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Locke Lord Houston Partner and Board Member Brent Benoit Elected to State Bar of Texas Board of Directors

(HOUSTON) May 6, 2013 – Locke Lord Partner Brent Benoit, outgoing President of the Houston Bar Association, recently won election to a three-year term on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors, which governs a group with nearly 90,000 members. The State Bar of Texas is the country's fifth-largest bar association and provides services and programs to members of the public and to attorneys throughout Texas.

Benoit is a longtime leader and pro bono volunteer in the Houston legal community and served on the Houston Bar Association's board of directors for more than six years, filling the roles of president, president-elect, second vice president, treasurer and director. He also chaired the organization's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and Dispute Resolution Center, contributing hundreds of hours to pro bono causes around the Houston region.

Locke Lord Dallas Partner Frank E. Stevenson II serves as Chair of the State Bar of Texas, a position he will hold until the State Bar's annual meeting in June, when Benoit and other new directors will take office. Stevenson will serve an additional year as the Board's Immediate Past Chair and on the Executive Committee.

"Locke Lord is proud to have leaders like Brent and Frank on board, as they set an excellent example for our profession and for our Firm," said Locke Lord Chair Jerry Clements. "Despite busy practices, they find the time to commit to good causes and to volunteer hundreds of hours giving back to the communities we serve. We congratulate Brent on his election, and we thank Frank for his service as Chair of the State Bar of Texas."

Benoit practices securities and complex commercial litigation as well as internal and governmental investigations, including matters involving allegations of securities fraud and antitrust violations, merger and acquisition disputes, broker/dealer litigation and energy law issues. He has significant experience with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the Office of Foreign Assets Control and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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