Reform

On March 24, House Republicans pulled the American Health Care Act, their plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, due to lack of votes. While it’s too early to speculate next steps at the time of this edition’s publication, Denise Hanna, Co-Chair of the Firm’s Health Care Practice Group and Managing Partner of the Firm’s Washington, D.C., office, continues her cross-country speaking tour on the topic. Denise recently joined Penn State Law for its “A Deal Lawyer’s Guide to the Impact of the Trump Administration on Laws Affecting Mergers and Acquisitions.” In addition, she spoke about “Replacing the ACA — An Update from Washington, D.C.,” at the American Bar Association’s Health Law Section’s Conference on Emerging Issues in Healthcare Law in New Orleans and is slated to speak at the American Health Lawyers Annual Meeting in June in San Francisco. Visit the “News & Events” tab (lockelord.com/newsandevents) on the Firm’s website to learn about all of the events in which Locke Lord’s lawyers are participating.

Tax Reform

Tax reform was a major issue on the campaign trail and has continued to be a hot topic in the early days of President Trump’s presidency. As health care reform hangs in the balance, tax reform now seems to be the highest-priority item on the White House agenda. Karl Fryzel, Co-Chair of the Firm’s Tax Department, and Brianna Reed, Associate in the Firm’s Corporate Practice Group, both based in Boston, recently authored a Locke Lord QuickStudy (bit.ly/2oK9dyf) focusing on the most important aspects of tax reform and to help keep track of the various components involved. They offer insights into what to watch for regarding individual, business entity and international taxation.

Dodd-Frank Reform

It’s becoming increasingly likely that the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank) will be in the sights of the Republican Congress and administration, with some parts of the Act already impacted. Eric Johnson, Partner in the Firm’s Energy Industry Group based in Houston, recently authored a Locke Lord QuickStudy (bit.ly/2i8YNaL) surrounding President Trump’s signing of H.J. Resolution 41 on February 14. The resolution killed the SEC’s disclosure rules for payments made by resource extraction issuers, or the Resource Extraction Disclosure Rules. The rules, mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act, require certain payments made to governments by U.S. public companies engaged in the commercial development of oil, natural gas or minerals. The action does not repeal the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that mandate the Resource Extraction Disclosure Rules, but the SEC is prohibited from proposing and adopting new rules that are substantially the same as the rules that were killed. Eric writes that he does not anticipate any new resource extraction disclosure rules will be adopted in the near future.

While most discussions surrounding proposed changes to Dodd-Frank focus on bank regulation, there are portions directly applicable to the insurance industry that could drastically alter the power dynamic between, and the regulatory authority of, the federal government and the states.

Zach Lerner, Associate in the Firm’s Insurance Practice Group based in New York, writes about “Dodd-Frank and the Future of Federal Insurance Regulation” (bit.ly/2I70lb) in a recent Locke Lord QuickStudy. Zach writes that the insurance component of Dodd-Frank most likely under direct threat is the Federal Insurance Office (FIO). While Dodd-Frank does not explicitly grant the FIO regulatory authority, the FIO does have broad powers to collect data and initiate research efforts. Other potential insurance targets of Dodd-Frank include scaling back the systemically important financial institution designation to explicitly exclude insurance companies as well as revisiting the Federal Reserve’s role in overseeing certain classes of insurance companies.

Interested in reading more? The Group’s insurance and reinsurance blog (www.insurereinsure.com) provides the latest legal news and developments in the industry.

U.S.-China Relations

Greg Burch, Chair of the Firm’s China / Hong Kong Practice splitting his time between Locke Lord’s Hong Kong and Houston offices, recently authored a Locke Lord QuickStudy on Chinese investment in the United States (bit.ly/2l8YNaL). Greg explores the considerations that people working in this area should look out for as early signs of how President Trump’s administration may impact U.S.-China business, including increased scrutiny. However, Greg cautions that only time will tell how President Trump’s specific policies may develop and impact U.S.-China business and financial relations.

Want to read additional articles in Locke Lord’s QuickStudy series so you can stay informed? Visit the “News & Events” tab (lockelord.com/newsandevents) on the Firm’s website and search for “Publications.”
In-House With One of the Most Iconic Beauty Brands in the World

Mary Kay Inc.’s Julia Simon Shares How the Firm Gave Her the Tools to Lead and Give Back

Julia Simon is the Chief Legal Officer (CLO) and Corporate Secretary of Addison, Texas-based Mary Kay Inc., a top beauty brand with $4 billion in global annual sales and 3.5 million independent beauty consultants. Julia joined Locke Purnell Rain Harrell (a Locke Lord predecessor firm) in 1993 and left in 1995 to join Mary Kay as an employment lawyer. She rejoined Locke Purnell Rain Harrell in 1996. She was elected as a Partner in 1998, which became effective in 1999 following the merger of Locke Purnell Rain Harrell and Liddell Sapp Zivley Hill & LaBoon to form Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP (all predecessor firms to Locke Lord). She returned to Mary Kay in 2000. Before becoming CLO, she served as Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary. She is also the Chief Privacy Officer for the company.

Julia currently serves on the Women in the Profession Committee for the State Bar of Texas and as a member of the General Counsel Working Group at the Center for Women in Law at the University of Texas. She continues to support the Dallas Zoological Society, Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center, Family Gateway, Friends of the Dallas Public Library and other nonprofits where she has served as a board member.

Q. You were recently appointed as CLO and Corporate Secretary. What do you enjoy most about your new role?
A. I really enjoy the people development. In particular, I’m pleased to see the two vice presidents I promoted before I took on this role taking ownership and wanting to help lawyers junior to them progress. I now get to have this same impact on new teams that report to me, and I also get to have an impact at an executive level on shaping the future of our company through continued training and development for all employees.

Q. What have you found most surprising about your new role?
A. I like to tell jokes and often deal with stress by laughing. These days my jokes seem to be funnier. Nobody would ever describe me as funny, but I’ve noticed recently that when I make a joke people in the room laugh! So, I really have to watch what jokes I tell.

Q. What’s been your greatest challenge?
A. There is a lot of work, and I’m not the most naturally organized person. I’ve had to institute processes and procedures — I’m the queen of the binders. I’ve tried to empower my administrative assistant and team members to help make sure I stay on task. When you’re in-house, issues are flying at you constantly. The funnel doesn’t end. With all the stuff piling up, it’s going to explode if you don’t get the village to help with organizational efforts and delegate where you can. You just have to make sure you get through it with a process, and hopefully I’ve been effective at that.

Q. How did your time at the Firm prepare you for your current role?
A. First and foremost, I had the opportunity to work with some of the most brilliant lawyers I have ever met. They taught me how to be a good lawyer and to provide excellent service to my clients. Those skills are extremely important in-house. More importantly, the Firm laid the foundation for my leadership style, which involves making the team around me better. I enjoy helping my team develop their legal skills as well as their ability to understand and influence our internal clients. My goal is to help every member of my team reach their full potential. That was what was done for me at the Firm. I can rattle off a long list of Locke lawyers who had a dramatic impact not only on my legal career but on me as a human being: Don Glendenning, Harriet Miers, Jerry Clements, Mike Collins, Ray LaDriere, Janis Loegering and Cynthia Timms, just to name a few.

Giving back to the community was instilled in me from day one. So many of the lawyers were involved in everything from community boards, to bar activities, to government service. It was very clear to me that while my legal work was important, doing good work in the community was also valued. My very first year in Dallas, Harriet asked me if I would be interested in being on the board of Friends of Fair Park. I was new to the area, did not even know what Fair Park was, and I didn’t know anything about being on a board; but I learned a lot and met great people. It was at that time that I really started thinking about the importance of giving back. It was also a great way to get acclimated to Dallas. The Partners made sure they included me in community events, and, to this day, I feel very much connected to the community because of the foundation laid for me at the Firm. The Firm has always had lawyers who are really involved, not just internally but also by making the community a better place.

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Locke Lord’s Innovative App and Blog Deliver Brexit News Instantly

On June 23, 2016, a referendum passed paving the way for the UK to leave the European Union. While the world awaits the full implications of Brexit and what it will mean for businesses in the UK and abroad, Locke Lord launched a blog and app to provide the latest updates, commentary and analysis from the Firm’s lawyers on progress made since the recent referendum and the potential legal implications that may affect businesses.

Visit brexit.lockelord.com/brexitblog for the latest news, or download our app from the App Store to receive push notifications directly to your iPhone/iPad.
Catching Up With the State Bar of Texas President
Q&A With Frank Stevenson on the Status of His Term and More

Q: What have been your most notable accomplishments during your presidency at the State Bar of Texas?
A: Woody Allen said, “Eighty percent of success is showing up.” That may or may not be good advice for life, but it’s spot-on for being president of the State Bar of Texas.

I’ve spoken with lawyers across the state, and I’ve represented the State Bar of Texas at numerous conferences and other events out of state. There’s also a huge amount of writing that the State Bar president must undertake: monthly columns for the Texas Bar Journal, op-eds for local newspapers, articles for local bar association publications as well as all the speeches. The response to my columns that I’ve gotten from my colleagues and lawyers across the state is very gratifying.

Our colleague and Locke Lord Partner Paulette Brown, Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association, was my mentor in this regard. Paulette was everywhere during her year as president. By her example, I learned that “showing up” is a big part of the job.

Q: In regard to your major initiative, the Texas Opportunity and Justice Incubator (TOJI), what successes have you seen since its launch? What sort of feedback have you received?
A: TOJI is off to an extraordinary start. We’ve hired an executive director, who headed a legal incubator in California, and secured office space not far from the University of Texas Law School in Austin. We’ve selected the first cohort of young lawyers who began the program on April 3. A second cohort will start their 18-month term in early October and a third the following April. There’s no better indication of the timeliness of TOJI than the fact we had over five times as many applicants as available spaces.

The practice interests of this inaugural class align perfectly with the everyday legal needs of everyday Americans. These young lawyers have both the head and the heart to set up successful modest-means practices. People will be helped by TOJI — both Texas lawyers and the clients they serve.

Our fellow citizens need access to justice. Our fellow Texas lawyers need access to opportunity. Those needs for justice and opportunity meet with our legal incubator.

Q: How do you juggle both the responsibilities of the State Bar presidency as well as your Locke Lord clients?
A: I have no idea how I could discharge my responsibilities as State Bar president without the exceptional support I’ve received from the Firm and my colleagues. That support is a tribute to the quality and competence of the lawyers we hire as well as the team-spiritedness that is a hallmark of this Firm.

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Four Years and Counting: Locke Lord’s Fellows for Diversity Commit to Creating a More Diverse and Inclusive Legal Profession

This year marks the fourth consecutive year that Locke Lord has had a lawyer participate in the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellows Program, which identifies, trains and advances the next generation of leaders in the legal profession. According to LCLD, the diversity program, established in 2011, is one of its most important initiatives. Locke Lord’s lawyers have participated with LCLD’s top leadership in conferences and projects aimed at increasing leadership and relationship skills for lawyers who are committed to creating a more diverse and inclusive legal profession.

The Firm’s LCLD Fellows include:

- **2017**
  - **Chicago’s Bilal Zaheer** focuses his practice on business litigation and dispute resolution in state and federal court as well as arbitration and mediation. He regularly advises and counsels companies facing disputes arising from complex corporate and commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, investment banking engagements, joint ventures, distributorships, and sales of goods and real estate. Bilal serves as Co-Chair of the Litigation Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. He is also Co-Chair of the Young Lawyers Division for the South Asian Bar Association of North America.

- **2016**
  - **Austin’s Michelle Earley** is a Corporate Partner and a member of Locke Lord’s Executive Committee, Diversity Committee, Women’s Initiative Committee, Lateral Hire Committee and Practice Development Committee. In her practice, Michelle handles a wide range of corporate and securities work for public and private companies, including master limited partnerships and has extensive experience in merger, acquisition, and disposition transactions, securities regulation matters and securities offerings.

- **2015**
  - **Dallas Litigation Partner Art Anthony** is Co-Chair of the Firm’s Board of Directors and also serves as a member of the Diversity Committee, Pro Bono Committee and Practice Development Committee. He has experience in both state and federal business litigation court with a focus on banking and financial services, construction, government investigations, and insurance disputes.

- **2014**
  - **Chicago Partner Ernesto Palomo** currently serves as Co-Chair of Locke Lord’s Diversity Committee and is a member of the Board of Directors of The Chicago Committee, an organization that collaborates with law firms to drive sustainable change in diversity in the legal profession. In his practice, Ernesto has extensive experience representing large multinational companies in court and commercial arbitration proceedings around the country.
The Eyes of Texas Are Upon Ed

We Lost a Close Friend and Colleague; Firm Establishes Edwin R. DeYoung Memorial Fund

In memory of Ed DeYoung, an endowed scholarship fund at his alma mater, The University of Texas School of Law, has been created by his colleagues at Locke Lord. Ed was a beloved Partner based in Dallas who passed away in late 2016. He will long be remembered as an outstanding and respected lawyer, and even better friend.

Following law school, Ed completed the U.S. Army’s ROTC program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve in 1970. He served six months of active duty at Fort Lee, Virginia. Ed started his legal career at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. In 1984, Ed joined a predecessor firm, Liddell Sapp Zivley Hill & LaBoon, and remained at the same firm for 32 years, serving at one time on the management committee and as the Firm’s global head of litigation. He was an experienced litigator representing clients in the financial services industry, including banks and broker dealers. He was loyal to a fault — to the attorneys across offices he made part of his team and to this Firm.

Ed had a larger-than-life personality and a love for cultural events, baseball, New York, the Texas Longhorns and his wife, Paula. He was passionate about everything and everyone.

We are grateful for the vital role Ed played at our Firm and the impact he had on so many of us.

Click the link to make a donation to the Edwin R. DeYoung Memorial Fund.
(www.utlsf.org/deyoung)

Catching Up With the State Bar of Texas President (from page 6)

Q: How has Locke Lord supported its leadership at the local, state and national level?

A: Service is in the warp and weft of Locke Lord. Our record of bar and civic service extends over generations of Locke Lord lawyers. Paulette is the second ABA president with whom I’ve had the privilege to practice, the first being Dallas’ Morris Harrell. How many lawyers get to make a claim like that?

And then there’s Dallas Partner Harriet Miers, the first woman to serve as President of the State Bar of Texas and the Dallas Bar Association. The Florida Young Lawyers Association invited Harriet and me to speak at its leadership retreat. I asked to go first and offered absolutely peerless advice: “Listen very carefully to everything Harriet is about to tell you.”

Q: How do you nurture young lawyers, both at Locke Lord and outside of the Firm, to become leaders like yourself?

A: All today’s young lawyers need to lead is the opportunity to lead. The State Bar of Texas and the Dallas Bar Association are exceptionally accomplished at providing that opportunity.

When I reflect back on the experiences that made me most proud to be a lawyer, virtually all of them came by way of bar service. I cannot recommend it strongly enough.
The Faces of Firm Leadership

Meet Locke Lord’s 2017 Executive Committee

Locke Lord’s 15-member Executive Committee (EC) forms the leadership core of the Firm, and its membership stretches across offices. The EC governs and administers the daily business affairs and operations of the Firm. Locke Lord Partners elected four new members to the 2017 EC, including: Michelle Earley, Rick Manley, Paul Nason and Mike Peters. The Partners also re-elected Jerry Clements as Chair of Locke Lord.

CHAIR

Jerry Clements (Austin) is the Firm Chair and heads the EC. She is based in the Firm’s Austin office, but she is constantly visiting Locke Lord offices across the globe.

VICE CHAIRS

Alan Levin (Hartford) is a Vice Chair of the Firm and in the Regulatory and Transactional Insurance Practice Group.

Bill Swanstrom (Houston) is a Vice Chair of the Firm and Co-Chair of the Energy Practice Group.

Tom Yoxall (Dallas) is a Vice Chair of the Firm and Co-Chair of the Financial Services Industry Group.

MEMBERS

James Channo (London) is one of three Chairs of the International Transactions Practice Group, leading the Europe, Africa and Middle East section.

Chris Graham (Managing Partner - Providence) serves as Co-Chair of the Firm’s Corporate and Transactional Department.

Mike Peters (Houston) is a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group.

Nick DiGiovanni (Chicago) is Chair of the Insurance & Reinsurance Dispute, Coverage and Counseling Group.

Janis Loegering (Dallas) is a Partner in the Real Estate and Finance Practice Group and is Chair of the Firm’s Law School Recruiting Coordinating Committee.

David Taylor (Managing Partner - Houston) is Chair of the Firm’s Finance Committee and Chair of the Firm’s Capital Markets section.

Michelle Earley (Austin) is a Partner in the Corporate Practice Group.

Rick Manley (Boston) is a Partner in the Public Finance Practice Group.

George Ticknor (Boston) is a Partner in the Securitization and Debt Finance Practice Group.

Michael Gaertner (Chicago) is a Partner in the Intellectual Property Pharmaceutical Practice Group.

Paul Nason (Dallas) is a Partner in the Labor and Employment Practice Group and Chair of the Firm’s Training Compliance Committee.
New Talent Joins the Firm Worldwide

Welcoming Locke Lord’s Newest Lateral Partners

JOHN ARNOLD is a seasoned and well-respected energy lawyer who rejoined Locke Lord’s Houston office as a Partner in the Energy Practice Group. He represents energy companies in a broad range of matters, including regulatory compliance, litigation and enforcement as well as counseling and due diligence for energy project development and transactions.

KEVIN ATKINS is an oil and gas transactional lawyer who joined the Firm as a Partner in the London office. His practice focuses on providing corporate, commercial and transactional advice to multinational clients in the energy sector.

MICHAE L BLANKENSHIP joined Locke Lord’s Houston office as a Partner in the Firm’s Corporate Practice Group. He focuses his practice in corporate finance and securities laws, including M&A and private equity work with both investors and their portfolio companies.

JIM COFFEY joined Locke Lord’s Boston office as a Partner and Co-Chair of the Firm’s Life Sciences Practice Group. He represents clients in complex transactional matters and focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions and also has significant experience in venture capital and corporate finance transactions.

TODD COOPER is a nationally recognized lawyer and joined the Firm as a Tax Partner in the Public Finance Practice Group. He focuses his practice on tax matters related to public finance and leads the Firm’s Cincinnati office, which opened in 2016.

SEAN PAGE joined Locke Lord’s London office as a Partner in the Firm’s Corporate Practice Group. He has broad experience advising corporate and institutional clients on a wide range of corporate matters.

WILLIAM PRIMPS is a highly experienced litigator who joined Locke Lord as a Partner in the New York office. His presence adds significant experience and knowledge to the Firm’s Insurance and Reinsurance Practice Group.

NEAL RACKLEFF previously served as director of the city of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department and rejoined Locke Lord as a Partner working out of the Austin and Houston offices.
Locke Lord Partner Plays Key Role in ABA Diversity Initiative

Firm Pledges Support of Resolution 113

Locke Lord has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to fostering a culture of inclusion and encouraging diverse points of view at the Firm. And we support organizations that share our commitment to diversity and inclusion with our time and our funds. We’re proud to champion the work of Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association and Locke Lord Morristown Partner Paulette Brown who was influential in the creation, passage and implementation of ABA Resolution 113. The resolution urges all legal services providers to expand and create opportunities at all levels of responsibility for diverse lawyers, and urges clients to direct a greater percentage of the legal services they purchase to diverse lawyers. Paulette’s role in the passage of the resolution is largely evident in her formation of the ABA's Diversity and Inclusion 360 Commission and the Economic Case Working Group, which put forth the resolution that was ultimately adopted in August 2016 without opposition by the ABA House of Delegates.

Locke Lord has further committed to the backing of Resolution 113 by completing the ABA’s Model Diversity Survey. The survey can be completed by law firms of all sizes and tracks standardized data on diverse lawyers, intended to be shared with general counsel. According to the ABA, in the month following the resolution’s passage, more than 50 of the largest Fortune 1000 companies committed to uphold Resolution 113, with more expected to join soon.

Unlocking Opportunities.
The Key to Diversity and Inclusion.

In-House With One of the Most Iconic Beauty Brands in the World (from page 4)

Q. What’s the one piece of advice you’d offer women in the legal industry?

A. Ask for feedback and listen. You will be surprised what you will learn if you just ask. I vividly remember a time when I was maybe a second-year associate and had just received edits to a paper from Mike Powell. It was bleeding red and, after I got over the shock of the volume of edits to what I thought was a really good memo, I finally garnered the courage to ask him if he could help me work through what I did wrong. He responded that I didn’t do anything wrong, he was just suggesting improvements to make the memo better. Then he walked me through why he made the changes he did. And it was then I realized, why on Earth would I think that I could write on a level with Mike Powell? Of course he would have revisions for a second-year lawyer who was working with him for the first time! From that moment on, I looked at feedback as a gift. If someone takes the time to give you feedback, it means they care. And people that are willing to give you feedback are your mentors. You do not have to have a formal mentorship relationship. Seek advice and counsel from as many people around you as possible. Learning the perceptions of others helps unlock fresh thoughts and innovative ideas that you may not think of if you only stay inside your own head.
Dallas Partner Harriet Miers, the former Managing Partner of a Locke Lord predecessor firm and former Counsel to the President of the United States, was recently chosen for induction by the State Bar of Texas to its prestigious Texas Legal Legends. A ceremony will be held in her honor at her alma mater Southern Methodist University (SMU) Dedman School of Law.

A project of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Legal Legends are recognized for their lasting impact and extraordinary contributions to the legal profession. This is the highest award bestowed by the organization and follows Harriet’s selection in 2015 by Texas Lawbook as one of 50 “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

Throughout her vast career at the state and national levels, Harriet has remained committed to public service, including being the first woman to serve as President of the Dallas Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas. She has also been the recipient of many recognitions and awards. In 2005, Harriet received the Sandra Day O’Connor award from the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism and the Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement from the SMU Dedman School of Law. She also has received Distinguished Alumni Awards from both SMU and the SMU Dedman School of Law. In 1979, she was honored as the Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

The Dallas office held a surprise congratulatory reception when Harriet’s selection to the Texas Legal Legends was announced. They toasted their exceptional colleague for her leadership at Locke Lord and her continued commitment to champion both women and minorities across the legal profession. Harriet’s impact is felt in Texas and throughout the country, and we congratulate her for another remarkable achievement.

“’It’s a distinct honor to have my colleagues at the State Bar of Texas recognize the impact of my career,” said Harriet. “I am grateful to be named among the Texas Legal Legends, a diverse group of brilliant minds who have advanced this profession and the law to where we are today. I have to thank Locke Lord and the countless lawyers who have served as support and mentors to me throughout the years.”

Harriet has led a distinguished career at Locke Lord. She was the first woman hired at the Dallas firm of Locke Purnell Boren Laney & Neely in 1972 and became the first woman to lead the Firm, then known as Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, in 1996. In 1999, when Locke Purnell merged with Houston-based Liddell Sapp Zivley Hill & LaBoon, she became Co-Managing Partner, a position she held until she left to serve in the administration of President George W. Bush from 2001-2007 as Staff Secretary, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Counsel to the President.

Celebrating the Texas Legal Legends Award with Harriet (4th from the left) are (L-R) Wes Christian, Amy Stewart, Jennifer Doan, Vicky Gunning and Whit Roberts.

“Keep in Touch!”

Keep in touch with us by registering on our website — lockelord.com/thefirm/alumni — and spreading the word to any other Locke Lord alumni you’ve kept up with since your time here.

We welcome your ideas for future alumni events or LockedIn stories. Share them with us by emailing LockeLordAlumni@lockelord.com.

Thank you for joining us and helping us work toward strengthening our alumni program. We are glad you could be here and look forward to seeing you again soon.